
CEMETERIES

IN & AROUND MOWEAQUA

Directions are from the 4-way stop in the center of Moweaqua.

ADAMS-GORDEN CEMETERY - 2 Miles North to county line road, then 2.5 miles West

BILYEU CEMETERY - 3 miles West

BETHANY CEMETERY - 3 miles East, then 6 miles South

HAYS CEMETERY - South on Rt. 51 to 1st road West after crossing bridge; at 'IT' road go North, cemetery is on the 1st curve to your right.

LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY - 3 miles East; then 4 miles South; then 3 miles East; then 1/4 mile South

PRAIRIE HOME CEMETERY - 8 miles East; then 1/4 mile South

JACOBS CEMETERY - 3 miles West; then 1 mile North; then 1/2 mile East

LUDWIG CEMETERY - 1 mile East; then 3.5 miles South

LITTLE FLOCK CEMETERY - 3 miles East; then 4 miles South; then 1 mile East; then 1/2 mile South; then 3/4 mile East.

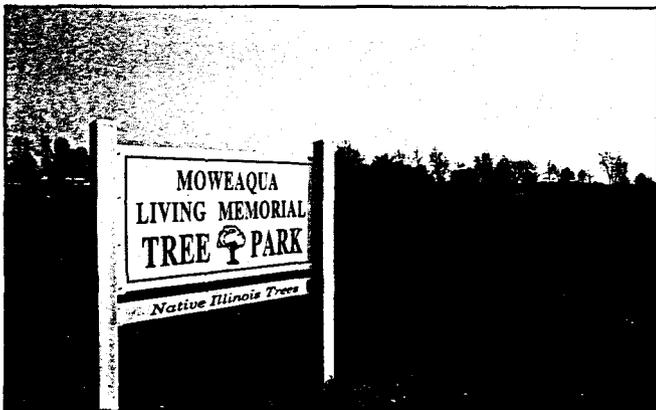
MASONIC CEMETERY - 1 mile East; then 1.5 miles South

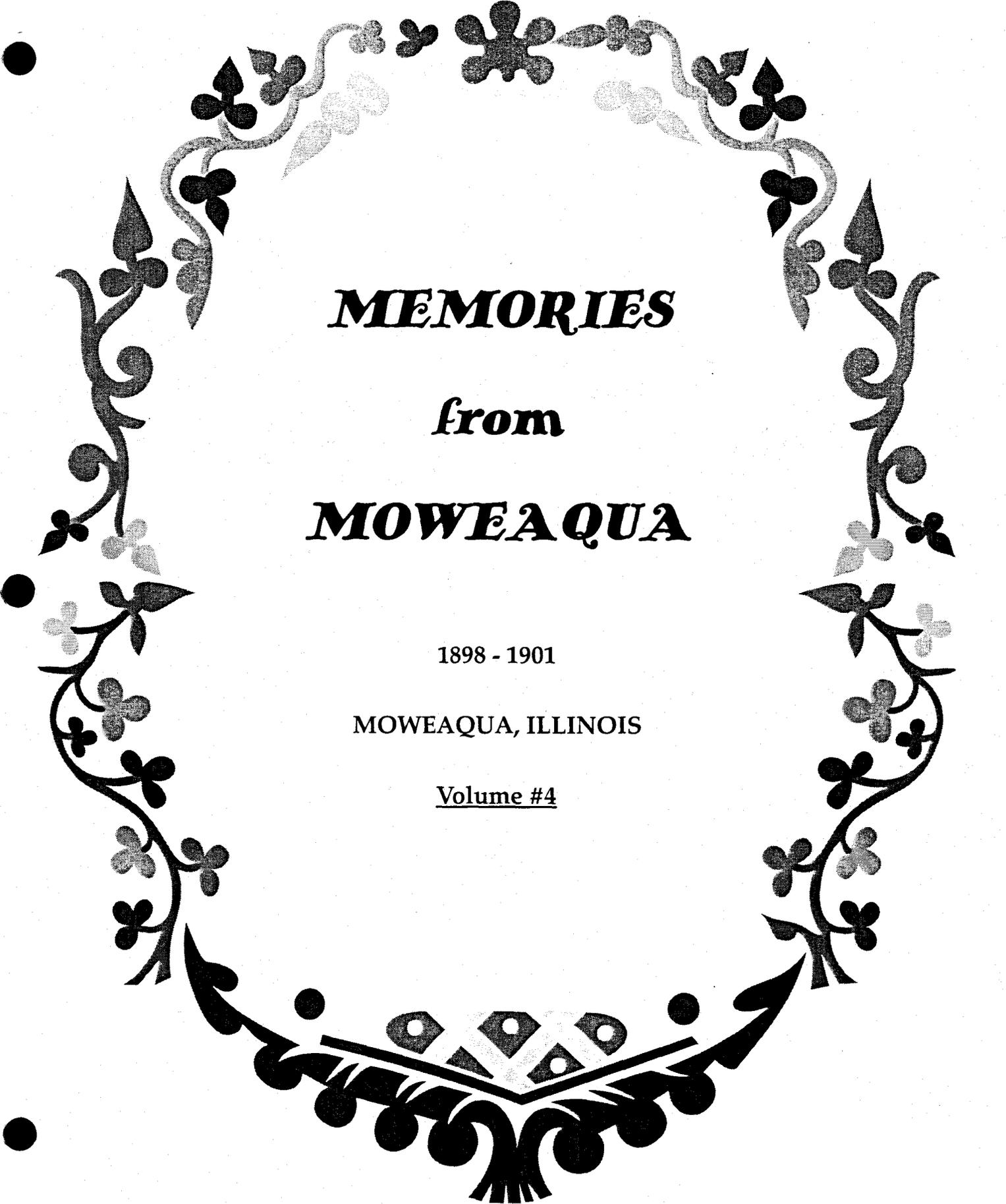
ODDFELLOWS CEMETERY - 3 blocks East; then 3/4 miles North

TRAUGHBER CEMETERY - 2 miles North; then 1 mile West

WESTSIDE CEMETERY - West to Pointing St.; then North 2.5 blocks

LONG GROVE CEMETERY - 4 miles East to county road 1100; then 2.5 miles North





MEMORIES
from
MOWEAQUA

1898 - 1901

MOWEAQUA, ILLINOIS

Volume #4

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK
MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA
VOLUME 4

Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail, 1898 – 1901*

TO THE READER:

This is the fourth volume prepared from extracts of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*, Shelby County, Moweaqua, Illinois. **Volume 4** covers the period of 1898 through the turn of the century, and continuing through the end of 1901. As with all the volumes, **Volume 4** includes births, marriages, and deaths, as well as birthday celebrations and anniversary celebrations. This data was included because their inclusion may be beneficial to researchers when pinpointing a birthday or wedding date. Hopefully, this will add to the genealogical value of this document. **Volume 4** follows the same format at Volume 3, and the same sections are included so that each volume will stand on its own merits.

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

Sketches of individuals have been extracted from the newspapers when found. In this particular volume, there were no individual sketches or photographs of individuals, however, I have included extracts of some of the local advertisements found in each year. These ads are found in this section by year, but are not indexed.

b. Common Illnesses – Old Diseases – Modern Definitions:

Many tragic deaths were attributed to illnesses that have strange sounding names by today's standards, but which were very common during this time. Because of antibiotics and the great strides in medical advancements since this era, the cure for many of these once life-threatening diseases has been found. 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, even deaths, and since this was part of our history, I felt this section should be included in this volume. A reference sheet is provided at the end of this section.

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

In some instances, articles were copied from other local newspapers and included as part of the news in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* article. 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. In some instances, these newspapers are no longer in existence and in this section, I have listed as much information as I could find about a specific newspaper. I have listed them in alphabetical order on the 'newspaper list', and have given current and historical information when known. A reference sheet at the end of this section lists my research sources.

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

Some of the towns and villages mentioned on the pages of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* may be so small that they no longer appear on current Illinois State maps, and some of these small communities may now have even become extinct. Therefore, I have included this section, which includes a description of the specific location of many of these small towns and villages. When additional information was found, I included that information as a brief narrative. A reference sheet at the end of this section lists my research sources.

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

For easy reference I have included the map section, which includes various maps of the Illinois and specifically, the Shelby County region. Included in this section is the oldest Illinois map I found, dated 1822, followed by county maps, a map of Illinois from 1876, and later one of the current Illinois road maps. I have also identified the most commonly found towns and villages and added them to the legend on specific maps in this section, which includes township maps, county maps, and plat book information. A reference sheet at the end of this section lists my research sources.

f. Extracts by Specific years – Moweaqua Call-Mail:

As with previous volumes, Volume 4 includes exact calendars for each researched year, and information on births, marriages and deaths, as well as birthday and anniversary celebrations, and family reunions. All entries are made in chronological order. A complete alphabetical index is found in the back of this book. I have tried to make Volume 4 easy to use, informative and a quick reference guide to find specific individuals or events. Even the assassination of our then-President Wm. McKinley is chronicled in this volume. Special notes concerning women's names and 'notes': Women's names sometimes cause a problem, as their names are given in the newspaper article as 'Mrs. J D Doe', which does not distinguish if 'J D' is her initials or her husband's initials. Thus, women are indexed as: Doe, J D (Mrs.) since that is how the information was presented. If a woman's maiden name is known or given, the woman will be indexed both under her maiden name and her married name(s). If the information was unclear, or 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:)' which explains my actions.

Interesting statistics about Volume 4: Each year's information is approximately 60 pages in length, single-spaced, type written. Most of the information is copied verbatim from the original article. There are just under 7,000 individuals' names listed in the information extracted for this book. It takes months to compile, edit, type, proofread, highlight names, index and proofread a second time, and then finalize a finished copy. There are only 4 copies of each volume in existence at this time. The newspapers I extract the information from are original documents, and as you know, are over 100 years old, or very close to it. These originals are extremely fragile and valuable. Each page must be tediously handled or the paper will crumble or tear. Sometimes the print is not as good as it could have been, sometimes I find articles missing in part or where someone had cut an article out. Most of the time a magnifying sheet is required to read the newsprint. I realize there is some duplication of the extracts, but I chose to leave them in 'as found'. Better to include them than to miss a valuable news item and have it lost!

I have tried to make this an informative, easy to use book and capture as much information for the Moweaqua and Shelby County area as possible. I hope you enjoy this latest volume...there will be approximately 4 more volumes to be added to this research project. My thanks to a very special lady – *Barbara Collins*, Moweaqua Librarian, for this project. Without her, this could not have been completed.



Mae L Jacober
Pocahontas, Illinois 62275

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Your Family Tree

- The _____ Family Tree -

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Grand-Children

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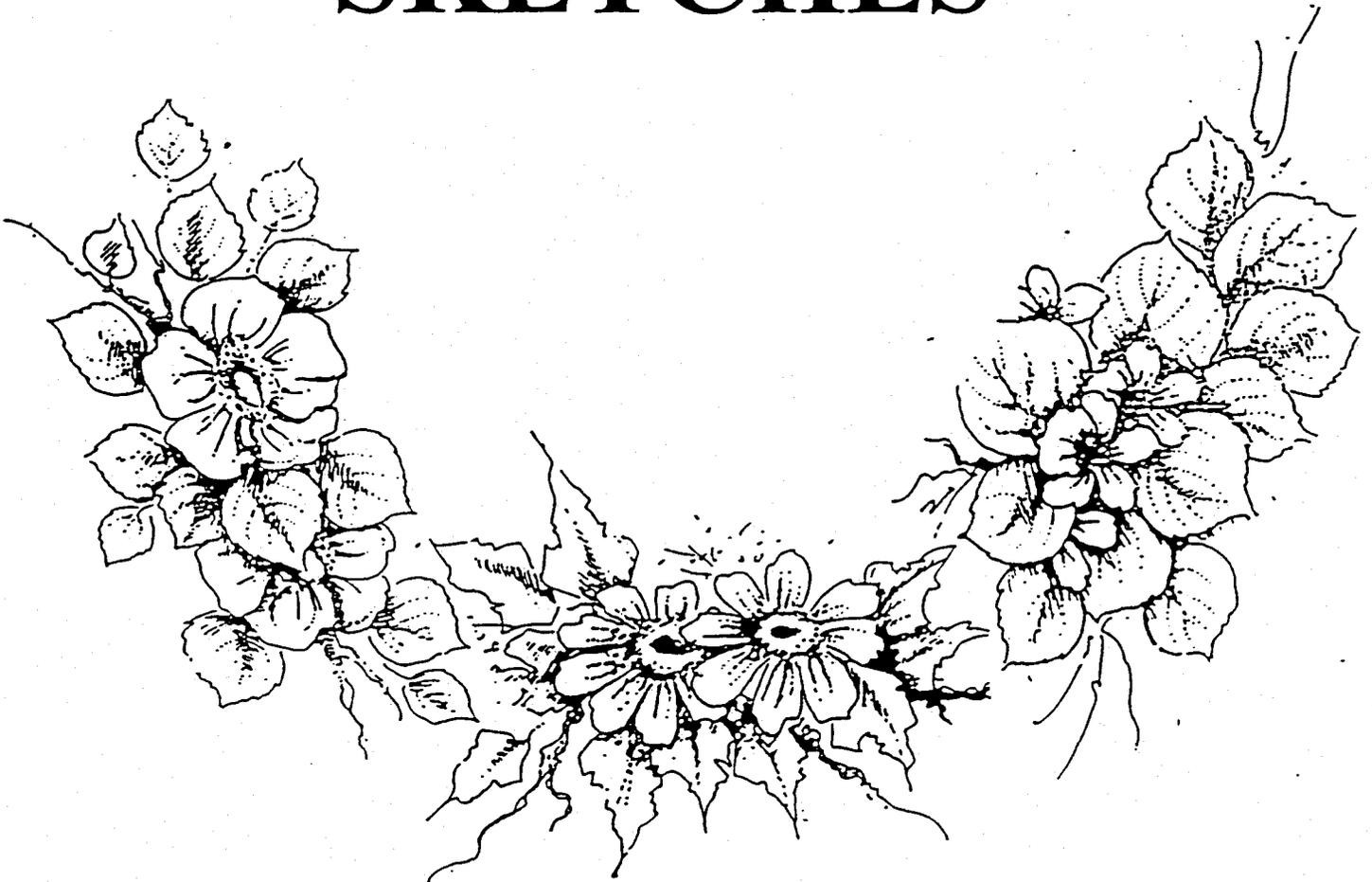
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Great-Grandparents



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SKETCHES

Moweaqua Call-Mail

Volume 4

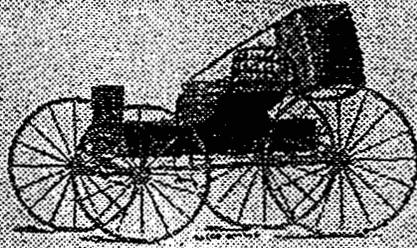
1898 - 1901

There were no individual sketches found during these years.

Only advertisements from local merchants were extracted for Volume 4.



A Fine Display



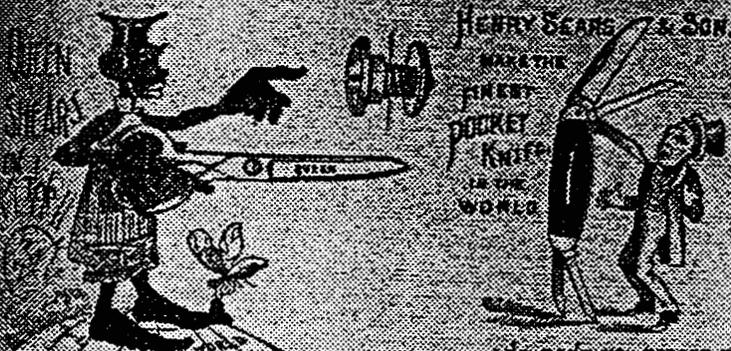
We are now exhibiting the finest line of Buggies and Surreys ever seen in Moweaqua. They are from the factory of Sayers & Scovill, celebrated for their elegant goods. The public will be made cordially welcome at our Annual Opening Saturday next, M'ch 12th, all day. Come and see these goods.

SNELL & CORRINGTON, Moweaqua and Radford.

* 1898 *

KNIVES and SCISSORS.

New Goods Just Received.



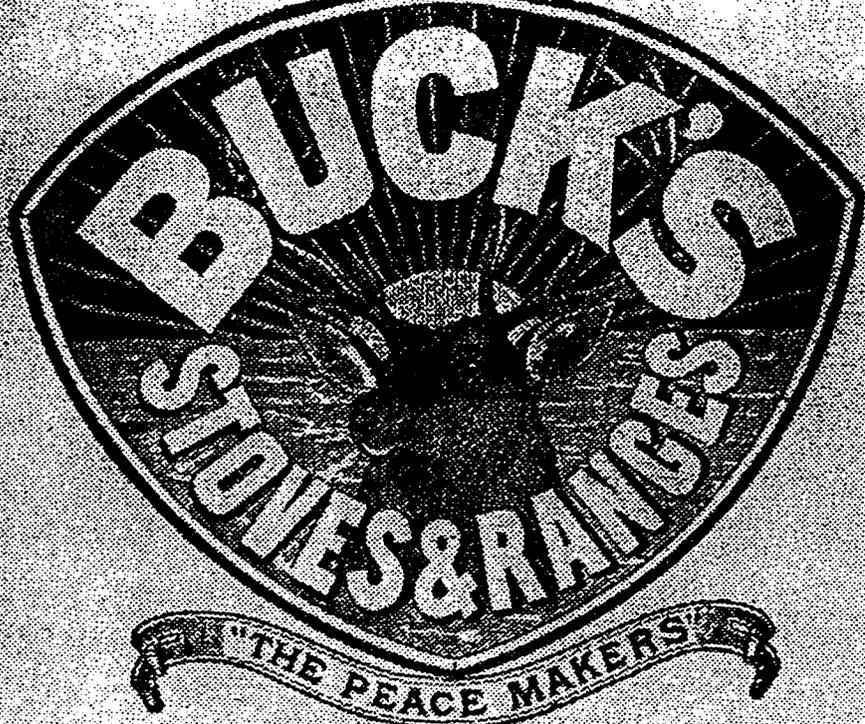
AND DON'T YOU FORGET IT.

Our line of Razors is also complete—all first-class goods. See our stock of Stoves and Ranges. We absolutely guarantee everything we sell.

Grating, Boiling & Repairing, a specialty.

WM. L. MORRIS

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FOR SALE ONLY BY

WM. L. MORRIS

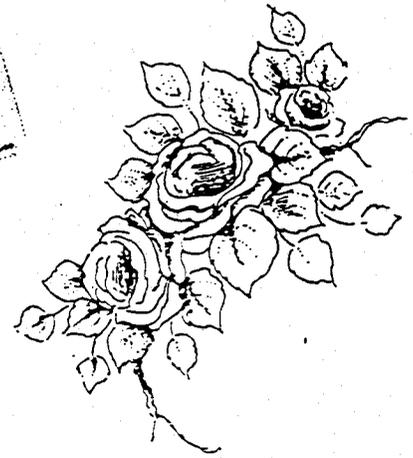
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LOOK

At this space next week. As
we shall make a special
announcement of
great interest to
the public.

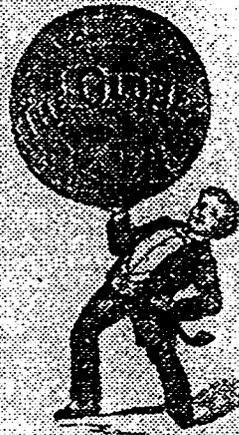
S. M. ADAMS & SON,



New Spring GOODS

I desire to inform the public that I have just received
an immense invoice of New Goods, covering
every variety of first-class

Shoes, Shirts,
Dry Goods,
Overalls, Etc.



BRING ME THE CASH.

And see what your money will do. In order to close
out our stock of

CLOTHING

We will make them at your own price.
Come in and see the bargains we are offering.

Wm. SCHUMAKER,
PROPRIETOR



Good Work Accomplished.

Since the inauguration of the re-
vival meetings at the Baptist
church, last December, the inter-
est has grown daily, until it has be-
come difficult to accommodate the
immense throngs that nightly at-
tend. Rev. Rogers is doing a
grand and good work, and his suc-
cess is his reward. Thus far the
following persons have united with
the church:

L. P. Bulluck,	Eva Daisy,
Gera Speaks,	G. I. Long,
Mrs. Chas. Curry,	Mrs. J. F. Chew,
Miss Mackey,	Lilly Fortwood,
F. Pool,	Mrs. Rutherford,
G. R. Lamb,	Mrs. G. R. Lamb,
P. J. Harbro,	Mrs. P. J. Harbro,
Wm. Donaldson,	Chas. McSpald,
Albert Blake,	Mrs. Albert Blake,
Ed. Carlocki,	Mrs. Ed. Carlocki,
Frank West,	Georgia Parks,
Mrs. John Kaler,	James Fortner,
Elva Whitehead,	Allie Steidley,
Geo. Proctor,	Mrs. Geo. Proctor,
Elmer Patterson,	J. C. Steidley,
John Deuka,	Mrs. John Drake,
Ben McKinney,	Alva Hughes,
Minnie Chapman,	P. Fortner,
George Miller,	Mary Farmer,
Ripley White,	Mary Gregory,
Mrs. Chas. Sanghman.	

Quite a number will be baptized at the
church this afternoon and to-night.

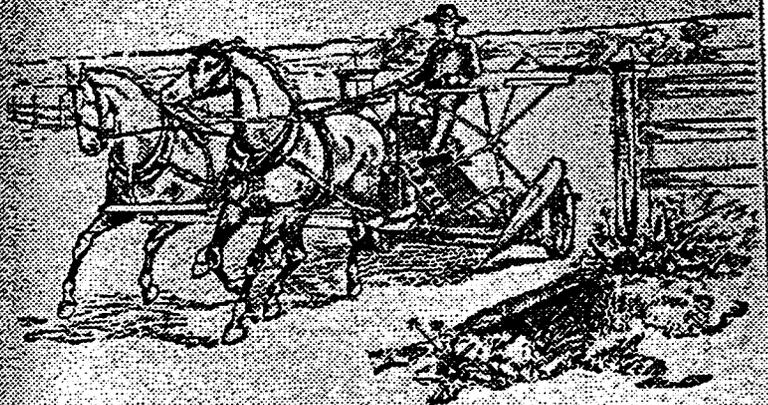
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**Foley's Kidney
Preparation.**
A Guaranteed Preparation.
PREPARED BY DR. J. W. GODFREY.



NEW DEERING BINDERS.



All steel; Ball-bearing; very light draft, new-
est, latest and best improvements. Call and see the
new '98 Deering binder.

SNELL & CORRINGTON, Moweaqua and Radford.

Semi-Annual SALE.

Ten Days Only.

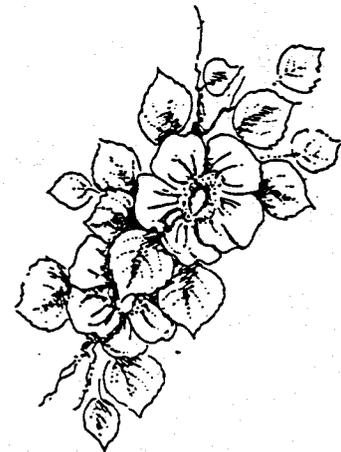
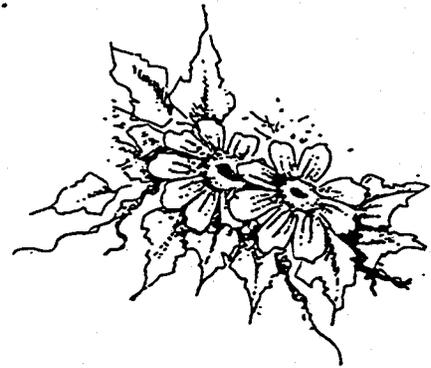
- Any Suit in the House for \$10.00**
Some Good Ones from \$1.00 to \$8.00.
- Any Boys' Suit in the House for \$5.00**
Some Good Ones from \$2.00 to \$4.50.
- Any Youths' Suit in the House for \$4.50**
Some Good Ones from \$2.00 to \$4.00.
- Any Childs' Suit in the House for \$4.00**
Some Good Ones from \$1.00 to \$3.50.
- Any Overcoat in House, (one exception) \$10.00**
Some Good Ones from \$1.00 to \$9.00.
- Any Boys' Overcoat in House for \$6.00**
Some Good Ones from \$2.25 to \$5.00.
- Any Childs' Overcoat in House for \$4.00**
Some Good Ones from \$2.00 to \$3.50.
- Any Pair of Pants in House for \$3.00**
Some Good Ones from \$1.50 to \$3.75.
- Any Hat in the House for \$2.50**
Some Good Ones from \$1.25 to \$2.25.
- Any Mackintosh in the House for \$4.50**
A Good One for \$2.75.
- Any Slicker in the House for \$2.00**
A Good One for \$1.75.
- Felts and Rubbers, Perfection Rust Proof \$2.10**
- Everything else in the House reduced from 10 to 25 per cent.**
- Everything Goes. Nothing Reserved.**
- Come early and get a good selection.**
- Underwear at Actual Cost.**

Yours to Please,

PERRY & BUGG,

MOWEAGUA, ILLINOIS.

OUR MOTTO... We guarantee everything we sell to be worth the money we ask for it.



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HENRY F. DAY

Manufacturer of

Agricultural Implements

With the latest improvements
and the most reliable goods
of the celebrated

John Deere Plows



Morgan Spading Harrows.

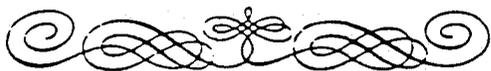
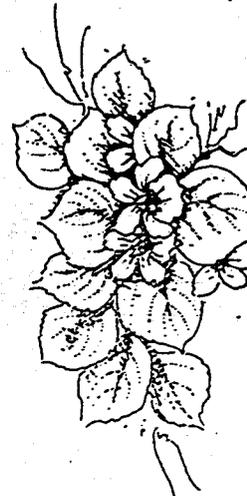
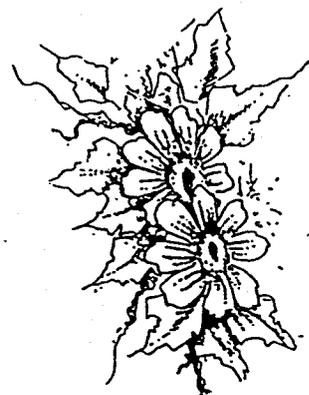
- Patent and Check Rows,
- Spring Tooth and Hammock Cultivators,
- Boyd Corn Planters,
- Three kinds of All-Steel Reversible Harrows,
- The Celebrated Solid Comfort Gang,
- John Deere and New Deal Gang,
- Single and Double Row Stalk Cutters,
- Last but not Least the Celebrated

BROWN WAGONS

Are unquestionably the BEST.
Call and get my prices before buying.

H. F. DAY

MOWEAQUA, ILL.

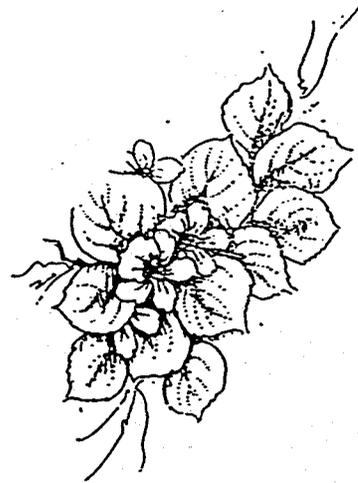


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THE CASH STORE

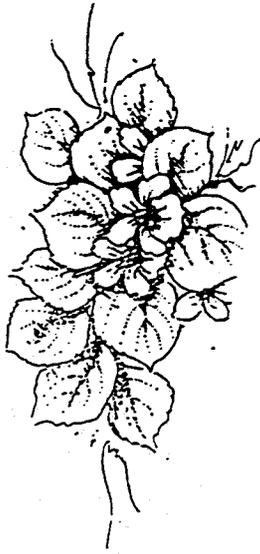
GOOD NEWS FOR CASH BUYERS.

Shallburger prepared corn flour 2 pk for 15c Raisins at only 5c per lb. Raisins, seeds removed 3 lbs. 25c. Bulk pickles 5c per doz. or 8 doz for 25c. Mixed nuts 2 lbs. 15c. Genuine corn flour 80c per 24 lbs. Pickled Pte feet 5c per lb. Bahlin apples 80c per pk. A choice syrup at 25c per gal. Kirk soap 12 bars for 25c	Oranges at one cent each. Choice mince meat 2 pk for 15c. Prepared Buckwheat flour 2 pk for 15c Mince meat at only 5c per can. Beet syrup in the city at 35c per gal. Bulk coconut at 20c per lb. Cleaned currants at only 8 1/2c per lb. Golden Belt flour at 80c sack. Bab-no-more washing powder—try it. Self washing soap 8 bars for 25c. Fancy California peaches 12 1/2c per lb. Marrow fat peas at 5c per can.
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Gold Dragon Flour, nothing better made
\$1.20 per 50 pound sack.

C. R. HOWELL.

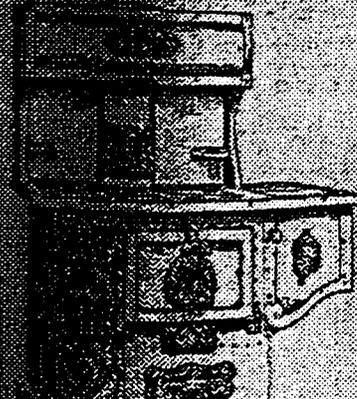


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KNIVES. Razors.

...and a very complete stock of these goods, of the very
...**WARRANTED.** Call and see our handsome

STEEL RANGES



Embrace the celebrated goods of
Bathbone, Gard & Co., the oldest
Range manufacturers in the United
States.

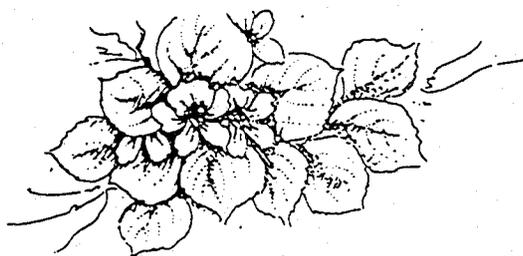
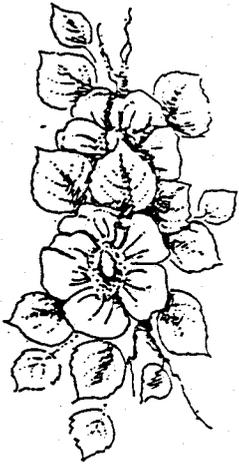
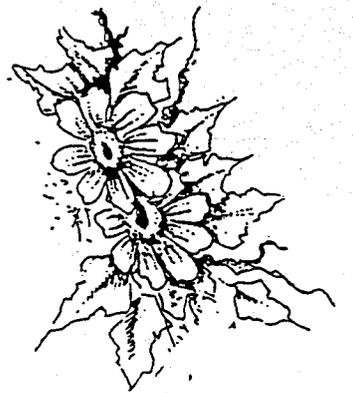
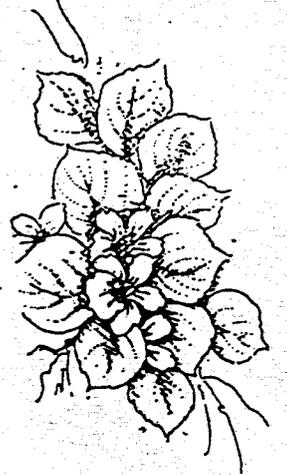
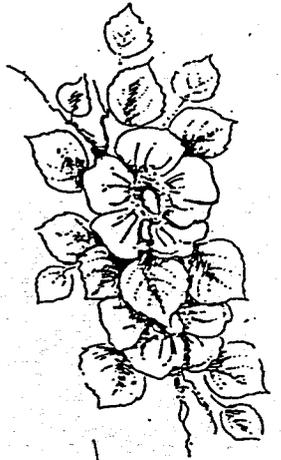
Knives and Razors.

Gutting, Rooking, Repairing
a specialty.

WM. L. MORRIS.

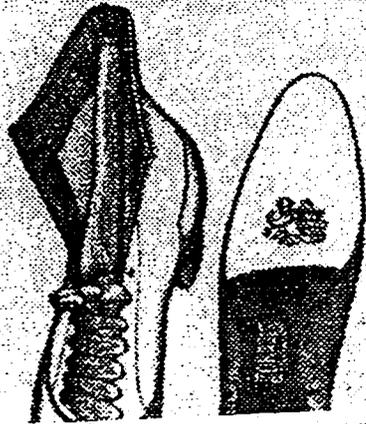


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Sorosis

The New Shoe
+ For Women



The Smartest Boot of the day
The Hit of the Century.
The Extreme of Style.
The Perfection of Common Sense and
Comfort.
The best Shoe ever sold at any price
Different from All Others.



Call-Mail.

try, and an Enterprising People.

JUNE 14, 1899.



* 1899 *

THE CASH STORE

For Lunch, Boiled Ham, Chipped Dried Beef and
extra soda crackers; are fine; try them; on sale here.
In cured meats we can suit you.

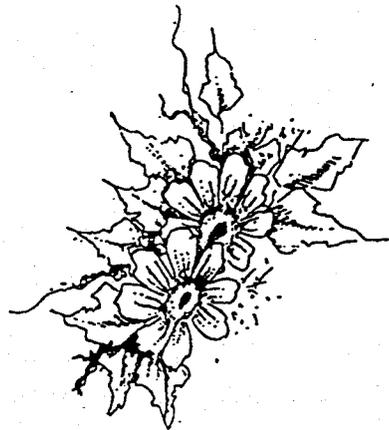
- A choice syrup at 25c per gal.
- Kirk soap 5 bars for 25c
- Lion and 4x coffee, 10c per lb.
- Best syrup in the city at 25c per gal.
- Bulk coconut at 25c per lb.
- Cleaved currants at only 8 1/2c per lb.
- Golden Rais Flour at 37c each.
- Lab-no-worn washing powder—try it.
- Self washing soap 5 bars for 25c.
- Barrow fat pine at 5c per can.
- Bulk coffee at 10 and 12 1/2c lb. a choice drink
- Decorative bread 6 loaves for 25c.
- Biscuit baking powder at 10c lb.
- Choice eating potatoes at 50c per bn.
- A good soap 5 bars for 10c
- Bulk oat meal 3 lbs. for 10c.
- Dried beef, chipped, always on sale
- Unesda Biscuits, try them.

Something new, fresh and good; you will be delighted. Try them.
Shredded whole wheat biscuit. "Unesda" Jintor
Wayler; extra good. Unesda biscuits in Five and Ten
cent packages. Grape Nuts for morning meal will
do you good.

C. R. HOWELL.



Daylight In The Midst of Darkness.

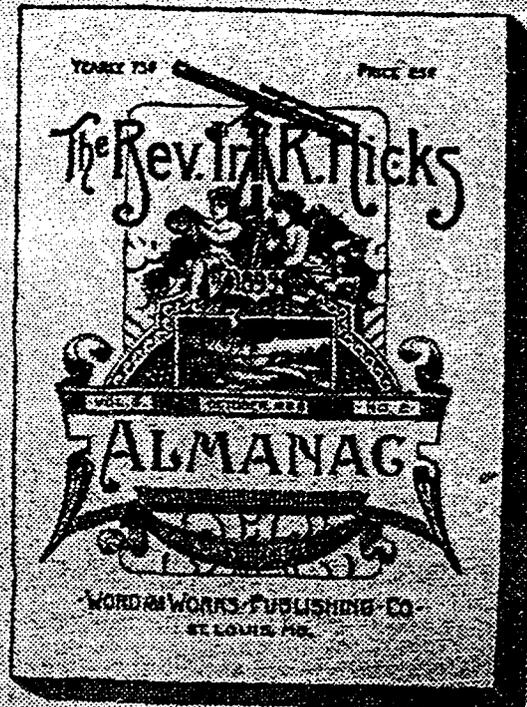


It is what we are endeavoring to get you to take hold of. This is to
 your interest. See our electrician before he gets the next job—and
 you will be best. When in Decatur, call at Nos. 426 and 431 Powers
 Street and see our stock of electric light fixtures.

COLEMAN & BUTLER.

ABSOLUTELY FREE

* 1899 *



Subscribe for the CALL-MAIL or pay your subscrip-
 tion one year in advance, and you get this handsome
 and useful book ABSOLUTELY FREE. Two cents
 extra if sent by mail.

Garden and Flower Seeds in Bulk.

We beg to announce to the public that we have on sale a large and complete assortment of D. M. Ferry & Co's celebrated Garden and Flower Seeds—in bulk. These are the best goods in the market.

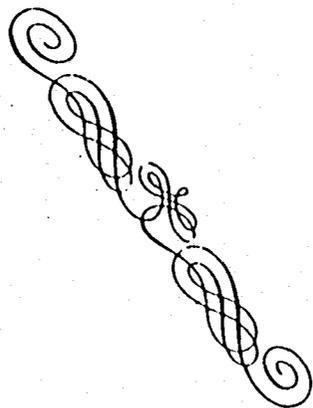
Respectfully Yours,

The Moweagua Buggy Parlor,

(Snell & Corrington's old stand.)

JOHN CLARK, Proprietor.

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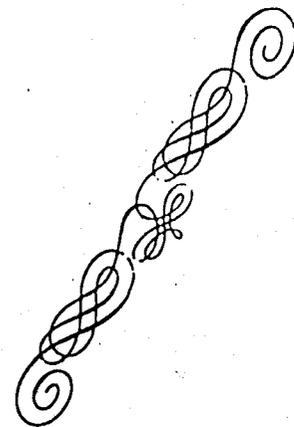


Hardware Stoves

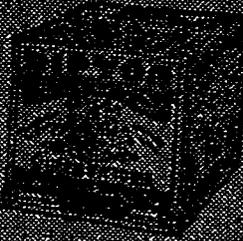
Our line of Cook Stoves embrace the Round Oak, Fenimore, Central and Lowell Steel Ranges, and also Cast Stoves and Ranges at all prices.

See us for anything in our line, especially for Roofing, Gutting, Etc. Etc.

S. M. ADAMS & SON.



CLOTHING



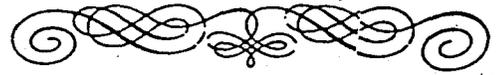
Patience hangs on a thread that thread is your satisfaction. Treat you honestly and it's as strong as a cable, shows your confidence and it may snap like a cable. *We are striving to build cables; therefore we handle teas and coffees imported by Chase & Sanborn.* This name means a great deal in these days of cheap everything; it is a name that brings you a guarantee and satisfaction that no other line of tea and coffee will produce.

BROWN WAGONS

Equal any ever placed on the market.
Farming implements of every description.

H. F. DAY.

Telephone, No. 52.

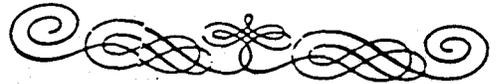


May Spring Clothing Trade

It's ready to go. The remedy for this is many. I want the most important one. My people are many and lively. My prices are right.

WE FIT PEOPLE.

E. J. Kilborn, One door south of the Post-office.



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H. E. WILTON W. H. WILTON

TAYLORVILLE

Granite and Marble Works.

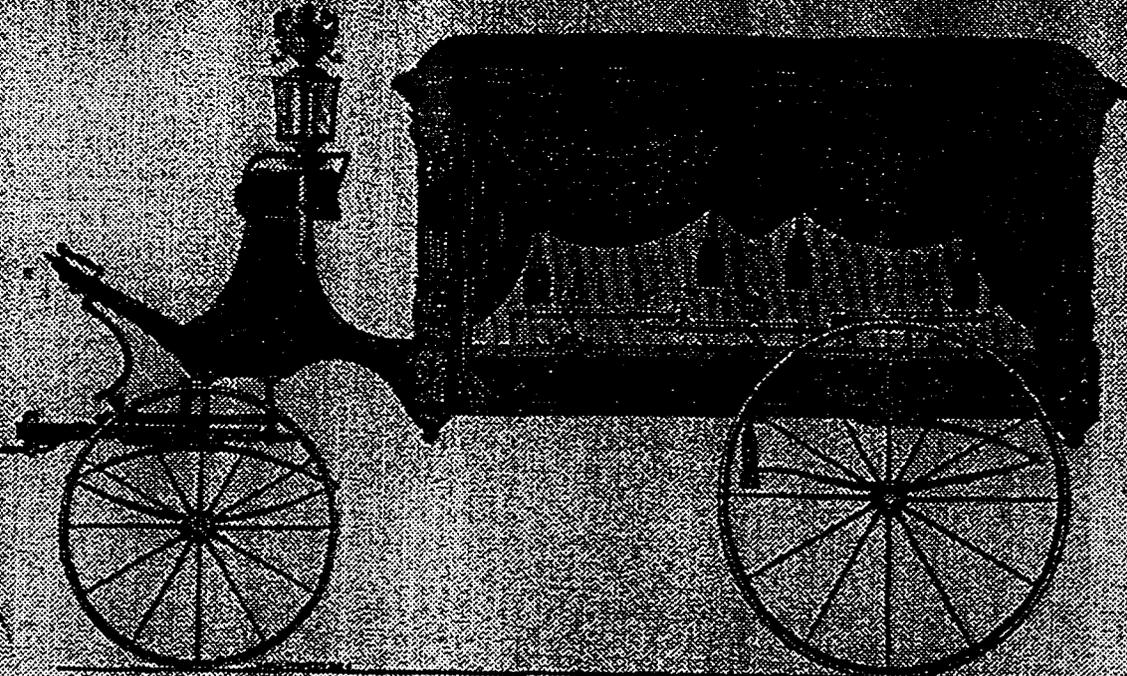
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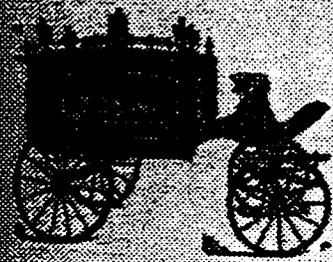
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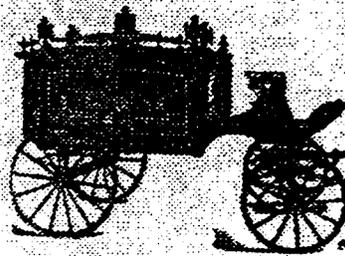
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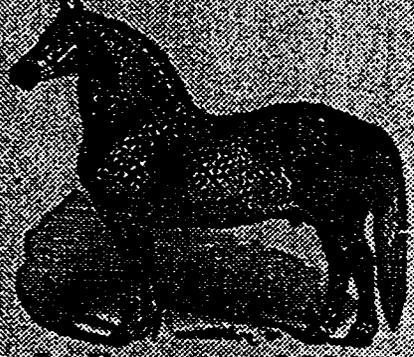
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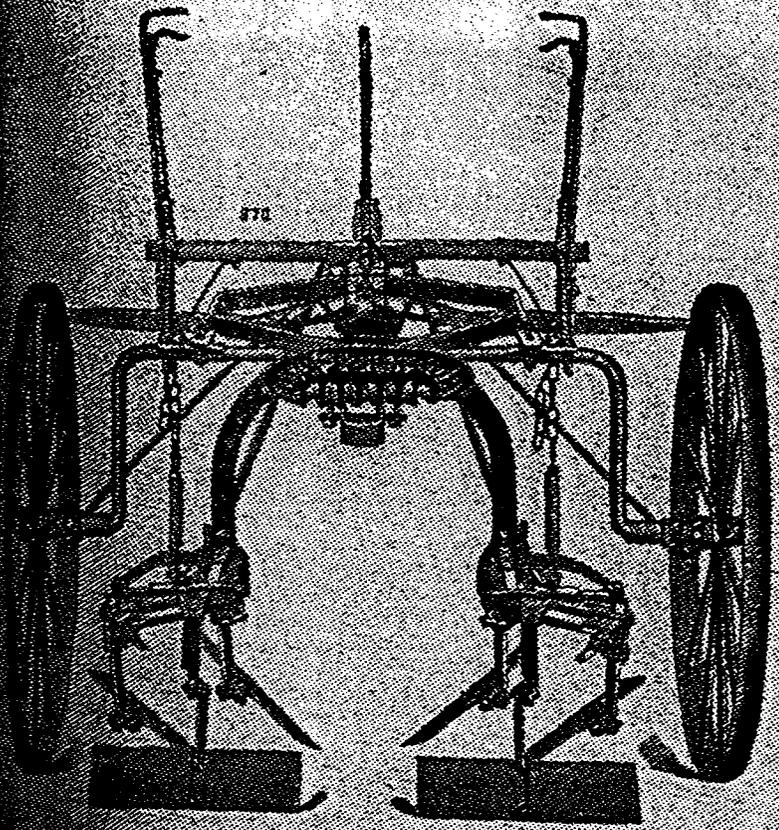
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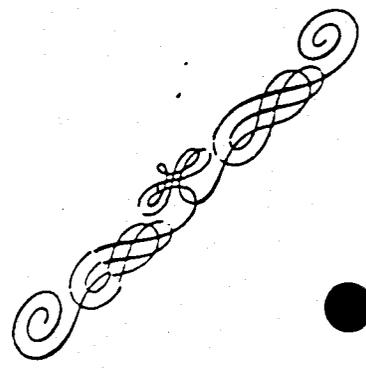
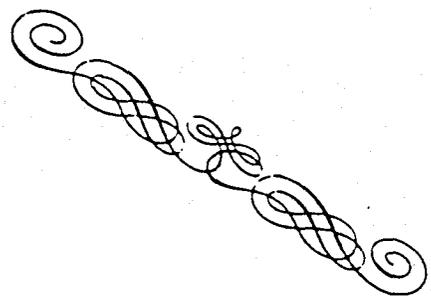
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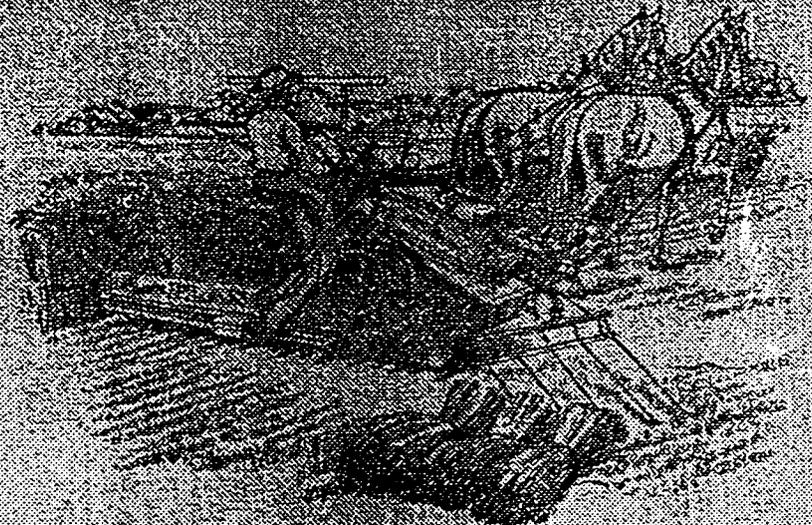
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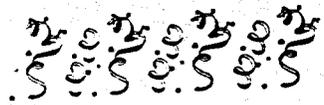
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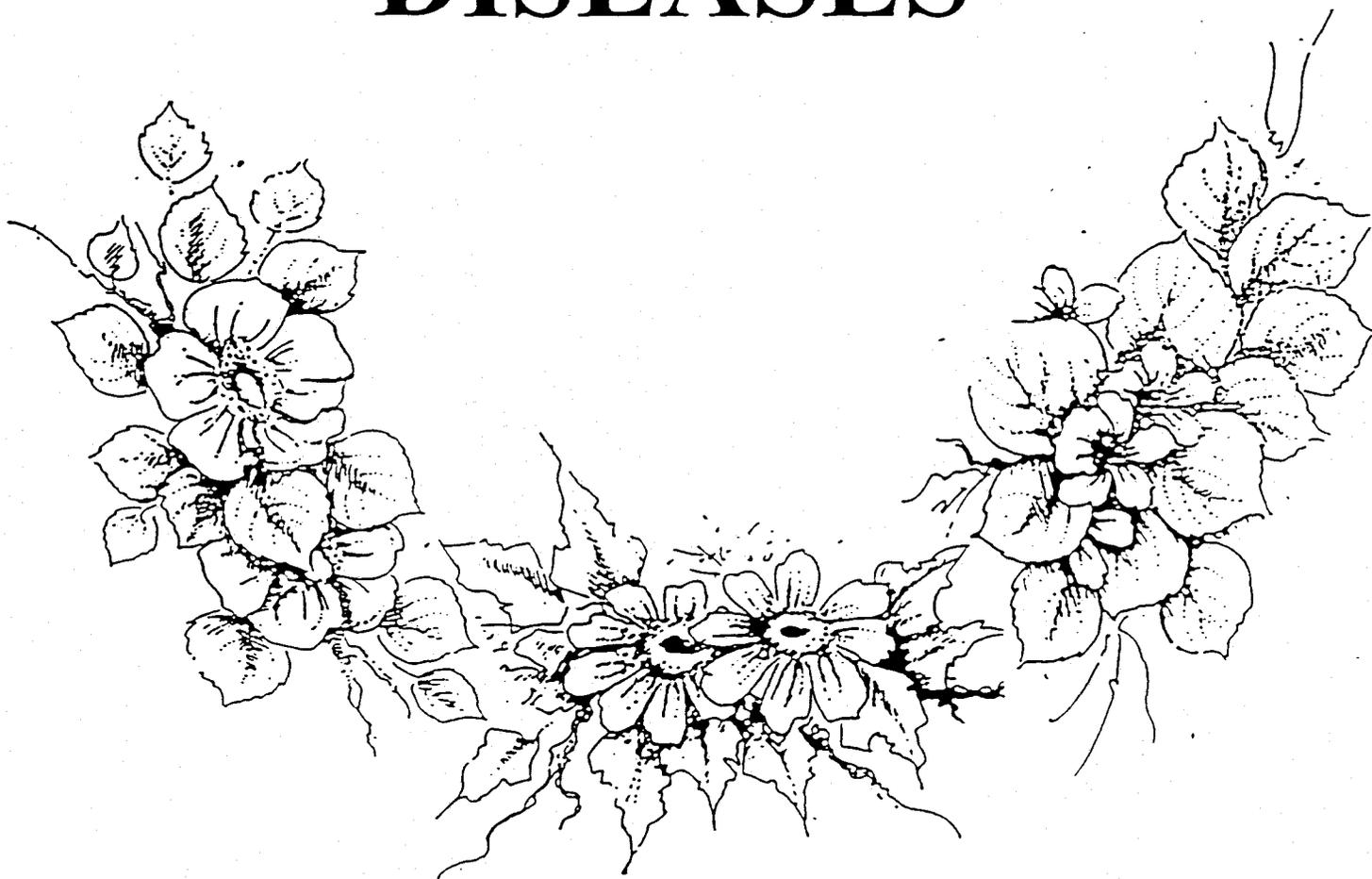
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* **DISEASES** *



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 turn 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** *



Newspapers Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

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 file 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, abut 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.

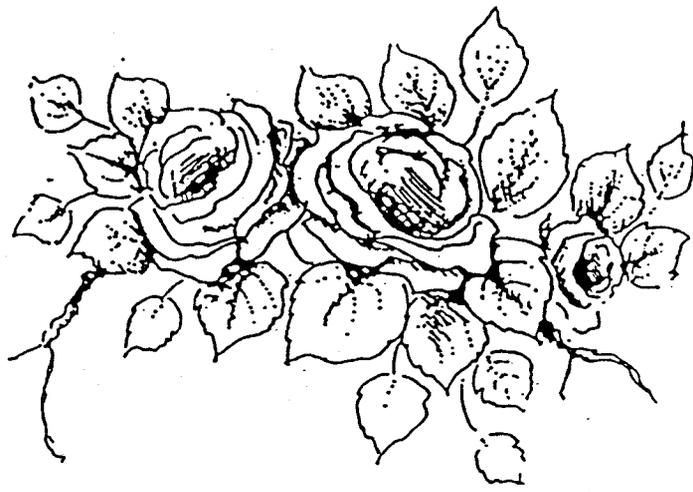
The Stewardson Clipper – Shelby County, Stewardson, Illinois. Short lived newspaper in Stewardson.

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

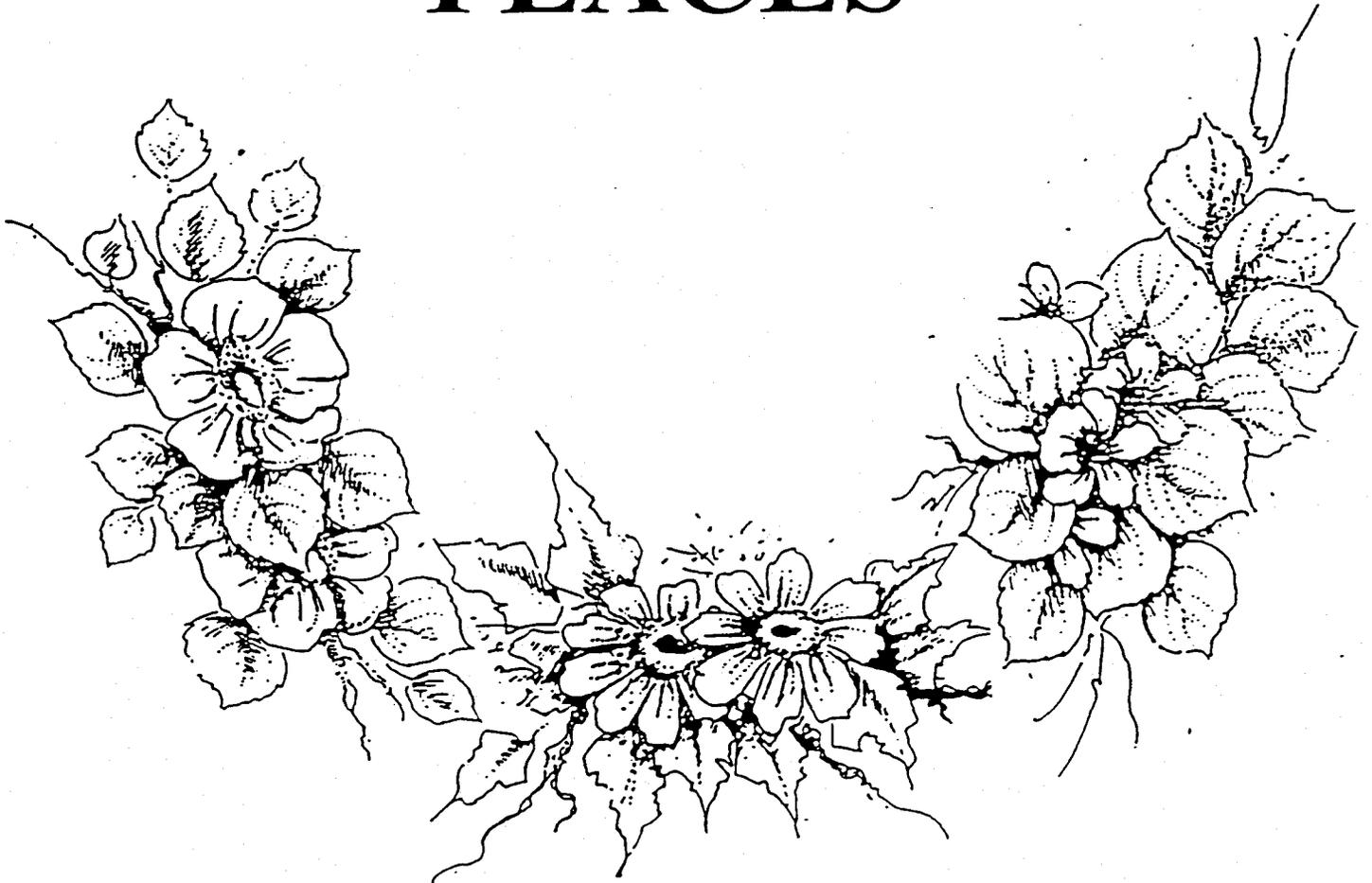
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* PLACES *



Names and Places
Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail, 1898 - 1901*
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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 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 Osbernvile (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. 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.

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 Edinburgh is located 9 miles Northwest of Taylorville, Illinois. (See *Bethany, Robinson's Point and 'Edinburgh', above*) Population in the 1960 Census - 1,003. Reference #5 shows Edinburgh 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. 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

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 Mecahnicsburg on 7 May 1886. See 'Mechanicsburg'.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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)

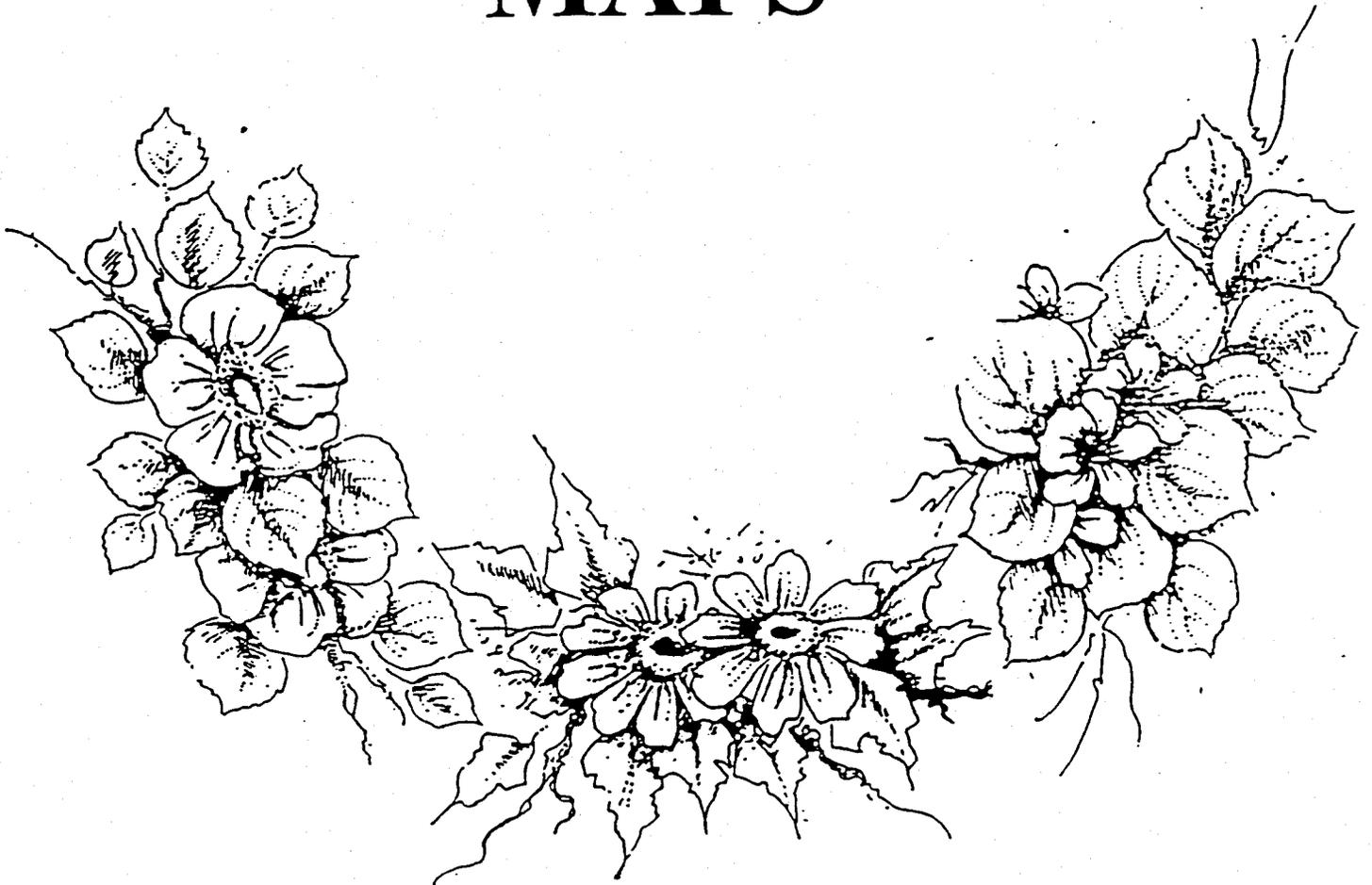
Winchester - Scott County; no individual 1876 county map is included in this book. Post Office established (changed from Sandy Bluffs) 16 Feb 1833, active. RFD serves Big Swan and Bloomfield (in Morgan Co prior to creation of Scott Co, 16 Feb 1839). Incorporated as a city 4 March 1843. Served by the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

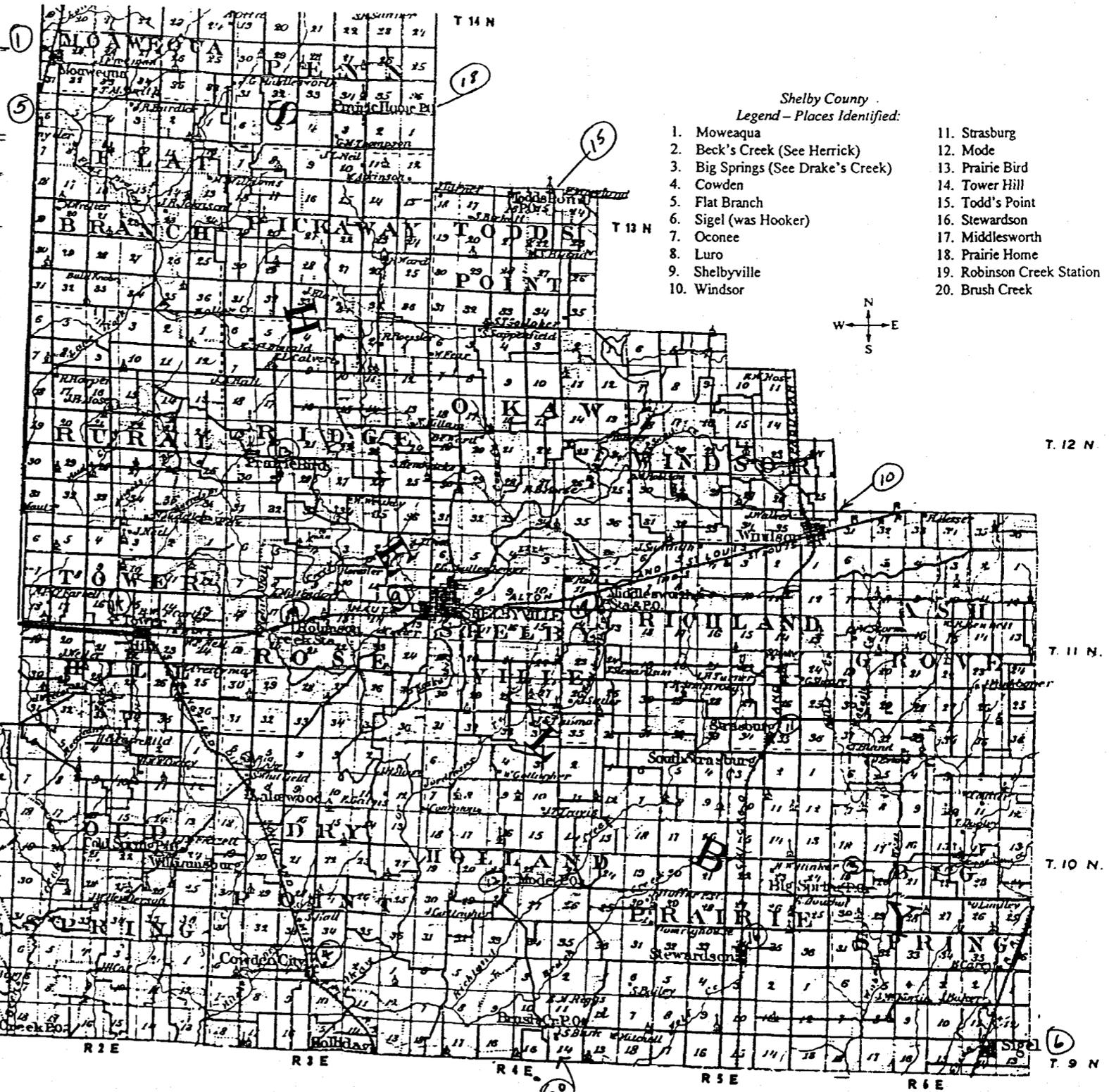
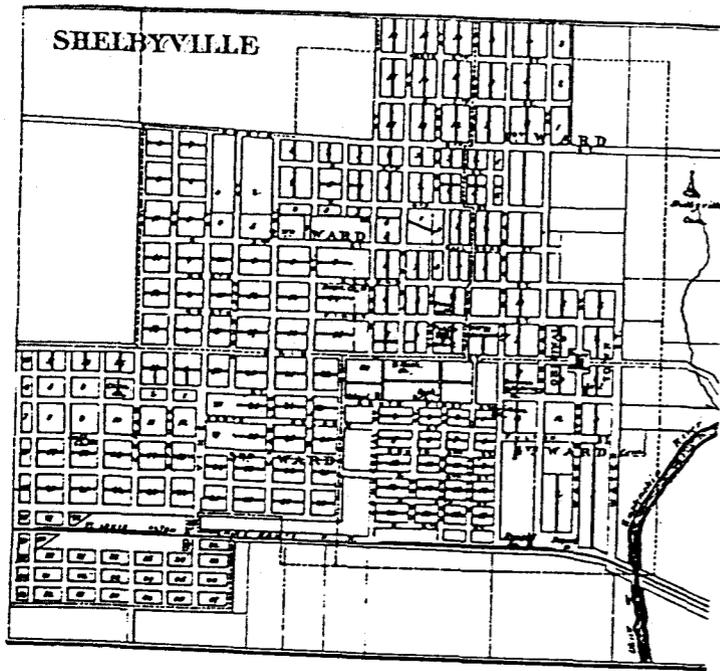
Windsor - Shelby County. Post Office established 8 July 1856. RFD serves Quigley and Sargents. Incorporated as city 16 February 1865. Served by the New York Central Railroad. Formerly known as Cochran's Grove, Illiopolis, changed from Cochran's Grove. Population on 1960 Census - 1,021. Reference #5 shows 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

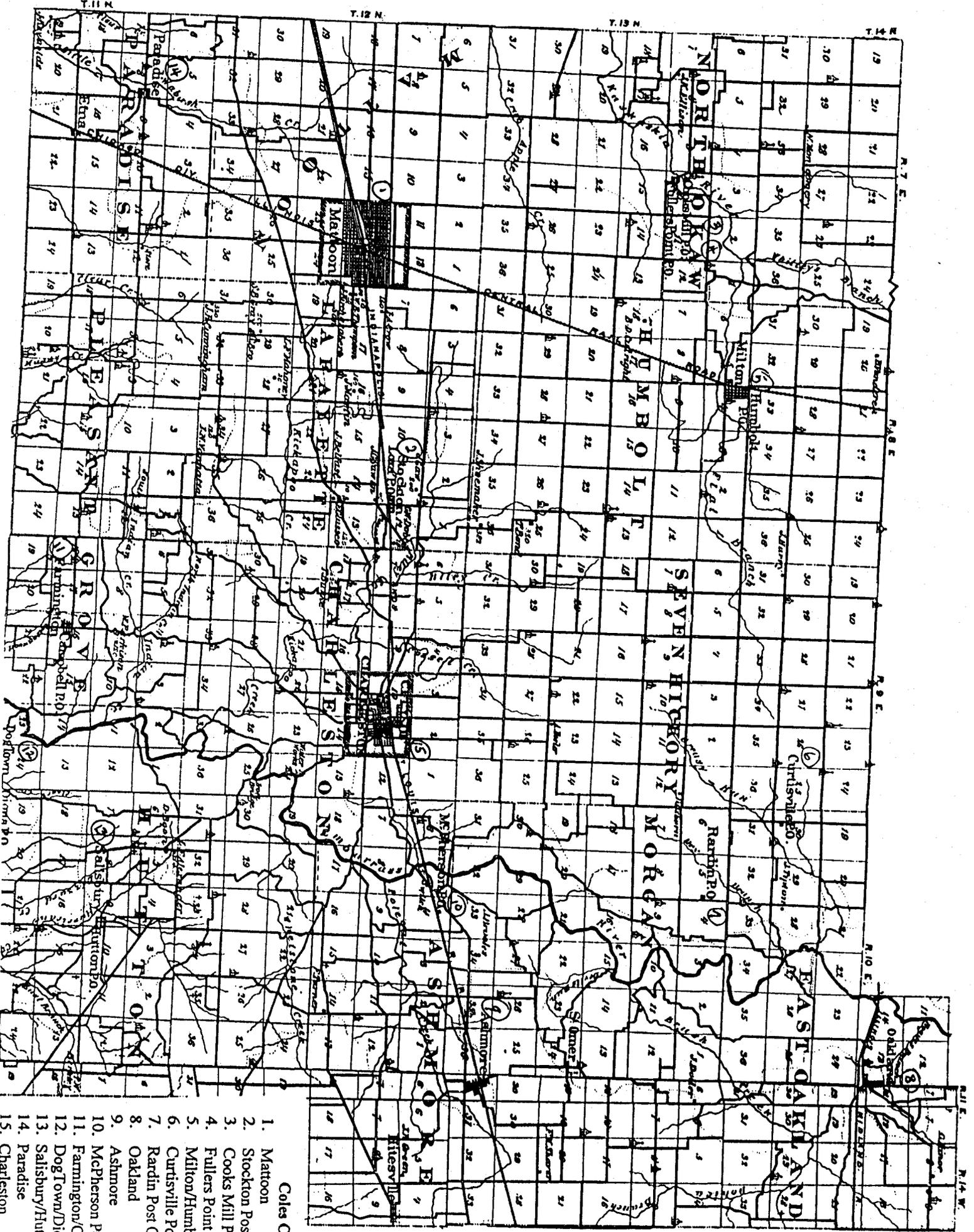


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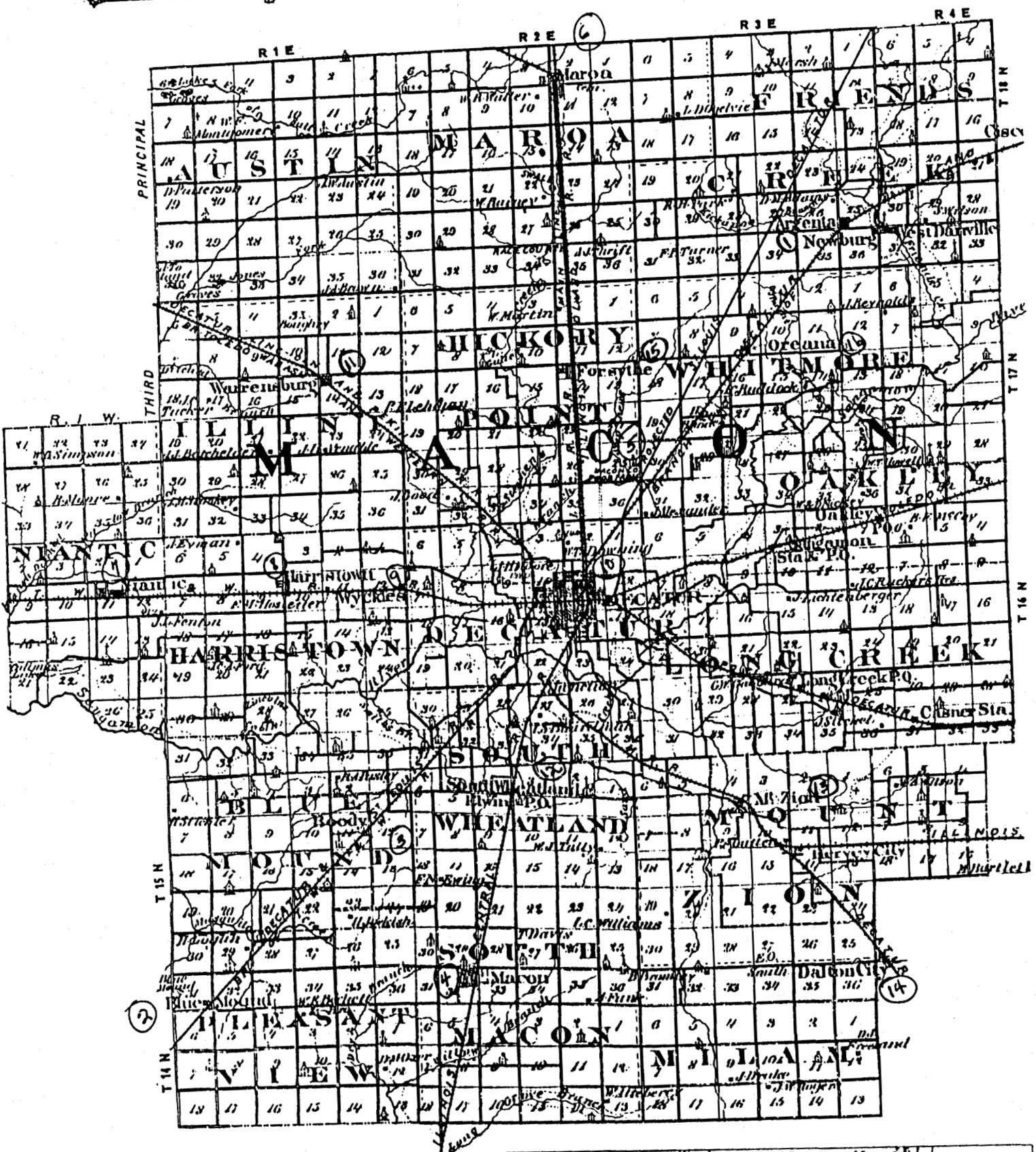
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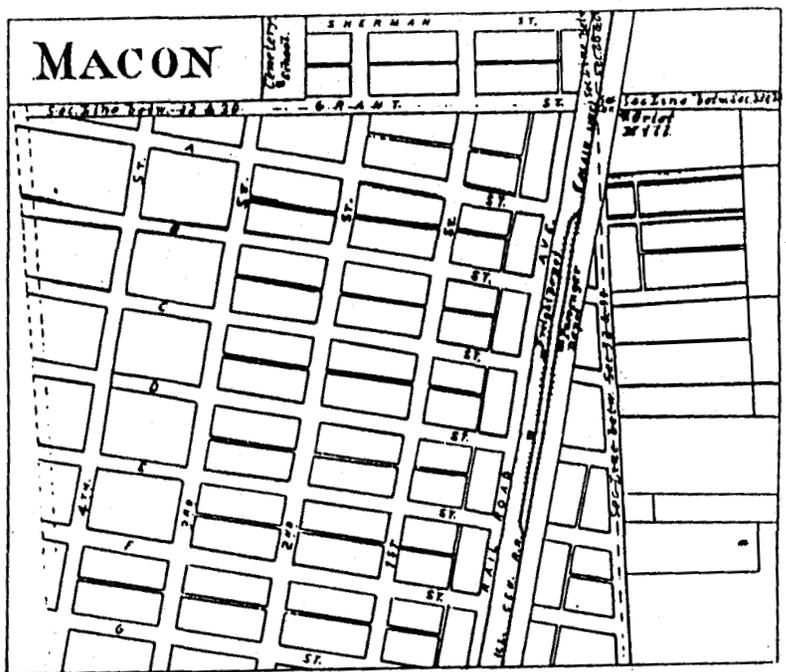
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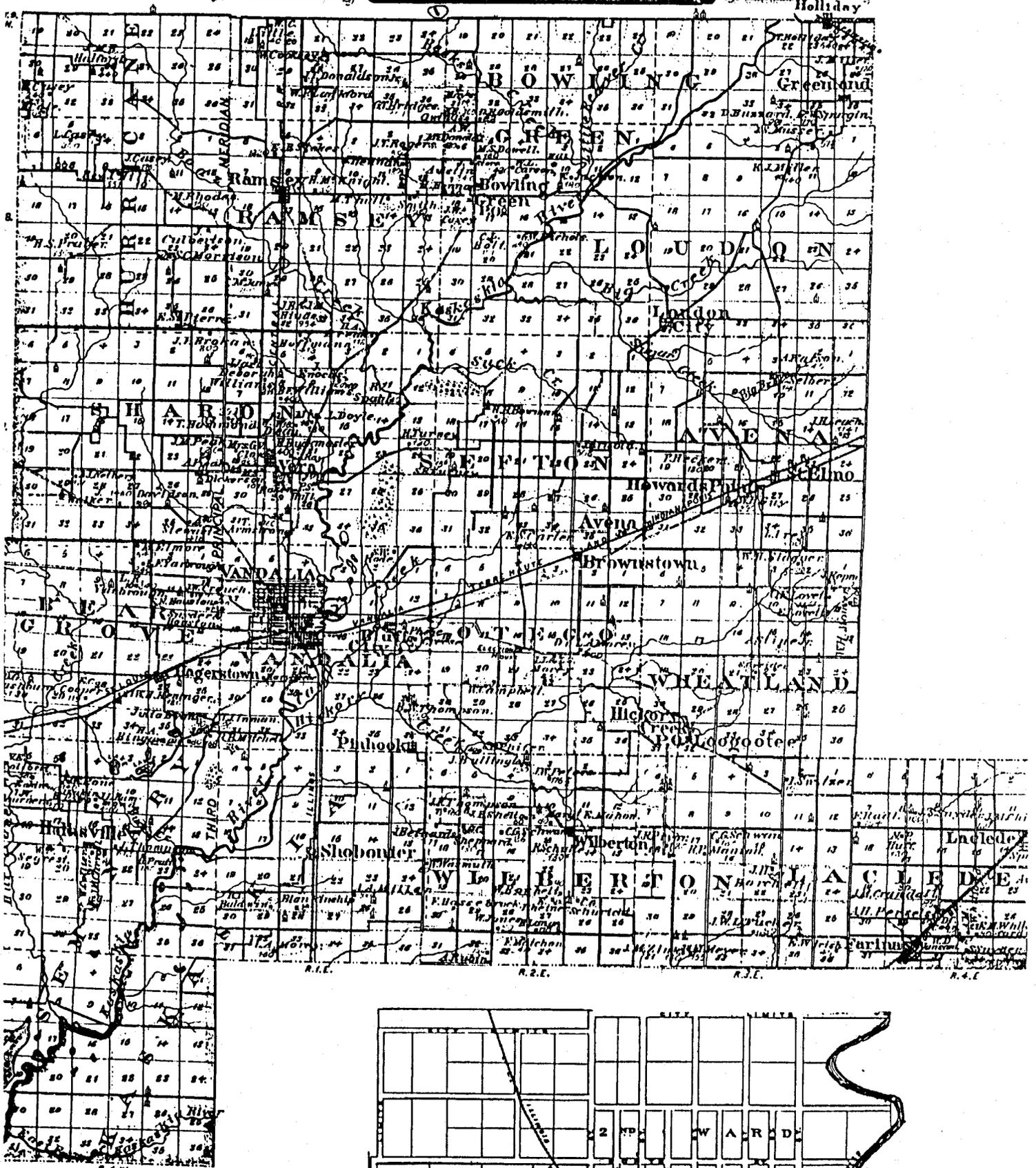


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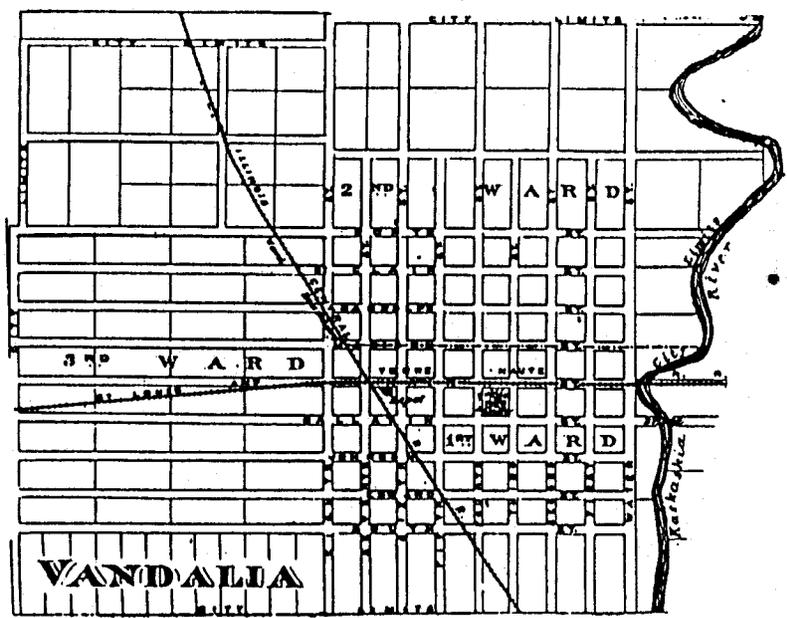
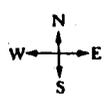
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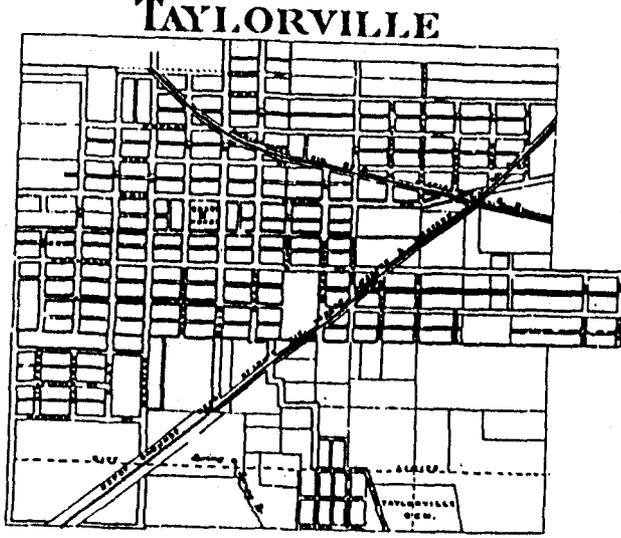
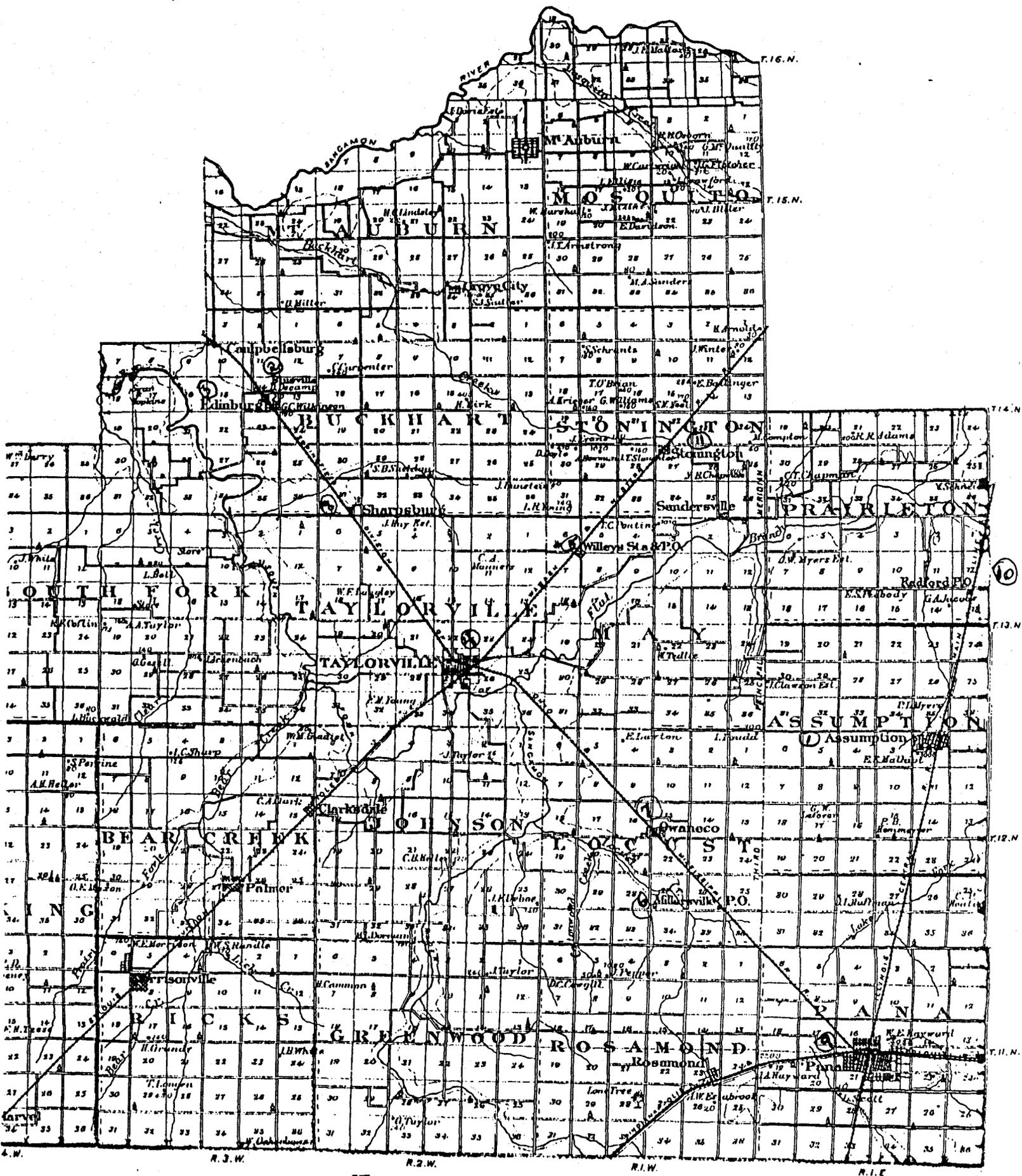
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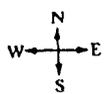
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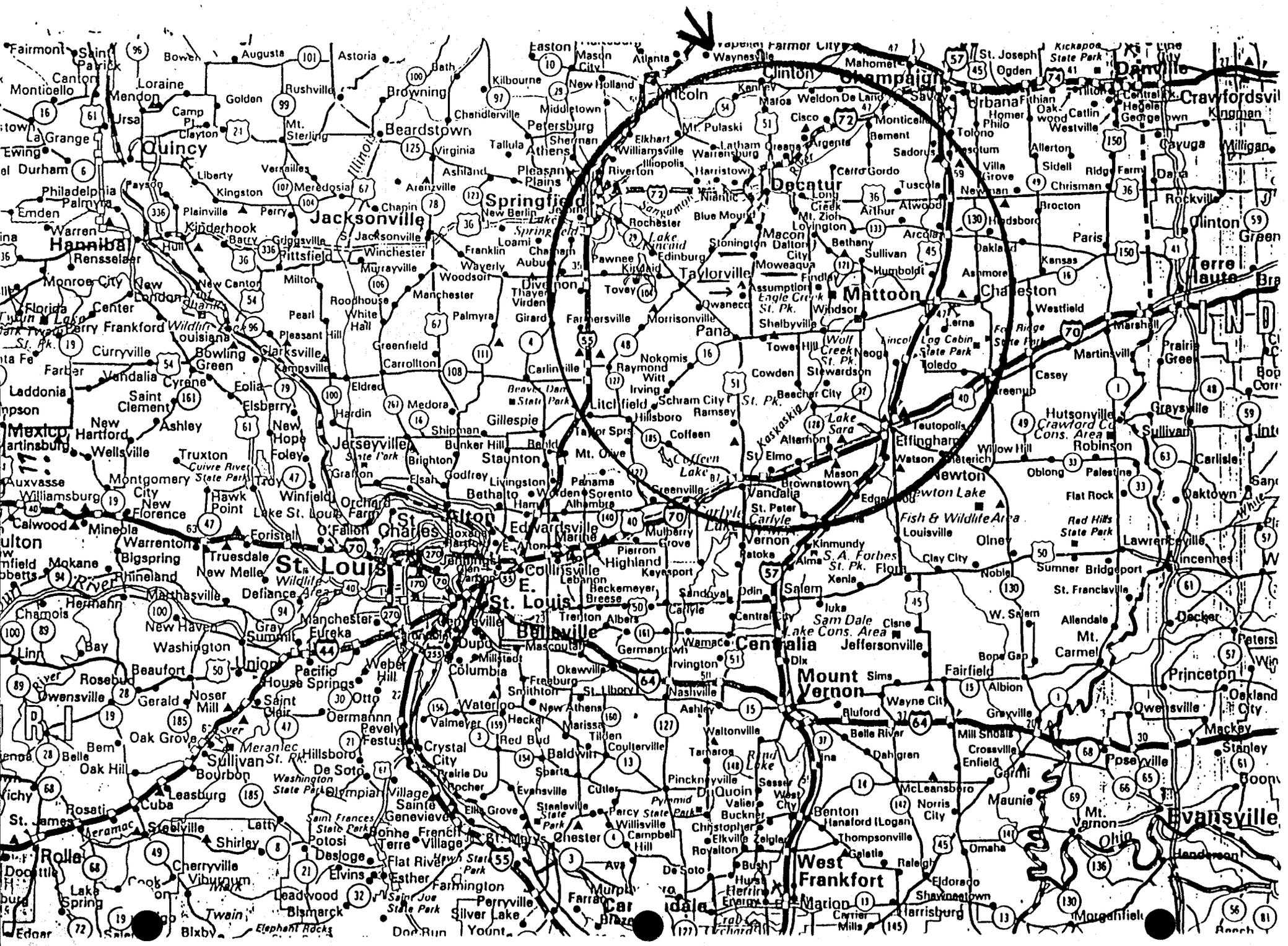


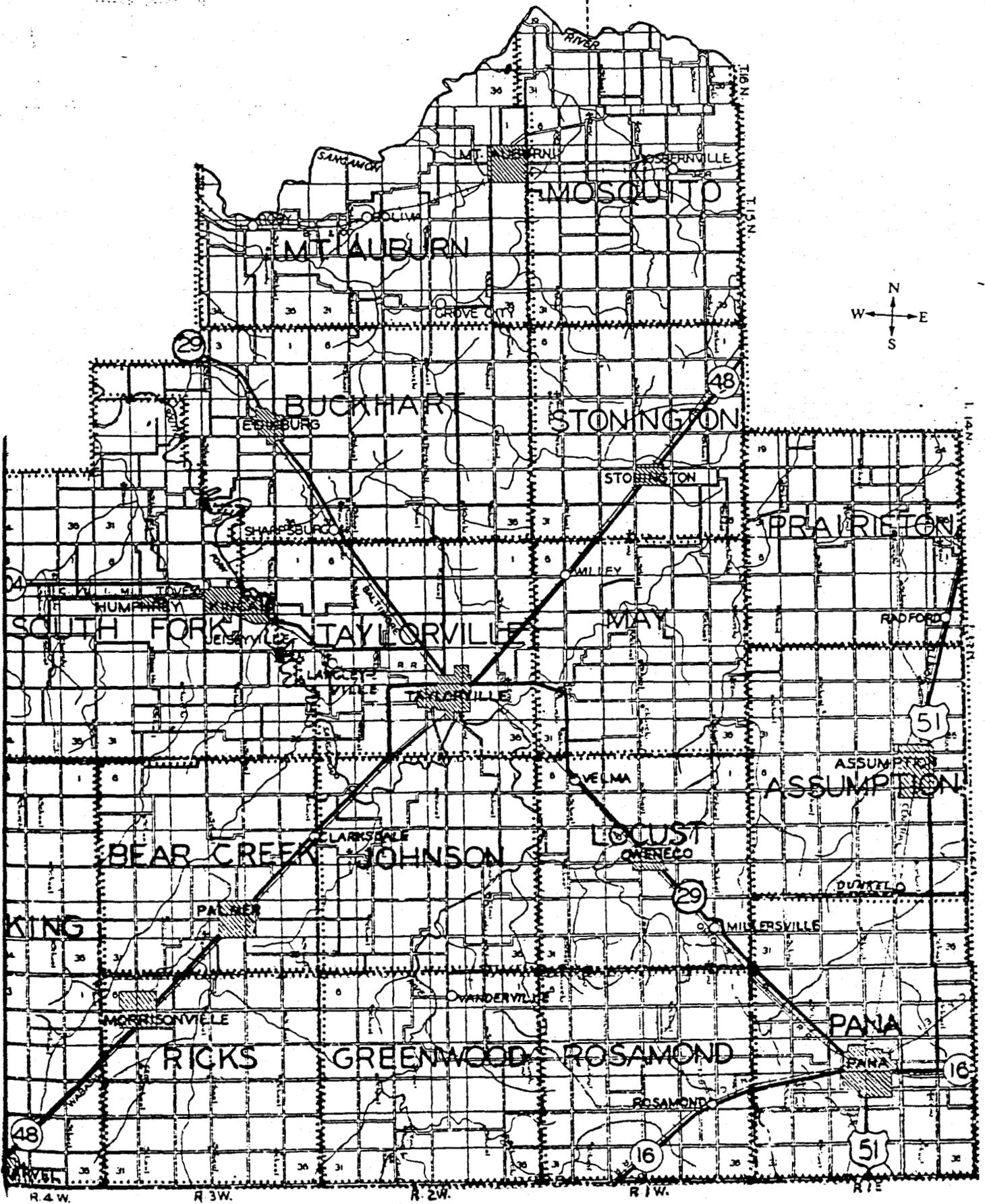
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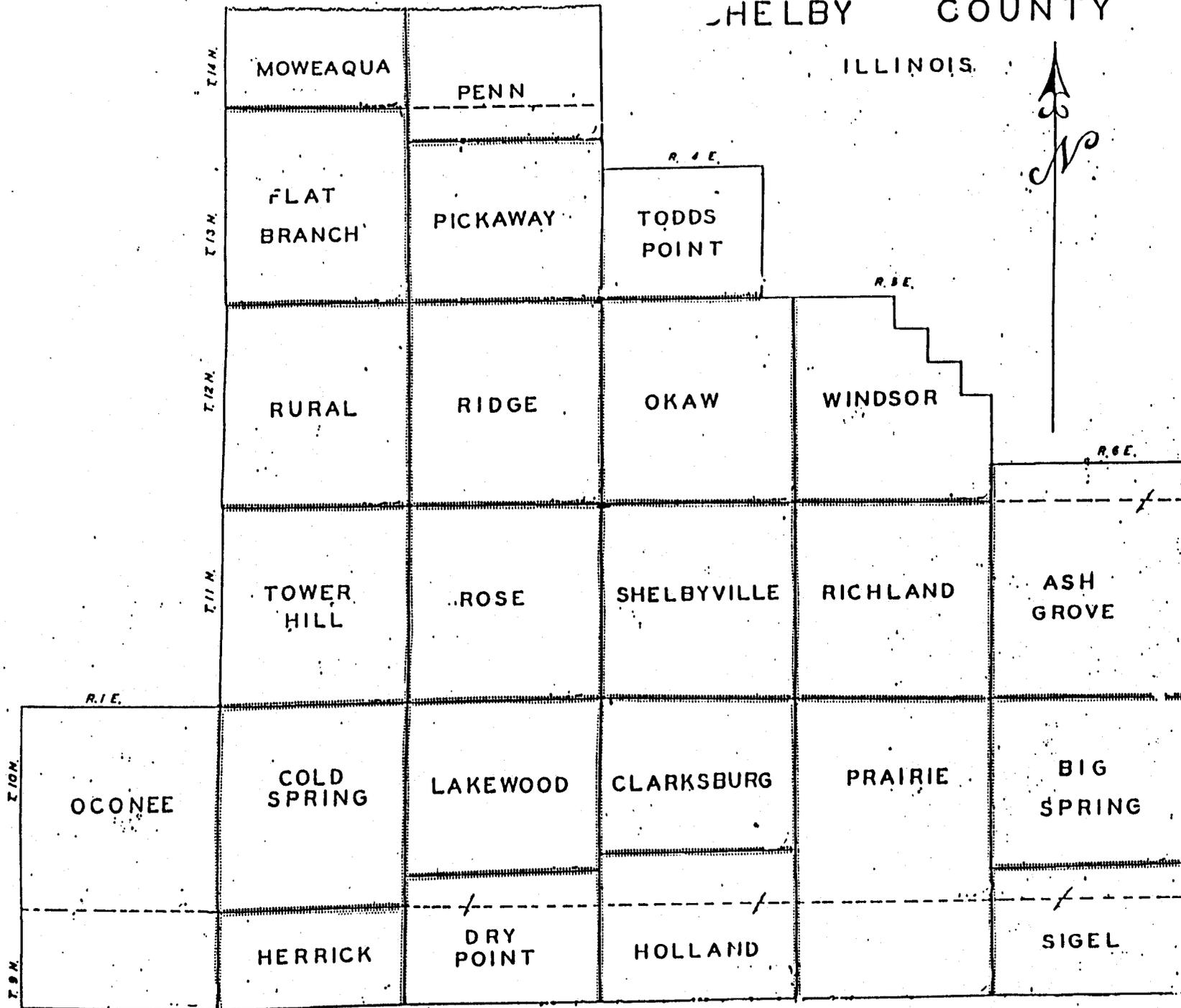
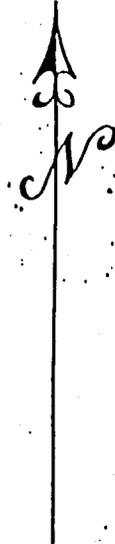


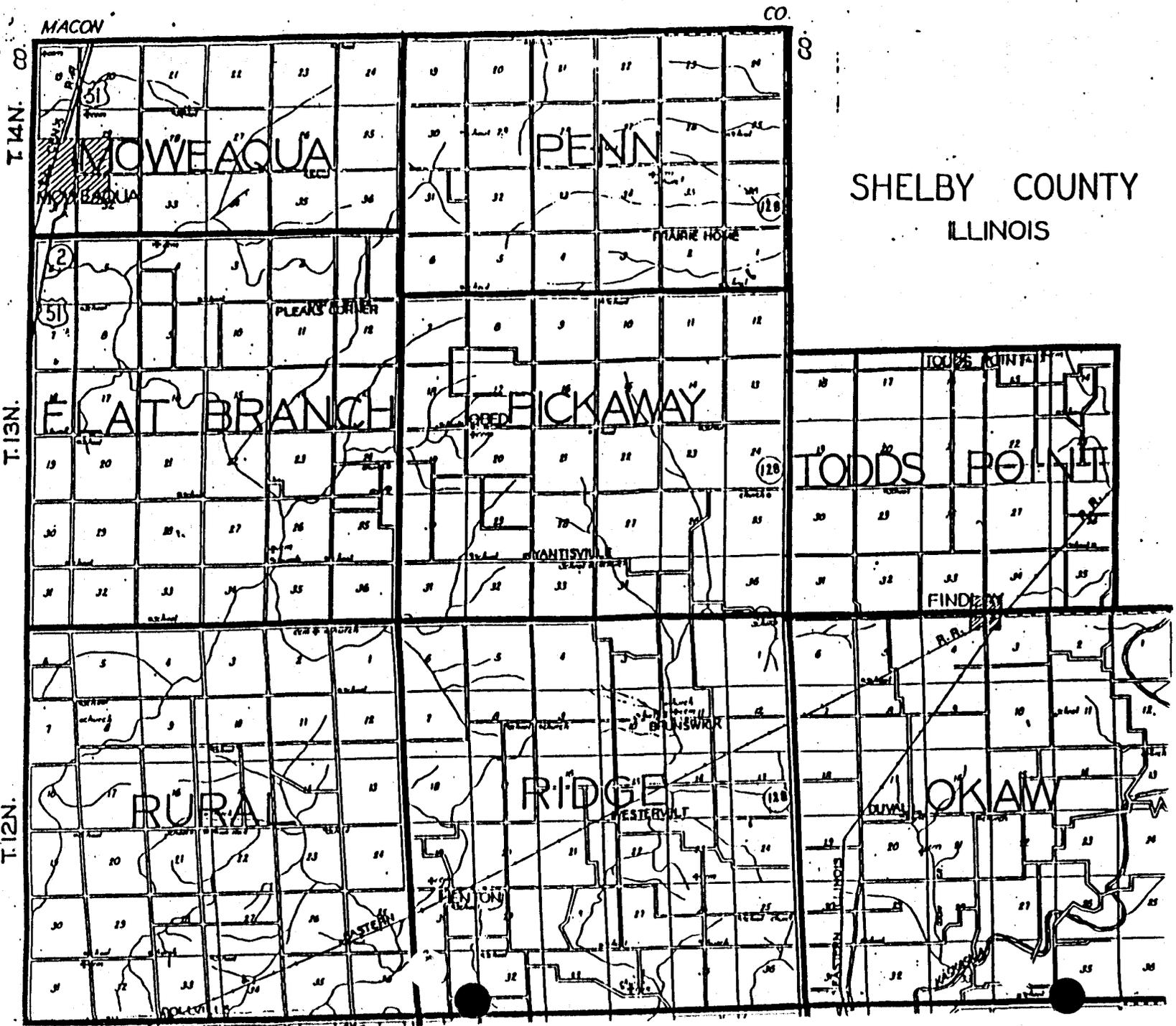


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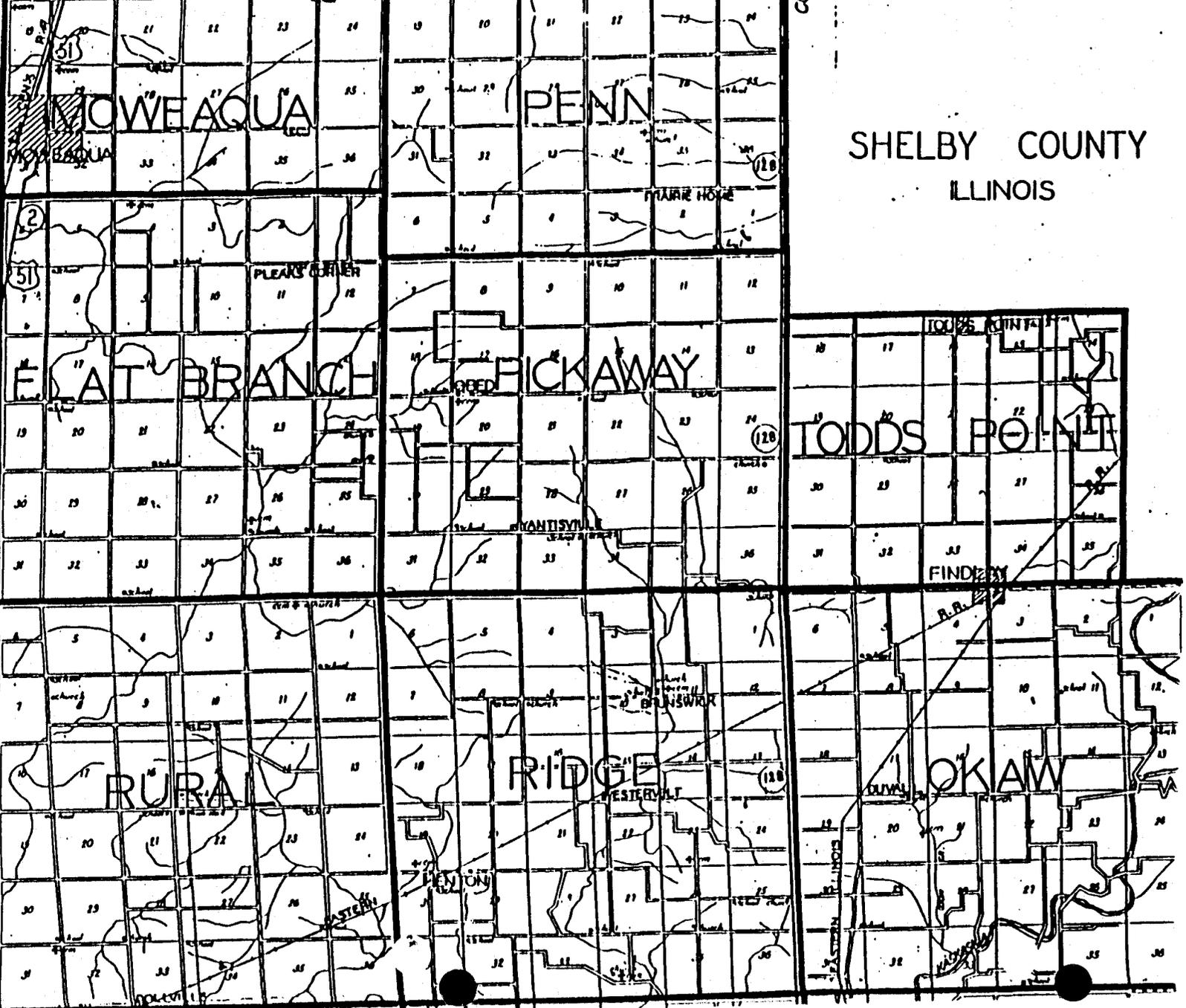
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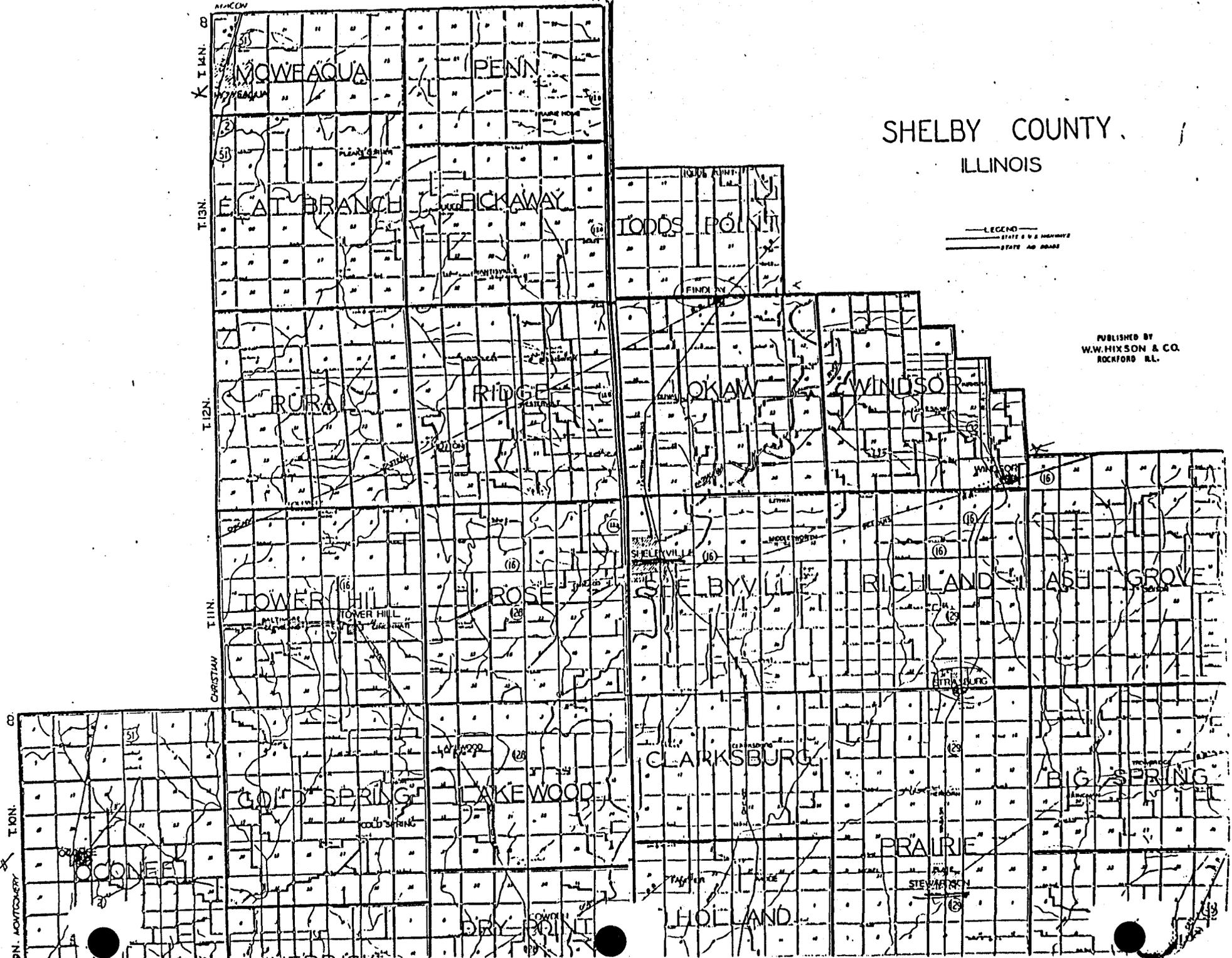
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Wednesday, 5 January 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

John Hardin and wife of Radford have a little boy born to them 4 January 1898.

Ola, the eighteen year old daughter of Mrs. **Cornelius Tolly**, passed away Monday morning at 8 o'clock at her home in this city after a lingering illness of one year from Bright's disease. The funeral took place Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Baptist Church. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** made a few impressive remarks after which the remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town.

Mrs. **Sarah M Worth** (Nee **Craig**) died at Elsay, Jersey County, at age 86 years. She was one of the early settlers of the County. She is survived by her husband, 11 of 18 children born to her, 48 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

Ida Johnson, who shot and killed her husband, 26 December 1896, was found guilty of manslaughter at Decatur. The plea of insanity did not work. The litigation over this case has cost the people \$5,000. At the time of the shooting, Mrs. **Johnson** had considerable money and also received a portion of her husband's life insurance. All this she spent in her efforts to clear herself. She is a physical wreck in addition. Her attorneys entered a motion for a new trial.

Public Sale for the estate of **Robert McDonald**, deceased, will be held at the **James Hill** farm, 3 miles east and 4 ½ miles south of Moweaqua on Wednesday, 19 January 1898.

Joseph Eyer, Administrator.

Conservator's notice of Final Settlement: **Louisa B Coulter**, deceased, final report will be filed on first day of February 1898 at the courthouse in Shelbyville.

Married at Decatur by Rev **W H Penhallegon**, 28 December 1897, **Allen D Avery** of Prairie Home and **Myrtle Steel** of Macon. (Prairie Home news)

Mr. **McMillen**, the old gentleman who owns the store building at this place (Willey) was married one day last week. Your correspondent failed to learn any of the particulars only that he was tendered a rousing chivaire on his return.

Fred Tolsted, aged 35, a farmer, was murdered near Creston, Ogle County, by **Ed Brown**, formerly in his employ, but whom he had discharged. Brown left the body in the hog pen.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Seiberting** celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at Blue Mound, Macon County. There were four generations present at the celebration.

The marriage of **L R Pinchard** and Miss **Pernia Wollington**, both of Monticello, Illinois, which took place several years ago, has been made public.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Josia Mitchinson** on 30 December 1897, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **Simon Sprinkle** entertained a number of young people Wednesday evening, 29 December 1897, it being the 17th birthday of their son, **Elmer Sprinkle**. The evening was spent in games and music. At a late hour, the guests departed wishing young Elmer many happy returns of the day.

Wednesday evening, 12 January 1898, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Pratt**, Bridgeport, Vermont, will be solemnized the marriage of Miss **Eva Mae Pratt**, daughter of **H A Pratt**

of this city and Mr. **Carlton James Barbour**. The young lady has many friends in the vicinity wishing to extend congratulations.

Mrs. **Samuel Sanner**, the venerable mother of **E B Sanner** passed away at the home of her son, Monday night. She was over eighty years of age and had lived many years in Penn Township. The funeral will occur tomorrow.

Wednesday, 12 January 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On 6 January 1898, at the bride's parents home in Boody, **John Portwood** of Edgar, Nebraska, and Miss **Emma Ward** were married. The groom is a former resident of Allenboro and a brother of **J M Portwood** of here. They will locate in Nebraska.

Wm Coulter and wife have a new girl born 9 January 1898. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coulter** on Sunday, 9 January 1898, a girl.

Attorney **J M Brice** of Assumption died at his home in that city last week. He was well-known here and was a many of many sterling qualities. (Note: Also found his name spelled 'Birce' – see next issue)

James F Scribner of Flat Branch Township and Miss **Anna Huntsman** of this city, were joined in marriage at Shelbyville, Thursday last. We wish them much joy and happiness. (Herrick Ledger)

The Prairie Home correspondent in last week's issue, briefly alluded to the marriage of **Allen D Avery** to Miss **Myrtle Steel**, which occurred in Decatur during the holidays. The groom is a most excellent gentleman and a man for whom the *Call-Mail* has the highest personal regard. Possessed of a good farm, and a willing heart, and hand, his future life bids fair to be domestically happy. The bride is unknown to us, but is included in our warmest congratulations.

Loami news: Mrs. **Jas Ferguson** was given a surprise Friday in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of her birth.

The remains of Mrs. **Geo Hall** who died in Springfield last week were buried in the Campbell Cemetery. (Loami news)

Maud Goodwin, daughter of **Jerry Goodwin**, born at Osauatomie, Miami County, Kansas, 1 June 1887, died at Bucyrus, Miami County, Kansas, on 7 January 1898. She leaves a father, mother, and three sisters to mourn her loss. After appropriate services the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery at Bucyrus, to await the summons of the voice that awakes the dead.

Dora Myrtle Stump, wife of **Chas Stump**, and elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Abrams**, departed this life at her home near Obed on Monday morning, 10 January 1898, aged 24 years and 11 days. About four years ago the deceased became the devoted wife of **Charles Stump** since which time a considerable portion of her short life has been that of the afflicted. That dreaded disease, consumption, unsuspectedly fastened itself upon that young life and hastened it to the grave. The deceased leaves a loving husband, two young sons, three step-children, father, mother, and one sister besides a large number of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss. During the illness of the deceased, many relatives, neighbors and friends did all within their power to alleviate her sufferings, comfort and sustain her under her affliction. As she approached the river of death, she realized that the everlasting arms of Jehovah were beneath her. The funeral took place from the Locust Grove United Brethren Church on Tuesday at 11 o'clock, Rev **R H Beck** officiated, Rev **Clapp** and **Griffith** assisting. Remains were interred in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

On 12 February 1898, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Pratt** of Bridgeport, Vermont, Miss **Eva Mae Pratt**, daughter of **H A Pratt** and **Carlton James Barbour** were married. Saturday morning, 8 January 1898, at the home of her son, **Matthew Lamb**, of that dreaded disease, consumption, Aunt **Betsy Lamb**, passed away after a lingering illness, in the seventy-seventh year of her age. She leaves three sons – **Matthew, Jud** and **Keith**, and one daughter. The funeral services were brief. Rev **Griffith** officiated; the interment was in the Bethany Cemetery.

The funeral services of Mrs. **Samuel Sanner** were held Thursday morning at the home of her son, **E B Sanner**. Rev **Blunk** officiated; interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town. The services were attended by a large number of sympathizing and sorrowing relatives and friends from the Prairie Home vicinity. **Barbara Paul** was born in Preston County, Virginia (now West Virginia) on 28 February 1810, and died at the residence of her son, **E B Sanner** on 4 January 1898, aged 87 years, 10 months, and 7 days. Early in life, she moved to Pennsylvania; in April 1827, she married **Samuel Sanner** of Northumberland Co, Pennsylvania, to which union was born twelve children, seven survive her, them being: **Jacob H, Edward B, David G, and Shields H**, all of Penn Township, **S Paul Sanner** of Macoupin County, **John W Sanner** and Mrs. **Matilda W Johnson** of Decatur, Illinois. In early life she was brought to Jesus, joining the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. In the spring of 1833, she moved to Madison County, Illinois, with her husband and where sometime afterward an M E Church was organized, and they became earnest workers with that Church, and so continued to the end of life. She gently fell asleep in Jesus on 4 January 1898. *Card of Thanks* - Signed 'The Children'

John N Sanner and wife, and **Hiram Johnson** and wife of Decatur attended the funeral of Grandma **Sanner** on Thursday. Last week, five of the family of **S H Sanner** were down with typhoid fever at the same time and two of them are thought to be dangerously ill. Our concerns to the family.

Mrs. **Samuel Sanner**, mother of the **Sanner family** of Prairie Home, Shelby County, died aged 85 years. She lived to see her sons accumulate about 5,000 acres of rich Illinois prairie.

Died at Decatur, Mrs. **E B Trull**, aged 86 years, suddenly in her chair, while she was arranging her hair. She had lived in Decatur since 1855.

Mrs. **Jackson Schultz** a pioneer of Carthage, aged 79 years died.

James Birce, aged 64 years, died at his home in Assumption.

Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents in Boody, the Rev **A M Danely** officiating, **John Portwood** of Edgar, Nebraska, and Miss **Emma Ward** were united in marriage. The groom formerly resided near Allenboro, and is a brother of **J M Portwood**. Mr. and Mrs. **Portwood** left Friday morning for their Nebraska home, bearing with them, the good wishes of a host of friends.

Card of Thanks: To the kind and sympathetic friends who so cheerfully and tenderly gave aid and assistance during the illness and demise of our beloved daughter and sister, **Ola Tolly**, we extend our heartfelt thanks: Mrs. **C Tolly** and children.

Hallie M Potter and Miss **Henrietta Leighton** were married at 7 o'clock on Wednesday night of last week. Rev **George F Hall** at the parsonage at 346 West Eldorado Street, in the presence of a few friends, officiated at the ceremony. The couple will live in a house furnished by the groom at 237 Central Avenue, Decatur, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John W Hardin** at Radford, 4 January 1898, a boy.
Charles E Hershey, a prominent farmer, who lived near Taylorville, accidentally shot himself through the heart with a shotgun.

Wednesday, 19 January 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

On 17 January 1898, in the office of Judge **Hammer** in Decatur's courthouse, **I Fred Long** and **Anna P Davis** were married. They will locate on the farm of **Zeally Snell**, southeast of Moweaqua.

The hearing for a new trial in the **Ida Johnson** murder trial, who was accused of murdering her husband, with the trial held at Galesburg, ended in Judge **Green** denying the motion. The judge held that the evidence of Juror **Sloan's** prejudice was insufficient. The judge then pronounced sentence on the prisoner. Her attorneys gave notice of a bill of exception preliminary to an appeal to the supreme court. It was agreed that Mrs. **Johnson** should remain in jail until 1 February 1898 to allow the defense time to apply for a writ of supersedeas.

Born to **Frank Hudson** and wife on 16 January 1898, twin boys.

Frank Harris was found dead on a railway at Kewanee with a small hole, probably a knife thrust, just above the heart. Murder is suspected.

Mr. and Mrs. **W A Phelps** who have resided in Winnebago County for half a century, celebrated their golden wedding. The justice of the peace who married them was among the guests.

Grover Morris, aged 12 years, son of **L D Morris**, was accidentally shot and killed by **Thomas Jackson**, a young playmate, north of Louisville.

Born to **W C Weir**, Prairie Home, a girl who arrived on 18 January 1898.

With regard to the marriage of Miss **Eva Pratt**, the estimable daughter of Commissioner **H A Pratt** of this city, which occurred the 12th inst, the Bridport, Vermont, correspondent of the *Middlebury Register* has this to say: "One of the most pleasant affairs in this community was the marriage Wednesday evening of Miss **Eva Pratt** and **Carlton J Barbour**. In spite of the forbidding weather, a goodly number of persons gathered at **J W Pratt's** residence. Rev **W N Bacon** performed the ceremony in a short but impressive manner. The bride received a number of handsome presents. The couple started at 11 PM for a short trip to the south. Mr. and Mrs. **Barbour** will enjoy their honeymoon in Rhode Island and make their permanent home in Vermont.

A terrible accident occurred Thursday morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **T Ed Jackson** in the south part of town, when their three-year-old daughter, **Nona Jackson**, was horribly burned about the face and body. Her mother had gone to town on an errand, leaving the little one alone, and during her absence, the child began to play with some toys. She had taken down from the dresser, a small toy lamp and started to light it. Before removing the chimney, however, she struck the match, and childlike, holding it down close to her dress while preparing to light the wick, the fire caught the garment and in an instant she was wrapped in flames. Her screams attracted her mother, who was nearing home and, rushing to her side, she extinguished the fire as quickly as possible, but not before she was burned in a fearful manner. Dr **Bruner** was immediately summoned and by constantly keeping her under influence of opiates, she was made as comfortable as possible. A little after five o'clock, death ended the little girl's suffering, casting a shroud of gloom over the entire community. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at three

o'clock. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiating. The beautiful little white casket, bearing the mortal remains of the little darling, was tenderly carried from the family residence to the Church by **James and Fred Long, Waverly Roff and John Thomas**, followed by a large number of sympathizing friends. At the close of the services, the remains were taken to Herrick, Illinois, by the bereaved parents.

James Millhon, a grain buyer of Blue Mound, died suddenly of heart trouble.

Grandma Page, one of the oldest settlers of Kendall County died at age 90 years.

Miss **Roda Montooth** of Cowden, Illinois, who had been staying with Mrs. **Charles Stump**, near Obed, up to the time of her death, returned home on Saturday.

Charlie Kirk, a brother of **Lou Kirk**, living south of town, died Monday morning about 8 o'clock AM at the home of his brother, **Jay Kirk**, in Blue Mound. He had been here visiting his brother, and had gone over to Blue Mound about a week ago. He was taken suddenly ill last Wednesday with diphtheria. The funeral took place today at 1 o'clock in the Christian Church at Blue Mound. Much sadness has come to their household the past week. Mrs. **Pope**, living northwest of Blue Mound, a sister-in-law of **Lou Kirk**, is very sick with consumption. About three days ago, her daughter was taken from her with the same disease. The family have the sympathy of a host of friends in Moweaqua.

Thursday, the 13th of January 1898, being the sixty-fourth birthday of Mr. **J H Kirker**, the event was most pleasantly observed in the way of a sumptuous dinner, originated and operated by Mrs. **Kirker** and consumed by a few friends and neighbors. Mr. **Kirker** was also the recipient of a very handsome umbrella commemorative of the occasion.

A happy surprise occurred at the home of **N Gordon**, six and one half miles south of Murray, Iowa, on the evening of 3 January 1898. This being the 14th birthday of their son, **Edgar**, a surprise was planned among his school mates who met at Center school house, one half mile south of Mr. **Gordon's** and together, with the teacher, repaired in a body for Mr. **Gordon's**. Calling the roll was found there was 21. We arrived at Mr. **Gordon's** without discovery and there followed several games and lunch of apples and cakes. At about eleven o'clock, the company left for several homes, wishing **Edgar** many happy returns.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W C Weir** of Prairie Home, a girl on Thursday last.

John Riley, a brother of **Sam'l Riley, Sr.** of this city, died at his home near Mulberry Grove on Monday last. He was 69 years of age. Mr. **Riley** went to his brother's bedside on learning of his critical illness, reaching him about three hours before his death. The funeral services were held today.

City Marshall **R J Middleton** of Nokomis, Illinois, made his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J F Middleton** a flying visit Monday evening. He came with his daughter as far as Pana, where she left for Washington, DC, to become the bride of a rich real estate man. Mrs. **Middleton** accompanied her son home to make an extended visit.

Wednesday, 26 January 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr. **Bixby** of Assumption was married in January 1898 in Hastings, Nebraska.

D M Cody and wife were married in January 1898 at LeRoy, Illinois. They will locate here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** on Sunday, 16 January 1898, a fine pair of twin boys.

Mrs. **Frances L Schader** who had lived in Peoria for 55 years died.

Samuel McCracken, aged 76 years, of Loda township, Iroquois County, died suddenly from a paralytic stroke.

Thomas Marshall Whitaker, aged 91 years, died at LeRoy, the result of a fall on the icy pavement.

James K Love, aged 50 years died. He was a Decatur manufacturer.

Mrs. **Mary Reardon**, a pioneer of JoDaviess County, died at her home in Galena, Illinois, at age 87 years.

R Harder aged 82 years of age, died at Paxton, suddenly, from a stroke of paralysis. He had resided in Paxton since 1869.

Oscar Berquist, a wealthy resident of Henry County died at Kewanee. He was born in Sweden in 1804 and was one of the Bishop-Hill colonists, who settled in Henry County in 1846, crossing the prairies in wagons.

Edward Ross Wooters, a resident of Quincy since 1845, died at 90 years of age.

Mrs. **Hannah Livingston**, wife of **Aaron Livingston**, of Bloomington, aged 50 years died. She was one of the most prominent Jewish women of Central Illinois.

Mrs. **Eliza Grazalski**, aged 80 years of age, but she wanted to dance at her granddaughter's wedding, so she put on the old silk gown that she brought from Poland and hobbled from her home to the residence of her son, **Anton Grazalski**. The wedding guests were assembled, the feast was prepared and the bride arrayed in her nuptial garments when the grandmother arrived. Before the latter had been in the home more than a minute or two, she was seized with a pain in her left side and fell to the floor. Her son **Anton**, father of the bride, lifted her up. The grandmother gasped for breath, clutched her son's hand and looked despairingly around the room. "I am not going to die," she said, "Not yet. I am going to dance at the wedding first. See—don't say I am going to die." Mrs. **Grazalski** kicked one foot into the air, and was about to follow it with the other, when she fell in a faint, and in a few minutes she was dead. The wedding was not postponed.

The golden wedding anniversary of Dr and Mrs. **H W Kreider** was celebrated at Galesburg. They were among the earliest settlers of Fulton County and were married there. The doctor is 80 and his wife is 73 years of age. Both are well preserved.

The golden wedding anniversary of **George W** and **McCanda Bridges Brownel** was celebrated at Chatham. The guests numbered about 50 and a purse of gold coins was tendered the surprised old people.

A Communication: We are told that some heartless person has said that our little darling, **Dona Jackson** was locked in the house at the time of the accident. Let me say to such parties that as long as it is their desire to start such false reports and make a hard burden heavier, they are not children of God, or they never would utter such a false thing. The child insisted on staying at home that morning, or it would never have been left. She was the darling and pet of the family and God knows our sorrow is hard to bear without such false stories. Signed: Mr. and Mrs. **T E Jackson**.

Card of Thanks: We desire to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends that so kindly assisted us in the suffering and burial of our darling little **Dona**. Nay neither they, nor any of their children meet with such a fate. Signed: Mr. and Mrs. **T E Jackson**.

(Note: In obit, name was given as 'Nona Jackson'. Cannot verify, both articles are copied as written.)

Our friend Mr. **Bixby**, editor of the Assumption News, was married last week at Hastings, Nebraska. Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. **Bixby** – we extend sincere congratulations.

One day last week, **Frank Mitchell** of Blue Mound, was the happy recipient of a pleasant surprise by his friends and neighbors, the occasion being his birthday. A very handsome rocking chair is now added to his comfortable home, presented on that occasion.

Allen Avery and wife of Prairie Home attended the funeral of Mrs. **Lincoln Steel** at Macon on Saturday.

Wednesday, 2 February 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Malfatte** have a new girl who arrived on 26 January 1898.

A J Syfert and wife have a new boy, born 28 January 1898.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Klap** of Obed, 31 January 1898, a boy.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss **Sarah Gorden**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Gorden** to Mr. **Charles E Moore**, at the residence of the bride's parents, west, in Christian County, Wednesday evening, 9 February 1898.

James A Dunn, a farmer living about three miles southeast of this city, died at 2 o'clock AM last Wednesday morning, of neuralgia of the heart. His death was quite sudden and wholly unexpected. He came to town only the day before he was taken sick and seemed to be in the best of health. Mr. **Dunn** was stricken Monday evening about five o'clock while performing his ordinary chores. He came to this County about a year ago and was well-known to many residents in this vicinity. The remains were taken to Decatur, Thursday morning on the 10:49 train, where the funeral took place in the Catholic Church at 11:30 o'clock, AM. The interment was in the Catholic Cemetery at that place.

Thursday, 27 January 1898, being the thirty-eighth birthday of our esteemed friend, **Emanuel Stombaugh**, the occasion was happily observed by giving him a genuine surprise in the way of a big dinner, in which a number of his friends and neighbors joyously participated. **Emanuel** was also the recipient of a very handsome rocking chair commemorative of the occasion.

Grandma Ballenger, at Johnstown, Cumberland County, aged 100 years, 7 months and 28 days, died after a short illness. She had 100 grandchildren, 70 great grand-children and about 40 great-great grandchildren. She was a member of the Baptist Church for 80 years. Up to within a few days of her death, she did needlework to keep her mind employed, she said, and loved to talk of olden times. When the final summons came, she sank quietly to sleep. She was buried in the old Bethel Churchyard about four miles north of Lerna, by the side of her husband with whom she lived for 80 years.

At Lincoln, **Peter Martinie**, one of the oldest settlers in the County died from paralysis.

William G. VanDyke, for many years a prominent miller of Eureka, died at age 70 years.

D R McAllister died. He was reported to be the oldest pioneer of Coles County. He was born in Alabama in 1815 and was taken to Illinois when about 10 years of age. He lived on his farm in Morgan township for over 60 years. A respected man.

T S Ramsey died in Washington, DC. He was the father of **Rufus N Ramsay** (*as spelled*), late treasurer of the State of Illinois. He was 91 years old and until a few years ago, made Carlyle his home.

Mrs. **Maurice Breen**, a pioneer of Woodford County, at Minonk, aged 65 years of age, died.

D C McCord, aged 70 years, died. He was a resident of Vandalia for 30 years.

George T Adams, aged 63, died at Ullin, Pulaski County. He was widely known as a mill man.

Mrs. **C W Florence** aged 60 years, died at Pana.

Joseph Murray, a leading business man of LeRoy died recently.

Frank Britner, a well-known farmer of DeWitt County, died suddenly of apoplexy in Clinton.

Joseph Monroe, an old and prominent citizen of Bloomington, died at 78 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Watkins** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Petersburg. About 200 invitations were issued, and, notwithstanding the almost impassable roads and inclement weather, the number present was large. Mr. **Watkins** is one of Menard's wealthiest and widely-known citizens and is also known in this and adjoining states as a successful breeder of fast running horses.

Wilson Smith, aged 18 years, committed suicide at Bloomington, being found dead in a bedroom at his home, hanging by a strap. He was the son of **Matt C Smith**, ex-city treasurer and at present an inspector of building and loan associations under the state auditor. No reason for the suicide is known.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Malfatti** on 26 January 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A J Syfert** on 28 January 1898, a boy.

Last Thursday being the thirty-second birthday of **Charlie Clark**, the annual family reunion was held at the home of his father, **W J Clark** in this city. As has been the usual custom for many years past, the family gathering occurs on each of his birthdays, and is looked forward to with much pleasure. A turkey roast to which all did ample justice, was enjoyed and the day spent in social conversation and merriment.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Klap** on Monday, 31 January 1898, a son, at Obed.

Died Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock of spinal meningitis, the seven month old child of **Peter Bilyeu**, residing 5 ½ miles southwest of the city. The funeral services were conducted today at 12 o'clock at the residence. Rev **Spicer** will officiate at the services; the interment will take place in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

Miss **Hattie McCarthy**, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **David McCarthy**, living two miles north of Assumption, died early Monday morning of consumption. Mr. and Mrs. **McCarthy** were once residents of this city, having for some time, resided in the **John Snow** property in the north part of town, and they have many friends still in the area.

Wednesday, 9 February 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Daniel Meltzer died suddenly while seated at the breakfast table at his home in Shelbyville a few days since.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **O J Harvey** on 3 February 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Bilyeu**, 4 February 898, a boy.

Jesse Dagget and Miss **Isabella Whittaker** both of Macon, were married Monday at Decatur. The bride is a niece of Supt **A J Combs** of this city.

Born to **Pearl Klar** and wife of Obed on Thursday, 3 February 1898, a girl.

W V Greenwood aged 72 years, died Sunday night of Bright's disease. He enlisted 1 July 1862 in the 73rd Regiment of Illinois Infantry, served one year and was honorably discharged for physical disabilities. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn his departure.

(Loami news)

John Greaves went to Peoria on Wednesday to attend the funeral of his niece, Mrs. **John Harrington**.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of **Joel A Stanford**, a nephew of **E D Bacon** who formerly resided here, to **Miss Adelia Cox** of Crawfordsville, Indiana. The ceremony occurred on Sunday, 6 February 1898.

Mrs. Margaret Tolson received the sad information by telegram, Monday, that her niece, **Mrs. John Harrington**, who resides in St Louis, Missouri, was dead. She was here only a few months ago visiting her. **Mrs. Tolson** went to Peoria yesterday to attend the funeral to which city the remains were taken for burial.

This evening at six o'clock at the residence of the bride's parent, five miles southwest in Prairieton, **Miss Sarah A Gorden** and **Mr. Chas E Moore** will be united in the holy bonds of matrimony. **Elder A R Spicer** being the officiating clergyman. The attendants will be **Miss Lydia Gorden**, a sister of the bride and **Mr. James Adams**. The groom is a sturdy young farmer of Prairieton whose parents reside in Decatur. He has rented a farm west of town and with his lovely bride will at once go to housekeeping. The bride is a remarkably handsome young lady, who under the careful tuition of such excellent parents is, in every way, fitted to become an earnest, practical and helpful wife.

O J Harvey and wife have a new daughter born 3 February 1898.

Born to **Jacob Bilyeu** and wife on 4 February 1898, a boy.

Pearl Klar and wife of **Obed** have a new daughter, born 3 February 1898.

On 6 February 1898, **Joel A Stanford**, nephew of **E D Bacon** and **Adelia Cox** of Crawfordsville, Indiana, were married.

Wednesday, 16 February 1898 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Born to **Wm Moss** and wife on 12 February 1898, a girl.

Grant Eversole and wife of Yantisville have a boy born February 1898.

On 9 February 1898, **Sarah Gorden**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Thos Gorden** and **Charles E Moore** were married at the bride's parents home in Christian County.

Jesse Dagget and **Isabelle Whittaker** of Macon were married 7 February 1898. The bride is a niece **A J Combs** of this city.

At the home of **Mr. Frank Mitchell** in Blue Mound on January 16th, 1898, it being his thirty-eighth anniversary, **Mrs. Mitchell** planned a most complete surprise for him when, on returning from his work about 8:30 o'clock to his astonishment, he found quite a number of his friends assembled there awaiting his return, and a long spread table with its moans could almost be heard beneath the turkey, ham, and tropical fruits, of which the guests partook of heartily. The evening was spent in social conversation and games until a very late hour when the company returned to their several homes, wishing **Mr. Mitchell** many happy birthdays.

Clarence Snell enjoyed quite a surprise Friday at noon in the way of a sumptuous repast spread by his parents, **Mr. and Mrs. Elias Snell** in honor of the occasion of his thirteenth birthday.

This evening at six o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, **Mr. and Mrs. W H Beck**, in Penn Township, their charming daughter, **Miss Grace Beck**, will be joined in the holy bonds of matrimony to **Mr. Wade Thompson**, the popular young son of **Mr. and Mrs. S H Thompson**, of Prairie Home. The wedding will be a very quiet home affair, invitations having been issued only to a few of the relatives and friends. The officiating clergyman will be **Rev Blunk** of Bethany and the attendants will be **Miss Hattie Beck**, a sister of the bride, and **Mr. Wm Thompson**. An elegant wedding supper will follow the

ceremony and tomorrow the newly married couple will be tendered a joyous reception by the groom's parents. Mr. and Mrs. **Wade Thompson** will reside on the farm of the groom's father, **S H Thompson**.

Last evening at the First U B Church parsonage in Obed, was solemnized the marriage of **Oliver Standley** and Miss **Pearl Cox**, two of Pickaway's most popular young people in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. Rev **Klapp** officiated and at the conclusion of the ceremony, the young couple were the recipients of numerous congratulations. The groom is the son of **Philip Standley** and a young man of most excellent character. Mr. and Mrs. **Standley** will give a sumptuous wedding supper tonight in honor of the occasion. The bride is the daughter of the **Widow Cox**, southeast and is a most estimable young lady whose friends are numbered by the score in the northwest Shelby. She is the possessor of a nice farm, which her hustling young husband will look after this year.

Invitations were issued Thursday to the marriage of Miss **Pauline Johnson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Milton Johnson**, and **Reginald C Augustine**. The marriage will take place at the home of the parents of the bride at 1769 North Water Street on Thursday evening, 24 February 1898 at 8 o'clock PM. Rev **Frost Craft**, pastor of the First M E Church, will perform the ceremony. (*Decatur Republican*). Dr **Augustine** is the affable young optician who during his professional visits to Moweaqua has made many friends here.

Uncle **Thomas G Holland** for 60 years a resident of Jefferson County, died at the age of 86 years.

Grandma Childress, relict of the late Rev **H T Childress** died at Medora at the age of 83 years.

Mrs. **Lillie Ledlie**, one of the early pioneer settlers of near Assumption, and a large land owner, died.

Thomas W Hallock, a pioneer of Coles County, died recently in that County.

B F Bevis, aged 64 years, in the hotel business at McLeansboro died. He was a Union veteran.

C H Wood, reputed to be the wealthiest man in Adams County died at Ellington, aged 55 years.

Wm Stevenson, a pioneer of Adrian, Hancock County, died at age 66 years.

James J George, aged 85 years, a Hancock County pioneer died at Carthage.

Daniel P Woodman, one of the first settlers of Litchfield, died at age 63 years.

Edward Laughton, a pioneer of Bureau County, died at Princeton. He was a member of the board of supervisors for many years and leaves a large estate.

A novel marriage was performed in a buggy just across the Douglas County line from Coles. **Per Reynolds** had secured a marriage license in Douglas County to marry Miss **Veach**, who lived just across the line in Coles County, near Humboldt, six miles south. The guests had arrived and the preacher was about to marry the couple when he noticed that the license had been issued in another County. The minister suggested a drive across the line, which was done, and in a buggy on a public highway, the nuptial knot was tied and the party returned to receive congratulations of the friends who had remained behind during the queer proceedings.

Alexander W Bothwell from 1862 to 1894, a resident of Illinois, died of paralysis of the brain at Excelsior, Minnesota. He was a member of the Illinois legislature in 1869 and 1870. He devoted the greater part of his life to stock raising.

W H Shrigley, a brakeman on a St Louis, Peoria, and Northern railroad construction train, set a brake at Pekin, the chain broke, and he fell under the wheels and was killed. He resided at Springfield.

Near Hidalgo, Jasper County, **Herman Boggs** was fatally shot while hunting and a nine year old deaf and dumb son of **Robert Kibler** was burned to death, his clothes catching from burning brush.

The governor has offered \$100 for the arrest of **Annie Colton**, alleged murderess of **Michael Colton** at Bloomington in May 1897.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Moss** on 12 February 1898, a girl.

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents near Macon occurs the marriage of Miss **Sarah Combs**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J J Combs** and sister of **A J Combs** to Mr. **Robert G Patterson**. The contracting parties are well-known and have numerous friends here.

A son was born in Yantisville to **Grant Eversole** and wife last week.

Mr. **Oliver Standley** and Miss **Pearl Cox** were united in hold wedlock Tuesday evening at the new parsonage. Rev **O E Klapp** officiated. (Obed news).

The sad report comes that Mrs. **Wm Bowersock** of Prairieton township is in a critical condition due to a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. **Bowersock** was formerly Miss **Mamie DeBarr** of this city and Buckeye Prairie, and both she and her husband have many friends here. Handsome twins recently blessed the **Bowersock** home. (*Taylorville Courier*).

Wednesday, 23 February 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Jarvis**, in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, their amiable daughter, Miss **Cornelia Jarvis**, will be united in marriage to **Wm H Snell**, of Blue Mound. The ceremony will be performed by Rev **Jo. B Rogers** of the Baptist Church. Mr. and Mrs. **Snell** will make their home in Blue Mound where the groom has provided a pretty house for the reception of his bride. Miss **Jarvis** has been for years an unceasing and indefatigable worker in the Baptist Sunday School. The groom, a former Moweaqua boy, is now a successful young business man of the Mound with the degree of push and enterprise, that bespeaks for him, success in life.

Sunday afternoon about five o'clock at the residence of **Jo. B Rogers**, in the presence of a few neighbors, the reverend gentleman united in holy bonds of matrimony, Commissioner **H A Pratt** and Mrs. **Edward Bilyeu**. Mr. and Mrs. **Pratt** at once drove to the family residence just south of town where they will remain until about the first of the month, then they will remove to town and occupy the **John Corrington** property. Mr. **Pratt** is an old and highly esteemed citizen of this community and holds the highest personal regard of everyone. His wife has the name of being a most excellent and worthy lady.

This Wednesday at high noon, at the residence of **J W Gordon**, near Blue Mound, **John W Lawrence** and Miss **Mary Zeigler** were married. The groom is the son of **A B Lawrence**.

Mrs. **Patrick English**, an old and well-known resident of Shelby County passed away at about 9 o'clock Thursday morning at her home seven miles southeast of the city. She had been gradually failing in health for the last few years, and last Monday, she was taken with a paralytic stroke, her tongue and entire right side being paralyzed. She was conscious up to the time of her death and peacefully passed from this life in the presence of her husband

and four children. Mrs. **English** was seventy-four years old and had resided in this County for nearly thirty years. The funeral took place on Saturday at Assumption and the interment was in the Catholic Cemetery.

B S Brooks and Miss **Maude E Peck** were united in marriage on Tuesday evening, 15 February 1898, in Decatur, Illinois, at the residence in which they will make their home, 927 West Cerro Gordo Street. The ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock by Rev **Frost Craft** in the presence of a few relatives, including **Miles Peck** and family, **Lang Peck, J M Huff** and family, Miss **Olive Brown** and **Cliff Winchell**. Mr. **Brooks** is the architect for the Huff Lumber Company and is a talented young man with a good position and a promising future. His bride is a sister of Mrs. **J M Huff** with whom she made her home, and is a pleasing young lady with many friends. (*Decatur Review* of 16 February 1898) **Bart** is a former popular Moweaqua boy, a brother of Mrs. **J G Stewart**, and his many friends here will be pleased to learn that he has forsaken bachelorhood and become a benedict.

Thursday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock PM, at the M E Church of this city, services will be held in memory of **Francis E Willard**, late president of the National W. C. T. U.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A W Perry** on 17 February 1898, a girl.

Mrs. **Henry Knowles** went up to Macon on Thursday to attend the funeral of one of her old friends, Mrs. **Wm Beans**, which took place in the Presbyterian Church in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. **Corrington** (newly wedded) and the former's sister, Miss **Edna**, of Radford, visited at **W A Arnold's** last week in Allenboro.

Mrs. **Patrick English** died at her home last Thursday morning at 9 o'clock PM and was buried in Assumption at the Catholic Cemetery Saturday morning. She leaves to mourn her loss, an aged husband and three daughters, Mrs. **Maggie Osborn**, Mrs. **Mollie Jacobs** and Mrs. **Katie Grover** and one granddaughter, and a host of friends and neighbors (Fame news)

A J Meyerpeter and Mrs. **Lou Livingston** are to be married today in Taylorville.

Newton A Trabue and **Rosannah Rittenhouse**, both of Lovington, were married recently.

The combined ages of the parties number 150 years, the groom being 82 and the is aged 68 years. The groom applied for the license in person. He is a well preserved old gentleman and apparently as strong as most men are at 60 years of age. (*Decatur Review*).

Thursday at 7 o'clock PM at the home of the bride's parents, **W A Clawson**, of near Assumption, **Buenola Corrington**, of Prairieton township, wed Miss **Gertrude Clawson**. The prospective groom is a young farmer living in Prairieton township and is possessed of those qualities which are essential to a prosperous and respected man. The bride is a beautiful young lady and a leader in the social circle in which she resides. (*Taylorville Courier*).

On Wednesday evening, 16 February, at 6 o'clock, Mr. **Wade Thompson**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **S H Thompson**, and Miss **Grace Beck**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W M Beck**, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. **Jos Beck's**. Rev **A G Blunk** pronouncing the words which made them man and wife. The couple were attended by Mr. **Wm Thompson**, a cousin of the groom and Miss **Hattie Beck**, a sister of the bride. After the ceremony, the wedding party marched into the dining room where a table was bounteously spread with the accessories and luxuries of life, of which all partook not sparingly. Among those witnessing the marriage were Mr. and Mrs. **Jos Beck**, Mr. and Mrs. **W M Beck**, Mr. and Mrs. **S H Thompson**, Rev and Mrs. **Paisley**, Mr. and Mrs. **Geo**

Cloose and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Wes Coffman** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **R C Beck** and family, Misses **Hattie** and **Zetta Beck**, **Nellie** and **Stella Thompson**, **Mary Wempen**, Messrs **Edgar Beck**, **Will, Gardner** and **Lloyd Thompson**, **Edward Gregory** and **Will Wempen**.

Thursday, 17 February 1898, Mr. and Mrs. **Wade Thompson** were tendered a reception at the home of the groom and enjoyed a splendid dinner spread by the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **S H Thompson**. This was the conclusion of the whole affair which was altogether a happy occasion. The groom will farm his father's land the coming year.

Wednesday, 2 March 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Wednesday evening of last week, at the home of the bride, in Bethany, **G Mac Hammil** and Miss **Rose Thomas** were united in marriage, Rev **Blunk** of that village, officiating. The Bethany correspondent of the *Sullivan Progress* has this to say relative to the wedding. "The ceremony was performed in the presence of about twenty of the friends and relatives of the contracting parties. After felicitations were extended, a dainty collation was served. The bride has many friends here who wish her happiness and prosperity. Although the groom is not known to many of our people, he has the reputation of being a worthy young man. They will make their home on a farm near Dalton City."

Married at the Evangelical parsonage at Fame by Rev **W Underkoffler**, Thursday evening, 24 February 1898, Mr. **Edward Bickner** of Flat Branch and Miss **Nellie Andrix** of Pickaway township. They will make their home in Thompson County, Nebraska.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Everett Russell**, 25 February 1898, a girl.

A beautiful wedding took place in Decatur Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Dr **R C Augustine** and Miss **Pauline Johnson** being the contracting parties. The ceremony was pronounced by Rev **Frost Craft**, pastor of the first M E Church. Miss **Emily Hamsher** was the organist. Miss **Johnson** is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Milton Johnson** and has always been much loved for her beauty of character among her large circle of friends. She is prominently connected with the work in the First M E Church and the Church societies. Mr. **Augustine** is equally prominent in the work of the Church and is identified with all the leading movements in the Church societies. He is superintendent of the Sunday school of the Wesley chapel.

Daisy Wise entertained a number of her schoolmates at her home last Saturday, it being her eighth birthday. (Prairie Home)

Wm Zickafoose of Prairie Home is smiling over the advent of a little girl at his house. She came on the 25th of February 1898 and weighed 27 pounds. (Note: This is what the article stated, although 27 pounds does seem a bit in excess of the normal weight of a newborn).

Edward Bickner and Miss **Nellie Andrix** were united in marriage at the parsonage by Rev **W Underkoffler**, Thursday evening at 5 o'clock. (Fame news)

On last Tuesday evening at the residence of **Samuel Abrams** in East Obed, occurred the marriage of his only daughter, Miss **Della Abrams** to Mr. **Wm Sloan**. At the same hour and place, Miss **Oma Hummel** and Mr. **Disberry Sloan** were made man and wife, Rev **O E Clapp** officiating. The former couple will reside with the bride's parents, where William will assist in tilling the soil. The latter left immediately for the southern part of the state where they will reside with Mr. Sloan's parents.

Ira Dean of Taylorville and **Mrs. Corbett**, son and daughter of Springfield, attended the **Lawrence-Ziegler** wedding on 23 February 1898.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Moore** (newly wedded) will go to housekeeping on the **Uncle Billy Sanders** farm this spring.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Jagers** died at Pleak on Monday morning at 5 o'clock AM. Our sympathies.

Ann Rogers, a resident of Decatur since 1853, died at the age of 90 years.

John Peter Paar, a prominent German at Warsaw, died at age 76 years.

Mrs. Nancy J Boring died at Salem. She was born in Marion County in 1839 and always resided in its borders.

Mrs. Mahala Bentley of Bloomington, has entered upon the second century of her life, and to all appearances bids fair to add a score of years to her earthly career. She was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, and has lived in Bloomington, Illinois, since 1864 with her son, **Pres Bentley**, now aged 80 years, who for decades, has been celebrated throughout central Illinois as a hunter and fisherman. Mrs. Bentley weighs but 65 pounds but is as active as most women at 60 years of age. She is in excellent health and eats three good meals a day. She cares for her room, makes the bed, helps in the care of the house, and is very sociable in making calls on the neighbors. She occasionally goes alone on the cars to Lexington, 20 miles, to visit a daughter. Her sight is perfect, but she is very deaf. Her mother was with **Daniel Boone** at the siege of Boonesboro, and her mother's sister was the first white child born in Kentucky. If she lives until 1 January 1901, she will have lived in three centuries, the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth.

Little **Maud Jagers**, the two year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Jagers**, living six miles southeast of this city, died on Monday morning. The funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning at the residence and the interment took place in Long Grove Cemetery.

Mrs. Jane Willey and **Thomas James** of Chicago were married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **James Wilson** in Chicago yesterday. Mrs. **Willey** is well-known here, having numerous acquaintances and friends whom she frequently visited in Moweauqua.

At the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. **J M Gorden**, four miles southeast of Blue Mound, on Wednesday, 23 February 1898, at high noon, occurred the marriage of Miss **Mary A Ziegler** to **J H Lawrence**. Promptly at twelve o'clock, Prof. **Rarick** began playing the beautiful and appropriate march which had been prepared for that occasion. The two little ribbon bearers, nieces of the bride, led the way, followed by the attendants, **James Adams** and Miss **Mary Lawrence**, a sister of the groom, followed by the bride and groom, where Rev **W L Enneffer**, pastor of the Christian Church of Blue Mound, pronounced the words which made them husband and wife. After the ceremony, the wedding party marched into the dining room where a table was bounteously spread with the necessities and luxuries of life to which all did ample justice. The bride is the youngest and last daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Ziegler** and is a remarkably charming young lady who is, in every way, fitted to become a practical and helpful wife and will be greatly missed in her home. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence** and is a sober, industrious young man with that degree of push and enterprise that bespeaks for him, success in life. He has built a cozy little cottage five miles southwest of Moweauqua and with his lovely bride, will go to housekeeping as soon as completed. On Thursday,

24 February 1898, Mr. and Mrs. **J H Lawrence** were tendered a reception at the home of the groom and enjoyed a splendid dinner spread by the groom's parents. (*List of attendees, not copied here*).

One day last week, **John** and **Conrad Winchel** were called suddenly to Indiana by a telegram announcing the death of their mother who was a highly esteemed resident of Tobinsport. Mrs. **Winchel** was seventy-seven years old at the time of her death. The funeral took place on Saturday morning at her residence. The boys returned home yesterday.

Wednesday, 9 March 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On Monday, 7 March 1898, our esteemed fellow citizen, **Henry F Day**, passed his 63rd milestone in life's journey. Surrounded by his family and a few of his grandchildren, he celebrated the event the day before by enjoying the luxuries of a turkey dinner. A number of useful and valuable presents were presented to him, among them being an elegant arm chair.

Mrs. **Wilson Reeder**, aged 70 years, and a paralytic, was left alone in her home at Shelbyville for a little while on Friday. When her sister, who attends to her, returned, she found her lying on the floor, every stitch burned off her and gasping her last breath. The unfortunate woman had dropped fire from her pipe and had accidentally set fire to herself.

F J Philbrook, aged 70 years, died at his home in Normal. He was a veteran of the Civil War and spent nearly two years in Libby, Andersonville, and Belle Isle prisons.

Mrs. **Eliza Reber**, an old settler of Shelby County, died.

Mrs. **Cynthia Ann Winters**, wife of Col **J C Winters** of White Hall, aged 85 years of age died. She had been married for 60 years.

Anthony C Baptist, died at Jacksonville, age 82 years of age. He leaves 36 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Henry Idler, owner of the largest fruit farm in Bond County, died at 66 years of age.

Joseph Murphy, of Bloomington, died from pneumonia at 77 years of age. He was an old, prominent and wealthy citizen of the County and was born in York, Pennsylvania.

John Boner, a wealthy retired citizen of Rockford, sold a piece of property for \$7,000, but his wife declined to sign the deed. He became angry and said he would kill himself if she persisted in refusal. She would not yield. Late that night, he went to the barn and blew his brains out with a revolver. He was one of the best known Germans in town and leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. and Mrs. **Madison Winn** celebrated their golden wedding at Kewanee. The spinning wheel with which the cloth used during the first years of their married life was made was displayed. They are now among the wealthy citizens of Stark County.

W A Fay, a prominent businessman of Rockford, while out hunting rabbits, accidentally shot and instantly killed his nephew, **Robert Avery**, aged 16 years, the charge nearly tearing his head off.

The twelve-year-old son of **James Boston**, living ten miles north of Litchfield, was kicked by a horse while trying to harness it, and the lad died in a few hours.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner** on 3 March 1898, a son.

M E Snyder presented his daughter, **Lizzie Snyder**, with a handsome gold watch for her birthday.

Ewing McKeefer and **Maggie Sallee** were married at the home of **Robt McNeil** on Tuesday evening, 1 March 1898. Rev **Blunk** of Bethany tied the nuptial knot. Only a few of the friends were present.

Last Wednesday being the 58th birthday of Mrs. **W S Aubert**, mother-in-law of **James Beard** of this city, a complete surprise was prepared by a large number of relatives and friends and successfully carried out at her home in Decatur. She was sent to Lovington to visit friends and on her return, found the home filled with guests, and a six o'clock dinner was duly participated in and enjoyed by all. She received many elegant presents, number of handsome doilies, also a box of roses sent from Crowley, Louisiana. Those present from here were Mr. and Mrs. **James Beard** and Mrs. **Scott Gregory**.

Mrs. **Sarah Ruffner** has died this morning at 9 o'clock AM. She was 82 years old. Surrounded by her loved ones, death came silently, sweetly, painlessly. As we go to press, the hour for the funeral has not been set.

After a lingering illness of over a year, **Henry Bunning**, a widely known farmer living about 5 ½ miles northeast of town, passed away about 3:30 o'clock PM last Tuesday afternoon of dropsy. He had been confined to his bed most of the time and patiently endured much suffering until the end came. A wife and six children – three boys and three girls – are left to mourn the death of their loved one. Funeral services were conducted from the residence at 11:30 o'clock AM on Thursday, at which Rev **E J Durham** rendered a few very impressive remarks. The burial took place in Long Grove Cemetery. Mr. **Bunning** was over 50 years of age and had resided in this vicinity for a number of years. **Henry Bunning** was born 4 September 1847 at Holstein, Germany, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, 1 March 1898, aged 50 years, 3 months, 27 days. He united with the Lutheran Church when 15 years of age. He came to the United States and settled near Bunker Hill, Illinois. He moved to Shelby County in February 1873 and moved to the place of his late residence on 1 March of the same year. He was united in marriage with **Martha Bolen** on 27 April 1874. He is survived by his wife, six children, two grandchildren, an aged mother, three brothers and one sister.

Wm Snell, the genial proprietor of the Blue Mound Tile and Brick Works was down town several times last Thursday and visited the usual haunts of his friends and companions and to all appearances was just the same **Billy Snell** as usual. His companions didn't dream of the fact that he had ceased to be a bachelor, though some of them had decided in their own minds that the time was not far distant when he would make a change. But the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* arrived on the evening train, and the *Leader* devil, in glancing over its columns came across the startling intelligence that **Wm Snell** and Miss **Cornelia Jarvis** had been married in the afternoon of the day before at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Jarvis**, in that city. The news soon spread, and it was decided that a genuine old-fashioned charivari was the proper thing and that Billy deserved a good one, with all the latest improvements. About 8 o'clock the music began, and only ceased when **Billy** appeared on the scene with a box of cigars and a happy smile, and treated all the boys all around to a first-class smoke. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Harry L Nordyke and Miss **Dolly Campbell**, both of Assumption, were united in marriage at eight o'clock Wednesday evening at the bride's home by Rev **J A Stout**, pastor of the M E Church of Assumption.

Samuel Tolly and Miss **Anna Bryson** were married at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday, 2 March 1898, in the presence of about forty-five friends and relatives by

Esquire **McCarty**. After congratulations, all partook of a sumptuous dinner, and Thursday, a reception was given them at the groom's parents. (Flat Branch news).

Born to **Stephen Jagers** and wife of Flat Branch on 3 March 1898, a son.

Ewing McKeefer and **Maggie Sallee** were married last Tuesday evening at the residence of **Robt. McNeal**. They will go to housekeeping and farming, he having rented Mr. **Stables'** farm near Prairie Home.

The many friends of **Frank Middleton** formerly of Wiley, but now of Vonn, are glad to hear of his marriage with **Mertie Clawson** of Assumption.

Stephen Jagers' child was buried in Long Grove Cemetery last Tuesday. (Allenboro news)

Wednesday, 16 March 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died at her home in Amboy, Illinois, on Wednesday morning, 9 March 1898, Mrs. **C A Maine**, aged 68 years and 2 months. The deceased was the beloved mother of agent **Frank Bartlette** of this city, and had been ill many months with cancer of the stomach. Mr. **Bartlette** and family left Thursday night to attend the funeral which occurred Friday from the Congregational Church, the interment being in the Amboy Cemetery. Mr. **Bartlette** and family have the warmest sympathy of this community.

As was briefly announced in the last issue of the *Call-Mail*, at about 9 o'clock Wednesday morning at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. **Josiah Berry**, in the presence of her loved ones, Mrs. **Sarah Ruffner**, passed quietly and painlessly from life into eternity. She was truly a venerable and beloved Mother in Israel, being eighty-three years of age at the time of her death, which came after an illness of many months, resulting from a complication of internal troubles combined with old age. At an early hour Friday morning, brief funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. **Berry**. Rev **Rogers** of the Baptist Church held a brief service beside the casket and the little funeral procession then wended its way through rain and mud to Todd's Point Cemetery where the remains were interred. Messrs **M Snyder, Jr., Sam'l Miller, J E Gregory, Wm Whitworth, J H Kirker** and **John Clark** were the pall-bearers. **Sarah Ruffner**, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. **L A Berry**, at Moweaqua, Illinois, departed from all earthly cares to a peaceful rest, 9 March 1898, aged 82 years. Mrs. **Ruffner** was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, the daughter of **Jonas** and **Mary Ann Friend**, on 18 December 1815. She was united in marriage with **Noah Ruffner** on 18 April 1841, to which this union were born, Mrs. **Lou A Berry** of Moweaqua, and **David F Ruffner**, who died near Todd's Point on 6 February 1884. She was the mother of two children, three grand children, and two great grandchildren. Her husband was called to rest on 17 June 1844. Mrs. **Ruffner**, with her son and daughter emigrated from Ohio to Shelby County, Illinois, in the spring of 1869, residing the last decade in Moweaqua. Deceased had not united with any Church, but was a firm believer in the doctrine embraced by the Primitive Baptist Church and was highly entertained when listening to communicants relating their call from the iniquities of this world to a union and fellowship with the followers of a Blessed Redeemer. In her last sickness, she realized that her earthly pilgrimage was drawing to a close and expressed a desire to meet her Redeemers. She gave directions for her funeral and requested to be interred by the side of her son in Todd's Point Cemetery, which request was strictly fulfilled. The fullness of time had come; the crop was ripe; the harvest was gathered; the sheaf is laid in peaceful rest.

John A Pettingill of Bunker Hill, aged 80 years, died. He settled there in 1839 and opened up one of the first farms, then opened up a nursery. He was one of the organizers of the Bunker Hill Congregational Church.

William N Casey, one of the oldest residents of Centralia died at 87 years of age, also **Jacob A Kendall**, an old time resident.

Mrs. **Lydia Catherwood** of Taylorville, died at age 94 years. She was a native of Delaware and a resident of Christian County for 51 years.

Mrs. **Sarah Ruffner**, aged 83 years of age, died at Moweaqua and was laid to rest beside her son.

A peculiar reason for a divorce was given in the suit brought by Mrs. **Caroline O'Reilly**, wife of **Eugene O'Reilly**, a retired merchant of Chicago, worth upwards of half a million. Mrs. **O'Reilly** alleges that for 12 years her husband has not spoken a word to her, although living under the same roof. This she alleges is tantamount to desertion. In addition, she charges cruelty. Mr. **O'Reilly** has filed a cross-bill, alleging cruelty and voluntary desertion. Both are nearly 70 years of age and have been married for 35 years.

Charles H Childs, a real estate agent of Decatur, committed suicide at Decatur by shooting in the temple with a revolver. He leaves a widow and one child. Despondency is given as the cause.

Eli Young, farmer in the southern part of McDonough County, was found lying in the road in an unconscious condition. He died within a few minutes without becoming conscious.

While returning home from Olney, **William Cutshall**, an old soldier, fell from his wagon, became entangled in a log chain, and was dragged to his death.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Kitch** on 10 March 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Fortner** on 10 March 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Braden** on Sunday, 6 March 1898, a son.

Stephen Scribner and **Minda Hays** were united in the hold bonds of matrimony one day last week (Pleak news).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Goodwin**, 10 March 1898, a girl.

Last Friday, 11 March 1898, being the fortieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **Geo W Longenbaugh**, the children, with their husbands and wives, planned a surprise for them, but as these wise old people are always on the look out and had predicted that 'something was up', the surprise was deferred til Sunday. The children, with their families, except Mrs. **Rob't Hunter**, Phoenix, Arizona, and **A B Longenbaugh**, Crowley, Louisiana, gathered at the homestead to do honor and homage to the couple who had traveled happily through life's uneven journey for the time mentioned above. The old folks were completely surprised after all, as they had given up what they had suspicioned.

Mrs. Longenbaugh was brought into the room and seated in a pretty willow rocker, while George W was cornered up and a gold watch and chain put on him. He thought at first the boys were going to rob him, but when he saw what had been done, he felt as proud as a boy does of his first pair of pants. After spending the afternoon in social conversation, all returned to their homes wishing Mr. and Mrs. Longenbaugh many happy returns.

The infant child of **Douglas Traugher** passed from life unto death on Tuesday.

(Prairieton news)

Mrs. **Paul Smith**, sister to **Will Syfert**, died at her Missouri home on Thursday after a brief illness of congestion of the stomach. (Yantisville news)

Loami news: **H C Foster** received a telegram on Thursday announcing the death of his sister, Mrs. **Ella Rigg** at Colchester, Illinois.

Mrs. **George Keiser** went down to Assumption on Tuesday to witness the marriage of her brother-in-law, **L F Webb** to Miss **Belle Leach**, at high noon, at the residence of the bride's sister, Miss **Emma Leach**. Rev **Jesse Stout** performed the ceremony.

The many friends in Moweaqua of Uncle **Henry Day**, that fine old English gentleman, will regret to learn that he died at his home in Birmingham, England, the 25th of last month. A friend writes to Mrs. **H F Day** that he passed away quietly, in fact only ceased to breathe and was at rest. He was cremated at Woking on 2 March 1898. Thus passes into the mysterious world of eternal life and light, a noble and generous soul. His age exceeded four score years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D H Stombaugh** on 15 March 1898, a son.

Died on 12 March 1898, the infant child of **Everette Russel**, living northeast of town. Rev **E J Durham** conducted the funeral services which took place on Monday morning at the residence. The interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Wednesday, 23 March 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This evening at the residence of **Sam'l Miller** in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, Mrs. **Agnes Snyder** and Mr. **Henry Otta** will be united in marriage. The contracting parties are well and favorably known, and a host of friends will join in wishing them congratulations.

Judge **W L Hammer** had a wedding in his office at Decatur. The couple married was **William Tilley** of Prairieton township, Christian County, and Miss **Ida M Bilyeu** of Blue Mound.

Henry Bunning's will directs all debts and funeral expenses to be paid and bequeaths to the widow, **Martha Bunning**, all real and personal estate during her natural life if she does not marry. If she marries, then the executors are to convert all the property into cash and after paying expenses, the residue goes to the children of the deceased. If any child is deceased and leaves children, then those children shall collectively receive their parent's share. If the widow dies, the property is to be converted into cash and divided as above indicated in case of her marriage. **Henry Bunning** died recently. (*Shelbyville Democrat*) Thursday, 17 March 1898, at 1:10 PM, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. **John W Greaves**, of Bright's disease, Miss **Drusie C Ayars**, aged about 49 years, passed peacefully into the indefinite. She was a noble and lovable character and bore the highest esteem of all who knew here. Services conducted Saturday afternoon at the M E Church and despite the inclement weather, was largely attended. Rev **Durham** spoke of the twenty years confinement of the departed and the trials, sorrows and pains which come to all in this life. After the services, the funeral cortege proceeded to the Snyder Cemetery, southeast of the city, where interment took place. Pallbearers were **John Clark, Oscar Frazee, James Duncan, M Snyder, Jr., Wm Durham** and **J C Wilson**. **Drusie C Ayars** was born 9 July 1848 in Pike County, Illinois. She came with her parents to Moweaqua when about seven years of age. She was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church during a revival conducted by Rev **J Lindley** in January 1867. Since then she has ever been a faithful follower of Jesus Christ. For fully 20 years she has been one of the shut-ins, stricken with disease and almost a constant sufferer. Deprived of the means of peace, in the retirement of invalidism, she has communed with her Master and

kept herself in the love of God. The past winter was spent in Decatur in the care of a physician and so great was the change that she felt encouraged to believe she would soon be able to enjoy the privileges of the house of God. But how little we know. She came home and in a short week, she had exchanged the dying for the undying clime. Being taken worse last Sunday and feeling that it might be her last attack, she expressed her wish to be at rest. In the early afternoon of Thursday, her wish was granted and she fell asleep.

Card of Thanks: For all who helped and assisted the family in the time of their loss, we are greatly appreciative. *Signed:* **J W Greaves** and family; **W F Corrington** and family.

Lorenzo Wilcox, aged 61 years, died at Leroy. He was one of the five survivors of the warship 'Tecumseh', blown up at Mobile, Alabama, during the war.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goff, wife of **Murray Goff**, died at Petersburg, aged 56 years.

Asa Warren, an old settler, suddenly died at his home, ten miles west of Arcola, of apoplexy.

Joseph L Ball, a veteran of the late war, formerly a resident of Fairfield, died at his home in Carmi.

Mrs. Margaret Halle, of Galena, aged 75 years, died. She had lived in Galena since 1842.

Martin Whitehouse, a wealthy farmer south of Litchfield, died at age 43 years.

Mrs. Jane Garwood, aged 80 years, died in Augusta township, near Carthage, after 75 years of residence in that place.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fales celebrated their golden wedding at Kewanee. They were married in Henry County, and have not resided more than ten miles from the place at which the ceremony occurred in 1848 during all these years. They are wealthy.

While **Mrs. George W Harmon** was making maple sugar in a grove near her home, four miles from Astoria, her clothing caught fire, and she was so severely burned that she died.

Maggie Bandy, eight years old, daughter of **B P Bandy**, of Carterville, was run over and instantly killed by a yard engine. She was on her way home from school.

Relatives of **N K Slingloff**, deceased, failed at Bloomington, to break his will, which was made in favor of **Mabelie Bruner**, to whom he was engaged.

Samuel Watkins, aged 14 years, was accidentally fatally shot by a companion, **Henry Gibson**, while hunting near Oakford, Menard County, recently.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner**, 21 March 1898, a son.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Simon Primer**, 21 March 1898, a boy.

Messrs Wm and J D Coultas received a telegram last Thursday, stating that their father was lying low with pneumonia. They both took the evening train for Scott County. Later, on Saturday, the sad news reached here that he died on Friday morning and that their mother was also lying in a critical condition with lung fever and may not live. It is not known whether the boys reached their old home in time to see their father alive. He was 78 years of age.

Peak news: **Dan and Wm Coultas** were called to the bedside of their father in Scott County, who is not expected to live.

Yantisville news: We have been informed of the death of **Melvin Longenbaugh**, little son of **Mr. and Mrs. Brenton Longenbaugh** in Louisiana. Will some one tell us if the report is true.

The executors of the estate of **Edmond B Bilyeu** will have a public sale on the farm in Prairieton. Monday, 28 March 1898. All the personal property of the deceased will be sold.

Wednesday, 30 March 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Tuesday evening last, 22 March 1898, at five minutes past 8 o'clock PM, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Cross**, near Allenboro, **Frank Hays**, oldest son of **John Hays**, passed peacefully from life unto death in the twenty-first year of his life. The deceased was a fine young man who bore the respect and esteem of all who knew him. Interment took place at the Long Grove Cemetery on Thursday, 24 March 1898. The funeral will be preached at Long Grove School House, Sunday, 17 April 1898. **Frank Hays** was born on 21 July 1877 near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, where he spent most of his life. He died with brain fever after a short illness of three days at the age of 20 years, 8 months, and one day. He leaves a father, Mr. **John Hays**, a sister, Mrs. **Lulu Shelby** and a brother, **James Hays**, and a host of friends to mourn his loss. He united with the United Baptist Church near Oconee, Illinois, in the fall of 1896 of which he was a faithful member unto death. Friday evening the sad intelligence reached Moweaqua by telephone that Mrs. **Wm H Ragan**, wife of the mayor of Shelbyville and also the judge of the County court, had been found dead at her home in that city, the cause being assigned to heart failure. Following this message, came another to the effect that Mrs. **Ragan** had undoubtedly committed suicide as carbolic acid was found in her room. Later in the evening the body was given to friends and relatives to prepare for burial. Pinned in her clothing the following note was found: "*His wrongs are more than I can bear. God knows all. He shall be my judge, I do not fear to meet him. Farewell Maud and Eliza. He and she are my murderers. You know why this is. He and she are my murderers. May God deal justly with them. He need never raise another deadly weapon above my defenseless head.*" This is the last message of one now silent in death. It tells its own story, be it truth or falsehood. Saturday morning the jury reconvened, held a post mortem and examined the stomach and heart carefully. Evidences were found indicating that carbolic acid had been swallowed by the unfortunate woman. In her hand was found the picture of her children and on the dresser stood a tea cup with some carbolic acid in it. The body, however, showed no signs of struggle or agony always coming from this corrosive poison. After carefully considering all the facts, the coroner's inquest decided that the deceased had killed herself with suicidal intent by taking carbolic acid. For months gossip has been rampant in Shelbyville concerning the domestic relations alleged to have been existing in the family, the unhappy culmination of which resulted as above. Funeral services occurred from the family residence on Sunday. Mrs. **John Sheehan**, of Bloomington, aged 101 years died. She was in good health until a few days before her death. She was a native of County Kerry, Ireland, and came to America 41 years ago.

T W Evans died, he was well-known in New Douglas and was aged 62 years of age.

Joseph Pine aged 70 years, for 60 years a resident of Knox County and a prominent business man, suddenly of heart disease.

William Conklin aged 63 years, died. He was a merchant of Sullivan and Hillsboro.

Mrs. **Mary Ragan** died. She was the wife of Mayor **W H Ragan** of Shelbyville. She was found dead in bed by a neighbor.

Baxter Underwood, president of the First National Bank of Canton. He had been a resident of Canton since 1871.

Joseph Partridge Sr., President of the First National Bank of Effingham died. He owned three hotels in Effingham and was president of the Southern Illinois Telephone company.

The coroner's jury at Bloomington decided that **John Owens** of Shirley, met death by accident. He was found dead with a bullet hole in his forehead and a revolver with a discharged chamber lying on the floor. He was a farm hand, aged 21 years of age. Three celebrations in one – to commemorate the eighty-third anniversary of his birth, the fiftieth of his marriage and the forty-ninth of the birth of his first child, the golden wedding of **Amandee and Virginia Damas** was celebrated at Assumption.

Ernest Shallenburg, a prominent farmer northeast of Alton died. His wife became ill the next day and the next day, her death followed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Carroll** on 28 March 1898, a boy.

Frank Clark received by telegram, Friday, the sad intelligence that his brother, **Harry Clark**, had been instantly killed at Homestead, Pennsylvania, where he was working. The message did not state in what manner he was killed, but as he was in the carpenter business and had been working on high steel structures, it is supposed he met his death either by falling or was struck by some heavy timber. The deceased was well-known in this city, having resided west of town only last year. He has four uncles living in this vicinity, **Henry and Thomas Knowles, Bennet Bradley and J Q Reighley**. Frank left on the morning train to attend his brother's funeral.

Born to Mr. **James Carrol** and wife on Monday, 28 March 1898, a boy.

Henry Otta and Mrs. **Agnes Snyder** were quietly married at Moweaqua last Wednesday. They will be at home to their friends after 1 April 1898 on Mr. Otta's farm home near Allenboro.

Frank Hays died suddenly last Tuesday of brain fever. He had only been sick two days. His remains were buried at Long Grove.

Will McGinnis, aged 25 years, was drowned in Marrowbone Creek near Bethany Tuesday forenoon. He was well-known in Moweaqua. His body was recovered Wednesday night and the funeral was held on Thursday.

Wednesday, 6 April 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Gregory** on 4 April 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **August Zeitz**, on 3 April 1898, a boy.

This morning, Mr. **John Cairns** returned from Mystic, Iowa, bringing with him, a charming bride, formerly Miss **Mary Gibson**, a young lady of estimable character who at one time resided here.

Here is how our poor boy, **Harry W Clark** was taken away. He was employed with the Keystone Bridge Company at the steel works at Homestead, Pennsylvania, and was working at an elevation of about 35 feet from the ground, on the construction of the new open hearth furnace. He was putting a bolt in an eye beam when he called to his brother, **Wm J Clark**, who was on the first floor to throw a wrench up to him and the supposition is that he looked over to see if his brother was picking up the wrench when the traveler on the derrick came along, catching one half of his head against the upright beam, clipping it off instantly, and he immediately dropped, striking on one of the beams on the first floor and then rolled into the basement. Harry was a good boy, thoroughly honest and the tribute paid him at Homestead shows that he made friends wherever he went.

Mrs. **Dave Workman**, living three miles west of town, died Wednesday last after an illness of three months with malarial trouble. Since her return home from a trip through Missouri, she had been gradually failing in health, until blood poison set in not long ago.

which quickly brought an end to her suffering. The funeral services were conducted from the residence on Thursday at 10 o'clock and the interment took place in the Long Cemetery, west of the city.

Mrs. **James Cross** of Allenboro died on Thursday evening at six o'clock after a lingering illness of several years. Her remains were interred at Long Grove Cemetery. A funeral will be preached at a later date.

Tuesday evening, March 31, 1898, at 6 o'clock, Mrs. **Milia Cross**, wife of **James Cross** of Allenboro, passed quietly into immortality, aged 69 years, 4 months and 14 days. The funeral sermon will be preached at Pleak in the near future. Interment was at Long Grove Cemetery. Mrs. **Cross** was a most estimable lady, greatly beloved by all who knew her. Miss **Lulu Cole** and Mr. **Mitchell** were married at Harmony Church on Sunday evening. (Allenboro news).

Word reached this place last week that **Pete Portwood** was drowned in the Sangamon River at Decatur but it has never been confirmed. Is it so?

Wednesday, 13 April 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of many weeks, Mrs. **D H Pool** passed into immortality Saturday evening at twilight. She was a most estimable lady, a devoted wife, a gentle and loving mother, and a kind neighbor. The funeral services were held at the family residence Monday afternoon in the presence of a large number of sorrowing friends. Rev **E J Durham** officiated; interment in the Masonic Cemetery. **Jenetta Ann Sponsler** was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 4 November 1853, and fell asleep in Jesus at half past six in the evening on 9 April 1898, aged 44 years, 5 months and 5 days. She was married to **D H Pool** on 6 March 1881. To them were born six children, who with their father survive her. Three sisters and a brother are also living – Mrs. **Wm Daughtry**, Mrs. **F C Kitch** and Mrs. **C R Howell**, all of Moweaqua and **William Sponsler** of Niantic, Illinois. She was converted in early life and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her last thought was not of self but of the comfort of her little children and the expression of a desire that they, with their father, join her above.

The remains of Miss **Frances E Willard** were cremated Saturday at Graceland Cemetery, Chicago. Although little, if anything, had been said in advance as to cremation of the remains of the celebrated president of the W. C. T. U., it is stated that such a procedure was in accordance with her repeated expressed wishes.

While burning hedge and brush in the vicinity of his home near Assumption, **Eli Foster** fell dead very suddenly Friday morning. The cause said to be an attack of brain trouble. The deceased was a brother of **George Foster** of this city and resided here for many years. The coroner's jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the foregoing facts. Mr. Foster carried \$2,000 life insurance in the Home Forum, and three hours after being notified of his death, the company sent by telegraph, a \$100 for funeral expenses. His wife and four children survive him. The funeral services took place from the Baptist Church in Assumption Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Evans** have a new baby boy born 7 April 1898.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Wm Hawley** was called to Boston, Indiana, Tuesday by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. **Maymon**, which occurred on Monday. She was 80 years of age. Mrs. **Mary Carsell**, another daughter of Mrs. **Maymon**, also went.

Saturday being the seventy-first birthday of **Wm Hill**, his children with their families and his neighbors, gathered at his home in Obed to celebrate the event. A bountiful dinner and a general good time was the result. May Mr. Hill see many more such happy days.

Mrs. **McMillen** who has been sick with the typhoid pneumonia for the past ten days, died at the home of **R C Willey** of Willey on Friday night. She was buried in Taylorville Cemetery on Sunday.

The venerable **Thomas Coultas** died at home near Riggston Thursday night, 17 March 1898, of pneumonia. His wife is also very ill with the same dread complaint. Mr. Coultas was born in Yorkshire, England, on 18 January 1820, and came to this country when but 9 years of age and has resided here for almost 70 years. His wife's maiden name was **Green** and her home was near Naples. He leaves 8 children, who are all respectable citizens of the respective communities in which they live. The funeral of **Thomas Coultas** was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday morning at Riggston. A large concourse attended the services. Mr. **Coultas** united with the Church over a year ago. His illness lasted a little over a week. Just a few minutes before he died, he said to his son that he was full of love and joy, praise the Lord. He lived a very faithful, happy life. Six of his grandsons were pallbearers – **Ottie and Lee Coultas, Roy, Ted Herbert and Louis Butherford**. The only survivors of his father's family are his brother, **John Coultas**, and his sister, **Sarah Morrison** of Concord, Illinois. Thirty-eight grandchildren and one great grandchild survive him.

Jane Green Coultas, wife of the late **Thomas Coultas**, was born 20 July 1824 in Yorkshire, England. In 1830, she moved with her parents to this country. She was married to **Thomas Coultas** about 1843, the couple have been companions over 55 years. To this union were born ten children, three girls and seven boys. The children are **Maria, Sallie, Richard, William, Daniel, Roland, Charles, Ollie, Auson, and Lewis**. **Sallie and Roland** have preceded her to the home above. She confessed her Savior in January 1897. She was a kind mother, wife and neighbor. She bade farewell to earthly scenes on 21 March 1898, at 5 o'clock AM to join her dear husband and children. Services were conducted at the Riggston Church on Wednesday, 23 March 1898, at 10:00 o'clock, AM, Rev **Winterbottom** officiating. Her six grandsons acted as pall bearers. Thus the home tie is broken. Mother is at rest. Her departure has left many sad hearts. She has fought a good fight, she has finished her course, she has kept her faith. She said just before she died, I believe I hear Pa calling me. Her body was gently laid to rest beside her departed husband who had died a short time before. They lay in wait for the Savior at the Kincaid Cemetery. Goodbye father and mother, we will miss you. *Jacksonville Paper*
Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Pinkston** on 12 April 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 20 April 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday morning, **M L Buchen**, purchased a small phial of strychnine, and took it all in a single dose, throwing the phial in the engine fire box at his shop, and calmly set down in the east door to await the coming of death. The act was evidently premeditated for until the deadly poison began its work, the persons in the shop knew nothing of his intended deed. Every effort was made to save him, but he insisted on dying and said if he had thought the suffering would be so intense, he would have shot himself. To his boy, he confessed the deed, admonished him to take good care of his mother and little sister and within an hour he was dead. His suffering was spasmodic and at times terrible. **James**

Chase was in the shop with **Buchen** alone and told me he took poison and to send for his boys, saying, "My troubles are more than I can bear," staggered and fell. **George Spencer** spoke to **Buchen** and was told he was going to die. "I am not drunk this time, I am going to die", he said to his son, **Ed**, he did not want to be taken home – "Let me die here."

George stayed with him until he died. Another witness, **George M Keiser** stated, "Mr. **Buchen** came to my store at about 10:30 AM to buy strychnine, said he wanted it to kill rats; told him he would have to sign a death warrant for it... here is my record book of poison sales. Mr. **Buchen** signed receipt for 10 cents worth. That amount of strychnine would kill ten men."

J W Jones testified that at about 10:30 AM o'clock, **Pleas Fortner** told him that Mr. **Buchen** had taken poison. I went to the shop and his son said to him, "Pa, you are drunk, you had better get up and go home." Mr. **Buchen** said, "I can't, I'm stiff, I am dying. Look in the furnace." The empty bottle was found in the furnace. He told his son, **Ed** he couldn't stand his troubles. His son, **Ed Buchen** testified he was at home when **Chas Brown** came for him, and told him father had taken poison. I did not believe him and thought he was drunk, and he couldn't get up, he was stiff. He said he had taken poison and was going to die. He was drinking this morning and was intoxicated. I could tell by his talk and staggering that he was intoxicated. That is the reason we boys left the shop; he was very quarrelsome with everybody when intoxicated. I could tell by his talk and staggering that he was intoxicated. He had not been drinking at 7 AM and had not special family difficulty at home. The verdict of the jury inquiring into the death of **Martin L Buchen** was that he came to his death by strychnine poisoning and that it was administered at his own hand with suicidal intent. **Martin L Buchen** was ordinarily a quiet and inoffensive man, a most excellent mechanic and in connection with his two sons had built up a splendid business here. Services were held at the family residence at an early hour on Sunday morning and the remains were conveyed to O'Possum Point Church, southeast of Edinburg for interment, under the auspices of the Edinburg G. A. R. Post, of which he was a member. **Martin L Buchen** was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on 30 October 1839. He died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 15 April 1898, aged 58 years, 5 months and 15 days. He served one year and six months in the Civil War, was a Private in Co C, 79th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. He came to Illinois soon after the close of the War. He was married to **Francis Ann Langdon** on 30 August 1871. To this union five children, three of whom with his wife, survive him, **John L Buchen, Edgar L Buchen** and **Mabel May Buchen**.

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Thomas**, southeast, will occur the wedding of **William R Bridgman** and Miss **Clara Thomas**. The young people are among the best known and highly esteemed in that community, the groom being the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman**. The ceremony will be performed by Rev **F L Field**, pastor of the U B Church at Decatur.

John Hanson, aged 77 years, a highly esteemed citizen of Pana died. His wife, who was also 77, died the day previous. They were buried in the same grave.

Mrs. **Amanda Shiplor** died at Greenup at 92 years of age. She had been a resident of Cumberland County for 60 years.

Mrs. **Deborah A Gregory**, wife of Postmaster **James E Gregory**, passed from earth into eternity on Friday afternoon about two o'clock. Her death, while not unexpected, cast a shadow on this community. Services were held from the Baptist Church on Sunday

afternoon. Casketbearers were **Morton Gregory, Walter Gregory, John Thomas, Delmer Parks, Emery Marshall and Arthur Gregory.** Interment in Woodlawn, the new I. O. O. F. Cemetery, north of town. Mrs. **Debbie Parks Gregory** was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 22 August 1851, and died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 15 April 1898, aged 46 years, 7 months and 23 days. She was the daughter of **Henry and Rebecca Hyde Parks**, who were married in 1839, and was the eighth in a family of thirteen children, as follows: **Polly, William, Phoebe, Ansell and Samuel (twins), Sarah, Nancy, Debbie, Walter, Seth, Martha, Lydia, and Alice.** Of these are living Mesdames **Phoebe Marshall, Martha A Gregory, Lydia Gregory, Alice E Gregory, and M Walter Parks,** Moweaqua, Illinois, **William and Seth Parks,** Colby, Kansas, and Mrs. **Nancy Winchell,** Clarkson, Nebraska. **J E Gregory and Debbie Parks** were united in marriage by Elder **I H Hicks** at the bride's home in Perry County, Indiana, on 17 January 1869. A few days after their marriage, the young couple moved to the wild unimproved prairie, nine miles southeast of Moweaqua, Illinois, where the husband had already erected a humble home. By commendable industry and economy, they prospered and in 1882, moved to Moweaqua, which has ever since been their home. **Henry Samuel Parks,** son of **William Parks,** being left a motherless babe, was given by his father to his sister, **Debbie,** to be reared and with the exception of a short time, she had the care of rearing him from infancy to manhood, doing by him, a mother's part. She professed religion and united with the Deer Creek Baptist Church in her girlhood. After removing to this state, she and her husband united with the Little Flock Baptist Church and later with the Moweaqua Baptist Church of which she continued until the time of her death a most faithful and efficient member. Her life was an inspiration; her presence a benediction, as a wife, sister, neighbor and friend, she was all that these terms carry.

Dr **D D Barr** of Prairie Home expects to visit his parents near Cincinnati, Ohio, and attend their golden wedding anniversary festivities on the 27th of this month.

Mr. and Mrs. **A W Smart,** one mile east opened the doors of their spacious parlor on Saturday evening and held full sway until a late hour. It was the 21st birthday celebration of their son, **William,** who reached his 21st birthday on Sunday, 17 April 1898.

Mrs. **J S Crawford** and daughter **Helen** went to Decatur on Saturday to attend the funeral of **Wm Millspaugh,** a cousin of Mrs. **Crawford.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Dial,** a girl on 18 April 1898.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Seth Marshall** on 19 April 1898, a pair of fine twin boys.

Mrs. **Annie Lyons,** who for many years, was a resident of Moweaqua, but who for the past two years has been at her brother's home near Champaign, Illinois, in a very feeble state of health, died there last Saturday, 16 April 1898 at 5:30 o'clock, PM. The Doctor and Mrs. **Sparling,** together with **Jamie and Mabel,** were present at the time of Mrs. **Lyons'** death. She passed away very peacefully and painlessly. Services held from the residence of her brother, Rev Dr **Wm Murphy,** one half mile south of Champaign at 2:30 PM on Monday, 18 April 1898. She was laid to rest beside the body of her husband in the family lot at Mt Hope Cemetery, Champaign, Illinois.

Wednesday, 27 April 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr. and Mrs. **J P Granger** of Elliott, Illinois, celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding at their home near Elliott in Ford County. They are an aged and highly-respected couple.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas** on 23 April 1898, a little son.

Mrs. **Annie Lyons** was the daughter of **John** and **Mary Murphy**. She was born in Brockville, Canada, in 1826, and died at Champaign, Illinois, on 16 April 1898. In the year 1838, she, with her father's family moved to the vicinity of Rome, New York, where she resided for several years. She was educated in the Academy of Rose and in the Young Ladies' College of Hamilton, Ontario. In 1850 she was married to **James A Lyons**, a prominent merchant of Simcoe, Ontario. For more than 20 years their home in Simcoe was a center of attraction for Methodist ministers, and they were intimately acquainted with all of the older and more prominent ministers of the Canada Conference. In 1871, Mr. and Mrs. **Lyons** moved with their family to Cerro Gordo, Illinois. Here in 1873, Mr. **Lyons** died suddenly in the midst of a life of great usefulness. Mrs. **Lyons** never recovered from the shock of his sudden death. In 1875, she came to Moweaqua, and for nearly 20 years, she lived in our midst, a member of the family of her daughter, Mrs. Dr **W H Sparling**. For the past two years she has been an inmate of the home of her brother, Rev Dr **Wm Murphy** of Champaign, Illinois, from whence on Saturday evening, 16 April 1898, she passed peacefully away.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Thomas**, Wednesday evening, 20 April 1898, at 6:30 o'clock, Mr. **Wm Bridgman** and Miss **Clara Thomas** by Rev **C Field** of Decatur. The immediate relatives and a few friends were present. (*Article gives list of attendees; too lengthy to copy in this book*). The following evening a number of relatives and friends gathered at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** to be present at the reception of the newly wedded couple. They will move in the near future to Findlay to a home already prepared for them. (*List of attendees at this event also given*).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E W Smith** on 25 April 1898, a little girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Maris** on 26 April 1898, a girl.

Mrs. **Fisher**, wife of **O W Fisher**, the stockman of Flat Branch, died Monday in St Louis on the 18th inst. Mrs. **Fisher** was in St Louis visiting her daughter, Mrs. **Thos Boys**. The lady was 54 years old, married 31 years, and was the mother of eight children, seven daughters and one son. The funeral took place at Bethany on Wednesday afternoon. Rev **Wilkinson** of the Assumption Presbyterian Church officiated.

Wednesday, 4 May 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Last evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Jarvis**, in the presence of only a few immediate relatives, Miss **Ida M Jarvis** and **Fred C Thomas** were united in hold bonds of matrimony. Rev **Jos Thomas**, father of the groom was the officiating clergyman and at the conclusion of the ceremony, the young people were tendered a charming reception and supper by Mr. and Mrs. **Jarvis**. Today, the newly wedded couple were the guests of Rev and Mrs. **Thomas**. The groom is a practical straightforward manly young man with the energy and qualifications necessary to care for his lovely young bride. His first step in married life was in the right direction – that of preparing a pretty little home in which they at once went to housekeeping. The bride is an earnest and zealous worker in the Baptist Church and is a most estimable young lady who has the highest personal regard of all who know her.

C H Cooper, aged about a sixty, a well-known resident of Adams County, shot himself through the heart with an old Army musket that he carried during the Civil War. It is thought that his mind became unbalanced by protracted sickness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Kinney** on 27 April 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin** on 27 April 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Pontius** on 28 April 1898, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Moore** on 1 May 1898, a girl.

Jerry C Campbell of Prairieton and Mrs. **Lizzie Donaldson** of this city were married on Tuesday of last week in Decatur, Judge **Hammer** officiating. The contracting parties are well and favorably known. They will reside west of town. On their return to Moweauqua, they were tendered a reception by Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Hays**.

Alice Schueckel, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Schueckel** of Fame was christened Sunday morning by the presiding elder, Rev **Schneider**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin, Jr.** of Allenboro on Wednesday, 27 April 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Gibson** of Allenboro on Tuesday, 26 April 1898, a boy.

Wednesday, 11 May 1898 issue. *Moweauqua Call-Mail*:

Mrs. **Patrick Conefry** of Leroy, McLean County, aged 51 years, hanged herself in her home. Her mind was unbalanced by financial troubles.

The jury in the **Wenker** murder case on trial at Dixon, returned a verdict of guilty and a sentence of 25 years in the penitentiary. **Wenker** was tried for the murder of **Frederick Tolsted** on last Christmas afternoon.

The marriage of Miss **Ruby Davidson**, youngest daughter of Mrs. **S C Davidson** to **John Ragland** of Boonville, Missouri, occurred at Carthage, Missouri. Mr. Ragland is an officer in the Fifth regiment, Missouri National Guard. The wedding was to have taken place in June, but the war hastened the wedding plans. (*The war spoken of is the Cuban war*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Adams** on 10 May 1898, a son.

R S McGinnis died very suddenly Friday morning in the store of **W A Joy**. He was sitting near the stove talking with several of his friends when he arose apparently to get a drink of water and he fell forward in death, without a struggle, or word of warning. Funeral services were held Sunday morning in the Baptist Church, after which interment took place in Sulpher Springs Cemetery. (Loami news)

Miss **Alice O'Brien** of Tower Hill departed this life at her home on Thursday evening, 5 May 1898, at nine o'clock. She had been confined to her bed about two weeks with typhoid pneumonia. She was well-known in this vicinity having taught school for several years at Fame. She leaves to mourn her loss, an aged father and mother and two sisters, and friends without number. She had been a devoted Christian from her childhood, being a member of the Methodist Church for a number of years. Mr. **C L Ney** and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Ney's sister, Miss **Alice O'Brien** at Tower Hill, on Saturday, also Mr. and Mrs. **J M Sinnard** attended the services. (Fame news)

Miss **Alice O'Brien** died at her home in Tower Hill on Friday of lung trouble. She was well-known in this vicinity, having taught at the Fame school house, south of town for a number of terms. The funeral services were conducted on Sunday.

The sudden death of Mrs. **Delila Smock**, beloved wife of Rev **B Smock** has been caused by heart trouble. She was born in Pickaway township on 29 June 1838, and died at her home near Obed on 3 May 1898. On 30 October 1862, she was married to **B Smock**, formerly of Indiana, who is now a prominent Baptist minister. She leaves three children, **Albert** of Assumption, Mrs. **Sam Longenbaugh**, and **John Smock** who lived near her; two sisters, Mrs. **Jas Thomas** of this vicinity and Mrs. **J J Smock** of Iowa, also a brother, **L Casey** of Iowa and a host of other relatives and friends who cherish her memory. She was a faithful member of the Little Flock Baptist Church since the early part of the winter of 1858, at which time she was united with that body. Rev **E O Butler** of Assumption pastor of the Baptist Church of that place, preached the funeral services at Little Flock on Thursday, 5 May 1898, at 11 o'clock. The weather was intensely disagreeable, but the services were well attended.

Wednesday, 18 May 1898 issue, *Moweauqua Call-Mail*:

Thursday morning in the office of Judge **Hammer** of Decatur, Mr. **Noah Rittgars**, aged 62 years, the well-known merchant of Pleak, and Mrs. **Nancy Bilyeu**, aged 45 years of Moweauqua, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Rittgars** returned on Friday to take up their residence at Pleak.

Joseph Beck, an honored citizen of Prairie Home, who for thirty-four years, has continuously resided in Penn township, died at his residence Saturday morning, at the age of 78 years, 2 months and 17 days. He was born in Snidertown, Pennsylvania, in 1820. He was a kindly cordial and genial gentleman, a good neighbor, a sincere friend, and he bore the high esteem of all who knew him. He was a consistent member of the Prairie Home Presbyterian Church and served many years as superintendent of the Sunday School. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon from the Prairie Home Church with Rev **Paisley** officiating. The services were largely attended by sympathizing and sorrowing friends and neighbors. Mr. **Beck** leaves a wife and several children, all of whom were present at the funeral with one exception. The pallbearers were **R A Patton**, **Calvin Taggart**, **James Thompson**, **Ira T Baird**, **S T Millikin** and **Jacob Sanner**. Mrs. **Mary H Sprague** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **H S Matthews** in Alton. She was born in Exeter, Maine, in August 1815 and had been identified with numerous charitable and religious undertakings.

Intelligence has reached Alton of the death of **Robert Jackson**, a young man of 23 years who left in January to attend St Joseph's university at Niagara, where he was preparing for the priesthood. Death was due to heart failure.

John Foster, of Shirley, McLean County, aged 91 years. He was one of the wealthiest land owners in central Illinois. He was in robust health and able to transact his large business until just a few months ago.

Timothy H Young, aged 94 years, a wealthy citizen, died on the Oil City farm, in Parker township, Clark County. He was born in Dover, Stratford County, New Hampshire, the 19th of November 1805, and was a graduate of Bowdoin college. He located at Marshall in 1838, practiced law until elected to congress in 1849, serving until 1851. Two children survive him.

H H Grimmer of Co F, Fifth Illinois infantry, who took sick while in camp at Springfield was sent home to Quincy and died the other day.

Mr. and Mrs. **Lafayette Goodwin** have a new girl born 11 May 1898.

The sad intelligence was received here last week that Miss **Lucy Selders**, who formerly resided here, died at her home in Litchfield on Thursday morning of consumption. Her father was a harness maker at one time in the employ of **M H Miller** in this city. The deceased was a most excellent girl with a large circle of friends.

Death has removed from our midst in Prairie Home, one of our oldest citizens, **Jos Beck**. He died on Saturday morning at 7 o'clock. *Card of Thanks* was signed by Mrs. **Leah Beck** and children.

About twenty-five of Mrs. **Henry Arnold's** friends and relatives called upon her Friday night to remind her that it was her birthday. It was a surprise to the family, except their daughter, **Louella Arnold**, who arranged the program.

Wednesday, 25 May 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Elizabeth DeWeese** died at Bloomington at age 87 years. She was born in Kentucky and moved to Bloomington from Eureka, Illinois, some 40 years ago.

Hiram Buell, aged 92 years, one of the first settlers of DeKalb County, died.

Thomas J Maddux, aged 60, a lifelong resident of Clinton County and a Civil War veteran died.

Washington Hamilton and Mrs. **Cynthia Page** of Oconee, aged respectively 61 and 65, were married at Shelbyville. This is the second matrimonial venture for the groom and the sixth for the bride.

Mrs. **Delilah Smock**, wife of Rev **B Smock** and daughter of **John and Nancy Casey**, was called to home by the messenger of death. She was born in Pickaway township on 29 June 1838, and died at her home, near the home where she was born, on 3 May 1898, age at time of her death was 59 years, 10 months and 4 days. She was married to **B Smock** of Indiana on 30 October 1862. Five children were the fruits of this union, two of which preceded the mother to the spirit land. The surviving children being **Albert Smock**, **Lydia** (now Mrs. **Sam'l Longenbaugh**) and **John Smock**. She also leaves to mourn her demise, a loving husband, two sisters and one brother and innumerable friends. She was stricken by paralysis about 20 years ago, leaving her badly crippled, yet if able to attend the divine services, she was always present. The funeral rites were held at the Little Flock Church, conducted by Rev **E O Butler** of Assumption Baptist Church on 5 May 1898 at 11 AM. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ripley White**, 23 May 1898, a boy.

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of **James Clark** to Miss **Eva Daughtry**, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Daughtry**, west of town on Thursday evening, 2 June 1898.

Wednesday, 1 June 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday morning, about four o'clock, **Peter Bilyeu**, committed suicide at his home, west in Christian County, by shooting himself in the head with a 32-caliber revolver. No cause is assigned for the deed. At the hour named above, he arose as usual, and going into the kitchen, commenced to lay the fire. In a few moments, his wife heard the sharp report of a pistol, and rushing in, found Peter lying on the floor in a semi-conscious condition with blood oozing from his temple. Death resulted within an hour. He spoke never a word from the moment the shot was fired until the end came. Why he committed the fearful deed appears a mystery. His near relatives say that he was in no trouble, either financial or domestic. He was a good and honest man and bore the high esteem of all who knew him.

It is said that at time he grew slightly despondent, brooding over the loss of a sweet little child that died last fall. The deceased was the son of **J S Bilyeu** and was about 35 years of age. He leaves a wife and two children. The funeral services were held on Friday morning from the family residence, **Rev E J Durham** officiating. Interment in the Bilyeu Cemetery, west of town.

Mrs. **F Gray** and daughter, **Neta Gray**, Mrs. **B E Waddle** and son, **Bert Waddle**, attended the funeral of Mrs. **Charles Long** near Spring Creek on Thursday last. (Willey news)

Last Wednesday night at 1 o'clock occurred the death of **Roy Ralph Cox**, only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Cox**. The little boy was but one year, 3 months and 3 days old. He suffered intensely with spinal disease. Services held from the First U B Church of Obed and were conducted by the pastor, after which the remains were followed by family and friends to the Locust Grove Cemetery. *Tho the bud has been transplanted to bloom in Heaven, it is a sad blow to bear.*

Mrs. **Mary Wheeler**, the oldest female resident in Macoupin County, near Carlinville, died. She was 95 years old and moved to Macoupin County in 1834 from Fleming County, Kentucky.

William Redman, aged 27 years, after three attempts, succeeded in eloping with **Alta Hayes**, aged 16, the daughter of a well-known resident of Kankakee. She jumped from the second story window after midnight.

Ed Hammerstrom, a blacksmith at Knoxville, Knox County, crazed by domestic troubles, drowned his child in a tub of water in his shop. He then shot himself in the abdomen and this proving not fatal, cut his throat. Both were dead when discovered. **Hammerstrom** and his wife, after separation, had been living together a short time.

The last will of Mrs. **Anna Lyons** of Moweaqua, aged 68 years, bequeaths lots 15 and 16 in block 18 in Moweaqua to her daughter, **Minnie Lyons-Sparling**; \$1,000 to be set aside for the purchase of a home for her son, **William Lyons**, and his family, the executor to expend the sum for that purpose; \$100 each for her grandchildren, **James Lyons Sparling** and **Mabel Lyons Sparling**, and her nieces, **Minnie L Murphy** and **Annie Murphy** for educational and other purposes. If there be any remainder of her estate it is to be divided equally between her two children, **William Murphy**, the deceased brother is named executor.

Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Jarvis**, in the presence of only a few immediate friends and relatives, Miss **Belle Jarvis** and Mr. **Charles Elliot** were united in marriage. **Rev Jo. B. Rogers** officiated. The young people are well-known and have many friends in Moweaqua who wish them unmeasured happiness. Miss Belle is the youngest and the last of the Jarvis Children. Mr. and Mrs. **Jarvis** having enjoyed the pleasure of seeing all of their children married and comfortably settled about them.

Wednesday, 8 June 1898 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L Dow Evans** on Saturday, 4 June 1898, a son.

After a painful illness of many months, Mrs. **Patrick Doud** died of cancer Monday evening at her home in the north part of town. She was about 65 years of age at the time of death and had been an honored and respected citizen of this community for many years.

Remains were taken to Macon today for services, and interment in the Catholic Cemetery.

A rumor comes to us that **James Ahl** and Miss **Laura Corrington** were married at LaPorte, Texas, one day last week and that they may be expected here on a visit at any time. While only a rumor, it bears every evidence of truth and whether true or not, a hearty and cordial welcome awaits them here at their old home, from a host of friends. Miss **Laura** is one of those good and noble characters that everyone admires and Jim, oh well, -- everybody knows whole-souled, genial **Jim**, whose heart if measured by its greatness and fullness, would cover a section of land. The gates of Moweaqua will be wide open to them.

Immediately after the wedding of **James W Clark** and Miss **Eva Daughtry**, Thursday evening, an account of which was published in last week's paper, Mr. and Mrs. **Clark** took the train at once for Shelbyville where they will reside. They are the recipients of many warm congratulations at the depot.

We are informed on unquestioned authority that **Wm Pound** and Miss **Sadie Bohlin** are to be united in marriage this evening. Rev **Jos Thomas** will officiate. Both are well-known young people.

Letter from **Selkirk Righley** to his Sister. San Francisco, California, 2 June 1898.

Dear Sister: I received your ever welcome letter this morning, and is useless to say I was glad to hear from you, but sorry that you had not gotten my letter for I wrote while I was in New Orleans, about a week ago. I have just been drilling and am tired. I hope that grandma will not worry about me for I am all right. I have plenty to eat and do not want for anything. The weather is very healthy here. In the morning there is not much breeze but is very cool and windy at night, and an overcoat would be very comfortable. There is a fog about 12 or 1 o'clock at night that is as heavy as a small shower would be there. I have seen some of the most beautiful scenery since I left home. I am only about a mile from the Golden Gate Bridge and I am going over on Sunday if nothing happens. We are stationed about a mile from the Pacific coast and are to leave for Manila in about 10 days. It will take about 35 days to make the run. There are thousands of people here everyday to see the soldiers, and to bring them all kinds of food such as pie, cake, oranges, etc. Oranges are thicker here than apples at home, and sell for ten cents per dozen that would sell for 5 cents apiece at home. There are some of as nice people here as I have ever met. The other day I was in the park and met a couple from Decatur, Illinois, on their wedding tour. When we parted he asked if I wished a glass of lemonade; I said that I didn't see any around here so he handed me a one dollar bill and said for me to get one. At first I refused, but he insisted and as everything is free for the boys in blue, I have the bill yet. I have no use for money while here. I will close hoping to hear from you before I leave. Hope I will see you all again, but may never. Give my regards to all inquiring friends. I remain as ever, you affectionate brother, **Selkirk Righley**.

Wednesday, 15 June 1898 issue. **Moweaqua Call-Mail**:

A Negro farm hand by the name of **Tom Proctor** was struck by lightning and instantly killed while plowing in the field of **Charles Sanner**. The team he was working was somewhat stunned by the shock but uninjured. The deceased is spoken of by those who know him as a quiet and unobtrusive man, well liked and a hard worker. When the Crash came. **Chris Sanner** and **Fred Bandelow** were at work a short distance away in the same field. **Sanner** said that his attention was attracted in **Proctor's** direction at the thunder crack. **Proctor** and his team were down and a cloud of smoke was rising from where they

lay. He rushed over and found the clothing literally torn to ribbons and stripped from **Proctor's** body while his shoes were torn off and in pieces. **Proctor** never knew what hit him.

Grandma Scales, one of the first settlers in the vicinity of Arcola died at age 87 years.

Mrs. **Nancy H Robertson**, one of the pioneers of Macoupin County, died recently.

Mrs. **Rosanna Johnson**, aged 88 years, died at Chandlerville. Mrs. **Johnson Ray**, aged 76 years, died at Chandlerville. She just dropped dead.

During a thunderstorm near Tower Hill, **Frederick Shanks**, plowing corn, was struck by lightning and his leg was broken. His team of fine horses, however, were killed by the strike.

Charles Parker, while plowing in a field located 12 miles southeast of Decatur, the other afternoon, was struck by lightning and instantly killed.

James Clark and bride are at home at the residence of the parents of the groom in this city, and Jimmy is delivering express packages just as though nothing had happened.

(Shelbyville Democrat)

The wedding of Mayor **Warren Penwell** and Miss **Lora Hayward**, both of Pana, was solemnized at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Flora Hayward**, on Tuesday evening, 14 June 1898, at 8 o'clock.

At the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **John Corrington**, at their home in LaPorte, Texas, Wednesday, 8 June 1898, at high noon, Mr. **James Ahl** and Miss **Laura Corrington** were united in marriage. Elder **Sterling** of the Christian denomination officiated. The wedding was a very quiet family affair, only the immediate relatives being present. At five o'clock on the same day, Mr. and Mrs. **Ahl** left for the north, coming at once to Moweaqua arriving here on the 'Daylight' Friday afternoon and they are at present, the guests of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Nat. Ahl**. They will remain here about a month.

Thursday evening, 9 June 1898, at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Reed Pound**, the Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating, Mr. **Will Pound** and Miss **Sadie Bollin** were united in marriage. It was necessary to postpone this wedding one day because of the non-arrival of the necessary papers from Shelbyville. The young people have many friends in Moweaqua.

Wednesday evening, 8 June 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents in Heyworth, Illinois, Miss **Louise Virginia Marker** and Mr. **Joseph Preston Shelton** were united in marriage. Miss **Marker** will be remembered as a former popular and efficient teacher in the primary department of our school. Mr. **Shelton** is the local banker at Heyworth where they will make their home after July 1st 1898.

Wednesday, 22 June 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On Sunday, 19 June 1898, at the County poor farm, Aunt **Betsey Tolly** succumbed to the grim messenger of death in the 84th year of her age. The greater part of this good woman's life was spent in this vicinity where she has many relatives and friends. She was a consistent member of the Little Flock Baptist Church to which place her remains were brought and the funeral being preached by Rev **Jos Thomas** of Moweaqua at 3 o'clock on Monday afternoon. Thus ended the life of an honest, upright Christian woman.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Newman** on 20 June 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Manly** on 20 June 1898, a girl.

Miss Lulu Snyder spent Sunday with friends in Shelbyville. She will go from there to Paxton, Illinois, to witness the marriage of her friend, Miss Josephine McCafferty to Al Grove of that city, which takes place today.

Wednesday, 29 June 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Corrington, on 27 June 1898, a girl.

Wednesday morning, 22 June 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J A Thompson of Prairie Home, occurred the marriage of their charming daughter, Miss Alida to Mr. James Marshall of Niagara City, New York. The wedding was a genuine surprise to the many friends of the young lady and was an event wholly unexpected. The bride is a most capable girl and until recently has been a valued and efficient teacher in the eastern part of the County. The groom is a prosperous young business man of Niagara. After the lovely wedding breakfast was served, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall drove at once to this city and took the train for their future home in the east.

George Kirker received, last week, a new and very handsome bicycle. The wheel was a birthday present from his parents.

The numerous friends of Mr. Will Smart and Miss Lillie Hempel were greatly surprised to learn that early Monday morning they took the 'Diamond' for Decatur and at nine o'clock that morning at the residence of A C Stevens in that city, they were united in marriage. Esq. George Hardy officiating. The young people were accompanied to Decatur by Mrs. Frank Hempel, Miss Cora Hopkins and Mr. Ebner McGinley. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Smart left Decatur for Clinton where they will reside, the groom having a good position there. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hempel, and is a bright and lovely girl. The groom is the son on Mr. and Mrs. A W Smart, an earnest and honest young man who will make his pretty wife a good husband.

On Saturday last, Mrs. R B Hennigh took advantage of her husband and reminded him of the passing years by inviting friends and relatives to celebrate his birthday. It was a surprise. (Prairie Home news)

Married at the home of the bride at Prairie Home at 6 AM o'clock on Wednesday, Miss Lida Thompson to Mr. James Marshall of Pennsylvania. Rev Paisly officiated. They took the 11 AM train for their future home in Pennsylvania. (Prairie Home news)

Wednesday, 6 July 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The *Shelbyville Leader* says our esteemed friend, Uncle Willie Virden is probably the oldest male native born resident of Shelby County as he is over 73 years of age. Shelby County was really a howling wilderness when he was born.

Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald, aged 55 years, who died Sunday evening at her home near Prairie Bird, southeast of Moweaqua, was a niece of J H Donnel of this city. The funeral services were held on Tuesday from Ridge Church.

Wednesday, 13 July 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a brief but very severe illness, one of the infant twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Seth Marshall, aged almost three months, died on Friday morning of inflammation of the bowels. Funeral services were held at the family residence Saturday morning and interment was at the Cemetery of the German Church, south of town.

Cards are issued announcing the approaching nuptials of **A R Spicer** and Miss **Sue B Rice** who will be married Thursday evening, 28 July 1898 at 8:30 o'clock at the Christian Church in this city. They will be at home after 1 October 1898 in Eureka, Illinois. The funeral of **Ed Ashworth**, a member of the Danville Battery, who died of fever at Chickamauga, was conducted in Mattoon the other day with full military honors. He was a man held in the highest esteem.

The funeral of Mrs. **James Cross** will be preached at the Pleak Baptist Church the third Sunday in July – the 17th.

Wednesday, 6 July 1898, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Davis**, located 10 miles south of Macon, occurred the marriage of **Emmet Cram** to Miss **Rosa Davis**. At high noon, the couple marched down stairs and took their places in front of Rev **W L Bingaman** of LaPlace, Illinois, and facing the guests and in this position, the solemn words were spoken that joined these two happy hearts for life. After the marriage blessing had been invoked, the guests were ushered into the spacious dining hall where an elegant wedding dinner was served. The guests were only a few of the immediate relatives of the bride and groom. Mr. and Mrs. **Cram** will live on a farm southeast of Moweaqua.

Wm Wesley Coffman of Prairie Home is the proud father of a new ten-pound boy. He arrived Saturday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Luthur Osborn** on 6 July 1898, a son. (Fame news)

Jas A Hall of Loami received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of his nephew, **Lee Hall** at Arena, Oklahoma. **Lee Hall** was born and raised in Loami and went west about a month ago for the benefit of his health.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Goatley**, 10 July 1898, a girl.

Legal notice of **Ralph Ayars**, administrator of the estate of **Charles K Kirk**, deceased is printed.

Wednesday, 20 July 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The Sunday afternoon train came down to town from Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Hays**. They had been married about noon on that day at the residence of Esq. **George P Hardy**. The groom is the son of **Sam Hays** of this city and a young man well-known here. The bride was Miss **Pauline Roarick** of Decatur. Regarding the affair, the *Decatur Review* has to say: "There was a time in the life of **Pauline Roarick** when she cared for another, and when she told her parents that she had been married to Mr. **Hays**, they were loth to believe her, because they expected her to marry another trust worthy young man a few weeks hence. Sunday, while her parents were at Church, Pauline packed her trunk, first sending her brother to a neighbor's house. She then accompanied the groom-elect to the home of Justice **Hardy** and they were married, the groom having attended to getting the license while Pauline packed up. After the ceremony, they decided to spend the day in Moweaqua so they went to the depot, and while waiting for their train, Pauline's parents came in. They remonstrated with the young man for having taken their daughter away, and they remonstrated with the daughter for allowing herself to be taken. Their efforts were unavailing in either case, and they went back home and the young couple went on to Moweaqua. They returned on Monday evening. Monday morning at eleven o'clock in Macon County, just over the Shelby County line,

occurred the wedding of Mr. **Joseph S Wolf** of Christian County and Miss **Flarry Portwood** of this city. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating at the ceremony. After the ceremony, the young couple drove at once to the home of the groom's parents where they will reside. The will of the late **Joseph Beck**, of Prairie Home, as probated in the County court, gives all the personal estate to his wife, **Leah**, absolutely, and the real estate during her life; after her death, the property is to be sold and divided equally between the testator's four children, **Wells Marcus Beck**, **Orlando Carson Beck**, **Agnes Amanda First Beck**, and **Luther Thomas Beck**. The wife is appointed executrix without bond. The will is dated 13 June 1895 and is witnessed by **R A Patton** and **R Baird**. (*Shelbyville Democrat*). **Claus L Willms** (*as spelled*), aged 82 years, and for over 60 years, a resident of Fayette County at Vandalia, died.

James Neville, one of the earliest settlers of Tazewell County died at 85 years. **William Payne**, one of the oldest settlers of Bunker Hill died at age 81. **J H Sylvester**, one of the oldest residents of Arcola died. He was the mayor of Arcola three consecutive terms. Police Magistrate **Wm H Douthit** of Shelbyville dropped dead on the streets of that city Saturday morning. He was a native of Shelby County and a most excellent man.

Miss **Jessie Harvey**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **William Harvey** died at her home in Brunswick, Monday, 11 July 1898, of consumption at age 21 years, 5 months and a few days. She had been a sufferer for almost seven months, but had been able to be up almost all of the time. The funeral took place at Union Church on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. Elder **Corley** officiated. The burial was in the Cemetery nearby.

Mrs. **William Harvey** died at her home, Friday afternoon after a long illness from cancer of the face. Her daughter died on Monday. Funeral at Union this afternoon at four o'clock. Obit will be next week. The **Harvey** family has the sympathy of the entire community. (*Yantisville news*)

Rachel Carwile, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wash Carwile** died at their home near Pana on Saturday.

E M Doyle received a telegram on Monday stating that his mother-in-law who is a resident of Louisville, Kentucky, had died.

Wednesday, 27 July 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John Radmacher, a brother of **Frank Radmacher** (who was murdered in Pana several months ago by **Jess McAdams**), was killed by falling slate in a Staunton coal mine on Friday. (*Taylorville Breeze*). **John Radmacher** was well-known here, having at one time, resided in Moweaqua, being employed in the coal shaft here.

Mrs. **Lucy A Gass**, wife of **Russell Gass**, died at her home southeast of town on Monday evening, 25 July 1898, aged about 59 years. She had been more or less an invalid for many months, softening of the brain finally resulting, which was the direct cause of her death. The funeral occurred on Tuesday from the family residence. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiated. The remains were laid to rest in the Old Baptist Cemetery, southeast of Pleak. The deceased was a highly estimable lady and had been a resident of Shelby County all her life.

Joel D Potts, one of the pioneer settlers of Christian County, died at Taylorville at the age of 87 years. The **Potts** family is noted for its longevity. One of Mr. **Potts'** sisters lived to be 102, a brother lived to be 100, and another brother lived to be 98 years.

J Boles King, aged 73 years, died at his home in East Pana. He built the first cabin located on the site where now stands the city of Pana, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. **Augustine Curtis** celebrated the 50th anniversary of their wedding at their home in Waverly. The reception was held in the residence in which they have resided for the entire term of their married life.

At Danville, **James Mitchell**, employed in the Consolidated coal mines, was fatally injured by **Arthur Mulvaney**, who hit him behind the left ear with a terrific blow from a pick handle.

Moses Kaufman, aged 80 years, a prominent farmer, religious and political head of the Amish following in Douglas and Moultrie counties, was found dead in bed.

There was a reception at the home of **John Howard Bryant** in Princeton, a few days ago, in honor of his ninety-first birthday anniversary.

Emanuel Watts, aged 21 years, of Robinson, shot himself twice in the breast with suicidal intent after having a quarrel with his father.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D E Yantis** on 15 June 1898, a girl.

A R Spicer and Miss **Sue Rice** will be united in marriage at the Christian tabernacle tomorrow evening.

Mrs. **M L White**, who was called to Kinmundy by telegram last week to attend the funeral of her mother-in-law, returned on Saturday.

Mrs. **Louise Harvey** was a native of Butler County, Ohio, and was aged 62 years, 10 months and 28 days at the time of her death. She was married to **Wm Harvey** on New Year's Day 1861. She was the mother of nine children, four sons and five daughters, all of the latter having preceded her to the beautiful home beyond, leaving only her saddened husband to mourn her passing. For almost a year, she has been a patient, uncomplaining sufferer from that dread disease, cancer of the face, and bore the pain and waited for the call of her Master. Services took place at Union Church on Saturday, 16 July 1898 at 4 PM, burial in the Cemetery by the side of two of her daughters, one of which died just 10 days before Mrs. **Harvey**. The entire community extends sympathies to this family.

A 10 ½ pound daughter, bright and sweet, took up her residence with **D E Yantis** and wife on 15 July 1898.

Last Sunday will be a day of long remembrance for **Levi Hill** who resides west of Obed. It being his birthday, his good wife planned and sprung a surprise on him in the way of a feast and a present of an M. W. A. pin. About 20 relatives helped in the joyous affair, among them being **Wm Weir** and family, **John Thomas** and family of Bethany, and Rev **Joseph Thomas** and family of Moweaqua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E D Yantis** of Obed on 22 July 1898, a ten pound girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Greaves** of Lerna, Illinois, on 22 July 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 3 August 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sue B Rice of this city and Elder **A R Spicer** of Eureka, Illinois, were married at the Christian tabernacle Thursday evening. The audience was probably the largest that ever assembled in Moweaqua for a like occasion. Four little girls, clad in white, keepers of the wickets, Misses **Mabel Frazee** and **Mattie Bradley**, **Edith White** and **Olive Smith** came down the side isles in pairs, opening wide the pretty wickets. Miss **Ethel Yantis**, attendant of the bride, and **Roland Snell**, attendant of the groom, followed by the principals, passed through the wickets, forming a beautiful and impressive picture. Rev **Wm E Spicer**, a

brother of the groom, assisted Rev **J R Crank** of Kentland, Illinois, in uniting the holy bond of unity to the couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George F Rice** of this city. The groom is the present active pastor of the Christian congregation of Eureka. Mr. and Mrs. **Spicer** left Saturday for Saunemin, Illinois, where the reverend gentleman filled his regular appointment as pastor of the Christian Church at that place. Their future home will be at Eureka, Illinois, but they will return to Moweaqua about the middle of this month and actively participate in the big revival meetings.

Three Score and Ten! Still hale and hearty, though 70 years of age, Esq. **E Prescott** was the recipient of a charming birthday dinner arranged by his children and their families on Saturday last. The squire was born in Waterville (now Oakland) Kennebec County, Maine, and is one of the very oldest residents of Moweaqua, coming here on 11 February 1853, and having resided here over 45 years. The family dinner was a pleasing success in every particular. One of the leading features, the squire says, was the magnificent assault upon and utter demolishment of six gallons of ice cream. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Rettig**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Prescott**, Mr. and Mrs. **J B Simpson**, Mr. and Mrs. **Dudley Porter** and their several children.

Mrs. **Nancy Fithue**, the oldest negress in the state of Illinois died at Bunker Hill. She was born in 1778 and leaves a son who is 90 years old.

Miss **Sarah J Radford**, aged 60 years, died suddenly at Eureka.

James Pew, one of the pioneer settlers of Litchfield, died at the age of 78 years.

James Clark, of Quincy, celebrated his 99th birthday anniversary recently and hopes to become a centenarian. He is active for one of his years and in good health Mr. **Clark** bears the distinction of being the oldest Free Mason in the United States. He was born 29 July 1799 at Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania. His mother was a descendant of General and **Mollie Stark**. He became a mason in Ohio in 1820.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Otta** on 30 July 1898, a son.

Saturday being the 69th birthday of Grandma **Nancy J Humphrey**, that estimable old lady was most agreeably surprised by the incoming of her children and grandchildren, heavily laden with the good things of life and bearing a handsome rocker with an evidence of love and esteem. All the children living were present, and all the grandchildren except four were present, also one great-grandchild. The total number present was about 30 guests. They were: **Nathan Humphrey, Jr** and wife, **David Humphrey** and wife, Mr. and Mrs. **L E Harlan**, **Walter Humphrey** and wife, **Oscar Humphrey**, Mr. and Mrs. **J R Drake**, Miss **Ida Humphrey**, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Stith** and all the children of the several families.

A number from Obed attended the funeral of Mrs. **Land Pifer** at the Bethany Church last week.

Quite a number from the Wiley locality attended the funeral of Uncle **David Hall** which was held in Taylorville on Tuesday of last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Otta** on Saturday, 30 July 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F G Stewart** on 3 August 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A B Orange** on 3 August 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A H Vincil**, west of town, on 3 August 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 10 August 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday, 6 August 1898, at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **L H Atteberry**, at Pitwood, Illinois, their son, **Ernest Atteberry**, age 14, was violently thrown from a horse, death resulting in a few moments. It seems that the boy was endeavoring to drive a pony into the feed lot when the horse he was riding either stumbled and fell with him, or threw him off. The remains were brought to this city yesterday morning. The services being held from the M E Church with Rev **Durham** officiating. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. The sudden death came as a severe shock to his parents who are almost prostrated with grief.

Dominick Curry, a veteran of the Indian wars, of the Mexican war and the late war, died at Clinton, aged 76 years. He was ten years a soldier and many times wounded.

Albert Dyer, only a few days short of 90 years of age, died at Butler, Montgomery County, Illinois. He resided in the County for 65 years and had been married 62 years. He leaves a widow, 82 years of age.

Mrs. **Catherine Cole**, one of the earliest settlers of Coles County died. She was 84 and had been a resident of Oakland township for over 60 years.

Frank Johnson, aged 13 years, was accidentally shot and killed at LeRoy. He called at the railroad ticket office to make an inquiry while the telegraph operator was cleaning a revolver. The weapon was discharged and the bullet struck the boy in the forehead.

Mrs. **Thomas Hudson, Jr** last week received the sad intelligence of the death of her sister, Mrs. **T B Deem**, which occurred at her home in Knightstown, Indiana, on 30 July 1898.

Mrs. **Deem** will be remembered as Miss **Sarah J Wynn** who formerly resided here.

Sedrick and Margaret Snyder very charmingly entertained a number of their little friends on Friday afternoon at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr** on the west side. The day following being Margaret's 6th birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. **A J Runyan** were called from Loami to Concord last week by the death of a relative.

Jennie H Walker filed suit in the circuit court for divorce from her husband, **Ralph E Walker**. The bill states they were married on 16 May 1893 in Assumption, Illinois, and parted on July 1896. Desertion is the charge. They have one child, **Pearl Walker**, 3 years old and the complainant asks for custody of her. (*Taylorville Courier*)

Wednesday, 17 August 1898 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A clipping comes to us from the *Beckinridge News*, Cloverport, Kentucky, announcing the recent death of Mr. **Richard Bardette** at his home north of Cloverport. He was 82 years old, being born in 1816, and was the father of twelve children, ten of whom survive him. The large number of persons in this section of the country from Tobinsport and Cloverport will learn with regret of his demise.

Mrs. **Johnson**, mother of **Frank Johnson**, the 14 year old lad who was shot and killed in the station of the Big Four at LeRoy by **Earl McVicker** of Indianapolis, night operator, has brought suit for \$5,000 damages against McVicker and the Big Four Railway Co. The complaint is that her son was killed through the carelessness of the parties defendant and the handling of his revolver.

The **Garver** family, one of the largest in Central Illinois, held their 10th annual reunion at Cerro Gordo. The **Garvers** were early settlers; the **Garver** settlement being prominent in

the early history of Illinois. Next year the reunion will be held at Fairview Park in Decatur. **J H Garver** was chosen president.

John Harvey Elliott, aged 81 years, died at Bloomington. He was prominent and had lived in Bloomington for 44 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nate White** on Sunday, 14 August 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A D Hays** on 13 August 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Ristler** on Monday, 15 August 1898, a boy.

Mrs. **George A Kautz** of Moweaqua, is one of six heirs to \$30,000 left by the will of the late **David C Hall** of Taylorville.

Miss **Clara Hight**, daughter of **Jas L Hight** and wife of **Macon** and **F M Life** of Indiana, will be married at the bride's residence at high noon on Thursday, 18 August 1898.

Little **Maude Humphrey** very prettily observed her 8th birthday on Saturday at the home of her father, **Oscar Humphrey** by inviting a number of her young friends in to assist her in making the event memorable.

Joseph Delventhal, a farmer residing near Napoleon, Ohio, lost his life owing to a grain of wheat. **Delventhal** was threshing about 2 weeks ago and a grain of wheat fell in his shoe. It annoyed him considerably at the time, but he did not stop to remove the grain until evening and then found a blister on the bottom of his foot. Blood poison set in and amputation of the limb was necessary. He rapidly grew worse and died from the effects of the blood poison.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Hall** of Obed on 12 August 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Martin Clark** on 14 August 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 24 August 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A number of Mrs. **A W Smart's** friends gathered on Saturday at her pleasant home a mile east of town to celebrate her 47th birthday. (*List of attendees not copied here*)

The **Thomas family** is enjoying themselves today at the home of **James** and Mrs. **Thomas**, southeast. Friends and relatives gathered, old and young, assembled in the woods in front of the house, all bent on giving these most estimable people a complete surprise, it being Mr. **Thomas's** birthday and the day following being Mrs. **Thomas's** birthday. The surprise was most successful. We were unable to learn their respective ages.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C R Howell** on Monday, 22 August 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John H Freeman** on West Macon Street, Decatur, on Saturday, 20 August 1898, a daughter. The child was born on the anniversary of its mother's birth.

John Hughes died on Sunday, 21 August 1898, of consumption at the home of his brother, **William Hughes** near Dunkel. The funeral services were held at the Fame Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock after which the remains were interred at the German Cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C T Black**, west of this city, on Wednesday, 17 August 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 31 August 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday noon, after a brief but severe illness, the infant girl of Mr. and Mrs. **C R Howell**, scarcely a week old, passed from earth into the spirit world. The services were held from the family residence on Sunday afternoon. Rev **E J Durham** officiating; interment was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The shock completely prostrated Mrs. **Howell** and she is very

ill. Mr. and Mrs. **Sanford Adams** and Mrs. **Florence Richie** of Cerro Gordo were in attendance at the funeral.

William L Crow of Blue Mound and Miss **Myrtle Hays** of Moweaqua were married by Judge **W L Hammer** on 25 August 1898 at his office in the court house. The couple was accompanied by two friends. It was quite a good looking wedding party. The bride is the daughter of Major and Mrs. **Hays**, southwest and is a most excellent young lady.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J H Nordyke** of near Assumption on 30 August 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hulett** on Monday, 22 August 1898, a son.

Married Saturday evening, 27 August 1898, at the residence of **David Workman** in Prairieton township, **Reeder Jacobs** and Miss **Julia Porter**. Esq. **J Benson Simpson** officiated.

A telegram was received by **Elmer Snell** on Saturday from his brother, **Mark Snell** in Montana, announcing the death of his wife which occurred on 26 August 1898. Her maiden name was **Amy Bright**, and she formerly lived in Rural township. Two children survive her.

The birthday surprise at **Jas Thomas** last Wednesday was attended by over one hundred friends and relatives. Mr. **Thomas** was 64 and Mrs. **Thomas** was 58.

Every citizen of Moweaqua remembers Uncle **Henry Day**, that fine old English gentleman, an uncle of **H F Day** and of Mrs. **Rebecca Day Elsum** of this city. His last trip being last summer. He said I have crossed the ocean 33 times - I shall cross once more, going to Birmingham this fall and it will be my last voyage. This proved true as he died in Birmingham in January. His will was recently probated, his estate was found to amount to £3947 (pounds), or about \$20,000 and it cost the enormous sum of £439 or about \$2,200 to settle it. Yesterday **H F Day** received a draft for \$2,530 as his portion; Mrs. **Rebecca Elsum** received the same amount and **Thos Hudson Jr** and **J G Hudson** each received \$840. The old gentleman was an artist by profession and a most excellent one. The editor of the *Call-Mail* will ever treasure with kindest memories the pretty little works in oil with which he favored us. He was frugal and saving and at his death, he not only carried a heavy deposit £4622 with Lloyds, but also had a large credit in post office savings bank of England. The other heirs to this estate are **Thomas Day**, **H Wm Day**, **Jane Day**, **Eliza Hughes**, **Charles Robertson**, **James Clark**, and **Louisa Jane Colebourne**.

Wednesday, 7 September 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **C Shroll** has died. For nearly half a century, Mrs. **Shroll** has resided in the immediate vicinity, the devoted and loving mother of a large family. Hardly two weeks ago she was stricken with typhoid fever of the most virulent type, which culminated in her death on Saturday, 3 September 1898. The end came sweetly and peacefully, without suffering. Six children and a husband survive the deceased: Mrs. **Docia Wattenbarger** of Gebo, Montano, Mrs. **Jennie Harlan**, Grand Junction, Colorado, Mrs. **Sophia Berry**, Misses **Alpha** and **Emma Shroll**, and **George Shroll**, all of whom were present at the funeral except the first named. Three brothers and three sisters also survive the deceased. Mrs. **Jacob Weiler** of Gallion, Ohio, a sister of Mr. **Shroll** was also present at the funeral. Services were held from the M E Church on Monday morning, 5 September 1898, in the presence of a very large congregation of sympathizing friends and neighbors. Rev **E J Durham** impressively officiating. Interment was in the Odd Fellows' Cemetery, west of town. **Caroline M Teaney** was born in Marysville, Sullivan County, Tennessee, on

29 November 1833, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 3 September 1898, aged 64 years, 9 months and 3 days. She was married to **Christopher Shroll** in Fayette, Green County, Illinois, on 7 March 1857. To them, 8 children were born, 6 of whom are still living. **Sister Shroll** was converted and united with the M E Church during the pastorate of Rev **D E May**, being received into full membership on 14 September 1879. She had been a modest, unassuming Christian woman, a lover of home, children and husband and flowers, ever mindful of others. She has lived a quiet and useful life in her home and immediate surroundings.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robt I Hammil** on Friday, 2 September 1898, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Moses Henton** on Monday, 28 August 1898, a girl.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Ira Haversfield** to **Laurella Carpenter**, both of Assumption, at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday at 3 o'clock PM. (Fame news)

Miss **Lizzie Mills** and **John Schwab** were married last Thursday. We failed to learn any of the particulars (Willey news)

Isaac Hill will probably go to Chicago soon for treatment of his throat (Obed news)

Mrs. **Levi Gordon**, a daughter of **Solomon Scribner**, died yesterday at her home near Pleak. The funeral was held today. The *Call-Mail* was unable to learn any other particulars this morning.

Shelbyville, Illinois, 5 September 1898. Mrs. **Esther Thompson** and **William Thompson** were married last evening, it being the second time the ceremony was performed between them. They were married first in 1896 and divorced in 1897, remarried in 1898. (*St Louis Republic*).

Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Casey** in the east part of town, were gathered quite a number of young people, the occasion being **Charley's** thirteenth birthday. The evening was spent in the usual games best suited those present and all departed at a late hour.

John Haslam of Sterling, Kansas, who several months since was a visitor here, the guest of his son, **John T Haslam**. From here he went to England to visit his old home.

Yesterday Mr. **Haslam** received a letter from Kirkham, Lancashire, England, informing that his father had been killed on 23 August 1898 by being struck by a passing train of the London and Northwestern, while using a foot path in crossing the tracks. Mr. **Haslam** had about finished his visit in the old country, and was preparing to return to American when the lamentable accident occurred.

Wednesday, 14 September 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Mrs. **David Baggett**, who is now in the city, the guest of her sister, Mrs. **Charlie Curry**, received a letter last week stating that her husband had died at Grape Creek on 30 August 1898 of an internal trouble. Mrs. **Baggett** has been making her home in Decatur since she left Moweaqua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Gordon** on Saturday, 10 September 1898, a big eleven pound boy.

C C Colburn and Miss **Abigail Fowler** of Auburn were married Thursday evening at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. **Colburn** will reside in Loami. (Loami news)

Miss **Mae Dickson** was agreeably surprised last Thursday evening when about 50 of her friends came in with well-filled baskets to remind her that she was 17 years old.

(Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Lovering** on Sunday, 11 September 1898, a 10 pound boy. Exquisite invitations have been issued for Thursday (tomorrow) evening by Mr. and Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner**, the occasion being a reception in honor of the 21st birthday of their eldest son, **O Leslie Scribner**. The hours are from 7 to 11 o'clock.

Wednesday, 21 September 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Wednesday next, 28 September 1898, at high noon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Miller**, in this city, Miss **E Blanche Miller** and **Theodore A Frederick** of Litchfield, Illinois, will be united in holy matrimony.

That was a jolly and happy throng that assembled at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner** on Thursday evening last, the occasion being to congratulate their son, **Leslie Scribner** upon his advent into legal manhood. Though the weather was somewhat unfavorable, 50 guests responded to the invitations issued and on behalf of their son, Mr. and Mrs. **Scribner** gave them cordial welcome. An especially pleasing feature of the evening was the establishment of **Leslie** in business on the farm by and with his parents, placing at his disposal, chattels to the amount of \$500. Those present were Misses **Lydia Gorden, Mabel Moore, Maggie Gorden, Jessie Adams, Gertrude Knowles, Mate Scribner, Hattie Bradley, Lela Plyler** and Messrs **Ira Dean, Win Hyde, Everett Ponting, Wm Widick, John Myers, Rush Plyler, Leslie and Lennie Scribner, G H Rarick, Hiram Bilyeu, Jesse Firey, James Adams, and Mr. and Mrs. W H Firey, Mr. and Mrs. W P Beaumont** and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. **T J Gorden** and Mrs. **A D Northcutt** of Forrest, Illinois.

Another fatal case of milk sickness has occurred in the family of **J Houston Smith**, ten miles southeast of Pana. Mrs. **Smith** is dead and Mr. **Smith** will die.

Mrs. **William Robison, Sr** of Prairie Home, died on 13 September 1898. She had a paralytic stroke some few days ago. She was buried at the Dalton Cemetery.

Mrs. **G B Harlan** and children of Grand Junction, Colorado, who came to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. **C Shroll**, are still the guests of the family.

Will Elmers and family have been the guests for a week or more of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Krughoff** of Hoyleton. Mr. **Krughoff** is a brother of Mrs. **Elmers**, and has quite recently married. Mr. and Mrs. **Elmers** being in attendance at the wedding.

The older citizens of Moweaqua who remember Mr. and Mrs. **John Garber**, former residents of this place, and while here, Mr. **Garber** taught school in the old school house, will learn with regret that Mrs. **Garber's** father and sister were murdered in Ohio about two weeks ago. Another sister of Mrs. **Garber's** died two weeks before the deed was committed and her husband, it is said, thinking that he was not going to get his share of the property, committed the deed.

The 30th birthday of Squire **W Longenbaugh** was made memorable last Friday night. About 40 invited guests were present and served to oysters, pie, cake and many other luxuries. The evening was spent in social conversation until a late hour when all departed wishing the squire many more happy birthdays.

Tomorrow at 6:30 o'clock will occur the marriage of Mr. **George Seaman** and Miss **Alta Weakley**, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **S P Weakley**. The groom is a

member of the firm of **L S and J O Seaman**, druggists, Shelbyville. The bride is the youngest and only remaining daughter at home. They will reside in Shelbyville where Mr. **Seaman** has prepared a handsome cottage home for his bride. (Yantisville news)

J M Sinnard started to Wichita, Kansas, on Tuesday, to look after the estate of his sister, Mrs. **S A Avery**, who was instantly killed by being struck by a Rock Island train while crossing the tracks in a hack with fourteen others, of which four were killed and five injured. Her body arrived in Assumption on Friday, 17 September 1898. Funeral services were held on Saturday at the Round Grove Church, conducted by Rev **Huffman**, after which the body was conveyed to the Assumption Cemetery. She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, an aged father, one sister and two brothers.

A special telegram to the *St Louis Republic* says: Milk sickness has made its appearance in the vicinity of Robinson Creek, 10 miles southeast of Pana. On 31 August 1898, Miss **Lucy Smith**, daughter of ex-supervisor **J Houston Smith** died from the disease and yesterday, Mrs. **Smith** died. Mr. **Smith** lies at the point of death with the same sickness.

Yesterday afternoon about two o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh** near Obed, **James Tolly** and Miss **Mary A Carsell** were united in marriage. Esq. **Walter Longenbaugh** officiating. Mr. and Mrs. **Tolly** returned to Moweaqua last evening and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Tolly** for the present. **Charles Tolly** and Mrs. **Laura Beaumont** accompanied the wedding party.

William J Cassidy died 28 August 1898 at his home near Rosalia, Washington, of consumption. Deceased removed his family to that place about six years ago. He had been a sufferer of that dread disease for the past two years. He leaves a wife and four children besides many relatives and friends to mourn his loss. Mrs. **Cassidy** is a sister of Mrs. **G W Portwood** at Decatur.

Wednesday, 28 September 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday, 21 September 1898 at the home of the bride's parents in Boody, **Eugene Bramblett** and Miss **Clara H Hopkins** were united in marriage. The groom is well-known in Moweaqua.

Today at high noon in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends, Miss **Blanche Miller**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Miller** and Mr. **Theodore A Frederick** of Litchfield, Illinois, were united in marriage. Rev **E J Durham** officiated at the ceremony. A sumptuous dinner awaited the bridal party and guests to which all did ample justice, after which an inspection of the wedding presents followed which were numerous, handsome and useful. Misses **Julia** and **Irene Frederick** of St Louis, sisters of the groom were among the guests at the wedding. The bride is a young lady who is held in high esteem by all who know her. The groom is an employee of the Big 4 railroad and has the reputation of being a most excellent young man. Mr. and Mrs. **Frederick** left this afternoon for their home in Litchfield where they will go at once to housekeeping. They will be 'at home' to their friends after October first. (*Article describes the floral arrangements and the character of the couple, not copied here*).

Samuel Garrison of White County died. He was born in White County on 19 December 1811 and lived his entire life in White County. The elderly gent was nearly 87 years of age at the time of his death.

A little girl put in her appearance at the home of **George Spates** and wife at Willey the first of last week.

John T Haslam received this week, a copy of an English paper, containing the first really authentic account that has come to him on the sad death of his father. This account is the inquest held by the coroner. The testimony develops nothing especially new in the circumstances attending Mr. **Haslam's** death. It was purely an accident. Mr. **Haslam** had gone out for a walk, since about 7:30 o'clock in the evening; in crossing the track of a foot-bridge he must have been struck by a fast London and Northwestern train and instantly killed. His head and left arm were completely severed from the body. The jury returned a verdict of accidental death. The remains were interred at Weeton, where Mr. **Haslam** spent his youth and in this graveyard, lie the remains of his father, mother, two brothers and a sister.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wade Thompson**, on 24 September 1898, a girl.

Monday night about 10 o'clock PM, **Charles Stith** passed away after a very brief illness. Sunday he was comparatively well, but Monday morning, he was discovered to be unconscious, his trouble being brain fever. Mr. **Stith** was about 30 years of age and a man greatly liked. He leaves a wife and a child. Funeral services were held from the German Church south of town this morning at 10 o'clock. Rev **Rogers** officiated.

Wednesday, 5 October 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Charles Stith was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 23 September 1873 and died in Christian County, Illinois, on 26 September 1898, aged 25 years and 3 days. He professed religion and united with the Baptist Church near his home in Indiana, and after moving to Illinois in the fall of 1893, united with the Moweaqua Baptist Church, of which he continued a member until the time of his death. He was married to Miss **Carrie Humphrey** on 18 March 1895, and leaves a devoted wife and little son, **Edgar Stith**, father, three brothers and one sister to mourn his loss. His mother preceded him to the better world when **Charlie** was a little boy. Relatives and friends gathered at the German Church five miles southeast at 10:30 am Wednesday where funeral exercises were conducted by Pastor **Jo. B. Rogers** of the Baptist Church. Interment at the German burying ground.

D W Vermillion, one of the most prominent broom corn men in central Illinois was found dead at his home in Arcola. A post mortem showed that heart failure caused his death.

Reuben Wilkinson and wife of Taylorville celebrated their golden wedding. They were married in Terre Haute, Indiana, and lived in Taylorville nearly all of their married life.

August Ludwig an aged German resident of Effingham and Mrs. **Susan Moon**, residing near the city, committed suicide, the former by hanging, the latter by drowning.

F O Lightfoot of Springfield died in Monroe City, Missouri. His horse became frightened at a hand car and upset the buggy, fatally injuring Mr. **Lightfoot**.

Mrs. **Theresa M Livers** of Waterloo was granted a divorce from **James A Livers** and her maiden name was restored to Miss **Theresa Castelli**.

Earl and **Merl Hudson**, the beautiful twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** were baptized on Monday by Rev **E J Durham**.

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. **James Kinney**, north of town, occurred the wedding of Mr. **George T Hays** and Miss **Hattie Miller**, both of this city. Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiated.

Sunday evening at six o'clock at the parsonage in Macon, occurred the wedding of Mr. **Stephen Portwood** of this city and Miss **Anna Danner** of Macon. Rev **Willard** of Macon officiated.

Died at the residence of **Henry Doners**, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **McIntyre**, aged just 4 months. Rev **Blunk** conducted the funeral services on Thursday morning. Mrs. **McIntyre** is a daughter of **Henry Doners** and her home is in Iowa; her parents are in Prairie Home. Her husband could not be present at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Allen** of Yantisville attended the marriage of their niece, Miss **Gertrude Allen** to Mr. **Underwood** at Sullivan on Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Bartscht** celebrated their 'tin' wedding anniversary on 30 September 1898. About 25 enjoyed the social time, music and most of all the sumptuous feast spread before them. (*Note: Traditional - 10th wedding anniversary*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Steve Cole** on Saturday, 1 October 1898, a son.

Wednesday, 12 October 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Invitations have been issued, presenting the compliments of Mr. and Mrs. **J P Aydelott** for Friday evening, 14 October 1898, at 5:30 o'clock, the occasion being the 25th anniversary of their marriage.

Thursday being Mrs. **E G Keiser's** 55th birthday, the occasion was honored by a number of her friends and relatives gathered at the house at 5:30 o'clock PM to partake of a sumptuous supper which had been prepared for the event. Social conversation was indulged in until about 6 o'clock when all were ushered into the dining room to relieve the table of its groaning weight.

Engineer **Tom Brown** at the coal shaft here received a telegram Thursday morning stating that his brother, **Polick Brown** had been killed by falling rock in the Assumption coal mine. Mr. and Mrs. **Brown** left on the morning train for that place. Mr. **Brown** had been employed at the mine at that place for a number of years. He was 44 years old, well liked by all who knew him and will be missed by his fellow workers for his ever ready advice in mining practices. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss.

Monday morning at an early hour, **Elmer Snell** and Miss **Pollie Clark** drove up to Decatur and taking an east bound Wabash train, made a flying trip to Williamsport, Indiana, the County seat of Warren County. Arriving at their destination, a marriage license was secured and the nuptial knot was quickly tied by Judge **Powell**, the Probate Judge of the County. Mr. and Mrs. **Snell** then returned on the next west bound train to Decatur and came down home yesterday evening. They will make their home until spring with Mr. and Mrs. **James W Clark**. The bride is the daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. **James W Clark** and one of the most estimable and popular young ladies in Moweaqua. She is a girl whose intellectual attainments and sterling womanly qualities has always drawn about her a host of admiring friends. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell** and a young man of sterling business qualities who everyone knows and likes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Dayton Robbins** on 6 October 1898, a girl.

Rev **A J Blunk** and wife were made happy by the arrival of a young daughter at their home in Bethany last week.

A big law suit has been instituted in the circuit court of Shelby County for the purpose of breaking the will of the late **Skelton Kirkett**, who was at one time, a prominent citizen of Todd's Point township and who left an estate valued at about \$75,000. He bequeathed this

to his widow and his children in fair proportions with the exception of two of his sons, who, as he recited in the will, had been previously provided for. These sons have brought suit to test the validity of the will, alleging that he was not of sound mind when it was made and that he was unduly influenced by others. Judge **Thornton**, **T Done** and **E A Richardson** are attorneys for the complainants and **Hamlin** and **Kelly** represent the legatees under the will. (*Sullivan Progress*)

A sweet little girl arrived on 4 October 1898 to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Murray** at Obed.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Blunk** in Bethany on Saturday, 8 October 1898, a daughter. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Moore**, age about four years, died Sunday, 9 October 1898 after a brief illness.

Wednesday, 19 October 1898 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The pretty home of Mr. and Mrs. **J P Aydelott** was the scene of a happy gathering on Friday evening (celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary) and the genial host and hostess assisted by their charming daughters bid cordial welcome to the numerous guests, who in response to printed invitations, commenced arriving shortly before 6 o'clock. **John P Aydelott** and Miss **Carrie Fox** were united in marriage in Kinmundy, Illinois, on the 14th of October 1873 by Rev **Adam Johnston**, a Presbyterian minister. They have been residents of Moweaqua for sixteen years, during which they time they have drawn about them a host of appreciative friends. Supper being announced the guests were seated at two long tables in the dining room and a feast was served well worthy of the highest commendation from most fastidious epicurean. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **George A Kautz**, Mr. and Mrs. **J W Greaves**, Mr. and Mrs. **S M Adams**, Mrs. **A C Campbell**, Mr. and Mrs. **J O Armstrong**, Mr. and Mrs. **J T Haslam**, Mr. and Mrs. **W J Snyder**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell**, Mrs. **Zealy Snell**, Mrs. **C A Buck**, Dr and Mrs. **Sparling**, Mr. and Mrs. **H F Day**, Mr. and Mrs. **B P Smith**, Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr**, Mrs. **Armindia Snow**, Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, Mrs. **M L White**, Rev **J Foxworthy**, Misses **Kate White**, **Mabel Sparling**, and **Maud and Julia Haslam**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Finch** on 10 October 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Pooler** on 18 October 1898, twin sons.

Gus Clouse, living 4 miles south of Prairie Home, died on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock of consumption. He was buried at the Prairie Home Cemetery on Friday at 3 o'clock. He leaves a wife and four small children to mourn his loss.

Florence E Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Moore** died at their home eight miles northwest of Assumption on Sunday, 9 October 1898. She was born 26 September 1892, being 6 years and 13 days old. The funeral services were held at the house on Tuesday, 11 October 1898, Rev **Metcalf** of Stonington officiated. Interment at Brushy Branch Cemetery. (*Assumption news*)

Reuben Pribble of Arcola died at the age of 93 years. He was the father of 18 children, nine of whom are living and was the oldest child in a family of 17 children himself.

Wednesday, 26 October 1898 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday, 5 October 1898, at the Hotel du Haute, Lorie, Paris, France, was born unto Mr. and Mrs. **Clarence E Snyder**, a sweet little girl. Under the laws of France, which are quite rigid regarding the registration of birth, it was found necessary to name the child at

once, and they have called her 'Mignon'. Late advices say the mother and child are getting along very nicely.

Married: Mr. **Wm Shook** and Miss **Sadie Jones** were united in marriage in Flat Branch township on 16 October 1898. Rev **A C Huffman** of Fame U E Church officiated.

Harry Pontius and bride arrived home from Ohio whither the bride lived, on Tuesday, and took up their residence in the **D E Yantis** home.

Bryant Corley smiles all over his face and struts along bigger than 'Sankey' and all because another grandson has put in his appearance, the child of Mr. and Mrs. **Dexter Smith**, born 10 October 1898.

Henry Small, the last remaining son of the family of **Aaron Small** of Yantisville, was married Tuesday evening to Miss **Edna Hart**, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Hart** at the bride's home in Ridge township. A goodly number of relatives and friends witnessed the marriage ceremony, conducted by Rev **Underkoffler**. A reception was given the happy couple by Mrs. **John Eversole**, sister of the groom. They received many pretty and useful presents.

Harry Pontius and bride came home to Obed Saturday from Ohio. They will soon be at home in the house recently vacated by **David Yantis**.

Wednesday, 2 November 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Friday, 28 October 1898, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **S L Breeding**, southeast, Mrs. **E Lillian Breeding**, wife of **John Allen Breeding** departed this life, aged 31 years, 3 months and 17 days. Her malady was consumption. The deceased was a native of the Province of Quebec, Canada, and was married to Mr. **Breeding** at Fenton, Michigan, on 14 June 1897. They have made their home the past year at Valpariso, Indiana. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Bethany Church, Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** of this city officiating and the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery adjoining. Mrs. **Breeding** was a noble specimen of cultured Christian womanhood, a faithful servant of the Master, obedient daughter, helpful sister, devoted companion and steadfast friend.

Mrs. **Phoebe Lewis** died at Assumption at age 91 years. She was the oldest settler of Assumption.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Frazee**, on 1 November 1898, a girl.

The twin children of Mr. and Mrs. **Pooler** died last week. The infants were just a few weeks old.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Eperlding** on 29 October 1898, a boy.

Jesse McAdams, convicted in the Christian County circuit court for the murder of **Radmacher** at Pana, will have to serve five years in the penitentiary. Judge **Dwight** denied him a new trial.

Word reaches us this morning that Miss **Belle Thomas**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **James Thomas** of Obed, will be married today at the residence of the bride's parents to a Mr. **Foltz** who resides near Shelbyville.

Wednesday, 9 November 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

The numerous friends of the genial **Nick Nalbach** were electrified with surprise when that gentleman returning from Nashville, Tennessee, alighted from the train Wednesday evening, bringing home with him a very charming lady in the person of Mrs. **Nalbach**.

Monday, 31 October 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **George**

Roesch, 902 Monroe Street, Nashville, Tennessee, the Rev **Burgener**, a Lutheran pastor officiated. Miss **Mary R Roesch** and Mr. **Nick Nalbach** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Mr. and Mrs. **Nalbach** left at once for St Louis where a brief visit was made, arriving here on Wednesday and for the present are boarding with Mrs. **Scott Gregory**. In the near future they will go to housekeeping. Mr. **Nalbach** is the harness maker in the employ of **M H Miller**, an earnest and industrious young man who is quite popular and enjoys the confidence and esteem of a large circle of friends.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Thomas**, Wednesday, 2 November 1898, their estimable daughter, Miss **Belle Thomas** was united in marriage to Mr. **A C Folts**, a worthy young farmer of Rural township. Elder **Levi Corley** officiated at the ceremony in the presence of about 20 guests. Immediately after the ceremony, all repaired to the dining room where they did ample justice to a supper prepared for the occasion. Miss **Sella Thomas** of this city and Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bridgman** of Findlay were present.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wibb Wilson** on 7 November 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Meisenhelder** on 4 November 1898, a girl.

Mrs. **H E Kent** and two sons, **Henry** and **Homer Kent** of Iowa, were the guests the past week of Mr. and Mrs. **S M Adams**. Mrs. **Kent** buried her husband at Maroa last week.

News reached Prairie Home last week that Miss **Lizzie Bramel** died at her home at Mt Auburn on 27 October 1898. She formerly resided at Prairie Home.

Wednesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Thomas** occurred the marriage of Miss **Belle Thomas** and Mr. **Henry Foltz**. Rev **Corley** spoke the words that made them man and wife. It was a quiet event, only a few of the relatives and friends of the contracted party being present. Miss **Belle** has many traits that fit her for the position she is to occupy while Mr. **Foltz** is a man of equal worth. A neat little cottage has been prepared for receiving the bride a few miles south of Pleak.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Campbell** died on Saturday night at age 74 years in Loami. She had been ill for several days and her death was not unexpected. She leaves to mourn her departure, two sons and two daughters, **W P** and **Isaac Campbell** of Loami, and Mrs. **J M Workman** of Moweaqua and Mrs. **G W Dodd** of Loami.

Wednesday, 16 November 1898 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Obed, Illinois, 16 November 1898. Mrs. **M Klar** died of consumption at her home southeast, in Pickaway, on Monday, 14 November 1898. She was 36 years of age. Funeral services were held yesterday from the Obed U B Church. Rev **Klapp** officiating. Her husband survives her.

Thursday, 10 November 1898, after a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. **Lonely Standley-Booker** died of consumption at the residence of Mr. **James Booker** in this city in the 24th year of her age. She is survived by a husband and one child, a little girl. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon from the Christian tabernacle. Elder **Spicer** officiated and the interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Tez Gaston, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred** and **Ida Gaston** was born at Pana, Illinois, on 6 November 1896. The infant died at Moweaqua, Illinois, at eight o'clock on Monday, 14 November 1898, at age 2 years and 8 days. Funeral services were conducted at the home of the parents on Tuesday, 15 November 1898 at 2 o'clock by Pastor **Jo. B. Rogers** assisted by Rev **Joseph Thomas**. The remains were interred in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L F Rettig**, 8 November 1898, a girl.

The little infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Gaston**, little **Tez Gaston**, aged 2 years, died of typhoid fever on Monday, 14 November 1898, at their home in the north part of town.

Ida Dell Reynolds, aged 32, committed suicide in the County jail at Taylorville on Sunday morning by hanging. She made a rope of bed ticking and had gagged herself with a handkerchief. Her husband is now in jail, charged with stealing a team of horses in St Clair County, Illinois. **Reynolds** and his wife were arrested about three weeks ago, charged with burglarizing the residence of **Charles Milligan** at Mount Auburn. They were driving through the country with the stolen team. Her people live in Arkansas City, Kansas. She had tried to commit suicide with morphine and had written her husband a letter inquiring if contact with the electric wires in the jail would kill her.

Mr. **G Wesley** of St Louis, Missouri, and Miss **Allie Walter** of near Radford drove to Shelbyville on 2 November 1898, and were quietly married, only a few friends being present. We extend our congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Wesley** at their home near Fame. Mrs. **Jacob Longenbaugh** successfully planned a surprise on her husband last Thursday, it being his 44th birthday. In spite of the inclement weather, a number of friends and relatives responded to the invitation. A bounteous dinner had been prepared by Mrs.

Longenbaugh, to which all did justice, and after a social afternoon and wishing Mr. **Longenbaugh** many returns, all returned to their homes.

Thursday night at the home of the bride's parents in Prairieton township, **John W Hammon** and Miss **Grace Thrash** were united in marriage. Rev **Midkiff** of Stonington officiated. The young people will permanently reside in Prairieton.

Squire **Johnson** had another job to his liking last Wednesday. He joined in wedlock, **J G Wesley** of St Louis and Miss **Alice Walters** of Flat Branch. The Squire is making a reputation as 'hitcher up'.

Many of the readers of the *Call-Mail* are familiar with the **Parks-White** scandal which has been published in the Taylorville and Decatur papers from time to time all summer. The final act took place about 8 o'clock Thursday night at Taylorville when Rev **Enoch Parks** shot **Jasper White**, killing him instantly. Another tragedy caused by jealousy and infidelity. Rev **Parks** is a minister of the Free Methodist Church and has held revivals throughout Christian County.

Miss **Sadie Marshall**, Saturday night, upon entering the sitting room at her home was surprised to find it filled with young people interesting themselves in various amusements. The surprise occasion was in honor of Miss **Sadie's** nineteenth birthday, and was a complete surprise.

Wednesday, 23 November 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel W Jones**, pioneers, celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage at their country home two miles west of Mount Vernon, Illinois. The couple married in 1848.

William J Griffith, an old settler, died at New Douglas at the age of 84 years. His death was caused by paralysis. He was a soldier in the Black Hawk war.

Johann Chris Schultz, aged 72 years and Mrs. **Caroline Nies**, aged 73 years, were married at Bloomington the other day, this being the third marriage for each.

Squire **Zack Lawrence**, aged 89 years, one of the oldest and for half a century, best known men in central Illinois, died at the home of his son, **Jonas Lawrence** in Downs. McLean

County. He came from Ohio 60 years ago. He was a lawyer and for 30 years was police magistrate and justice of the peace at Bloomington. He was one of **Abraham Lincoln's** most intimate friends and his office was the favorite resort of Mr. **Lincoln** when he visited Bloomington.

In the circuit court last week, **Wm Bowman** secured a divorce from his wife, and **Charles Graham** also secured a divorce from his wife.

After an illness of many months, **Charles Cox**, a well-known and highly esteemed farmer, residing southeast of town, finally succumbed to the inevitable, dying Wednesday morning. His malady was heart trouble.

Rev **B F Dungan**, Pastor of the United Brethren Church at Elliott in Ford County, aged 38 years, a widower, died suddenly Wednesday at his home. Two weeks ago he was in Decatur when he visited Rev **M B Spayd**. He was then apparently in the best of health. Last July his wife died and was buried at Saybrook, McLean County, and the remains of the minister will be interred beside those of his wife. He is survived by four sons. Rev **Dungan** was at one time, pastor of the Locust Grove U B Church. He has many friends in this area who regret his passing.

Charlie Cox died last Wednesday of heart disease in Prairie Home. He was buried at Prairie Home Cemetery on Thursday. Rev **Levi Corley** of Union preached the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. **C J Turpin** of Loami were given a surprise on Wednesday evening in honor of the 18th anniversary of their wedding.

John T Workman and Miss **Myrtle Kinney** of Loami were married Wednesday in Springfield.

Word comes to us this morning that **Bert Crane**, a son of **J W Crane**, former minister, but now an insurance agent, died at his home in Decatur last night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ennis Smith** on Tuesday, 15 November 1898, a boy.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Paisley** on Friday, 18 November 1898, a girl

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hays** on Sunday, 20 November 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Campbell** on Sunday, 20 November 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Gaston** on Monday, 21 November 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 30 November 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday evening, 1 December at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Nancy Gordon** in Prairieton township, Miss **Nannie M Gorden** and Mr. **George E Schroll** will be united in marriage. Elder **A R Spicer** will officiate. The bride is a charming young lady who has lived since childhood in this vicinity and whose many estimable traits of character has drawn about her a host of friends and admirers. The groom is the son of Mr. **C Schroll**, an intelligent and practical young man fully capable of making a success of life. Mr. and Mrs. **Schroll** will make their home on the Schroll farm northeast of town as the **Schroll** family contemplate moving to town in the near future. **Leroy**, the 8 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **George Kitch**, died Friday night of lung trouble. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon from the Baptist Church. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiated.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F Old**, 25 November 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Denby** of Macoupin County, a girl. (*No date was given on this entry, but it was placed between a 25 November and 26 November entry in the newspaper.*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ruffner Berry** on 26 November 1898, twins – a boy and a girl. Last Tuesday evening, 22 November 1898, quite a number of relatives and friends with well filled baskets gathered at the home of **J E McGinley** to remind him that he was 70 years old and also that his son, **Elmer McGinley** was 21 years old. All departed at a late hour wishing them many more happy birthdays.

Word came by phone from Shelbyville Saturday morning that **Theo Thompson's** baby died of pneumonia early Saturday morning. (Prairie Home news)

Miss **Minnie Parks** was called to her home near Windsor last Tuesday by the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. **Mattie Richardson**. The funeral occurred on Thursday. Mrs. Richardson went out as usual to milk and failing to return, search was made for her, and she was found dead just beyond the barnyard fence. Yantis school was closed the remainder of the week in consequence of this sad event. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R A Berry** of Allenboro on Saturday, 25 November 1898, twins, a boy and a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Hudson, Sr** on 27 November 1898, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** on 29 November 1898, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Reed Jacobs** on 30 November 1898, a boy.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the approaching marriage of **Charles Cyrus Miller**, son of **W C Miller** to Miss **Mary Louise Lewis** of Decatur. The ceremony will take place on Thursday, 15 December 1898, at 6:30 PM at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **H B Lewis**, 1065 N College Street, Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. **C C Miller** will be at home in Charlie's pretty new house, located at 1051 West Wood Street after 1 January 1899.

All persons holding claims against the estate of **David Humphrey**, deceased are requested to present the same to me for adjustment. Signed: **Nathan Humphrey, Sr.** (Next issue states **David Humphrey**, deceased, had lived in Prairieton which should be corrected, as a matter of fact, he resided on his father's farm, east of town). (*Note: Obit was cut from the paper; I checked several microfilm copies and all had this obit missing from the issue*)

Wednesday, 7 December 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday, 17 December 1898, in the city of Chicago, Mr. **Will Rodman** will take unto himself a charming wife in the person of Miss **Gertie Gunderson** of Pukwana, South Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. **Rodman** will return to Moweaqua at once for permanent residence. **Daniel Bacon** of North Vernon, Indiana, a brother to **E. D Bacon** on this city died on 30 November 1898, aged just 75 years. The venerable old gentleman died on his 75th birthday. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him.

Wm H Bean of Blue Mound and Miss **Hattie Bethards** of Prairieton were united in marriage at the bride's parents, Saturday last. Rev **Midkiff** officiated. Mr. and Mrs. **Bean** left for Ft Worth, Texas, on Monday where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. **Martha Davidson**, wife of **Alexander Davidson**, died at her home in Lebanon at age 80. She was born in Ayreshire, Scotland, and claimed to have spun the first spool of cotton thread in this country at Dracut, Massachusetts.

The Christian County grand jury failed to find a true bill against Rev **Enoch Parks** who shot and killed **Jasper White**, the alleged despoiler of his home, therefore, the courts could not indict him.

The **Stull** family of Arcola had remarkable misfortune within two weeks. Three deaths occurred in the family circuit within that space of time.

Lew Myers, a son of **Peter Myers**, who resides near Assumption, was killed by a passing train in front of **Elijah Walker's** grain office in that city on Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark** entertained a birthday dinner on Thursday in honor of Miss **Gertrude Green**, their daughter, who was celebrating her birthday. Miss **Jennie McKay**, Mrs. **Beatrice Snell** and sons, **Clifton** and **Mark Snell** were present.

H M Rawlings and wife of Ridge have taken a baby into their home and affections, a bright little girl, two years old; the daughter of Mrs. **Gus Cloase**, whose husband died not long ago. (Yantisville news)

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **S E Warrick** of Troy Township, Pipestone County, Minnesota, on 29 November 1898, Miss **Luella A Warrick** was married to Mr. **Frank W Newell** of Storm Lake, Iowa. Rev **L D King** of Pipestone officiated. The ceremony was followed by a grand wedding supper and reception which was attended by a large number of friends of the happy couple.

Wednesday, 14 December 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of **William Kile Andrews** of Hindsboro, Illinois, to Miss **Mattie Snyder**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr** which will occur at the M E Church on Wednesday evening, 28 December 1898, at 8:15 o'clock. A reception will follow at 8:30 o'clock at the family residence.

At Boody on Thursday noon occurred the marriage of Miss **Emma Baumgarten** and **David L Pistorius**. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's mother in the presence of 50 guests by Rev **F W Schlueter**, assisted by Rev **E Wiffenbach** of Moweaqua. The couple are among the most prominent young people of Boody and vicinity. The bride has been an instructor in the public schools for a number of years and the groom is a prominent farmer. They went to housekeeping immediately on a farm near Boody.

Abraham Link, one of the oldest residents of Jacksonville died recently. He had just celebrated the 60th anniversary of his marriage.

Miss **Sallie Joyner**, aged 20 years and highly related in Gallatin and Saline counties, died after eating a hearty meal. She suddenly dropped dead at Ridgway.

The three year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Wonders** of Kewanee swallowed a large dose of creosote and died in half an hour.

Ed Crane, a brakeman on the Big Four, whose home was in Mattoon, was killed at Shelbyville. He was run down by cars.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ira M Cathorn** on 6 December 1899, a girl.

On Sunday, 27 November 1898, quite a number of the friends and neighbors gathered at the home of **Nathaniel Gordon** living 2 miles east of Hopeville, Clarke County, Iowa, in honor of Mrs. **Sarah Gordon's** 42nd birthday with well filled baskets of delicious edibles. The infant girl of Mr. and Mrs. **D Cameron**, aged 3 years, died on Monday after a brief but severe illness. The funeral services were held today with Pastor **Roger** officiating.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Miss **Anna W Hagius** of Lowry, Louisiana, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C Hagius** to **Charles E Boehm**. The ceremony will occur on Wednesday evening, 21 December 1898, at the residence of the bride's parents.

Wednesday, 21 December 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday morning, 14 December 1898, at 10:30 o'clock at her home northwest of Cerro Gordo, occurred the death of Mrs. **Etta (Hilvety) Grove**, after a severe illness of three weeks. The funeral took place at the residence on Friday at 10:30 o'clock and interment in the Cerro Gordo Cemetery. **Rita Mae Hilvety** was the daughter of Mr. **V F Hilvety**, (her mother having died when she was a child). She was born at Springfield, Illinois, on 4 November 1870 and at death was a little more than 28 years of age. On 8 March 1893, she was united to her now bereft husband, **Thomas Grove**. Mrs. **Grove** had lived in the vicinity of Cerro Gordo for several years, going there with the family of her uncle, **N F Hilvety** from near Oreana. She was kind, loving and a devoted wife, always jolly and looking on the bright side of life's troubles. She leaves to deeply mourn her loss, a husband, father, sister and two brothers.

Wednesday, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Brookshire**, Mr. **Fred Wickline** and Miss **Mabel Brookshire** will be united in marriage. Elder **A R Spicer** will perform the ceremony. Saturday evening, 17 December 1898, at 8:30 o'clock at the Clifton House in Chicago, Justice **Murphy** officiated at the marriage of **Wm J Rodman** and Miss **Gertie Gunderson** of Pukwana, South Dakota. The happy couple came to Moweaqua Sunday night on the '*Diamond*' and will reside until spring with Mr. and Mrs. **J M Rodman**. Will is in the employ of the **Kirker & Rodman Elevator Co**.

Wedding bells pealed out again most merrily last evening when Dr **W H Penhallegon** pronounced the beautiful words uniting the lives of Miss **Mary Louise Lewis** of 1065 North College Street, and **Charles Cyrus Miller** of West Wood Street, all of Decatur. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **H B Lewis**, which was most lavishly adorned with holly springs, lovely ferns, beautiful bride's roses, evergreens and chrysanthemums. About 30 guests were present, and after the words were said making the handsome couple man and wife, an adjournment was taken to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding supper of three courses was served by caterer, Mrs. **Snyder**. Articles of furniture and a deed from the groom's father, **William C Miller** of West Wood Street, to a hundred acres of valuable land in Christian County was among the wedding gifts. The contracting couple had no attendants. The bride was attired in a most beautiful dress of Persian lawn, trimmed with valenciennes lace (*as written*). The groom is a well-known and successful traveling salesman of irreproachable character, and the bride is an accomplished and popular lady. They went immediately to their new home, a handsome house just completed and splendidly furnished by the groom on West Wood Street and will settle down immediately to housekeeping.

Cards have been received from Angus, Nebraska, announcing the wedding of Miss **Florence A Portwood**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **David Portwood** to **Clarence H Marshal** for Sunday, 25 December 1898. The family formerly lived near Allenboro. The funeral of **George Wilde** of Peoria took place in Macon yesterday and was largely attended as that town was his former home. His wife is well-known in Moweaqua, being a sister of Mrs. **M Tolson** and **J W Greaves**. Those in attendance at the funeral from here

were Mr. and Mrs. **J W Greaves**, Mrs. **M Tolson** and Miss **Mae Tolson**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tolson** and **W F Corrington**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fletch Shride** on Thursday, 15 December 1898, a boy.

The children of Uncle **Ike Longenbaugh** successfully planned a surprise on him last Saturday, it being his birthday. Only the immediate relatives were present at the Obed party. Among the visitors from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. **Cole** of Redfield, South Dakota. Saturday, 24 December 1898, in Decatur, Illinois, Mr. **James W Sprague** and Mrs. **Lydia Baggett**, both of this city, will be united in marriage. They will return at once to this city and take up their residence in the north part of town where the prospective groom has neatly furnished a house.

Ed Rasbach, aged 71 years, an old and highly respected citizen of Assumption, died very suddenly about eleven o'clock on Sunday night.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D McKinney** on 16 December 1898, a girl.

Wednesday, 28 December 1898 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Misses **Dorothy** and **Mary Kautz** gave a five o'clock tea last Friday evening, 23 December 1898, for Miss **Mattie Snyder** and her bridesmaids. Present were Misses **Mattie Snyder**, **Bessie Day**, **Daisy Armstrong**, **Irene Snyder**, **Helen** and **Dora Aydelott**, **Lulu Coffman**, **Mabel Sparling** and Mrs. **Homer Tolly**.

Died at her home in Taylorville on Thursday evening, 22 December 1898, Mrs. **Lizzie Bond**, age about 55 years. The deceased was a sister of Mrs. **George A Kautz** of this city and was well-known and greatly esteemed in this city. Mrs. **Kautz** was at her bedside at the time of Mrs. **Bond's** death.

Married at Tower Hill on Thursday, 15 December 1898, **S M Delany** and Mrs. **J F Camfield** were united in marriage. Rev **Jasper Miller** officiated and the marriage took place at the residence of the bride in the north part of town.

Sometime today in Decatur, **James Vandeventer**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Vandeventer**, west, will be united in marriage to Miss **Pearl Scribner**, daughter of the late **Lewis Scribner**, deceased. Both young people have a host of friends where who will extend sincere congratulations. They will reside in Moweaqua until spring and then move on to a farm.

Walter Sanner and Miss **Bessie McDaniel** were married at the M E parsonage in Bethany, Illinois, on Wednesday, 21 December 1898, at one o'clock. They were accompanied by **Orv Sanner** and Miss **Lulu Patton**. They will live with **David Sanner**, father of the groom, until spring then they will move on to a farm near Prairie Home. The groom is a prosperous young farmer living near Prairie Home while his bride is one of our most estimable young ladies.

As briefly heralded in the *Call-Mail* last week, the marriage of **James W Sprague** and Mrs. **Lydia Baggett** took place at the home of the bride's mother in Decatur, at 3 o'clock Saturday. Elder **Silas King** officiated. Mr. and Mrs. **Sprague** returned to Moweaqua on Sunday and went at once to housekeeping.

Mrs. **Mary Quirk**, the oldest resident of Jo Daviess County, died at her home near Galena at age 100 years. A native of Ireland, she came to America in the early 1820s, settling in Galena in 1834 and has lived there ever since. Of her six children, five are now living; her husband died 40 years ago.

Mrs. **John Gibbs** of Harrisburg became the mother of twins the other night. This is the third set of twins she has given birth to in 5 years. All are girls and all are living.

This evening at 8:15 o'clock, Mr. **W K Andrews** and Miss **Mattie Snyder** will be united in marriage.

Wm H Markwell, formerly from Kentucky and well-known here, died at his home north of this city on 22 December 1898 in the 86th year of his age. He had been a resident of Illinois for 60 years. He was sick but three days and died of old age. His funeral took place at Grove City on Saturday. Five sons and a daughter survive him.

Wednesday last at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Martha Connor** in this city, that venerable Mother in Israel, **Grandma Mary E Roff**, was the victim of a paralytic stroke from which she died Christmas day about 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon. Death came to her quietly and sweetly, seemingly free from all suffering. Surrounded by her loved ones, the spirit took its heavenly flight, released as it were from all earthly care. The services were held from the Baptist Church yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiated. Pallbearers were **Jas E Gregory, John L Gregory, Frank Gregory, Scott Gregory, Wm Whitworth** and **Henry Marshall**. Mrs. **Mary Gregory Roff** was born near Lexington, Fayette County, Kentucky, on 8 October 1815. She died at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 25 December 1898, aged 83 years, 2 months and 17 days. The deceased moved with the family and settled near Tobinsport, Perry County, Indiana, in 1833. She was married to **H E Roff** on 26 July 1838. To this union were born six children, viz: **Martha A Roff, Francis L Roff, Edward Roff, Arthur H Roff, Amanda Roff** (who died in infancy) and **George W Roff**. **N B Sanders** was an adopted child reared by the family. Of these, there are living, Mrs. **Martha A Connor** and Mr. **George W Roff**, Moweaqua, Illinois; Mr. **Francis L Roff** of Jeffersonville, Indiana, and Mr. **N B Sanders**, Tobinsport, Indiana. Aunt **Mary**, as she was familiarly known to us, joined the Baptist Church with her husband at Cloverport, Kentucky, just across the Ohio river from her Indiana home in September 1839. They resided together upon the old home place near Tobinsport almost 50 years. By a strange coincidence, the old house on the old homestead burned down on last Wednesday, the very day on which Aunt **Mary** suffered the fatal stroke of paralysis. Her husband preceded her to the better world on 5 February 1887 at the age of 73 years. She leaves one sister, Mrs. **Ellen Carwile**, Moweaqua, Illinois, and three brothers, Messrs **Ed** and **Washington Gregory**, Moweaqua, Illinois, and Mr. **George Gregory** of Cloverport, Kentucky. There were 26 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. She spent the last years of her life with her daughter, Mrs. **Martha Connor** and after moving to Illinois, united with Little Flock Baptist Church and afterward with the Moweaqua Baptist Church of which she continued as a consistent member until the time of her death. Hers was a very busy life. She was faithful in the discharge of her Christian duty and ministers of the gospel ever found a welcome retreat in the hospitality of her home. *Card of Thanks:* We desire to return our sincere thanks to the many friends who so tenderly and sympathetically assisted us in our hour of sad affliction. **Geo W Roff** and relatives.

Born on Saturday, 24 December 1898 to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Pierce**, a son.

Mr. **Elmer Weakly** and Miss **Olive Klauser** were married on Sunday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **G A Klauser**, Shelbyville, Illinois, in the presence of about 35 relatives and friends. They will soon be at home on a farm near Brunswick. (Pickaway news)

Elmer Weakly and **Miss Olive Klauser** were married at the home of the bride in Shelbyville on Sunday evening. They will keep house on the farm recently vacated by **J A Trout**. (Yantisville)

On Wednesday evening, 28 December 1898, at the residence of **H M Miller** and wife in Ridge Township, will occur the marriage of their daughter, **Miss Anna Olive Miller** to Mr. **Jesse Hare**. The young people are well and favorably known in this area.

Little **Willie Cadwell** of Prairieton died very suddenly at his uncle's last Wednesday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W O Workman**, a girl.

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VOLUME 4

Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*

* 1899 *

Wednesday, 4 January 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Mr. **William Kile Andrews** and Miss **Mattie Snyder** were united in marriage at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening last in Moweaqua. Rev **A C Armentrout** and Rev **J Foxworthy** officiated. Grooms men were **Julius Treiz**, **Sterling**, **Sam'l Andrews** of Hindsboro (a brother), and **Ralph Snyder**. Bridesmaids were Miss **Bessie Day** and **Nellie Laymon** of Lincoln. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr**, an exceedingly pretty and accomplished girl. Born and reared within our midst, she has drawn about her a host of sincere and loving friends. Her home life has been one of unselfish devotion and usefulness to her mother and to all the family. The groom is a prominent and successful young business man of Hindsboro, Illinois, where he is engaged in the grain business. He is by no means a stranger in Moweaqua. The newlyweds will make their home in Hindsboro. (*Note: Lengthy article, describes decorations, reception, gives more information on character of the parties and lists guests, not copied in this book*).

Wednesday evening at six o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Brookshire** occurred the marriage of Mr. **Fred Wickline** to Miss **Mabel Brookshire**. Rev **Crank**, the Christian Pastor at Blue Mound officiated. Only near relatives and connections were present, about 25 in all. Miss **Viola Penny** presided at the organ and discoursed a charming wedding march prior to the ceremony. A sumptuous wedding dinner followed. Mr. and Mrs. **Wickline** left Thursday on a bridal tour to Evansville, Randolph County, Illinois.

On 21 December 1898, at the home of the bride's parents near Live Oak, Louisiana, **C E Boehm** and Miss **Anna W Hagius** were united in marriage by Rev **R P Howell**. The ceremony was performed at 6 o'clock PM in the presence of about 40 relatives and friends. Miss **Ida M Shear** was the bridesmaid and Mr. **G Hagius** groomsmen. After the ceremony, supper was served and enjoyed. The happy couple boarded the early train for Houston and other Texas points and will also visit Lake Charles, Louisiana. Upon their return, Mr. and Mrs. **Boehm** will reside in Jennings, Louisiana, where Mr. **Boehm** is engaged in business. Both Mr. and Mrs. **Boehm** were born in Ohio, but Mrs. **Boehm** resided with her parents for years near Salem, southeast of Moweaqua, where she is still remembered by her many friends, having removed to Louisiana seven years ago.

After a week of painful agony, little **Albert Housam** found relief from all suffering Saturday afternoon, 31 December 1898, about 5 o'clock. It was not thought at the time of his injuries that they would necessarily prove fatal, but in two or three days internal complications developed for which there was no relief. All that medical skill could do was brought to bear to aid the little sufferer but without avail. His suffering at times was intense, and it was necessary during his last hours to keep him under powdered opiates. Mr. and Mrs. **John Housam** came to Moweaqua about 4 years ago from Niantic, bringing **Albert**, their only child, with them. His untimely death is a sorrowful blow to them and

they have the sympathy of a host of friends. At the time of his death, **Albert's** age was just 9 years, 4 months and 24 days. He was a bright and happy school boy, beloved by his playmates. Services for **Albert Housam** took place on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock and despite the early hour, the M E Church was crowded to seating capacity with children, classmates, teachers, friends and relatives. Rev **J Foxworthy** assisted by Elder **Spicer** conducted a brief service. Mr. and Mrs. **Housman** then took the remains to Niantic on an early train where the remains were interred to rest.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robt McNeal** on 27 December 1898, a daughter.

Lawrence Protsman was surprised on his 17th birthday on last Wednesday eve. (*List of attendees, not copied here*)

M G Warren's daughter of Wichita, Kansas, is visiting relatives here in Allenboro during the holidays.

We are very much grieved to hear of the death of our beloved old neighbor, **Grandma Roff** who lived by us long and was a neighbor of our people in Indiana years ago. Our sympathies to the family. (*Yantisville news*)

Mr. and Mrs. **W K Andrews** received an impromptu ovation at the train yesterday when they left for their home at Hindsboro. Every imaginable sign of good luck had been tied or tacked on to their trunks. Mottoes, ribbons, slippers and various other things completely covered their baggage and an abundance of rice was showered on the newly wedded couple.

Wednesday, 11 January 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Just as we go to press, Uncle **Wash Gregory's** condition is said to be extremely critical. It is not thought that he will live through the day. For several weeks he has been suffering for a very severe attack of La Grippe. *Later:* He died at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, southeast, held a 16th birthday party for their daughter Miss **Dessie M Coultas** on Saturday evening at their home. Quite a number of her young friends attend the celebration of the occasion of her 16th birthday. Music, games and nice refreshments all came in their proper order and the event proved to be most enjoyable.

Mrs. **Martha E Bramlett-Reynolds**, died at 10 AM on Thursday, 5 January 1899, at St Mary's hospital. Her death was caused by paralysis. Her home is in Blue Mound. She had been at the hospital since 2 September 1898, and she was about 62 years old. She was a consistent member of the Christian Church at Blue Mound. She was well-known in Blue Mound and vicinity, and was held in the highest respect and esteem. She was a sister of Hon **Joseph Adams** of Christian County and has several other brothers in the vicinity of Moweaqua. She leaves 8 children, 5 sons and three daughters. Two daughters and one son reside in Missouri and the others in Illinois. The funeral was held at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning from the Blue Mound Christian Church. Rev **Crank** conducted the services. Interment in Adams Cemetery. The story of Mrs. **Reynolds** during the last few years of her life is a very sad one. It has been fully told in these columns and need not be rehearsed. She was a good woman and had made many friends during her residence here. Her many troubles finally culminated in mental aberration and the relief came with death at a private hospital in Decatur. Her children have the sincere and warm sympathy of her many friends here.

Fred Wallace and Miss **Ada Watson** both of Assumption, were married at the home of the bride's parents in that city, Mr. and Mrs. **James Watson**, on Tuesday evening at

6 o'clock. The groom was a former Moweaqua boy and is the son of Mrs. **Mary Wallace** of Taylorville. At present he is employed by **Gus Khule**, a cigar manufacturer of Assumption. The bride is one of the leading society ladies of that city and is esteemed and admired by all. They will permanently reside in Assumption.

Philip Doyle of Sycamore, after a lingering illness died. At about the same hour, his sister, who lived a few miles west of Sycamore, Mrs. **James Purcell**, also passed away.

James A Hawley of Dixon died aged 68 years. He had been, for 40 years, a prominent citizen of Lee County. He was County clerk for 21 years and for 15 years was cashier of the Dixon National Bank. He was thirty-third degree Free Mason, and in 1883 and 1884, was Grand Master of the State.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Dodd**, aged 83 years, died at her home east of Anna. She was a pioneer settler of Union County.

Samuel C Allen of Decatur died. When he located in Decatur in 1832, there were but seven houses in Decatur. He took up from the Government, 160 acres of land that are now surrounded and covered by houses. He helped organize the Baptist Church in Decatur and in other ways took part in making what is now the city of Decatur. Although 80 years old, up to three weeks before his death, he could walk three miles a day.

Katie Richter, an orphan, 23 years of age, committed suicide at Quincy by shooting in the head with a revolver. She made her home with an uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Ebert**, and she left a very pathetic letter addressed to her sister, **Mamie Richter** of Alton, in which she said she had serious mental troubles and feared insanity.

Young B Clark of Clarksdale, more familiarly known as **Uncle Boley** died recently at 79 years of age. He had been a resident of Christian County for 55 years and was one of its wealthiest residents.

Tuesday morning of last week, about 4 o'clock AM, Dr **E M Alverson** of Stonington, was struck and instantly killed by a Wabash freight train on a street crossing in that town. He was a prominent physician and greatly beloved in that community.

Wednesday, 18 January 1899 issue. *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

When the information was generally disseminated Wednesday last that **Uncle Wash Gregory** was dead, it cast a shroud of gloom over the entire community. Few men were more generally beloved by all who knew him well. His life as a man and a citizen seemed to have been one of the inviolable peace with all mankind. He was one of those characters who embraced the divine will with his whole heart. His presence in the community was an inspiration to higher and holier life. The writer knew **Uncle Wash** – knew him well. He was our warm and personal friend. Always kindly and gracious, always solicitous of our welfare, his visits to us were harbingers of pleasure and happiness. And as we listened to him talk, we knew full well that the words were those of one who, with all his heart and soul and strength, was striving against whatever was mean, unruly and unrighteous in the world. **Washington Gregory** came to Illinois in 1858 and settled near Long Grove, on the prairie, being a typical pioneer of the day. He removed to Moweaqua in 1865 and went into partnership with a man by the name of **Burgee** in a little building that stood where now stands the brick block occupied by **Clark and Snell**. This partnership lasted but a short time when he went into business alone, continuing thus until 1875. In 1877, he took in Mr. **A J Combs** as a partner, continuing until 1882, when he retired, thus founding and being succeeded by the firm of **Gregory, Combs and Co**. **Uncle Wash** was an ardent

politician, a tenacious and thoroughly uncompromising republican, and a strong advocate of temperance. He filled from time to time, township offices and village offices, with credit to himself and to the community. He carried no life insurance, neither was he a member of any secret society. He was closely allied only to his family, the Baptist Church, and the republican party. Just as long as he was able to get to the polls, it was a privilege always conceded him, that he be allowed to be the first to cast his vote at each election. On the evening of Saturday, 28 December 1899, he experienced a severe attack of La Grippe. Though medical aid was summoned at once and every assistance rendered, he grew worse, the disease rapidly developing in to catarrhal fever. It was hoping against hope for a brief period, Uncle **Wash** was old, over seventy one years, and it was soon apparent that he could not survive. At times he rallied greatly, but his final relapse came Tuesday of last week, followed by the scythe of the grim specter, death, on Wednesday morning. He was perfectly conscious until within 20 minutes of the end. He fully realized he was going, and surrounded by his children, the end came sweetly and peacefully. Prior to his death, he had arranged all his business affairs with his children, counseling them to tenderly care for their beloved mother. His death was but the passing of a beautiful spirit across the portals to eternal spiritual life. Services were held at the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. As an especial evidence of esteem in which the deceased was held in the community, the public school was dismissed at noon and all the business houses closed during the funeral hour. The Church was filled to far more than its seating capacity by sorrowing relatives and friends. *(Services are described in detail, songs sung, choir members listed, not copied in this book)*. The deceased was one of the seven members who organized the Moweaqua Baptist Church in 1863. The eulogy delivered by Rev **Jo. B Rogers**, told how simply and purely Uncle **Wash** had lived his Christianity in his daily life, of what he had lived through during his 71 years of active life and that now he was at rest – eternal rest. A brief prayer by Rev **Paisley** of the Presbyterian Church and the services were concluded with '*Nearer, My God to Thee*', touchingly rendered by the choir. The casket was then taken to the vestibule where the remains were exposed, that the last lingering loving look might be taken of the dear old man. Interment was at the city Cemetery west of town. **Washington Gregory** was born in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, on 11 August 1827. He was married to **Catharine Goatley** on 23 July 1851 and came to Illinois on 15 October 1858. Five children were born to them, three of them and the mother being present at the funeral. Those living are: **J W Gregory**, Mrs. **Lou A Combs** and **J W Scott Gregory**. **Daniel** and **Emma Gregory** are buried at Long Grove Cemetery. *Card of Thanks* printed from the Mother and the Children. *(Photo of Mr. Gregory located in the front of this book)*

Joseph D Lacey of Shelbyville died of paralysis.

Mrs. **John Kiely**, aged 65 years, of Pana, died from La Grippe.

Washington Gregory, aged 71 years, died in Moweaqua of La Grippe. He had been a prominent resident of Shelby County for 40 years.

Robert White, the oldest member of the I. O. O. F. in Illinois, died at Odin. He was born in Vermont on 10 October 1810 and came to Illinois in 1834. He joined the I. O. O. F in 1838 at Greenville.

Rev **W H Davis** of the Illinois Conference of the Methodist Church died at Decatur of pneumonia. He was 76 years of age and had celebrated his golden wedding anniversary last October.

John Lawler died, he was a resident of Fayette County for 65 years, and was 82 years of age.

James Bannon died at age 63 years. He was one of Cass County's early settlers.

J A Cooley died, a pioneer resident of Alton.

Mr. and Mrs. **Harvey Hopkins** celebrated the 63rd anniversary of their marriage at Goldberg. Mr. **Hopkins** is 85 years old and his wife is 86. Her father, **Thomas D King** was postmaster at King's Ferry, Virginia, as was appointed by **R I Meigs**, the first postmaster General. They are spending their old age with their children, **T K Hopkins**, Galesburg, **Franklin M Hopkins**, Chicago; Mrs. **Julia Harper**, Chetoka, Kansas; Mrs. **Mary Whithem**, Kansas City, and **William K Hopkins**, St Louis. They have 13 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Both are well preserved and in excellent health.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Higgins** on 13 January 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John L Hemer** on 13 January 1899, a girl.

One of **I B Gore's** twin babies died last Wednesday. Mr. **Gore** was not present but in the West for his health. (Prairieton news)

Born to Rev and Mrs. **A C Huffman**, 9 January 1899, a son.

H A Deweese received a message today announcing the sudden death of **W F Barger** of Springfield. Mr. **Barger** was born and raised in Loami and leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his departure.

A host of **Homer Arnold's** friends surprised him Monday night in Allenboro and reminded him that it was his 21st birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hemer**, Thursday, 12 January 1899, a daughter.

Mrs. **Nick Nalbach** received a telegram Saturday conveying the sad intelligence of the drowning of her brother and calling her to her former home in Nashville, Tennessee, at once. She left on an afternoon train. The *Nashville Banner* reports: The backwaters which cover the baseball park to a depth of six or eight feet claimed two victims late Friday afternoon. **Morgan Sherwood** and **Thomas F Roesch**, aged 15 and 11 years, respectively, were drowned while padding about the backwaters upon an improvised raft. The overflows which frequently cover that section of the city, attract hundreds of north Nashville boys, who row about the muddy waters in skiffs, canoes and such other crafts as they can find. **Roesch** and **Sherwood** were on a raft which they had made from some timbers and during the course of their journey, they became engaged in splashing each other with water. **Roesch**, it is claimed, in some way, lost his balance and fell into the water. **Sherwood**, who could swim, plunged after him. They struggled in the water a few moments, then both went down to the bottom. A number of other boys witnessed the drowning from the banks, but they were so badly frightened that it did not occur to them to go to the rescue until it was too late. The alarm was quickly given and a search for the bodies was instituted. After dragging the park for some time, the bodies were brought to the surface when it was found that the boys were tightly clasped in each other's embrace. The funeral was held at the residence, No 903 Monroe Street, on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Services at First Evangelical Lutheran Church at 2 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev **Charles F Burgner**.

Wednesday, 25 January 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Our beloved and valued citizen, **James H Kirkman**, died in his home in this city on Sunday morning, 22 January 1899, aged 65 years and 4 months. For more than a year he has been suffering from complication of internal troubles. Wednesday, last, he experienced a severe attack of La Grippe which rapidly merged into an affection of the heart, an abscess forming, we are told, that resulted in his death which came quietly and painlessly. In the death of Mr. **Kirkman**, Moweaqua loses a citizen who always possessed a cheerful smile and a pleasant word for everyone. He was a man without an enemy in the world and very probably the most popular citizen of Moweaqua. He has filled township offices and village offices innumerable, always leaving them with a clean and efficient record. He came to Moweaqua 45 years ago and was for 21 years, continuously in the employ of **H F Day** and for nine years in the service of **Gregory, Combs & Co.** He has been an active member of Moweaqua Lodge A. F. & A. M. since 1855, and has held every office within the gift of the lodge. For the past 25 years he has been secretary of the lodge. He was also a charter member of the local lodge, Knights of Honor in which he carried \$2,000 insurance. The deceased was born in Vandalia, Illinois, in 1833 when that town was the capital of the state. He married **Parmelia Curtis** in 1858 in this city, **Capt A C Campbell** then a justice of the peace, performing the ceremony. What wondrous changes the deceased has witnessed in all those years, and yet to him, they came so gradual that he scarcely realized them. His acquaintance throughout the country about was very extensive and as he calmly pursued the even tenor on his way in the ordinary business channels of life, such was his nature that he not only made acquaintances but friends, warm and sincere friends, who will deeply regret his passing. Owing to the illness of Mrs. **Kirkman** and her daughter, **Miss Daisy Kirkman**, they being unable to go to the Church, the funeral services were held from the family residence at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. As a mark of esteem toward their beloved brother, Moweaqua lodge, A. F. & A. M. attended in full regalia, escorting the remains to their last resting place. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiated. Pallbearers were **J P Aydelott, J D Drew** and **Josiah Berry**, for the Knights of Honor and **Thomas Smith, J T Walker**, and **S M Adams** for the Masons. Interment in the city Cemetery, west of town. Present for the funeral from abroad were Mr. and Mrs. **Geo P Hardy** of Decatur, Mrs. **M A Kirkman** of Winchester, a sister of the deceased and Mrs. **Dr Catherwood** of Shelbyville.

Jas H Kirkman was born at Vandalia, Illinois, 29 September 1833. He died at his home in this city on Sunday morning at 9:45, AM, 22 January 1899. He was married in Moweaqua on 18 March 1858, to Miss **Permelia J Curtis** by **A C Campbell**, Justice of the Peace. He is survived by his wife, and four children, **Mollie M Kirkman, George E Kirkman**, and **Daisy D Kirkman** of this city, and **Chas T Kirkman** of Decatur. Two sisters and one brother also survive him. The sisters live at Winchester, Illinois, and the brother at Oak, Nebraska. He had been a Mason since 1855 and has been secretary of his Lodge since 1875. He was a member of the Baptist Church for 48 years. He came to Moweaqua in 1854 and has lived here ever since except one year at Winchester, Illinois, and one year at Murryville, Illinois. Mr. **Kirkman** was a carpenter by trade, but gave up his trade and accepted a similar position with **H F Day** which he held for 21 years. He afterwards held a position with **Gregory & Combs** for 9 years. *Card of Thanks* by Mrs. **J H Kirkman** and children

George Hill aged 86 years died near Mount Vernon, Illinois. He voted for **Andrew Jackson** and joined the M E Church in early life.

Mrs. **Hattie Christopher** died at 79 years, a pioneer at Christian County, and died at her home in Ricks township.

Mrs. **Nora Romen**, one of the oldest residents of Macoupin County, died at her home in Fayette, at the age of 83 years.

Eleneher Noyes, aged 92 years, a prominent pioneer, died at his home in Mattoon.

Two Marion County pioneers have passed away. Mrs. **Mary Partridge** aged 90 years, died at her home west of Salem, and **Winston Wooten** of Omega Township, died at 81 years of age.

Mark Plummed died at Sycamore from lockjaw. He accidentally stepped into a vat of boiling feed and the flesh came off his feet. Lockjaw set in, resulting in his death.

At Peoria, **James McGlynn**, 18 years of age, was thrown from a wagon in a runaway accident, walked about for some time, and went to the hospital and died from his injuries.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Bishop** on 18 January 1899, a boy.

The community was again shocked yesterday by the sudden death of Mrs. **G M Keiser**, which occurred between twelve and one o'clock. Mrs. **Keiser** was taken very ill last Friday with a serious kidney trouble and while suffering most intense agony, grew rapidly worse until death relieved her of all suffering. Mrs. **Hannah P Keiser** was the daughter of Rev **W F Lowe**, a Methodist minister, who at the time she married **Geo M Keiser** in April 1871, was located here. She was a little over fifty-two years of age at the time of her death. Being a resident of Moweauqua for nearly 28 years, by her sweet and gentle demeanor, she had drawn about her, a host of warm friends who deeply deplore her passing. One child, **William Keiser**, survives her. Services will occur tomorrow (Thursday) at 2 o'clock from the M E Church. Rev **J Foxworthy** officiating.

Harry J Pratt, a beloved Moweauqua boy, gives his life in the cause of his country.

Calmly and sweetly, with a Christ-like smile spreading o'er his handsome features, still beautiful though showing plainly the effects of illness, **Harry Pratt** presented a lovely picture Sunday as he lay within the casket, cold in death. With his life, he paid the penalty of highest patriotism. Strong and brave, full of life and hope, he responded to his country's call, only to become a martyr to a victorious cause. With him the price of victory was death—and weather on the field of battle or disease incurred in service, he gave his all—his life. The deceased was the son of our esteemed fellow citizen, **H A Pratt**, and for many years resided with his parents just south of town. When his mother died he went to Iowa, near Sheldon, and joined with his brother in farming. When the call for volunteers was made, **Harry** went to Creston, Iowa, and in June enlisted in the 52nd Iowa Vol Inf. His regiment was ordered into camp at Chickamauga and because of climatic differences, **Harry** contracted a malignant type of malarial fever, which however, did not make itself fully manifested until after he had secured a furlough and returned to his home at Sheldon, Iowa. When **Harry** fully realized he was going to be ill—the malaria of the south was even then doing its deadly work—he came at once to his home in Moweauqua, arriving here the latter part of November 1898. From malarial fever, the disease rapidly developed into consumption. Throughout his illness, **Harry** bore his suffering bravely and as a true soldier should, he possessed a most indomitable will-power and made noble fight for life. He wanted to live. To him the world was good and pure and beautiful. He seemed to feel until the very last that he would get well, but alas, that terrible disease claimed him as a

victim and the end came Saturday, 21 January 1899, at about 11 o'clock. He had received an honorable discharge from the Army a few days before he died. Services were held on Sunday afternoon from the Baptist Church, Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating. As an especial honor to the beloved soldier boy, honorary pall bearers from the local G. A. R. post preceded the bier, the following gentlemen acting as escorts in that capacity: Comrades **J M Rodman, John Clark, Josiah Berry, Geo Dean, A W Love, J E Gregory** and **J H Kirker**. Active pallbearers were **Wm Rodman, Ralph Snyder, Homer Tolly, W T Bowman, Wave Roff** and **Ed Easley**. Interment in the Masonic Cemetery south of town. With an exquisite silk flag lying upon his breast, emblem of his country for which he gave his life, all that is earthly of **Harry Pratt** was peacefully laid to rest, but the spirit of a brave soldier boy, sanctified in nobility and purity is heaven born, into eternal life and light and infinite glory.

Harry Julius Pratt was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 6 August 1876 and died at the home of his father, **H A Pratt** in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 21 January 1899, aged 22 years, 5 months and 15 days. Of a family of ten children, he is the fifth to pass to the other side, the mother also having gone to her reward about two years ago. The deceased enlisted in the 52nd Iowa U S Vol Infantry in June 1898. The Regiment was discharged in September 1898 while he was absent on a furlough on account of sickness so that his discharge was sent to him since he has been at his father's during the last weeks of his illness. He professed a faith in Christ on Tuesday, 10 January 1899, just eleven days before his untimely death.

Mr. **A Corrington's** infant child died last Monday at Prairieton and was buried in the Hays Cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J McNeal** on 17 January 1899, a girl, at Prairieton.

James C Cooper of Moweaqua and Mrs. **Ida Cottrell** of Macon were united in marriage at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, 18 January 1899, by Justice **O W Smith** at his office on Water Street. The groom is a coal miner at Moweaqua. (Decatur paper)

Mrs. **H E Travis** arrived yesterday afternoon about 3 hours after Mrs. **Geo Keiser's** death. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Bilyeu** on 24 January 1899, a boy.

Wednesday, 1 February 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

The funeral services of the late Mrs. **Hannah Keiser** were held from the M E Church on Thursday afternoon, 26 January 1899, in the presence of an immense throng of sympathizing and sorrowing friends. Services conducted by Rev **Armentrout** of the Edinburg Church, assisted by Rev **Rogers** of this city. Pallbearers were Messrs **J P Aydelott, Frank Ribelin, A J Combs, C F Gaskill, Wm L Morris** and **M E Magruder**. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west of town. Mrs. **Keiser** enjoyed the love and esteem of a host of warm friends in this city and her demise is deeply regretted.

James Freeman, one of the most widely known and highly esteemed men in this section of Illinois, died at his home in Decatur early Saturday morning, 28 January 1899. For many years, Mr. **Freeman** owned and occupied the farm east of town, now owned by **Walter Parks**. About 20 years ago, he moved to Decatur and engaged with his brother, **John Freeman** in the shoe business. His long honorable and successful business life brought him into prominence, and he was looked upon as one of the most highly esteemed citizens and substantial businessmen of Decatur. He was a member of the Decatur Club and was past grand dictator and a member of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Honor.

From the *Decatur Republican*: Mr. Freeman has been in failing health for the past two years. He has suffered with chronic liver trouble and the disease has had telling effects upon him. Last October he went to Chicago hoping to benefit his health, but his condition at that time grew worse and for a week or more, he was not expected to live. His family members were called to his bedside and the physicians said there were no hopes for his recovery, but he finally rallied and returned to his home in Decatur. His condition improved sufficiently for him to be able to move out of the house for a short time each day, but about four weeks ago he suffered an attack of the grippe and has since been confined to his bed. On Friday he sank rapidly and it was realized by his family and friends that he could live but a few hours. **James Freeman** was born 6 April 1836 at Boston, Massachusetts, and was the son of the late **Benjamin Freeman**. He belonged to one of the old New England families and traced his ancestry back to 1632. When a boy, Mr. **Freeman** came with his parents to Hillsboro, Illinois, where his father had land interests. It was this place that **Benjamin Freeman** died and the family moved back to Boston. Mr. **Freeman** returned to Illinois over 30 years ago. In 1865, at Jacksonville, Illinois, Mr. **Freeman** was married to Miss **May L Wilson**. The wife, together with the following children survive him: Mrs. **Mame L Wilmuth**, wife of **A W Wilmuth** and **James S Freeman**, **A W Freeman**, **Benjamin Freeman**, **Charles W Freeman**, **J Ned Freeman**, and **Allerton S Freeman**. The deceased also leaves one brother, **Benjamin S Freeman** of Boston, Massachusetts, who recently visited in the city and one sister, Mrs. **Anna F Watson** of Oakland, California.

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of **Benjamin F Smart** to Miss **Ida J Snyder** which will occur at the M E Church on Wednesday evening, 8 February 1899, at seven o'clock. After the ceremony the newly-married couple will be tendered a reception at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder, Jr.**

Miss **Polly Hill**, aged 80 years died at Norris City, Illinois

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cairns** on Wednesday, 15 January 1899, a boy.

Word reached Moweaqua the first of the week that **Glen Taggart**, the 18 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Clark Taggart** died Friday night at their home in Crowley, Louisiana, of spinal meningitis. Mr. and Mrs. **Taggart** have the warm sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Friday morning while at Assumption on professional business, **Dr W M Catto** of Decatur, a young physician and surgeon, well-known here, was instantly killed. He attempted to pass between two cars of a broken freight train in order to catch the passenger train on the opposite side of the tracks and was crushed to death. **Dr Catto** held a large practice in the country tributary to Decatur. He was 41 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children.

The sorrowful intelligence reached the city yesterday morning that **Jamie Stewart**, the 16-year-old and eldest son of Mrs. **J G Stewart**, 3 ¼ miles east had died very suddenly of congestion of the brain. Jamie went to school as usual Monday at Round Grove, but came home at noon feeling badly and seeming to be suffering with an attack of La Grippe. He grew rapidly worse through Monday night and at three o'clock, his uncle, **Charlie Brooks**, came to town for a physician. **Dr Sparling** returned with him about five o'clock, but in the meantime, the boy had passed away. The attack of La Grippe had done its deadly working merging into congestion of the brain. **Jamie** was the oldest of Mrs. **Stewart's** bright and handsome boys. He was a manly little fellow and a great source of comfort to his mother.

He was studious and was one of the best scholars at Round Grove. The funeral services will be held tomorrow (Thursday) morning at eleven o'clock from the M E Church. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Sullivan** on Friday night, two bouncing boys. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Rev and Mrs. **G W Olmstead** of Allenboro on 20 January 1899, a daughter. **Bart S Brooks** came down from Decatur yesterday to be present at the funeral of his nephew, 16 year old **Jamie Stewart**.

Eph Adamson attended the funeral of **James Freeman** at Decatur on Monday. Mr. **Adamson** farmed the Freeman farm east of town for many years.

Wednesday, 8 February 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of many months, an aged and respected citizen passes away. Once again we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of Moweaqua's most estimable old ladies. Mrs. **Joseph Duncan** had been a patient sufferer from consumption for many months, and when death finally came to her relief Wednesday noon, her friends realized that rest, eternal rest – was hers at last. For many years she had been a resident of this community and her children and grandchildren had grown up and matured into manhood and womanhood about her. For fifty-six long years, Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Duncan** journeyed along life's pathway, hand in hand. They experienced the trials and triumphs of Illinois pioneers, with a unity of purpose, they gave to the world, their best efforts. They have stood together beside the bier of their beloved ones in days gone by and now Mr. **Duncan** has silently wept beside the grave of his beloved helpmate. But 'Dust thou are, to dust returnest, is not spoken of the soul.' The immortality of spiritual eternity is not far distant. Mrs. **Duncan** was a woman greatly beloved by all who knew her, though for many months an invalid, she bore her suffering with silent Christian fortitude and a cheerful happy smile ever greeted the coming of a friend. Services held from the Baptist Church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiating., assisted by Rev **Paisley** and Rev **Midkiff**. **Susan C DeVault-Duncan**, daughter of **Jacob** and **Rachel DeVault**, was born near Hanover, Pennsylvania, on 13 February 1824. She died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 1 February 1899, aged 74 years, 11 months and 12 days. She removed with the family to Tennessee when she was a child of about 4 years. She was married on 13 October 1842 to **Joseph Duncan** and with her husband moved to Jacksonville, Illinois in 1851. Living there about one year, they moved to Fayette, Green County, residing there until on the 10th of February 1867, when they moved to the neighborhood of Moweaqua, and later to the home in this city. Brother and Sister **Duncan** lived as man and wife together for more than 56 years. To them were born 8 children, **Sarah A. Duncan**, **Jennie Duncan**, **Robert Duncan**, and a child dying in infancy have passed to the other side; **Mary Duncan**, **Martin Duncan**, **James Duncan** and **Joseph Duncan** are living. Besides the aged husband and four children, Sister **Duncan** leaves one brother and a sister, Mrs. **Hunt** of Tulsa, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, who was present during the last months of her illness. Mr. and Mrs. **Duncan** both joined the Baptist Church before they were married, and united with the Moweaqua Baptist Church in 1867 and members in good standing ever since. Married at the home of the bride's parents in Flat Branch township on Wednesday evening, 1 February 1899, Rev **A C Huffman** officiating, Miss **Flora C Bickner** was married to **Jas S. Stith**. Both young people are well-known in Moweaqua.

The numerous friends of Mrs. **Beatrice Snell** and Mr. **James R Smith** of Taylorville were pleasantly surprised to learn that Sunday last they were joined in holy matrimony at Robinson, Crawford County, Illinois. Mrs. **Snell** is the thoroughly efficient teacher of the primary department in our public school, a lady of rare culture and refinement and one held in highest esteem in this community. To the favored few who appeared to have inside knowledge of the coming event, the affair was not wholly a surprise, in-as-much as the bride-to-be secured a substitute to teach her room this week in the person of Miss **Lulu Bruner**. Mr. **Smith** was formerly a businessman in this city and is the present postmaster of Taylorville. He is a gentleman who bears a most excellent reputation. Mrs. **Smith** will continue her school work until the end of the term and will then make her home in Taylorville.

Mrs. **Mary Ellen McCroy**, widow of **James McCroy**, the pioneer woman of Coles County, died at 83 years of age.

Arthur Livingston who located in Peoria in 1831, his wife died the following day. The couple were buried in the same grave.

Mrs. **Franklin T Corning**, wife of wealthy distiller in Peoria, died.

James W Dalton, aged 65, proprietor of the St Charles Hotel in Pana died. He was extensively known among traveling men.

John L Rhinehart, a prominent farmer near Grayville, aged 79 years died. He was, at one time, a practicing physician.

Uncle **Johnny Klier** aged 79 years died at Ramsey, Illinois.

January Springer aged 91 years, and Mrs. **Elizabeth Hutton**, 86 years died, both old pioneers of Coles County.

Mrs. **James Hunt** died. She was the oldest resident of Henry County and would have been 100 years old in May 1899.

John H Jennings of Joliet died at Las Cruces, New Mexico, recently of consumption. The deceased was worth half a million dollars and was only 23 years old. He had traveled for the last 4 years. Until a year ago, he enjoyed good health. His fortune will go to his two uncles, **Frank** and **Edward Jennings** of Chicago. His father died several years ago and his mother survives him. She will receive \$40,000 and \$5,000 for an annual income.

At Cazenovia, Woodford County, **William Beecher**, 85 years of age, died of La Grippe. Five hours later, his wife, 70 years of age, also died from the same disease. They were old settlers and large land owners. Mr and Mrs **William Beecher** were buried together.

George W Cannedy, a well-do-do farmer, died suddenly with heart failure at his home, three miles south of Greenfield, aged 82 years.

Robert Shaw, a bachelor, aged 76 years, and once very wealthy, was found dead in bed at Kenny, DeWitt County, the other morning.

Robert Gomes, a Princeton Negro, who married a white woman, was fined \$100 and sent to the penitentiary from one to ten years.

The infant child of **I B Gore** of Prairieton died of lung trouble last Thursday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Life Harper** on Thursday, 2 February 1899, a daughter (Prairie Home news)

Ella Moose aged ten years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J M Moose** of Loami died on Thursday of brain fever.

The remains of **Ernest Kinney** who died on 27 January 1899 at Alva, Florida, aged

28 years, arrived in Loami on Tuesday. Funeral services were held on Friday morning at the family residence. Interment took place in Sulpher Springs Cemetery.

Married at the bride's home in Fame on Wednesday evening by Rev **A C Huffman**, Miss **Katie Bickner** and **James Stith**. We extend congratulations.

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the M E Church, Mr. **Ben Smart** and Miss **Ida Snyder** will be united in marriage. The wedding will be public and all friends are invited to the Church.

J P Aydelott and **E J Kilborn** went up to Decatur on Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. **G W Hayden** who was a brother-in-law of Mr. **Aydelott**. The remains were sent to Wisconsin for interment.

Sunday evening at the M E Church, union memorial services will be held in memory of the late **Francis Willard**.

The M E Church was filled Thursday noon by the sorrowing and sympathetic friends of Mrs. **Stewart** and when the beautiful casket bearing all that was mortal of the dear boy, **Jamie Stewart**, was borne up the aisle of the sanctuary to the altar, the large audience was visibly affected. In his remarks, Rev **Foxworthy** feelingly alluded to the manly little fellow and his words were those of deepest sympathy and consolation. He was a manly and noble boy, bright and handsome, loving and obedient. A boy totally free from the dissipations so frequent with boys of his age. He was an unceasing source of joy and comfort to a beautiful and loving mother. Pallbearers were **Roy Snyder**, **Blaine Snyder**, **Jamie McKay**, **Charles Harlan**, **M Haley, Jr** and **George Matthews, Jr**. Interment in the Stewart family lot in the city Cemetery west of town. **Jamie Stewart**, who died on 31 January 1899, about 5 o'clock AM was an estimable young boy. He was kind hearted, considerate of all and forgiving in disposition. He was very accommodating in every way. He was self sacrificing. As a student he was very bright and well advanced for his age. The day before his death he attended school up to noon and recited his lessons in his usual ready, brisk and comprehensive manner. **Jamie** was popular with his schoolmates. At home he was both loved and living. He was the life of the family and we might say that for a second time, the head of the family was snatched away, and the remaining members left to watch and wait. To know him was to love him. He was born in 1883 and would have been sixteen years old this coming 26th day of June. When his head was hurting him badly, he said, "Mama, try Christian science on my head." I said to him, "Jamie, I want you to ask God to forgive you, I want you to grow up to be a good Christian man". Afterwards I asked him if he had asked God to forgive him and he said, "Yes, I have, Mama." He died easily with a smile on his face when he drew his last breath. Signed, His Mama.

Miss **Lucy Snyder** came home from Eureka yesterday to attend the wedding of her sister, Miss **Ida Snyder** this evening.

Little **Mable Allison**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Allison**, aged 4 years, died yesterday of acute bronchitis. Funeral from the house, 6 miles west, tomorrow, Thursday at 10 AM.

Little Miss **Nellie Wilson**, aged 9 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wibb Wilson**, very pleasantly entertained a number of her young friends on Thursday evening, the occasion being her 9th birthday. Refreshments were served and the young folks report a delightful time.

Wednesday, 15 February 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, 8 February 1899, at the M E Church occurred the wedding of Mr. **Ben Smart**, second son of Mr. and Mrs. **A W Smart** to Miss **Ida Snyder**, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder, Jr.** Guests seated by Misses **Mabel** and **Lucy Snyder** and Messrs **Ralph Ayars** and **Ralph Snyder**. Miss **Lulu Coffman** was the organist playing the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march. The groom was escorted by Mrs. **Margaret Hudson**, sister of the bride, while Mr. **Frank Hudson**, followed with the bride leaning upon his arm. (*Description of wedding attire given, not copied in this book*). Rev **Foxworthy** officiated at the brief though very impressive ceremony. The bride is one of Moweaqua's most estimable young ladies. A bright and very handsome girl who possesses numerous exceptional traits of character, not the least among them being that of her thoroughly domestic home life. She has been the mainstay of a loving and beloved mother. Mr. **Smart** has indeed won a prize of which he may well be proud. The groom is a most exemplary young man, honest and industrious of a most excellent family and is a thorough master of the practical art of farming. With the helpmate that he has chosen to journey with him through life's various vicissitudes, their pathway should abound in happy and prosperous realities. At the conclusion of ceremony at the Church a number of invited guests repaired to the residence of the bride's parents to extend congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Smith** being the caterers, the supper was most excellently prepared and served. (*List of guests and Jessie Stine and Lena Snyder provided the reception entertainment with vocal and instrumental music*). (*List of attendees not provided here.*) Thursday noon, Mr. and Mrs. **A W Smart** tendered the young people a splendid dinner to which only the relatives were invited. Mr. and Mrs. **Smart** will occupy the farm of **M Snyder Jr**, south of town.

L Melcher, a former resident of this city and a most estimable old gentleman, died at his home in Findlay on Saturday morning. He was past four score years and very feeble. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at Locust Grove. Mr. **Melcher** was a kind and genial old gentleman and everyone who knew him was his friends.

Mrs. **Fannie Levassuer**, aged 80 years, a very early settler in Illinois, died in Kankakee.

Robert Young, oldest settler in Scott County, Illinois, died at age 84 years.

Mrs. **Rachel Gaston**, aged 89 years, one of the first settlers of Marion County, died.

Richard Fulkerson, aged 99 years and five months, died at Williamsville of senility and old age.

Daniel Ertel, who had been a resident of Quincy and Adams County since 1833, died from an attack of the grippe, aged 85 years.

Charles Clement, Sr an old resident of Coles County, died at Oakland.

O S Horton, a retired capitalist of Galena, died. He was stricken with apoplexy and was aged 69 years of age. He had lived in Galena since 1853.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Cleveland**, well-known residents of Eureka, celebrated their golden wedding. The event was observed by a reunion at which all the children and a number of grand children were present.

Stephen Carr Noble died at Bloomington at 77 years of age. He was the first sewing machine agent in Central Illinois, and the first boot and shoe merchant of Bloomington.

Emmett Haywood who shot and killed his wife after a quarrel in Chicago, shot himself in the head and killed himself also.

Mrs. **Sebastian Hertschuh** of Bloomington, 76 years of age, fell dead at the door of a neighbor. She had gone to the neighbor's home for a visit.

Edward E Meyer was caught in the endless chain at Meyer's Ice House in Beardstown a few days ago, dragged and instantly killed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Warren** at Allenboro, 10 February 1899, a fine son.

George Allison's little child died in Prairieton last week.

Chas Edwards' infant child died last Friday at Prairieton.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **James Adams** to Miss **Mable Moore** and **Hiram Bilyeu** to Miss **Maggie Gorden**. (Prairieton news)

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Jameson** have a new boy born 12 February 1899.

Funeral services of **Leonard Melcher** were held at the Locust Grove Church on Sunday evening at 11 o'clock by Rev **Fields** of Decatur. Burial was in the Locust Grove Cemetery on Sunday morning, in the midst of bitter cold. Mr. **Melcher** was born in Penn, 1 December 1817 and died at Findlay on 11 February 1899, aged 81 years, 2 months and 10 days. He had been sick about a month. Two sons, **Samuel** of Findlay and **Ashbury** of Missouri, are the only surviving members of the family. The wife and daughter having died several years ago. Both sons and a nephew were with him during his last few weeks of illness. (Obed news).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W A Warren** on 10 February 1899 at Allenboro, a fine son.

Wednesday, 22 February 1899 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*:

At the residents of **Wm Moore** in Prairieton township on Wednesday evening at 6:30 P.M. o'clock, occurred the wedding of **James A Adams**, a prominent young farmer of Prairieton, to Miss **Mabel Moore**, a young society lady of that community. Rev **J J Midkiff** pronounced the magic words that bound this young couple for life. About one hundred guests were present. The wedding march was played by Miss **Unice Berry** of Taylorville. (*Stonington Star*).

Sherman, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Holsaple**, about two and a half years of age, died Saturday morning, after a brief illness. The funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon from the M E Church. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating. Interment was in the city Cemetery.

Mrs. **Joanna Scales** died at 57 years at Ridgeway.

James Prowell, a veteran of the Civil War died at Harrisburg at age 76 years.

Henry Carlisle, one of Cobden's earliest settlers, aged 74 years, died.

Capt **George Owen** died near Cobden.

Robert Brand, one of the most widely known residents of Galena, died at age 83 years. He was a native of Virginia, but his early life was spent in St Louis. He located at Galena over 50 years ago and until a few months ago, had been actively engaged in business. He was the mayor of Galena for 17 years.

Miss **Ella Morris** of Clinton, whose dress caught fire while warming by a stove, died in great agony. She was a niece of Judge **Lawrence Weldon** of the United States Court of Claims.

John D Ellinhaus, a wealthy saloonkeeper of Peoria, was murdered at his home the other night. He was shot and fell dying in his wife's arms.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C S Clark** on 17 February 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E W Smith** on 17 February 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J A Cooley** on 18 February 1899, a girl.

Obed news: **Russel Sloan** does not batch as stated by the Obed correspondent last week, but has taken unto himself a wife in the person of a Miss **Hildebrand** of Beecher City. They moved to the house recently vacated by **Will Sloan** on Friday. During the evening they were kindly remembered by a charivarie crowd.

Last Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. **James Adams** and Miss **Mabel Moore** were united in marriage. Rev **Midkiff** officiated. There were a hundred friends and relatives present. After congratulations, they marched to the dining room where the table was loaded with delicious delicacies, which all our farmer wives stand high in the art. **Jim** should be proud of his choice, she is the eldest daughter of **Wm Moore** and loved by all of her acquaintances. She will be greatly missed by her family and neighbors. **Jim** is the oldest son of Hon **Isom Adams**, an honest and industrious young man; he is a hustler, has been manager of his father's broad acres for years, as **Uncle 'Ice'** is getting old. They will be at home in about a week on the **H C O'Dell** farm, having purchased it.

Mich Workman's baby died last Friday in Prairieton and was buried in the Bilyeu Cemetery on Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Murray** on 15 February 1899, a girl.

Notification has been received that Bro. **James H Kirkman**, deceased, had \$2,000 insurance and this claim will be paid out about 4 March 1899.

Wednesday, 1 March 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Robert Milliken Stine passes into eternal immortality, having fought a good fight and righteously kept his faith. **Robert Stine** had been more or less of an invalid, his malady being that of the dreaded disease, consumption. At times he did not have the physical strength to overcome, and the end came at midnight Wednesday when surrounded by the loved ones of the home, he calmly and sweetly breathed his last. Our little city can ill afford to lose such citizens as **Robert Stine**. He was a man of and for the people, a man beloved and respected by the entire community. Funeral services were held at the M E Church on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock PM with Rev **J Foxworthy** assisted by Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiating. The church was filled beyond its seating capacity. **Robert Milliken Stine** was born in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, on 15 August 1851, and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, 22 February 1899, after a sickness of over 5 months. He was aged 47 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was the seventh of a family of nine children, three of whom survive him, **Nelson** and **Howard Stine** of Hastings, Nebraska, and Mrs. **Hannah Smith** of this city. He came to Shelby County with his parents in the spring of 1869, and settled on a farm about 7 miles southeast of Moweaqua. On 4 March 1879, he was united in marriage with **Tillie A. Coulter**. Three children were born to them, **Roy Graham Stine**, **Samuel Lloyd Stine** and **Jessie Rebecca Stine**, who are left with mother to mourn their loss. In March 1881, he moved with his family to this city and engaged in the business of carpenter and builder to which he added that of undertaker. These lines of business he carried on successfully up to the time of his death. His business methods were energetic and of such upright principles as to earn for him the esteem and respect of the many with whom he held dealings. He was much esteemed by his associates and friends for his sunny face, kind words and helpful hands in the times of need, and on every side may be heard that well merited expression, 'he was a good man'. He converted in 1889

during revival services. He wanted to live for the sake of his family and friends, tho at several different times, expressed himself a being perfectly satisfied to go and be with Jesus if it be God's will. He took a deep interest in the welfare of the community, served as Village Trustee, Board of Education, and for 12 years he served as head of the fire department of Moweaqua. **R M Stine** will be remembered in Moweaqua and will be sadly missed. He held a \$2,000 life insurance policy in the local camp of Modern Woodman and this is the first death the Lodge has had since its organization.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **George F Rice** occurred the marriage of Mr. **Sherman Weatherhold** and Miss **Ada Markwell**. In the presence of a few friends of the family, Elder **A R Spicer** performed in a most impressive manner the ceremony that consummated their highest hopes and united their purposes and plans for life. The young people are known as earnest energetic workers. Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Knowles** honored them with an elaborate afternoon dinner.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cross**, 20 February 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Russel** on Saturday, 25 February 1899, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Blake** on 19 February 1899, a boy.

Thursday morning at his residence in Flat Branch township, **John Dailey**, aged 71 years, died of stomach trouble. The deceased was a brother-in-law of Esquire **F M Pleak** and he leaves a wife and several children. The remains were laid to rest in Locust Grove Cemetery.

Thursday evening, after a brief illness with typhoid pneumonia, **Zachariah Kitchens**, aged 79 years, an uncle of **J M Workman**, who was on a visit from Missouri, died at the residence of the last named gentleman. Brief funeral services were held on Friday under the leadership of **P G Ludwig** and interment was in the Hays Cemetery.

At the home of **J B Gorden** on Wednesday evening at three o'clock occurred the marriage of his most estimable daughter, **Maggie** to Mr. **Hiram Bilyeu**, both of Prairieton Township. Mrs. **John Lawrence** rendered a beautiful march as the couple came in, led by Elder **A R Spicer**, of the Christian Church. At the close of a short but most impressive ceremony, congratulations were extended and the young people repaired to an elegant dinner that was given in honor of the occasion. Numerous and valuable presents were given. The young people are known to be two of the most popular and energetic of the community and as such we predict for them a happy and prosperous life.

Esq. **Fry** held an inquest on the body of Miss **Grace Sanner** at Prairie Home. The jury empanelled to give a verdict as to the cause of her death were: **Ira Baird, Robert Hennigh, Robert Beck, Guy Sheffler, Lynn Baird** and **D Sheffler**. The verdict rendered was that death was caused from a dose of poison taken from her own hands.

Born on 19 February 1899 in Pleak, a son to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Scribner**.

Wednesday evening, 22 February 1899, at 3 o'clock PM at the residence of Mr. **I B Gorden**, occurred the wedding of Mr. **Hiram Bilyeu** to Miss **Maggie Gorden**. About 40 relatives and friends were present. Prior to the hour appointed, the guests had assembled in the west parlor and sweet strains of the wedding march, executed by Mrs. **John Lawrence** heralded the approach of the bridal party. The bride was handsome and tastefully gowned in brown broadcloth, trimmed in lace and ribbons. Rev **Spicer** officiated at the impressive ceremony. The bride is one of Prairieton's most estimable young ladies, who possesses numerous exceptional traits of character, not the least among them being that of thoroughly domestic home life. The groom is an honest and industrious

young farmer of a most excellent family. At the conclusion of the ceremony the bridal party and guests entered the dining room where a bounteously spread, of which all did ample justice was received. The couple will reside with the bride's father.

Last Wednesday morning at 9:40 o'clock, Uncle **Billy Gorden** died of old age, being 87 years and 14 days. He was born in Montgomery Co, Kentucky, in 1812, emigrated to Illinois, Christian County, in 1864. His wife has been dead about 30 years. Nine children were born to this union of which six boys survive: **Isom Gorden, William Gorden, Richard Gorden, Thomas Gorden, John Gorden, and Joseph Gorden**. Grandpa made his home with son, John Gorden. So another one of our pioneers has gone. Grandpa saw many changes and developments in our community in his life.

Allenboro news: Miss **Grace Sanner** died Thursday afternoon by a rash act of her own hand. Our sympathies to her family.

D N Harwood, for 40 years a businessman of Shelbyville, died at noon yesterday of diabetes. He was aged 69 years of age.

William Gorden, a well-known farmer of Christian County, residing four and a half miles west of this city, in Prairieton, died on Wednesday afternoon at 87 years of age. He was a native of Kentucky and had lived in Christian County for the past 40 years. The funeral was held from the residence on Friday and burial was in Adams Cemetery.

Sunday afternoon at his home on the west side, about 3 o'clock, **Charles Leslie Davis**, son of **Samuel and Amelia Davis**, after an illness of two weeks, passed quietly from this earth into immortality. He was well-known in this city and had won for himself a host of friends. He was quite an inoffensive young man and well liked by all who knew him. The funeral services were held from the house at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday with Rev **Jo. B Rogers** of the Baptist Church conducting the short but beautiful services. Remains were taken to the north Cemetery for interment. The young men's class of the Baptist Church contributed very beautiful floral tributes. The deceased was born at Mt Auburn, Illinois, on 2 August 1876 and at the time of his death, was in his twenty-third year.

Lorimer Huffman, the bright young son of Rev and Mrs. **A C Huffman**, age about 8 years, died at their home south of town, on Tuesday of last week of diphtheria. Rev **Huffman** is the beloved pastor of Fame and the funeral services were held from that Church on Wednesday.

About two o'clock on Saturday afternoon at her home in the east part of town, occurred the very sudden death of the wife of **John B Hays** of heart disease. Up almost to the time of her death, Mrs. **Hays** had been almost well, only at times she had a slight attack of kidney trouble until Saturday, the final blow came very sudden and unexpected. Mrs. **Hays** had just finished dinner and had arisen from the table, and was removing a chair when suddenly she fell upon the bed and in almost an instance, she was a corpse. The funeral services were held from the M E Church Monday morning at 10 o'clock. Rev **J Foxworthy** officiating, speaking some beautiful words touching on the Christian life of the deceased. Appropriate music was discoursed, the choir composed of **Besse Day, Maud Haslam, Mrs. Sparling, J T Haslam and Helen Aydelott**. Remains were taken to their last resting place at the west Cemetery. Miss **Lydia J Workman** was born in Overton County, Tennessee, on 6 December 1858, and was married in Decatur on 10 December 1875 to **John D Hays**. She united with a Protestant Methodist Church in 1876, and died on 25 February 1899. To this union were born four children, **Gertie, George, Bertie**, who survive her, and **Roy**, who died in Springfield, Missouri, on 5 December 1895 at age

3 years.

A profound sensation was created at the beautiful home of **Shields H Sanner** near Prairie Home in Penn township, Thursday noon, when at the wedding feast of his daughter, **Lina Sanner**, and in the presence of the invited guests, his eldest daughter, **Grace Sanner**, deliberately swallowed a large dose of strychnine. She died in horrible agony within the hour. The story is one of unrequited love. Four years ago, **Grace Sanner** and **John B Orris** were lovers, and their infatuation for each other was the talk of the County. About 18 months ago, **Orris** ceased his attention to Grace and became devoted to her half sister, **Lina Sanner**. At this, Grace became morose and sad. Several times she threatened to end her life, though little attention was paid to her words. Thursday was the day set for the wedding of Miss **Lina Sanner** and **John B Orris**. The ceremony was impressively performed at the home of the bride in the presence of a large number of guests. After the ceremony, those present repaired to the dining hall, Miss Grace among them. It was noted that Miss Grace came to the second table with a white powder concealed in her hand. This she placed in a spoon, and quickly swallowed it, washing it down with a glass of water. In a few moment the fatal dose began its deadly work, and then her agony attracted the attention of the guests who did everything possible to save her life, but in less than an hour, death ended her suffering. Last Saturday, **Grace Sanner** was in Decatur and met Mr. **Orris** by appointment. The object of their meeting there was to purchase goods for the house which Mr. Orris was fitting up for his bride. They visited a number of stores in the city, and Mr. Orris returned home that afternoon while Miss Grace remained over until Sunday. The fact that she had participated in the preparation of a home for her sister, and the fact that she had engaged to teach the summer school at Prairie Home, and the further fact that she had known for weeks that her sister was to wed Mr. Orris, are circumstances that lead Mr. Sanner to his belief that there were other causes, not known to him, which caused this young woman to kill herself. She was self-willed and rather reticent in her disposition. So far as is now known, she left no note in explanation of her suicide. Where she got the drug with which to kill herself is another thing that puzzles the family. In a little town like Prairie Home it is no easy matter to buy poisonous drugs, and there is strong probability that the young lady made the purchase while she was in Decatur last Saturday. Miss **Sanner** was a beautiful and highly accomplished girl, about 23 years of age. She had just finished her term as teacher in the West Center School, Shelby County, and had been engaged to teach the coming term. Esquire **Frye** impaneled a coroner's jury, consisting of **Ira Baird, C** and **G Sheffler, Linn Baird, Robert Hennigh** and **Robert Beck**, who returned a verdict that the deceased came to her death by her own hand. Word comes to us by telephone this week that since the sad event, Mr. and Mrs. **Shields Sanner** have both been very ill and have required the constant care and attentions of Mr. and Mrs. **Orris** who are still with them and will remain with them for two or three weeks.

Wednesday, 8 March 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

I R McKay has been found dead in bed. **Isaac R McKay** passes away at Springfield while serving as a United States Grand Jury member. Arrangements were made at once to bring the remains home. Mr. **McKay** had been in attendance at the United States Court as grand jurymen for several weeks. He visited home about 3 weeks ago and said at that time, he would be retained in Springfield until the middle of March. Mr. **J C Wilson** left Saturday evening via Pana and the B&O for Springfield, returning on Sunday morning.

via Clinton, by the *Diamond Special*, as escort to the remains which were taken at once to the family residence. The story of Mr. **McKay**'s death as told by Mr. **Wilson** and substantiated at the coroner's inquest is brief but very sad. He was discovered in his room at the Clark House by the proprietor, Mr. **Clark** and a brother oddfellow, Mr. **Shultz**, about 9 AM o'clock Saturday morning in a sitting posture on the lounge, his head thrown back – dead. He had slept all night in the bed and had arisen in the morning, partly dressed himself, and doubtless feeling an attack of some sort coming on him, went to the lounge, sat down and expired. There could have been no suffering. His features in a peaceful repose. **Isaac R McKay** was a valued citizen of Moweaqua. As a member of the board of education, he was among its most earnest and zealous workers—his idea was to bring our public school up to the highest possible standard. He carried \$2,000 life insurance in the Knights of Home. He was a man firm in his convictions of right and wrong, a devoted husband and loving father. For years his health has been poor, and for months at a time he was unable to follow his profession – that of carpenter. In politics, Mr. **McKay** was ever an ardent Republican and an earnest temperance advocate. Services were held from the M E Church on Monday afternoon at two o'clock. Rev **Foxworthy**, assisted by Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiated. Details of the arrangements were in the hands of the Shelby Lodge I. O. O. F. of which he was a member. **Isaac R McKay** was born on a farm near Jacksonville, Illinois, 28 May 1842. He died in Springfield, Illinois, on 4 March 1899, aged 56 years, 9 months and 6 days. He was one of a family of seven children, three brothers and three sisters, all of whom are dead except two sisters, Mrs. **Walter Humphrey** of Moweaqua, and Mrs. **Sophia Golden** of Petersburg, Illinois, who with her son, attended the services. He was married to Miss **Kate Cochran**, 11 April 1871, at Milton, Indiana. To them were born five children, viz: **Rose M, Jennie, Owen, Louie, and Jamie McKay**. Two of whom, **Owen and Louis**, have preceded the father to the better land, leaving the wife, **Rose M Day, Jennie** and **Jamie** behind. He enlisted in Co E 14th Illinois Volunteers on 25 May 1861, as Corporal in which office he served until 12 December 1863, on which date he re-enlisted as a veteran of volunteers and served as 1st Sergeant of Co A of the re-organization of the 14th Veteran Battalion. He was finally mustered out in September 1865, having served his country four years and four months, and traveled while in the service of his country, a distance of 13,575 miles. He was engaged in several battles, among which was that of Shiloh, siege of Vicksburg, and with Gen **Sherman** on his great "March to the Sea." He was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic and of Shelby Lodge No. 274 I. O. O. F, having been a member since April 1884 and had served as secretary of the Lodge for several years, which office he held at the time of his death. He filled the office with honor to himself and with pleasure to his brethren. He was a member of the Moweaqua Lodge K of H, a member of the board of education, which position he held for 6 years, and was a zealous worker for the upbuilding of the cause of education. **D N Harwood**, for 40 years the leading hay and grain dealer in Shelby and surrounding counties, died at his home in Shelbyville, aged 69 years. He was well-known in shipping circles, having offices in Mattoon, Windsor, Cowden and Shelbyville. **David F Moffett**, aged 70 years, mayor of Decatur from 1893 to 1895, was found dead on his farm, four miles west of Decatur. **John Peel** received word Sunday that his nephew, **Charles Peel** had died at his home in Taylorville. John went over to attend the funeral, but his wife was not well enough to attend with him.

Mrs. **Matilda Goldstein**, wife of **Wm Goldstein** of the firm of Kleeman, Goldstein and Sons of Shelbyville, among the most prominent merchants in this part of the state died on Friday morning. She was aged 54 years.

Our old friend, **O. H. P. Avey** of Prairie Home, received last week, the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Major **A. J. Avey**, who passed away at his home in Mt. Washington, Ohio, on 22 February 1899. He was 69 years of age at the time of his death and was buried with honor by the local G. A. R. post of which he was a member.

T J Robertson, a well-to-do farmer living about seven miles southeast of Taylorville, while on his way home from that place in company with his hired help, was drowned while crossing Locust creek. He was a cousin by marriage of Mrs. **Cintha Baldrige** of this place.

Wednesday, 15 March 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

In Memoriam: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to remove from our midst our friend and co-worker, **I R McKay** of Moweaqua, who was a member of the federal jury of the southern division of this State, whose death occurred at the Clark House in Springfield on Saturday, the 4th of March 1899, resolved by various members of the federal jury, that in Bro. **McKay**, we had an honest, upright man, a man who was conscientious in all his duties. *Signed* - Members of the Jury.

Mr. **P P Ludwig** received a telegram Monday saying that his daughter Miss **Lydia Ludwig**, died Sunday night at the home of her sister, Mrs. **Emil Baab**, at Prospect Park, California. She was about 30 years of age and had been an invalid for several years, the disease being consumption. She went to California about three years ago hoping the climate might improve her condition.

Several from Allenboro attended the funeral of **John Cross's** little girl, **Bessie Cross**, at Prairie Home on Sunday.

Mrs. **Eliza Stevenson**, mother of Vice-President **Stevenson**, died at the latter's residence in Bloomington at 90 years of age. She had been ill with pneumonia and gripe for ten days and her death was momentarily expected for four days. She leaves five sons and one daughter, Mrs. **E S McCaughey** of Sioux City, Iowa. She was born in North Carolina and located at Bloomington with her family from Kentucky in 1854. Her maiden name was **Ewing**. Her grandfather was the first president of Tuscaloosa, Georgia, university. Hon **James S Ewing** of Bloomington, United States Minister to Brussels, is her nephew. She was, for 77 years, a member of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. **Lambert Hillyer** aged 70 years died of paralysis at Havana. She was the widow of **Lambert Hillyer**, who for 20 years was prominent in politics.

Thomas Gossett, aged 62 years, died at his home near Morris City of pneumonia.

Mrs. **Mary Ann Walker**, one of Cass County's early settlers died at age 83. She was a well-known early settler of that County.

James Driscoll, Sr., aged 76, one of the oldest residents of Coles County, died.

The double celebration of the 50th anniversaries of the marriages of Mr. and Mrs. **M M Merriman** and Dr and Mrs. **George M Angell** was held at the home of the latter in Atlanta township, Logan County. The celebration was an important one and was attended by children, grandchildren, relatives and friends. Both couples are pioneers of Illinois, and are honored and well-to-do representatives of Logan County.

Elizabeth Bigg who died in London, England, at the age of 91, spent the last 74 years of her life in bed. She received an injury to her spine in November 1824 and had been bedridden since that time.

The **Grant Family** association of which **Ulysses S Grant, Jr** is president, will hold a reunion of all the descendants of **Matthew Grant**, deceased, in Old Windsor, Massachusetts, on the 27th of October 1899.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Curtis** on 9 March 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eugene Weiffenbach** on 8 March 1899, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George T Hays** on Wednesday, 8 March 1899, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Blackburn** on Friday, 10 March 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wooters** on Monday, 13 March 1899, a 12-pound girl.

Charles Peel, the 14 year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Peel** of West Taylorville, died suddenly Sunday evening from what is thought to have been spinal fever. The little fellow was taken sick Saturday evening. Sunday evening he became unconscious without warning and was dead before a doctor could be summoned. He was born on 5 March 1885, and was therefore just 14 years of age at his death. He was a bright, always healthy child, and his death is a severe blow to his parents. The funeral services over the remains of **Charles Peel** occurred at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon from the Christian Church.

Rev **Peters** officiated. Interment was made at Oak Hill Cemetery. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery** on Thursday, 9 March 1899, a son.

B F Winter and Miss **Belle Henderson** were married at the bride's home near Bethany on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock by Rev **C E Bumgarten** of Missouri, a brother-in-law of the groom. They went at once to housekeeping on what was formerly the **Patrick English** farm. (Fame news)

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss **Essie Colburn** to Mr. **G W Baker** for Wednesday evening, 22 March 1899.

Wilber D Denure, oldest son of **George and Belle Denure**, died Saturday morning after a short but terrible illness of spinal meningitis. Deceased was a good boy, the help of his father and the joy of his mother, always ready and willing to do for them, to drive the carriage for his mother, to help in the fields, so trustful and obedient, and his loss falls with double force because of his short illness. He was apparently well on Thursday and went to Yantisville on an errand for his mother. He ate a hearty supper that night but was taken sick after the family retired. All that loving hands and medical skill could do was done, but of no avail, and at 5 o'clock Saturday morning his spirit wended its way back to its Maker. In his moments of suffering he talked to the family about Heaven and asked them to meet him there. Services were held at Union Church on Sunday where he was a scholar in the Sunday School. Undertaker **Melcher** of Findlay was in attendance. The pallbearers were **Elson Corley, Harley Yantis, Willard Lash, James Drake, Milton Yantis, and Homer Reed**.

Wednesday, 22 March 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The press telegrams of last week told of the death at Manila of **Chas Fornoff**, Col L, 20th Infantry. He was known here, having worked for **Will Tolson** some years since. He was in the same company and regiment with **Ed Bacon**, during Ed's army life at Ft Leavenworth.

Mrs. **Ike Kramer** passed away from these worldly cares Friday morning at 4 o'clock. Her health has not been good for two or three years, the grippe being prevalent, claimed her as a victim. The funeral occurred at the house Saturday at 10 o'clock AM by Rev **Midkiff**. The remains were placed in the Old Stonington Cemetery. Mrs. **Kramer** was a devoted wife, a kind and loving mother, loved and respected by all her neighbors. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her passing. (Prairieton news)

Quite a number of **Will March's** friends called on him in Allenboro to remind him that he was 21 years old. Everyone enjoyed themselves and wished him many more birthdays. On Wednesday, 15 March 1899, Mr. **Henry Hays** was reminded that it was his 58th birthday by about 35 relatives and friends gathering at his home southwest of town with baskets overflowing with many good things that are so appropriate for such occasions. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **G W Hays** and family, Mrs. **Elizabeth Peterson**, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hays** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **A J Hays** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Asa Cottrell** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **A D Hays** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **John D Skiff**, Mr. and Mrs. **George T Hays** and son, Mr. and Mrs. **Volentine Winters** of Radford, Misses **Bertha Whitsette** and **Leona Hays**, **E A Hays**, **Frank Lemar**, **Arthur Winters**, **Tom Hays**, **John Winters**, Misses **Gertie Tatman**, **Ethel**, **Flossie** and **Ivy Hays**. Messrs **Hugh S Lilly** and **Geo E Dunscomb**, editors and proprietors of the *Windsor Gazette*, are among the most enterprising young men in the state. About two weeks ago, Mr. **Lilly** was blessed by the advent of his wife presenting him with a son. Last week's *Gazette* chronicles the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. **Dunscomb**. This makes two sons to each of the boys since they commenced the publication of the *Gazette*. (*Lovington Reporter*)

Two great men have passed away. **John Sherman** of Ohio and **Joe Medill** of Chicago. The world is better for their having lived and the great results from their massive intellects will long survive them.

Jos Brookshire, who resided in Springfield, well-known here, being a brother of Mrs. **J W Stombaugh**, died in Decatur Monday night being unable to withstand a delicate surgical operation. He was in his 22nd year of life and a young man very highly esteemed. The remains were taken to Springfield for interment.

Wednesday, 29 March 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Uncle **George Rice** is dead. His spirit winged its flight into eternal immortality about 6 PM o'clock Saturday, 25 March 1899. For several years his health had been very poor but with the hands and hearts of loved ones tenderly administering to his every want, his declining days have been made comfortable and happy. He was a man ever devoted to his family, his name is stainless, his character is spotless. He dearly loved little children, and during his long illness his happiest moments seemed to be when surrounded by the little ones. He was a loving father and husband, a man always kindly and cordial with a cheerful smile and a warm grasp for all. Friday night he experienced a severe attack of La Grippe and despite all human aid sank rapidly, the end coming Saturday evening. The services were held this morning at the Christian tabernacle in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation of relatives and friends. Arrangements were in the hands of the Moweaqua Lodge No 180, A F and A M of which **Uncle George** was a charter member. Elder **A R Spicer** assisted by other ministers of the city officiated. **George Fallis Rice**, son of **William F** and **Julia Rice** was born in Shelby County, Kentucky, 29 October 1823.

and died at his home in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 25 March 1899. His life pilgrimage thus compassing a period of 75 years, 4 months and 26 days. He was the third son of a family of twelve children. Two sisters only survive him, Mrs. **Eliza Long** of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and Mrs. **Sarah Young** of Williamsville, Illinois, the latter being present. In 1844, the family removed to Sangamon County, Illinois, from thence after a brief stay they made a permanent settlement at Mt Auburn, Christian Co, Illinois. Here the family spent a number of years. While here the subject of this sketch was married to Miss **Racheal Adames**. With his chosen companion he removed to Adames Grove and began farm life on the farm which is still the old homestead. To this union 5 children were born, one of whom survive him. Death invaded the home and his companion was taken away. His second marriage was to Miss **Mary Jane Watson** to which union four children were born, three of whom survive him. Here death again entered the home and his wife was called. His last companion, the wife who now survives him, has been a faithful companion for the last 32 years. To this union, five children were born, all of whom are living. About seven years ago, Uncle George (as he was familiarly known) retired from farm life and took up his residence in Moweaqua. Three years had scarcely passed when the dreaded La Grippe seized upon and left an influence from which he never recovered. Every effort was made for the recovery of his health. A trip to the west in 1895 proved a temporary relief, but not a cure. His late illness which proved fatal took on a serious form Thursday evening, 23 March 1899. The doctor was called and symptoms of a serious character were detected. He continued to grow worse until relieved by the messenger of death, which came Saturday evening at six-thirty PM. To all appearances, his last hours were painless and the moment of death one of ease. In the presence of friends and relatives, he lay back on his pillow and breathed his last, with a smile of apparent recognition to those at his side. Mr. **Rice** was united in the Methodist Church in early manhood while in Kentucky and was a faithful and zealous worker for many years. Later on he united with the Baptist Church to which he gave a loyal service until deprived of its services by reason of physical disability. For almost a half century, he has associated himself with the principles of "Free Masonry", in which order he was held in high esteem.

H A Pratt received a telegram Friday conveying the sad intelligence that his daughter, Mrs. **Eva Pratt Barbour** had passed away at her home near Bridport, Vermont. Her death was not wholly unexpected, as she had been gradually declining for many months. The lady had a host of friends here, the home of her girlhood, who will be deeply pained to learn of her death. She was 24 years of age and had been married about 2 years.

Lydia Ann Ludwig was born on the 9th day of November 1866, near Moweaqua, Illinois, and died 13 March 1899 at the home of her sister, Mrs. **E H Bush** of Prospect Park, California. About 5 years ago her health began to fail, she being afflicted with catarrh and throat trouble. All medical skill and care seemed of no avail to restore her health and in September 1894, she went to Valle Vista, California, thinking her health might improve. The first 2 years her health improved very much and her relatives and friends had hopes of her regaining her health again, but the third year of her stay in California, she grew worse and was brought home in the spring of 1897 with few hopes of getting any better. She soon began to improve and gained in weight and strength, and by fall she was so well that she returned to California, again going to Prospect Park, Los Angeles, California, but after her return, she did not improve much but seemed to gradually grow weaker until last September, from then on she grew worse rapidly and at times suffered intensely until death

relieved her. **Lydia Ann Ludwig** was converted in her 15th year during the pastorate of **E H Baab** and was a consistent member of the German M E Church until her death. Services conducted from the M E Church by Revs **Bollinger** and **Krock** from Los Angeles. Interment in the Rosedale Cemetery in Los Angeles, California. The Church was decorated with Calla lilies, orange blossoms and ferns. Floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful.

Sunday last Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell** celebrated the forty-sixth anniversary of their marriage by serving a sumptuous dinner to a favored few, among whom were Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Snell** and Mr. and Mrs. **James R Smith** and children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Snell** of Blue Mound on 25 March 1899, a baby boy.

Mary Mathias was born 20 July 1820 and was married to **Isaac Blosser** on 10 December 1842. She died 25 March 1899. She was the mother of eleven children: **Noah Blosser**, **Abraham Blosser**, **Mary Blosser**, **Ann** and **Elizabeth Blosser** who, with the father, have preceded her to the better world. Those living are **George**, **Rebecca Portwood**, **Sarah Cost Solomon**, **John W**, **Levi**, and **Isaac S Blosser**, who with two brothers and one sister are left to mourn her loss. She was at the time of her death aged 78 years, 8 months and 5 days.

Loami news: Mrs. **Elizabeth Deeper** died on Tuesday of measles, aged 52 years.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Hatcher** died on Thursday aged 81 years. Funeral services were held at the family residence at Loami on Friday and interment was in the Campbell Cemetery.

Rev **W M Henry** of Champaign was called to Loami last week by the death of his mother, Mrs. **Elizabeth Deeper**.

Mr. **Melvin Workman** and Miss **Ida Dodd** were married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's brother, **George F Dodd**. (Loami news)

Allenboro news: Did you know that Mr. **Frank Rogers** and Miss **Birdie Coffman** were married? They were married 5 March 1899. Pardon the lateness of this item.

Wednesday, 5 April 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Admiral **Albert Kautz**, who has recently been impressing the Samoans with the strength and influence of this great government, is a brother of **George A Kautz** of this city.

Another brother, **August Kautz** became a Brigadier General and was a splendid cavalry officer during the Civil War. He was retired about two years ago and has since died. The boys were appointed from Ohio, one to the military, the other to the naval academy, and both have made their marks in American history.

Mrs. **Maynard Goddard** died at her home south of town on Saturday night after a brief illness. She came here with her husband from Tennessee but a few weeks ago, and was a bride of but six months. Rev **Weiffenbach** conducted the services from the M E Church on Monday.

J. F. F. Wallace of Cobden aged 65 years, an old settler and a prominent citizen, suddenly died from a stroke of paralysis. The deceased had held the office of justice of the peace in Union County for 30 years.

Hiram S Bunn aged 58 years one of the largest and most prosperous farmers of Clay County died from injuries he received in a fall from the hay mow.

Reuben Evans, an old and widely known citizen of Xenia, died at the age of 71 years of pneumonia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gus Crenshaw** on Friday, 24 March 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Canady** on Monday, 27 March 1899, a girl.

Taken from the *Middlebury (Vermont) Register*: Died in Bridport, Vermont, on 23 March 1899, Mrs. **Eva M Pratt**, wife of **Carlton J Barbour**, aged about 25 years. In the passing away of Mrs. **Carlton J Barbour**, there was left us one of earth's best daughters, sisters and companions. She came from the west (Illinois) to visit relatives and found her health so much improved that after her mother's death, she returned to us. But the La Grippe only fixed the more dreaded consumption upon her and for the last few months it has been painfully evident to us all that she had not long to stay. She had been married but little over a year to one of our best young men and life had a pleasant, happy outlook, for she lived to be loved by all. But the outlook into the life beyond grew more and more attractive. The large attendance at her funeral hour but attested both the universal respect and sympathy to all concerned.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eli Leaf** on 3 April 1899, a girl.

Mrs. **Edna Roff's** condition has been so extremely critical during the last few days and the end has been hourly expected. As we go to press this morning, her condition is not changed and she is gravely ill. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Miller** of Moweaqua and has a young son.

Grandma Blosser died of old age last week (*article too late for the issue of last week, Prairieton news*).

Yantisville news: **Sam'l Smith**, a member of I. O. O. F. No 823, Yantisville, Illinois, died at his home near Tower Hill last Friday after a lingering illness of consumption. It is with deep regret that we chronicle his death, for he was a faithful and pleasant member, beloved by all and the Lodge will miss his smiling face and pleasant words. Peace to his ashes.

Mrs. **Maynard Goddard** died at her home on the **Ezra Miller** farm near Fame on Saturday night. She formerly lived in Tennessee, having been in Illinois but a few weeks, having married about six months ago. She was a loving and devoted wife. Our sympathy to the bereft husband who has lost a devoted wife.

There was a pleasant surprise party at the home of Mr. **Frank Sanders** in honor of his birthday on Monday evening, 27 March 1899. A pretty and bountiful supper was served which did credit to the skill and taste of the hostess. The evening was very pleasantly spent in conversation, singing and music.

Frank Rogers and Miss **Birdie Coffman** are not married as was reported last week. It is our desire at all times to report facts, but in this case our informant was badly mistaken. Married at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Archie Dixon**, their daughter Miss **Ella Dixon** to **Will Ogle** on Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Rev **G W Olmstead** of Bethany officiated.

Grant Cole and Miss **Noami Burgess** were married Sunday evening at seven o'clock. Rev **Carter** of the U B Church at Dalton officiating.

Wednesday, 12 April 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Friday morning, **Blanche Godfrey**, the ten year old daughter of Dr and Mrs. **J W Godfrey** was taken ill. She grew rapidly worse Friday night and at an early hour, Saturday morning, her condition was considered hopeless. About noon on Saturday, the end came. The attending physicians attribute her death to congestion of the brain. The suddenness of it all was terrible, the family being almost prostrated with grief. **Blanche** was a lovely child, beautiful in character and pure of heart, beloved by her school mates and the idol of her

parents. The services were held from the M E Church on Monday in the presence of an immense concourse of sorrowing friends. The pall bearers were Misses **Maud Green, Julia Haslam, Edna McClelland, Maud Gregory, Jessie Miller** and **Grace Harris**. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated, assisted by Rev **Jo. B Rogers**. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town.

Mrs. **Edna Miller-Roff** passes away. Mrs. **Edna Roff** finally succumbed to the inevitable – that ever fatal malady – consumption, after a lingering illness of many months, passing into the spirit world about 3:20 o'clock Monday afternoon at the residence of Mr. **Vance Elmore**, where her parents and the family have resided since the burning of the Miller family residence. Her death was not unexpected she had been gradually declining for several months. She fully realized that she was going and had called her loved ones about her, bidding them an affectionate farewell. Services were held this afternoon at two o'clock from the M E Church. Rev **Foxworthy** officiating and the interment will be in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west of town. Pallbearers were **Ralph Ayars, E J Kilborn, Ralph Snyder, Wilbur Buck, Tom Bowman** and **Will Rodman**. **Cora Edna Roff** was born 1 January 1879 at Moweauqua, Illinois, and died at 3:20 o'clock on 10 April 1899, aged 20 years, 4 months and 11 days, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Miller** of Moweauqua. Edna was converted and joined the Methodist Church when Rev **Armentrout** was pastor. She has always wanted a home of her own and said to her mother, "Mama, I will have it now, for I am safe in the arms of Jesus." She called each member of the family to her and told each one what she wanted them to do and to her husband, she made him promise to go to Church, and take the children to Sunday School, and to meet her in Heaven. On Saturday night before she died she called them all to her and asked them to pray and sing, and she said she was so happy for she saw the Savior with out stretched hands reaching for her. She leaves a husband, **Jesse W Roff**, a young son, **Raymond Roff**, about a year old, her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Miller** of this place and numerous friends and relatives to mourn her passing. *Card of Thanks* signed: **Jesse W Roff** and Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Miller**.

Capt **James B Wright**, a Civil War veteran and one of the oldest settlers of the County, died at Assumption at age 76 years.

James Clark, the oldest man in Quincy and the oldest Free Mason in the world, died. He was born near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, on 29 July 1799. He removed to Ohio with his parents in 1808 and remained there until 1833. He belonged to a military company in that state and saw service in quelling trouble with the Indians. He enjoyed a pleasant personal acquaintance with Gen **William Henry Harrison**, "Old Tippecanoe". He voted for **James Monroe** for President in 1820 and has since voted at every presidential election. He voted for Gen **William Henry Harrison** and also for his grandson, Gen **Benjamin Harrison**. Mr. **Clark** was made a Free Mason by the Sunbury Lodge of A F and A M at Sunbury, Ohio, in 1820 and has the records to show that he was the oldest Free Mason in America. In 1833 he came to Illinois and settled at Oregon, Ogle County. Later he contracted the gold fever and was among the '49ers' in California. He located in Quincy in 1862 and had lived there ever since. In his active days he was successively a farmer, miner and merchant. He was very temperate and an active member of the Methodist Church all his life.

Robert M Cox, prominent in business and political circles in Peoria for the past 50 years was found dead in bed. He leaves an estate valued at \$125,000 and no child. He was a widower without children and leaves a large estate.

Miss **Bertha Willis** died at Galesburg a few days ago. She was to be married in a few days to **Julius Skoekel**. She was buried in the dress which she was to wear at her wedding and the funeral took place at the hour at which it was expected the marriage ceremony would be performed.

Mrs. **Ed Thurn** of Pana has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Jacobs** of near Radford for several days past. Mr. and Mrs. **Thurn** recently lost by death, their darling little boy, aged about four months.

Mary Emily Braden was born in Campbell Co, Tennessee, 16 April 1865 and was raised in Blunt County, Tennessee. She was married to **Maynard Goddard** on 17 August 1898 and came with her husband to Shelby County, Illinois on 3 March 1899. She died in Shelby County on 2 April 1899. She was, at the time of her death, 23 years, 11 months and 6 days old. A husband, father and three brothers are left to mourn her death. She united with the Baptist Church about 12 years ago. She has continued to be a member and a faithful worker till the time of her death. Funeral conducted from German M E Church, Flat Branch township, Illinois, Monday, 3 April 1899 by Rev **A C Huffman**, Pastor of the Fame United Ev. Church.

Mrs. **Nancy D Fisher** died on Friday at age 90 years. Funeral services were held on Sunday morning in the Christian Church, conducted by Rev **J A Conlee** of Waverly after which interment took place in Sulpher Springs Cemetery.

A little boy of the usual weight put in its appearance at the home of **Mack Wetzel** and wife of Willey one day last week.

Born in Prairieton to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bowersock**, a boy.

Wednesday, 19 April 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm L Morris** on 15 April 1899, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C Frank Johnson**, 12 April 1899, a girl.

Rev **B Smock** and Miss **Eva Ashcraft** were quietly united in marriage in Decatur on Wednesday last. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** of this city officiating. The event was a pleasing surprise to their many friends. Both are earnest Church workers in the Little Flock community and have a host of friends who will unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations. The couple has many friends in the Pickaway neighborhood.

The Yantisville I. O. O. F. attended the funeral of Mr. **Clark Burke** at Henton on Sunday. Members of Shelbyville Lodge and also Assumption Lodge, of which Mr. **Burke** was a member, attended in a body. It was a beautiful sight to witness these brethren drawn up in line, paying this tribute of respect to their deceased brother's memory. Elder **Groves** preached the discourse to a large audience., Mr. **Burke** also belonged to the Home Forum. **Louis Beck** and Miss **Rose Brooks** were married in Decatur on Wednesday. The groom is preparing a nice little house for their occupation on the **James Thomas** farm.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Bridgeman** on Tuesday, 11 April 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C F Johnson** on Tuesday, 11 April 1899, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Elliott** have a girl born to them on Monday, 17 April 1899.

Wednesday, 26 April 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Matilda Harrington** died at Alhambra quite suddenly. She was 84 years old and a pioneer of Madison County, having lived there for 70 years.

Clarke Burke, aged 50 years of age, a wealthy farmer and pioneer of Assumption died.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Buchen** on 23 April 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hartman**, 24 April 1899, a boy.

Cora Edna Weir, daughter of **William** and **Lida Weir**, died 22 April 1899, at the age of 16 years, 8 months and 7 days. She leaves a father, one sister and brother and grandfather, and many friends to mourn her loss, her mother having preceded her to the spirit world some two years ago. After an illness of some months she passed away with a strong hope in Christ, professing Him a few days before her death. She was laid away in the Little Flock Cemetery on Sunday, 23 April 1899, at 4 PM, with Rev **L Corley** officiating.

Prairieton news: **John H Bilyeu** was in Taylorville and Decatur last Friday. He administered on his father's estate. He will live on the west 80 acres and the old home place.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Beck** on Tuesday, 18 April 1899, a boy.

Pickaway news: Mrs. **C Weakly** planned a surprise on Mr. **Weakly** on Wednesday, it being his thirty-third birthday. About noon, relatives and friends came with well-laden baskets and cordial wishes. In attendance was: Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Seaman**, Shelbyville, Mr. and Mrs. **D Moll**, Moweaqua, Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Weakly**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Weakly**, Mrs. **A P Weakly**, Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Weakly**, and Miss **Goldie Weakly**, Brunswick; Miss **Minnie Weakly**, Washington, Kansas, Mr. and Mrs. **John Moll**, Mr. and Mrs. **Steve Cole** and family, Mrs. **Sam Moll**, Dr **Gregory**, Misses **Zadie**, **Cora**, **Emma Moll** and **Rose Humphrey**.

Sunday at Little Flock Church the funeral of Miss **Cora Weir** was preached by Rev **Corley**, assisted by **J Thomas** of Moweaqua to a very large house of relatives and friends. She was the eldest child of **Wm Weir** and about 16 years of age. Since her mother's death about 2 years ago, she has faithfully filled that place for the youngest members of the family. She was a devoted Christian, and a last request that her brothers and sister and young companions should become Christians. Six young ladies acted as pall bearers.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Goodwin** on 23 April 1899, a daughter. (Maple Grove News)
Mrs. **D R Graham** was called to Mechanicsburg last week by the death of her sister, Mrs. **Maria Garvy**. (Loami news)

Mrs. **Hattie Harris** was given a surprise on Friday evening by about 20 of her friends. The affair was in honor of her 27th birthday.

Isaac Hill was born 18 February 1874 and died on 26 April 1899, aged 25 years, 2 months and 8 days. He was converted to the religion of Jesus Christ in December 1896 and has been an earnest worker in the Master's cause ever since. He leaves an aged father, two brothers and four sisters to mourn the loss of a loving son and brother. Although he had been in failing health for some time, death came suddenly and was a sad blow to all who knew him. He had been a sufferer to some extent for about 2 years of throat trouble which gradually grew worse until he was unable to speak above a whisper for several months. He was a young man of promise and warmly loved by his relatives and a large circle of friends who will miss him so much, yet we know that our loss is His gain. He was a member of the Baptist Church and has been one of faithful obedience in the Master's cause. Services were held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Little Flock Baptist Church. conducted

by Elder **B Smock** in the presence of a large audience of sorrowing relatives and friends. His body was laid to rest in the Cemetery near the Church.

Our community was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. **John T Bugg** which occurred at her home near Vonn, in Christian County, on Thursday morning at 2 o'clock of cancer of the stomach. She was 55 years of age. In the afternoon of the same day and at the same place, **A. W. E. Perry** also died of quick consumption. Mr. **Perry** was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. **Bugg** and is survived by his wife and two little children. He was in business at one time here with **Kinney Bugg**. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon with quite a number of friends from Moweaqua attending.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Ahl** on 29 April 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Ahl** on 29 April 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Moze Smart** on 28 April 1899, a boy.

David Drake and wife and **Will Bridgman** of Findlay attended the funeral of **Isaac Hill** on Sunday. (Yantisville news)

Word came to us today that **Tom Denton**, son of **Elias Denton**, died at his home yesterday near Pleak.

Wednesday, 10 May 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

At his residence on his farm near Prairie Home on Monday morning, **C E Coombes** passed away. He was well-known in this city, having at one time resided here. He had been in very poor health all winter. Mr. **Coombes** is survived by his wife and one son, **Ed Coombes**, now in Oregon. The funeral was held from his residence this morning and was in charge of the Masonic fraternity. Rev **Olmstead** officiating; remains were laid to rest at Bethany.

This Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's brother, **J W Pogue** at Sullivan, Illinois, occurred the wedding of Postmaster **James E Gregory** of this city and Miss **Rose Pogue** of Sullivan. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** of this city performed the ceremony in the presence of a few immediate relatives. Mr. and Mrs. **Gregory** left at once on a bridal tour for Evansville, Indiana, and thence from there to Louisville, Kentucky, and then to West Baden Springs, returning to Moweaqua about 1 June 1899. The bride and groom are both well-known in this area. Miss **Pogue** at one time resided here, and is a lady whose many estimable traits of character are recognized and appreciated by a large circle of friends. The groom is one of Moweaqua's substantial business men and has been the efficient postmaster of this city under the present federal administration. He is a gentleman of means and of uncompromising integrity.

I B Gore was called from this earth last Saturday morning at 4 o'clock. His funeral occurred at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon by Rev **Midkiff**. This is four funerals in the family within the last year. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

(Prairieon news)

Ernest Jarreti, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **L B Jarreti**, died Saturday morning at Loami.

Funeral services over the remains of **Samuel Evans** who died on Tuesday in Auburn were held on Thursday morning in the M E Church. Interment took place in Sulpher Springs Cemetery. (Loami news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Tom S Hays** on 6 May 1899, a girl.

Mrs. **Ed Potter** died at her home in Litchfield on Monday night.

Mrs. **Julia Friedley** received a telegram Saturday from Cheap Hill, Tennessee, conveying the sad news of the death of her niece, Mrs. **Josie Nicholson**, who had quite recently left here for her home. It will be remembered that Mrs. **Nicholson** was quite sick here for many weeks. Her funeral took place on Sunday in Tennessee.

Ira B Gore died Saturday 29 April 1899 at his home in Prairieton township. Mr. **Gore** was a young farmer of integrity and intelligence and his death is regretted by a large number of friends and acquaintances. He was about 35 years of age and is survived by a wife and two children. Funeral occurred on Sunday from the old Stonington Church.

Wednesday, 17 May 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

The body of an unknown **one-arm man** was found dead in the water under the Flat Branch railroad bridge yesterday afternoon. He was a cheap jewelry and lead pencil **peddler**, and it is evident that he committed suicide. His coat and cap lay on the bank. There was nothing on his person by which to identify him. He had walked into the water from the east side of the bridge, into about three feet of water under that structure and then lay face downward, in which position he was found. The remains were turned over to the Christian County authorities for an inquest held in accordance with the foregoing facts. The coroner of Christian County came over last night from Taylorville, empanelled a jury of Christian County citizens, viewed the remains at Stine's undertaking office and adjourned over in Christian County to render a inquest decision.

Another old citizen of Moweaqua and an early settler of Shelby County goes to his eternal rest – Uncle **Zealy Snell**. At 6:15 o'clock, Monday, May 15th, 1899, at his home in the east part of town, Uncle Zealy Snell surrounded by his loved ones, painlessly and gently breathed his last. His death was not unexpected for he had been rapidly failing for several days, the end being hastened by a large tumor that had formed on the back of his neck and from which at times he suffered much. About 18 months ago, in November 1897, Uncle Zealy and his good wife celebrated their golden wedding, having married in 1847. Uncle **Zealy Snell** came to this country just after the close of the Civil War and few men were better known than he. His death will be regretted by a host of friends. Funeral services were held this afternoon in the presence of a large and sympathetic audience from the M E Church. Rev Foxworthy officiating. The remains were interred in the I. O. O. F.

Cemetery. **Zealy Snell** was born in Warren County, Ohio, 29 November 1822, and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, 15 May 1899, aged 76 years, 5 months and 16 days. He was married to **Abigal Runyan** in Camargo, Ohio, on 30 November 1847, and to this union, seven children were born to them, four boys and three girls, two of whom have preceded him to their last resting place. **Zealy Snell** was the fifth of a family of 12 children, 7 of whom survive him. He moved his family to Illinois in 1868, and resided a few miles south of town until 1880, when he moved to Moweaqua, and has since been an honored and respected citizen of this community. He united with the Methodist Church in 1855, and for 44 years has proved a faithful and consistent citizen.

One of the best known and most popular young men in Flat Branch township has passed to his eternal home. After a brief but severe illness with lung fever, contracted about the first of May, **Charles S Clark** died at his home south of town on Friday afternoon, 12 May 1899. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm J Clark** of this city and was, indeed, a devoted child to his parents, and a loving and affectionate husband and father. A wife and four little children survive him. Services were held on Sunday morning at the Salem M E

Church, and so large was the attendance that not one half of those present could gain admission to the Church. Rev **Foxworthy** of this city officiated. The deceased was in many respects, a genius. He had invented and patented several useful articles, and was beginning to reap the fruits of his labor when death called him to his eternal home. He was possessed of a wide range of general knowledge and a man with whom it was a pleasure to converse. At all time he was quiet and unobtrusive, and his universal popularity was fully attested by the high regard with which all who knew him spoke of him. **Charles Scott Clark** was born in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 27 January 1866. He was taken sick with lung fever on 1 May 1899, and died at 3:30 o'clock PM, Friday evening, 12 May 1899, aged 33 years, 3 months and 15 days. He was united in marriage to **Maggie M Widick** on 12 September 1892. To this union were born four children, **Frank Scott Clark, Roy Leslie Clark, Minnie Fern Clark** and **William Abner Clark**, all of whom survive him. He also leaves a wife, father and mother to mourn his loss. *Card of Thanks* signed: Mrs. C S Clark and Mr. and Mrs. Wm J Clark.

Charles Hayward, the oldest citizen of El Paso, died recently after a short illness. He was almost 86 years of age and was a native of England. He has been a resident of Woodford County since the early 1850s.

Miss **Isabel Briggs** of Tremont, Tazewell County, aged 72 years, the first white woman born in Elm Grove Township, died recently. Her parents were among the **Tremont Colony** that came from Rhode Island over 70 years ago.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Gault** on 11 May 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Goins** on Friday morning 12 May 1899 in Prairie home, a girl.

Ross Shride was wonderfully surprised last Monday evening upon returning from Obed to find about thirty-five of his friends assembled to remind him it was his 15th birthday.

Evening was pleasantly spent with games and music after which refreshments were served and all returned to their homes wishing him many more happy birthdays.

Grandma **Bunning** died Monday morning and was buried on Tuesday at 10 o'clock in the Long Grove Cemetery. The old lady's death was a surprise to all. She had been in poor health for several years, but the end was not expected so soon. (Allenboro news)

Word has reached Moweaqua last week of the death of a former resident, **Michael Eperlding** who died at the soldier's home at Quincy where he had made his home for several years. One child survives him, **James Eperlding**, who resides here and is in the employ of **Wm L Morris**. He had many warm friends here among the old citizens who will regret to learn of his demise.

Wednesday, 24 May 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Rev **Henry W Goodrich** of Harrisburg died. He was born in Mt Vernon in 1821 and located to Saline County in 1869. He was 78 years of age at the time of his death.

Capt **Jas A Rice**, aged 63, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Harrisburg from paralysis. He was a private in Co D, 18th Illinois and was wounded at Fort Donelson. Later he became Captain of Co K, 73rd Illinois, and was captured and placed in Libby prison, where he remained one year and made his escape with other prisoners by digging a tunnel.

William David, a farmer near Chebanse, Iroquois County, was white capped by a mob of 25 men. He was met at the door by the mob, who took him to a barn nearby, where he was tarred and feathered and terribly beaten. He was then notified to mend his ways or the punishment would be repeated in worse form. David went to Chebanse the next morning,

still bleeding with tar and feathers in his hair, to consult officers. It is alleged **David** has beaten and ill-treated his family. His wife left him recently and has a divorce suit pending. **Lew Bullock** was called to the bedside of his brother last week at Union Star, Missouri, who was very low with consumption, and has since died.

Clouds of sorrow was spread over our community on Wednesday morning last, when the sad news was cast that **John Lanaham** while riding at a swift rate was thrown to the ground, his pony falling under him, bruising his face and head horribly. He survived until about midnight on Wednesday night, 17 May 1899. He was unconscious from the time of the accident until death called him away. **John T Lanaham** was born in Kentucky in the year 1848. He leaves a wife and daughter. Mrs. **Joseph Burras** was a daughter from his first wife, three step sons from his first wife and four from his last wife and a host of friends.

Resolution: Whereas it has pleased Almighty God in his wisdom and goodness to call the brother of our beloved neighbor, **Levi Hill** to his last resting place, resolved that we as neighbors of Liberty Camp No. 1442 M W of A, Yantisville, Illinois, tender our heartfelt sympathy to our neighbor and his family. Signed: **F M Thomas, W H Hartman and E H Thomas**

Willey news: **Roswell Wetzel**, the six week's old child of **Mack Wetzel** and wife died last Friday morning of a complication of diseases. Our sympathies.

W A Warren was called to Blue Mound on Saturday to attend the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. **Daniel Masters** who died very suddenly of heart failure on Thursday. Interment at Grove City. Mrs. **Masters** was 71 years of age. (Allenboro news)

Mrs. **Ina Lowe**, aged 26 years of age, a highly esteemed resident of Rural, died at Herrick on Sunday. She was buried from the Bethany Church yesterday.

Wednesday, 31 May 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a very brief illness of only a week's duration, pneumonia being the malady, **S L Breeding**, an old and honored citizen of Rural township, passed away at an early hour on Sunday morning at his home, 12 miles southeast. His age was 70 years and 4 months. Mr. **Breeding** was closely associated for more than a quarter of a century with the up-building of Shelby County, and his wife, **Rachel Clark Breeding** was a sister of the Clarks of this city. The funeral services were held at the Bethany Church yesterday morning, a large number of persons in attendance. Rev **C F Rogers**, pastor of the Church of God at Mt Pleasant officiated. **Seneca Louis Breeding** was born 21 February 1829 in Clermont County, Ohio, and died 28 May 1899 at his home in Rural township, Shelby County, Illinois. He was united in marriage to **Rachel Clark** on 8 October 1855. To this union was born three sons, **William Thomas Breeding, James Perry Breeding** and **John Allen Breeding**, all of whom survive him. He was a man of sterling worth, loved and respected by all who knew him. He was ever ready to lend a helping hand in time of need. He was a loving husband, a kind father, a devoted and steadfast friend, and will be greatly missed by his many neighbors, but most of all by his devoted wife and sons who are so sorely bereft. His last illness was of only one week's duration. Although he had never formally united himself with any Church society, yet his life was one of sterling worth and kindness towards all with whom he came in contact. that he was universally accredited with having lived a good, moral and Christian-like life.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Numes** on 28 May 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Porter** on 29 May 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Schumacher** on 28 May 1899, a girl.

Lew Bullock returned home on Friday from Union Star, Missouri, where he attended at the bedside and then the funeral of his brother, **John W Bullock** who died of consumption. The deceased was thirty-nine years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

At an early hour yesterday morning the mutilated bodies of a man and boy were found on the Illinois central track just north of town near the section house. They had evidently been killed by a northbound freight as portions of their bodies and clothes were found strewn along the track for 200 yards. Pinned to the coat of one was the picture of a beautiful girl. How they met so violent a death can only be conjectured. In the pocket of one of the victims was found a letter signed by **A W Welch**, 3200 Park Avenue, and also 91 cents in change and a photograph of a young lady. Agent **Hut** at Walker describes the men perfectly saying he had a long talk with them and that one was named **McClaren** and the other **Welch**, and that he thought they were both from Keyesport, Illinois. They said they were going to Moweaqua. Much mystery surrounds this horrible affair. The men were killed about 10:30 AM by a freight train and it was the first that passed after they left Walker. Evidences on the engine of this train show that it did the work, but how? Could the men have been murdered and laid on the track or could they have been asleep on the track? **O C Welch** and son, **G N Welch** came up from Keyesport this morning, and identified the remains as **Virgil Welch** and **Edward McClaren**, the former a son of **O C Welch** and the latter a son-in-law. The remains will be interred here. There is much suppressed excitement in this community and a general feeling seems to prevail that the men were murdered and thrown on to the track.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jack Myers** of Prairieton last week, a girl.

The community was shocked last Wednesday by the sudden death of Mrs. **Otto Sands**, living on the **H Courtright** place, who dropped in an unconscious state and did not regain consciousness but died in a short time. Mr. **Sands** had gone to town and just reached home in time to see her pass away. The funeral was held at Antioch on Thursday afternoon in the presence of an immense crowd conducted by Elder **Groves**.

Charlie Tackett, aged about 6 years, oldest child of **W Tackett** and wife, died Wednesday noon of a complication of diseases. The little fellow had been sick about nine days and all that could be done was to alleviate the little sufferer. The funeral services were held at the house on Thursday morning, after which the remains, followed by relatives and a few sympathizing friends was laid to rest in the Cemetery at Illiopolis.

Mr. and Mrs. **H C O'Dell** and **Nathan Skiff** were in Clinton on Saturday in attendance at the funeral of a relative, **O W Burns**.

Dale Combs entertained a number of his young friends last evening as the occasion was his 10th birthday. Games were played and refreshments served.

Wednesday, 7 June 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of many months, **James Dow**, the faithful mail carrier, passed away at his home near Obed on Friday, 2 June 1899 of consumption.

Sunday last, the entire **Corrington** family, young and old, large and small, together with a number of their friends, assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **I N Corrington, Sr** to extend warmest congratulations and to partake of a most excellent dinner. The day had been chosen to memorize the passing of the birthdays of both these worthy people and the

affair was wholly in the nature of a surprise. Both Mr. and Mrs. **Corrington** were the recipients of several substantial remembrances.

The will of **C E Coombes**, late of Prairie Home, has been filed in the County clerk's office for probate. He leaves all of his estate to his widow, after payment of funeral expenses, and just debts, he nominated his widow, **Elizabeth Coombes**, executrix without bond. Will bears the date of 9 March 1899. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

The *Call-Mail* is in receipt of cards from Philadelphia announcing the approaching marriage of Miss **Francis Ellen Hudson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **F Hudson**, 1209 Hilton Street, to Dr **Frederick T Bridgland**. The bride is related to the several **Hudson** families of Moweaqua. Ceremony will be performed at 8 PM on 14 June 1899.

A letter recently received in this city from **O C Welch**, the father of one of the boys who was killed last week, clearly demonstrates that the gentleman does not concur in the general opinion that the boys were murdered. He seems to think they fell asleep on the track. It is strange that two intelligent and sober young men should fall asleep on a railroad track, and it is equally strange that seven trains would pass over their bodies before they were discovered.

A little child of **H Adams** was buried last Saturday. (Prairieton news)

Erving Greer and Miss **Mabel Campbell** were married on Wednesday in Springfield. (Loami news)

James H Dow was born on 22 February 1861, and departed this life on 2 June 1899, aged 38 years, 3 months and 13 days. He was married to Miss **Jennie Richey** on 1 January 1893. He obeyed the gospel the 2nd Lord's Day in April 1899. He expressed a strong desire to be at rest with his Savior. He bore his affliction with great patience. He is at rest with the Savior who died for him. At 2 o'clock PM the delegation left the residence and proceeded to the Little Flock Cemetery where the people congregated themselves in the Church house until it was paced to its utmost capacity. The deceased leaves a wife, mother, one brother, two sisters besides many relatives and friends to mourn his departure. Pleak news: Mr. and Mrs. **Cook** of Tower Hill attended the funeral of their brother-in-law, **James Dow** on Saturday.

Wednesday, 14 June 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching marriage of Miss **Bessie Eleanor Day**, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **H F Day** to Mr. **Ernest J Kilborn**. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday evening, 27 June 1899 at 8 o'clock PM.

Tuesday evening of last week. **Oscar Humphrey** was taken seriously ill. He had been a sufferer from diabetes for several years, and his physicians had told him that he might live many years or his end might come at any time, that his condition was incurable. Thursday morning the end came and the angel of death took from our midst, one of the best-known and highly esteemed citizen of this community. At the time of his death, which occurred east of town, on the old home place now occupied by Mrs. **David Humphrey**, he was in the thirty-ninth year of his age. Throughout his long illness he was possessed of a wonderful degree of nerve and fortitude. His whole heart and soul were wrapped up in the four sweet little children who survive him and whose mother but a few short years ago, passed on before him. Oh, how he loved those darlings. Services were held on Saturday morning from the Baptist Church in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation

of relatives and friends. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiated. Pall bearers were **Wm L Morris, John Clark, Wallace Gregory, M H Miller, Ralph Ayars** and **Oscar Adamson**. Interment in the Cemetery west of town. **Oscar Humphrey** was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, on 27 September 1859, and came with his parents to Shelby County in 1868. He died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 8 June 1899, aged 39 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was married to **Minnie B Johnson** on 30 March 1887, and to this union, four children were born, all of whom survive him, namely **Ethel Humphrey, Maude Humphrey, Pearl Humphrey** and **Earl Humphrey**, the only boy. His wife died on 21 November 1895, since which time he has been suffering from Bright's disease, at times suffering terribly, but ever with a degree of patience and fortitude that was surprising to all. He said on several occasions that if he had to suffer so, he did not care how soon the end came. On Tuesday, the 6th day of June he was in town feeling remarkably well, he went home and took dinner, and in a short time complained of feeling bad and rapidly sank away, dying Thursday morning, 8 June 1899, a little before 9 o'clock AM. When asked by his father if he was ready to go he said he was. He did not appear to suffer any for several hours before he died, but sank peacefully away, like a child going to sleep. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Henry** on 13 June 1899, a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chris. Dial** on 11 June 1899, a boy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Bohlen** on Thursday, 8 June 1899, a girl. (Allenboro news)

Wednesday, 21 June 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

One day last week at the home of the bride's parents in Perry, Pike County, Illinois, **Gideon Armentrout** was united in marriage to Miss **Martha Dunn**. Gid has a host of friends here who will extend sincere congratulations. He is one of Pike County's most successful teachers and will teach this winter at Valley City near Griggsville.

A 12-pound 'Bantam' put in appearance at the home of **Ray Johnson** on Wednesday morning. Ray is as happy as a June Bug over the arrival. He will need that big horn now to blow with. Ray was out in the back yard yelling 'pa' toward the barn to hear the echo. (Assumption News)

Wednesday, 28 June 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Since Wednesday last, Miss **Rebecca Coulter** has been lingering between life and death. Tuesday, she submitted to the removal of a fibroid tumor and the operation was most successful. Wednesday she suffered a severe relapse and Thursday she was better, Friday and Saturday, much worse. At one time life was despaired of, her condition thought hopeless. Sunday she rallied and reports since were most favorable, until last night, she suffered a severe relapse and died this morning shortly after one o'clock. Her demise has cast a shadow of gloom over the entire community. The remains were brought home from Decatur this morning. Arrangements are pending.

Shortly after 8 o'clock PM last evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry F Day** in this city, **Ernest J Kilborn** and **Bessie Eleanor Day** were united in marriage in the presence of a large assemblage of relatives and friends. Preceding the couple were little Miss **Marie Homrighous** and Master **Leslie Lynne**, the ribbon bearers, each of whom unfolded a band of white ribbon extending from the foot of the stairs between which the bride and groom walked to the alcove in the south room where the ceremony occurred. Elder **J W Kilborn** of Washington, Illinois, and Rev **J Foxworthy**

officiated. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry F Day**, a handsome and accomplished girl whose nobility of character has won for her a host of admiring friends. Born and reared in our midst, she is typically a Moweaqua girl, a graduate of our high school, a musician of exceptional vocal ability, her life has become a component part of our social atmosphere. It is a pleasure to learn that **Bessie**, now Mrs. **E J Kilborn**, will not leave us, but will remain a permanent resident of Moweaqua. The groom is an earnest and progressive young business man whose indomitable will power and hustling proclivities are rapidly bringing him to the front in the business worlds. He has a happy faculty of making and keeping friends. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. **Kilborn** received the congratulations of family and friends, and guests were then served with delicious refreshments following which entertainment of games and music was pleasantly presented. The groom has provided a lovely little home in which to take his bride, and after the wedding festivities were at an end, they repaired at once to the Pontius property in the south part of town which will be their permanent residence.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Snell** at Assumption on 17 June 1899.

The infant boy of Mr. and Mrs. **John Blackburn** died of indigestion. The remains were taken to Assumption on Thursday for interment. A brief funeral service was held by Rev **Jo. B. Rogers**.

After a lingering and very painful illness, little **Henry Thomas**, aged 3 years, 5 months and 3 days, son of **Wm Thomas** was relieved by death of all suffering on Thursday evening about 8 o'clock. Death was caused by spinal meningitis. Services were held on Friday afternoon from the Baptist Church. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating. Interment in the city Cemetery west of town.

J M Gorden and family and **Wm Gorden** and family visited **Ed Barnett** and wife on Sunday at Prairieton, the occasion being Mr. **Barnett's** birthday.

Miss **Mattie Dedman** and Mr. **Bird Hoskin** were married in Bethany on Sunday afternoon. Rev **Olmstead** officiated. (Allenboro news)

Among those in attendance at the **Kilborn-Day** wedding last evening were Mr. and Mrs. **L S Kilborn** of Marshal, Illinois, parents of the groom, Mrs. **Robert Lynn** and children of Marshal, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Kilborn** of Monticello, Mrs. **Frank DeVol** of Marshal, Mrs. **M E Morton** of Jacksonville, Illinois, and Mr. **Frank Bartlett** of Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. **F Homrighous** of Assumption, Mrs. **Robt Campbell** (Nee Miss **Wilha Young**) of Pomona, California, and **Walter Husted** of Monticello were also among the guests at this wedding.

Wednesday, 5 July 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After 50 days of untold suffering, his malady being spinal meningitis, **Arthur Abrams** died at the home of his parents in this city on Sunday, 2 July 1899, about noon. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. **F M Abrams** and a few months over 21 years of age at the time of his death. The remains were taken to Blue Mound on Monday morning where the funeral services were held.

Aunt **Belle Baird**, as she was familiarly known, died at her home north of Prairie Home on Saturday afternoon about five o'clock. She suffered a severe stroke of paralysis on Friday night, from which she did not recover. The deceased was the mother of **J H Baird** and **Ed Baird** and a most estimable old lady, her age being about 75 years at the time of

her demise. Services were held at Prairie Home on Monday morning. **Isabella Travis** was born at Spruce Creek, Pennsylvania, on 12 September 1824, and was married to **Samuel Baird** on 25 December 1845, residing at Greenville, Pennsylvania, until her husband's death on 19 July 1889. She then came to Prairie Home, Illinois, where she resided with her son, **E G Baird** until her death which occurred on 1 July 1899, aged 74 years, 9 months and 18 days. She was the mother of 10 children, seven of whom survive her. She united with the Presbyterian Church early in life and has since lived an earnest Christian life.

J Adam Riedinger, a resident of Quincy for the past half century, died at age 77 years. **Sylvester Alden**, a pioneer of DeKalb County and the oldest citizen of Sycamore, died at 96 years of age. He was a pioneer settler of Illinois.

Rev and Mrs. **Alpheus Brown** of Rushville celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary and left for Perry, Pike County, on their golden wedding tour. They have 25 great-grandchildren. Mr. **Brown** began preaching in 1844 and did not retire until 5 years ago, preaching for 55 years.

John C Martin who lived near Oakland, Coles County, died from injuries received in a runaway. Mr. **Martin** was probably the wealthiest farmer in Coles County, owning over 6,000 acres of rich prairie soil. He was only 47 years old.

Walter Humphrey, Jr has been appointed administrator of the estate of his brother, **Oscar Humphrey**, deceased.

Miss **Hettie Dean**, daughter of Mr. **George Dean**, who has been suffering greatly with typhoid fever, died at an early hour this morning. The funeral will be tomorrow, Thursday, at 11 o'clock at the Christian Tabernacle.

Letters of guardianship have been granted to **Wm H Shride** as guardian of **Benjamin F Dow**, aged 14 years, son of **James Dow**, recently deceased. Bond is \$200 with **J L** and **Frank Gregory** as sureties.

The death of Miss **Rebecca Drake Coulter** has created a feeling of profound and sincere regret throughout the entire community. Perhaps no girl in Moweaqua possessed a wider acquaintance than the deceased. For seventeen long years she had been a faithful and efficient clerk, commencing in 1882 with the firm of **Aydelott and Corrington** and of late years with **Aydelott and Haslam**. A member of the M E Church choir, she was ever prompt and faithful, a member of the Epworth League, she was ever present to assume all duties assigned, an efficient worker in the Methodist Sunday school, she was always found in her place. Her crowning glory was her love and devotion for her mother – to her the acme of life was her home, and with a daughter's gentle care and tender love, she made that home a heaven for her dear old mother. Her loss to that home can only be realized in the anguish of a broken-hearted mother. The untimely death of Miss **Coulter** has already been noted in these columns. It was absolutely necessary that an operation be performed if she would live. That operation was difficult and dangerous – it was successfully performed, but the shock and general results were more than she could bear. Services were held at the Methodist Church on Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the midst of a vast throng of sympathetic friends. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated; the burial was in the city Cemetery west of town. **Rebecca Drake Coulter** was born near Newton-Hamilton, Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, on 30 January 1863, and died on 28 June 1899 in Illinois. She was aged 36 years, 4 months and 29 days. She was the youngest of a family of ten children, six of whom with the 'dear old mother' are on this side of the stream, and now

four with the father, are on the other side. In 1877 she came with her parents to Illinois and settled about five miles southeast of Moweaqua, but shortly after they moved into the village which has been her home ever since. In the early spring of 1882, her father died, and she at once began to be a bread-winner for the family by engaging as a dry goods saleslady for **C H Bridges** and in a few months, he moving away, she engaged with **Aydelott and Corrington**, continuing with them and the succeeding firm of **Aydelott and Haslam** for 17 years. During all this time she has been a model of industry and faithfulness in her daily life and by her cheerful and obliging manner has succeeded in winning the love and respect of a very large circle of friends, and we feel safe in saying that no one could be more missed than 'Miss 'Becca' will be. For more than 17 years she and her mother have lived together by themselves and very few have ever been her equal in caring for and loving her aged mother. The day before the operation she wrote in her diary, "The waiting is dreadful but the time is drawing nearer and the Lord is with me." The next morning she again wrote - "Almost time for the operation, I am ready. May the Lord's will be done." During one of her sinking spells and when all thought her dying, she called to her sister, Mrs. **Stine**, to her side and said, "I thought I would get well, but it is all for the best. I want you to take good care of mother. I want her to live with you. Good-bye". *Card of Thanks* signed by Mrs. **Mary Coulter**.

Mrs. **Will Bickner** was 46 years old last Friday and her daughter, Mrs. **Katie Stith** planned a surprise for her. She was aided by Mrs. **Thomas Wagner** who took Mrs. **Bickner** away for an all day visit with Mrs. **Will Miller**. About 40 people were there to enjoy the evening and help take care of the cream and cake. (Yantisville news)

Herbert Christman, second son of Mr. and Mrs. **August Christman** was married to Miss **Winnie Groves** at her home near Lakewood last Wednesday evening. They were given a reception at the home of the groom on Saturday evening.

Geo W Soland, the popular auctioneer of Boody, with his family, passed through town on Friday from Findlay, enroute home. Mr. **Soland** has just returned from a trip to Kansas where he took unto himself, a charming wife. He reports crop conditions fairly good in south central Kansas.

The *Assumption News* says that **John Tomolias**, a coal miner, died at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening from the effects of a wound inflicted by night policeman **Isaac Middleton** on Saturday evening. The man was drunk, was ordered out of a saloon, became unruly, and the policeman pounded him with a club, from the effects of which pounding, he died.

Wednesday, 12 July 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards have been issued announcing that on Thursday afternoon 20 July 1899, at 2:30 o'clock at the M E Church in this city, Mr. **Ralph Waldo Snyder** and Miss **Lulia M Coffman** will be united in marriage.

Thursday at the Christian tabernacle occurred the funeral of Miss **Hettie Dean**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Dean**, in the presence of a very large congregation of sympathetic relatives and friends. Elder **A R Spicer**, assisted by Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiated. The lovely white casket bore numerous beautiful floral tributes. Pallbearers were Messrs **Ralph Ayars, Ralph Snyder, Raymond Snyder, Dave Adamson, W T Bowman** and **Wm Rodman**. **Hettie Adeline Dean** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 4 March 1877, and died at her home on 5 July 1899, aged 22 years, 4 months and one day. **Hettie**

was converted three years ago under Rev. **Davis** of the Evangelical Church south of Moweaqua. She has lived a firm and consistent Christian life, and it was only to know her that we loved her.

E N Clark, aged 80 years, one of Cobden's oldest and best known citizens died.

Mrs. **Belle Baird** aged 76 years of Prairie Home, Shelby County, died suddenly of a paralytic stroke.

Mrs. **Mayo**, widow of the late Capt **E B Mayo**, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Sycamore.

Albert Marks and **Dennis O'Connor** quarreled on the farm of **Tom Murley** near Marengo. O'Connor fractured Marks' skull with a cattle yoke, Marks died. O'Connor is an ex-convict.

Mr. and Mrs. **George W Clemens** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at Whitehall by a family reunion. There were eight-one relatives participating.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Moss** on 5 July 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Webb** on 3 July 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Karl R Snyder** on 5 July 1899, a boy.

Born to **Jno. Jackson** and wife on 25 June 1899, a girl.

Born to **Jno. Carrol** and wife on 1 July 1899, a boy.

Born to **Stephen Portwood** and wife on 10 July 1899, a girl.

Born to **Albert Bridgewater** and wife on Monday last, a daughter. (Prairie Home news)

On Monday last, a large number of relatives and friends followed the remains of Mrs.

Belle Baird to her last resting place in the Church yard at Prairie Home. The services were conducted by Rev **McCracken**.

We congratulate **Albert Bridgewater** and wife, and **Adelbert Pelton** and wife on account of their family additions of recent date – both girls. (Allenboro news)

Prior to her death, **Rebecca Drake Coulter** designated her brother, **Dave Coulter** to be the executor of her estate.

Wednesday, 19 July 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a painful illness of many months, her malady being internal complications, Mrs. **Margaret Plyler** died at her home in Christian County, west of town on Monday, 17 July 1899. Services were held at the Christian tabernacle on Tuesday morning. Elder **Spicer** officiated. Interment was at the Nichols Cemetery. **Margaret Octavia Kyle** was born near Statesville, North Carolina, on 23 September 1851. She died at her home near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 17 July 1899, aged 48 years, 9 months and 17 days. She was married to **U T Plyler** on 18 April 1875. To them were born four children, three of whom, **Lela, Rush** and **Florence Plyler**, along with the grief stricken father survive her. At an early age she united with the Lutheran Church where she lived a devote Christian life until later in life when her husband and children joined the M E Church, south, and she put her name and work with them. She was the sunshine of her home, where she spent nearly all of her time, being for several years, an invalid. She was a devoted wife, a fond mother and loving friend. Though she suffered intensely, she took a deep interest in all the surroundings of her home. Her greatest happiness was to see her family happy and prosperous. She worshiped her children and said she only prayed to get well that she might do more for them.

Saturday morning shortly after seven o'clock, the sweet and innocent spirit of little **Earl Hudson** took its flight into the infinite world of peace, joy and bliss. **Earl** was one of the lovely little twin boys, about 18 months old, of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** and was the joy and pride not only of his devoted parents, but of everyone who had learned to know and to love the little fellow. He was taken very ill with cholera infantum, and despite every effort made to save him, succumbed to the disease. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at the M E Church. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated. Pallbearers were Misses **Mabel Jacobs, Maud Green, Bulah Warren** and **Olive Aydelott**. Wednesday of last week, **Merl Hudson**, the remaining twin boy was taken very ill with the same disease, cholera infantum, and has since been lingering between life and death. There appears to be very fair hopes for his recovery.

Miss **Lulia Coffman** and **Ralph W Snyder** will be married tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the M E Church. A reception will be given a few invited friends at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr**, from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, the same afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. **R W Snyder** will take the 5:10 train for Bloomington, making a bridal visit of a few days with friends, after which they will board temporarily with the family of **G M Keiser**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Porter** of Prairieton, a girl.

A large number of her young friends took Miss **Myrtle Sheffler** by surprise last Saturday evening, it being the anniversary of her birthday. Refreshments were served, games played and a good time had by all.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **William Colburn** died Thursday of spinal fever.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W C Little** on 12 July 1899, a girl.

Harold Aydelott entertained a number of his young friends Monday afternoon, the occasion being his 6th birthday. The little folks had a very jolly time.

Ralph Waldo Snyder and **Lulia M Coffman** will be married at the First M E Church in Moweaqua on 20 July 1899 at 2:30 PM. **Taylor** and Mrs. **Coffman**, parents of the bride, and who were married here, have issued pretty invitations to **G M Clark** and family.

Taylor Coffman was chief miller at the Woodward Star Mills here a quarter century ago and the elderly citizens will remember the knight and ring tournament between **Taylor Coffman**, **James G Middlesworth** and **Jo. Bobzein** at the Shelby County Fair about 30 years ago. Mrs. **Coffman** was a daughter of **John R Harding**, the jeweler. **Ralf Snyder** is a gentleman, a good business man, an athlete and an all round good fellow, son of **Vollie** and Mrs. **Snyder**. The bride to be is a member of the Young Ladies quartette and a popular and loveable woman.

Wednesday, 26 July 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Word comes to us by telephone this morning that Miss **Maud Fortner** was the victim of a gasoline stove explosion at Bethany yesterday and that she died in horrible agony last night. She was attempting to fill the gasoline stove while it was burning. She is a relative of the **Fortner family** of this city and well-known here.

Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock the Methodist Episcopal Church of this city was the scene of a very beautiful wedding. Miss **Lulia M Coffman** and Mr. **Ralph Waldo Snyder**. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J T Coffman** and has been a resident of Moweaqua for over 5 years. From childhood she has developed into sweet and gentle womanhood among us. A bright and ambitious scholar. she was

valedictorian of the class of '95 that graduated from the Moweaqua high school. She is a girl greatly admired and beloved by all those who know her. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr** and the junior member of the banking house of **V Snyder and Co.** Born and reared here, a graduate of the Moweaqua high school and salutatorian of the class of '95, he has ever held the high esteem of the community at large. Retiring from the sanctuary the bridal party were driven at once to the residence of **V Snyder, Jr** where they received the warmest congratulations of many friends. *(Not copied in this article, the wedding decorations, list of guests and additional information on their personalities)* Monday morning, **Eva Dean**, another member of the **Dean** family died of typhoid fever. Mrs. **Dean** and a son are dangerously ill with the disease. Mr. **Dean** alone has thus far escaped, and it requires all his strength and will power to bear up under his burden of woe. Mrs. **Wm Coulter**, a neighbor living near, had been giving them much assistance, caring for them and cooking for them. She too was taken ill with the fever and her condition is considered serious. A number of persons have interested themselves in the matter, and Monday went out to the **Dean** farm about two miles south of town and erected tents in which the sick people were temporarily placed while the house was thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. Everything possible has been and is being done to assist the family and stamp out the disease. It seems to be the general impression that the disease originated in the family from the use of the well water on the place. The well is so situated on the hill that its bottom is about on a line with the bed of the creek, and the water must be seapy and because of decaying vegetation, very vile. The funeral of Miss **Eva Dean** occurred on Tuesday morning from the home, brief services only being held, and the remains were interred in the Masonic Cemetery. Yesterday morning, **Minnie Ney**, the 13-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C L Ney**, was taken quite ill with typhoid fever. She had spent the day at the **Dean's** family, had helped about the house and drank from the well. Her condition is not thought to be dangerous as yet.

Thomas Miller, the founder of Millersville, Illinois, died early Thursday morning at his home in Millersville. He came to Christian County at the close of the Civil War and settled at the present site of Millersville which at that time, was a primitive forest. Here he amassed a fortune which he leaves to his three sons and two daughters.

Born to **Robt Beck** and wife on 12 July 1899 at Prairie Home, a son.

Herbert Weiffenbach, the infant son of Rev and Mrs. **E Weiffenbach** died on 16 July 1899 of cholera infantum at the home of Mrs. **Weiffenbach's** parents near Boody, Illinois, after a very brief illness of about twelve hours, at the age of four months and a half. He was a bright little child and the joy, and pride of his parents. The funeral was held from the German M E Church at Boody. Rev **Schlueter** conducting the services after which the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery near the Church. Our dear brother and sister are sorely stricken with grief. Let all their host of friends pray for them in this great trial and especially for Sister **Weiffenbach** who is in poor health.

Word was received in this city yesterday that Mrs. **Anna Dimon**, a sister of Mrs. Dr **Lem Buck** died at her home in Sycamore, Illinois, on Sunday. She was well-known here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thos Steidley at the home of Dr. and Mrs. **Catherwood**, yesterday, a bright little daughter. Both mother and babe are doing well. This is Dr **Catherwood's** 18th grandchild. *(Shelbyville Union)*

W J Clark, administrator of the estate of **Chas S Clark**, deceased, will have a public sale of personal property on Friday, 18 August 1899, at his farm south of Moweaqua.

Wednesday, 2 August 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Earl and **Merl** united. After a lingering illness of several weeks, **Earl**, the remaining twin boy of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** passed away yesterday afternoon shortly before two o'clock. The disease was precisely the same as that which took little **Merl** several weeks ago – cholera infantum. (Note: in the previous obituary, the child's name was given as **Earl**; this article also gives the name as '**Earl**'. Do not know which obituary is correct; I have copied it verbatim as in the Call-Mail). Every effort was made to save the little darling, but without avail. For days its sweet little innocent spirit lingered between Heaven and earth until nature succumbed to the inevitable. The death of these two little ones, once so bright and handsome and healthy, is peculiarly sad, and the hearts of the entire community go out to the bereaved parents. The funeral will be held from the M E Church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

After a lingering illness of many months, the malady being consumption, **David Bays** passed peacefully into the infinite on Wednesday afternoon of last week. The deceased carried with him to the end, the loving devotion of a wife and four children. Services were held from the Christian tabernacle on Thursday after noon in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Rev **A R Spicer** officiating and interment was in the Cemetery west of town. Death has come and taken from our midst a brother whom we all loved. **David Bays**, the son of **Neul** and **Sarah Bays** was born in Christian County, Illinois on 19 January 1873. On 22 September 1894, he was married to Miss **Annie Easley** and to this union, were born four children, two boys and two girls, all of whom are living and remain to mourn their loss. **David** was the fourth of a family of six children and the first to depart to his long home. **Carrie Ann, Emma, Jennie, Lizzie** and **Josiah Bays** are the surviving members of the family. The last year of his life was spent in Moweaqua. He was taken sick about two years ago, and died on 26 July 1899 at 3:30 PM of consumption at age 26 years, 6 months and 7 days. He was a constant sufferer from the first and never murmured, but patiently awaited God's time. He often said, "If I could only live to help raise my children", but when asked if he was ready to die, his answer was always 'yes'. He was a dutiful son, kind brother, loving husband and father. He always had a smile and kind word for everybody. Despite constant suffering for months, he was cheerful and bore up with fortitude and hope. At his last moments, he said 'I am gone' and bade goodbye to his wife and sister who were at his bedside.

Mrs. **Gabriella Smith**, suddenly died at her home at Alto Pass aged 69 years. She was married 50 years and was the mother of 12 children.

William T Shefter, died at Bloomington aged 83 years. He served his country as a soldier longer perhaps than any other veteran in Illinois. He was a soldier in the Florida war against the Seminoles 1835 to 1842, in the war with Mexico, and in the Civil War. He was a member of the Wm T Sherman post, G A R of Bloomington.

Mrs. **Jennie McDonald Wilson**, one of the oldest residents of Morgan County died at her home in Murrayville. She was 84 years of age.

Capt **Samuel Welton**, aged 92 years, one of the oldest pioneers in central Illinois, died. He had lived in Macoupin County for over half a century, and was widely known and highly respected. He leaves a widow four years his junior.

From the July number of the '*Sample Case*' a little magazine that is the official organ of the order of the United Commercial Travelers of America, we take the following article

concerning a popular Moweaqua boy: **William La Motte Day** began making trouble in this world at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 27 April 1863. His mother is an authority for the statement that he was a very hard child to manage, and his wife says she can't see that he has improved any in this respect. (There 'are others' outside the family who will cheerfully endorse this statement). His first experience in business life was in the father's general merchandise store at Moweaqua. Here as a boy he learned to sand the sugar, water the vinegar, and attend early morning prayers in the good old democratic way, and these valuable precepts which he thus absorbed early in life, have never left him. In March 1879, he started out to seek his fortune in that promised land known as the Golden West. The second day after landing in Arkansas City, he was at work for **Deer, Mansur & Co** in their shipping department. He remained with them for one year and then entered the employ of the **Trumbull, Reynolds & Allen Seed Co** where he continued until 1882 when he left them to become a traveler for the **Parlin and Overdorff Co** (P&O Co), wholesale dealers in farm implements and vehicles. Mr. **Day** was the first traveler employed by the P&O Co when they opened their branch home in Kansas City in 1882. The fact that he has been with them ever since on the same territory, and that he has built up and maintains the largest and most successful business in his line on this territory, together with the fact that his employers esteem him very highly, not only as a trade getter and profit maker for the concern, but because his judgment and advice upon all matters pertaining to their vast business in the West, is considered most valuable by them, is the best evidence of the success that he has achieved in the business world. Mr. **Day's** record in 'U S T'ism' is certainly a brilliant one. He was one of the first to take an interest in this organization in Kansas, and it was through his personal effort that a Council (No 36) was organized in his home town of Concordia on 14 May 1892. (*Portion of the article describes the Council and Mr. Day's personality; not copied in this article*). A sketch of this man would be far from complete were it lacking in a brief view of his home life, for in nothing is a man's real nature so truly exposed as in his family life. Mr. **Day** was married at Waterville, Kansas, on 15 December 1896, to Miss **Grace Hinman**. To use the language of the gentleman himself, "Immediately after our marriage, we held an election. My wife was elected president and I was elected vice president of our newly established household. I have never been able to call another election, and in fact, am perfectly willing to continue to serve in my present capacity as long as I can have so capable an officer at the head of the administration." Mr. **Day** has been favored by fortune in many things, but in nothing has she so blessed him as in the charming woman she bestowed upon him for a life companion. A beautiful woman in everything that goes to make a woman beautiful, she has made for him a home that is the ideal of which that most significant word implies. The family circle is completed by two exceedingly bright and winsome children, a boy and a girl, who give great promise of becoming exact reproductions of their authors, having been the moving spirit in it.

Born to **Robt Orris** and wife on 23 July 1899, a daughter. (Prairie Home)

July 28th being Mrs. **Henry Evans'** 59th birthday, the relatives and friends planned a surprise birthday dinner for her. Her daughter, Mrs. **Mary Prescott** and children of Decatur, were visiting her and while planning what she would have for dinner, her relatives and friends drove up with well filled baskets. She was very much surprised and enjoyed the surprise as much as those that surprised her. Four generations were present and all seemed to have a good time. Guests were: Her mother, Mrs. **Barding** of Pana, Mrs. **Mary**

A **Prescott** and children of Decatur, Mrs. **Molly Mitchell** and daughter, Mrs. **Hughes** and children, Mrs. **Bettie Copeland** and children of Blue Mound, Mr. **R C Grimes** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **W Zeitz**, Mrs. **Malinda Jacobs** and granddaughter, Mr. **Wm Sinard** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Jacobs**, Mr. **Lou Moss** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **John Barding** and daughter of Pana, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Jacobs**, Mr. **Charles Evans** and family.

Mr. and Mrs. **K Aegan** planned and executed a very pleasant surprise on their son, **Fred** in honor of his birthday on Tuesday evening, 25 July 1899, at their elegant home southwest of Moweaqua. Games were played and music was enjoyed until a late hour. (*List of attendees not copied here.*)

Last night at nine o'clock, **Minnie Ney**, the beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C L Ney**, southeast, aged 15 years, succumbed to that fatal disease, typhoid fever. Her illness was brief but severe. The funeral will take place from the family residence this afternoon. Her death is a sad blow to the parents and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bud Clipston** of Allenboro on Saturday, 29 July 1899, a daughter.

Wednesday, 9 August 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Margaret Wilhelmina Ney was born in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 31 July 1886, and died 1 August 1899, aged 13 years and one day. She united with Fame United Evangelical Church on 15 December 1895, under the pastorate of Rev **C W Davis**. She was an earnest Christian from early years and to her last gave evidence of her confidence in God. During the illness of about 12 days which terminated in her death, she suffered greatly, but bore it all in patience and a willingness to submit to His will. She leaves a father, mother and one sister to await the summons to meet her, while a host of friends sadly look to the place she once did fill. Services were held at the home where she spent the days of her girlhood. Interment took place in the German M E Cemetery on Thursday, 2 August 1899, and there 'neath the singing branches of the oaks and the rippling waters of old Flat Branch, she awaits the call to come forth.

Thursday morning the funeral of **Samuel Marshall** was held from the Baptist Church, Rev Rogers officiating. His illness was brief but very severe, and death came as a peaceful relief from intense physical agony. At the conclusion of the services at the Church, the remains were taken to Little Flock Cemetery for interment. **Samuel Marshall**, son of **Stephen** and **Phoebe Marshall**, was born on 1 August 1884, and died at the home of his mother in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 2 August 1899, aged 15 years and one day. He leaves a mother, four brothers and two sisters, viz: **Henry, Seth, James, Emery, Sadie** and **Lizzie**. The deceased was converted and joined the Baptist Church in January 1896, and has lived the faithful, devoted life of a Christian. After the brief services his body was laid to rest beside his father and two brothers in Little Flock Cemetery to await the coming of the Lord.

The second infant twin child of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** which died last week was **Merl**, not **Earl**, as was stated in the last issue of this paper, **Earl** having passed away two weeks ago. In this connection, Mr. and Mrs. **Hudson** desires the *Call-Mail* to return their sincere thanks to the many kind and sympathetic friends who so tenderly gave assistance in their hour of sadness.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nick Nalbach** on 4 August 1899, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Standley** planned and executed a very pleasant surprise on their daughter, Miss **Maud Standley** in honor of her 17th birthday Tuesday night, 1 August 1899, at their residence southeast of town. Miss **Maud** was induced to make a call on her friend, Miss **Nellie Housh** near Pleak, and when she returned she found the house filled with a jolly lot of her friends who enjoyed themselves immensely. (*List of attendees given, not copied here*)

Wednesday, 16 August 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Several attended the funeral of Miss **Gertie Bugg** at Spring Creek the first of the week.

Benjamin Page, well-known at Harrisburg, died at the age of 76 years.

Samuel Mitchell, aged 85 years and a wealthy pioneer settler, died at Assumption.

Mrs. **Fred Miller** of Peoria was so badly burned in a gasoline explosion that she died. She was found in the weeds, 150 feet from the house. She was filling a gasoline stove while two burners were in operation. She was but 27 years of age.

Mrs. **Maddox**, wife of Dr **Maddox** of Augusta, who was frightened by burglars breaking in the doctor's office died of convulsions.

A feud has broken out between the **Robinson** and **Savage** families in the mountains of Union County near the Kentucky line. **Wm Savage** was shot and killed by **Jack Robinson**, who is also thought to be mortally wounded.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jarman Snyder** on 14 August 1899, a girl.

Miss **Gertie Bugg**, a well-known and popular young lady of May township, died at the residence of her sister, Mrs. **Will Atkinson**, at two o'clock on Saturday afternoon, 5 August 1899 of dropsy of the heart. She had not been feeling well for several months, but was not taken seriously ill until about five days ago. She grew rapidly worse and her life was despaired of two days before the end. Miss **Bugg** was 22 years of age and was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph R Bugg**. (*Taylorville News*)

Wednesday, 23 August 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The sweet and gentle spirit of little **Raymond Roff** passed into the infinite at an early hour yesterday morning. The child was about a year old, the son of **Jesse W Roff** and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Miller**. It had never been strong and well, its death being caused by consumption. The funeral was held from the residence of its grandparents this afternoon at three o'clock. Rev **Foxworthy** officiating. The relatives have the warmest sympathy of a large circle of friends. It is comforting to know that the pure and innocent little darling is spiritually, even now, nestling in the arms of its dear departed mother.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Tolly** on Friday, 18 August 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ewing McKeefter** at Prairie Home on 14 August 1899, a girl.

Mrs. **Alexander Taylor**, a widow 35 years old of West Virginia, had been slowly dying of consumption for a week. Yesterday she became unconscious. A doctor was called and pronounced her dead and funeral preparations were begun. About midnight her friends were astounded to see Mrs. **Taylor** move, open her eyes and ask for water. She asked that a favorite niece, who lives in Iowa, be summoned at once to receive a message from mother, who has been dead several years. Mrs. **Taylor** says her spirit was disembodied and soared through space till a brilliant and beautiful grove was reached. Here angels were flying about guarding what seemed the entrance to Heaven. She was refused admittance but was allowed to converse at a short distance with her husband, who died last winter, and

with her sister, the mother of the favorite niece. The message sent for the niece she refuses to disclose except to the young woman herself. Mrs. **Taylor** says she was promised that she should come to paradise very soon. Mrs. **Taylor** is an educated woman and is in ecstasy over the belief that she will soon join her friends gone before. Mrs. **Taylor** is so ill she cannot live more than a few days. (*Chicago Record*)

Wednesday, 30 August 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, 6 September 1899, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J C Jacobs**, in this city, **Oscar E O'Dell** and Miss **Maud Jacobs** will be united in marriage.

After a very brief illness of cholera infantum, **Zorah Lois Berry**, one of the sweet little twin babies of Mr. and Mrs. **Ruffner Berry**, aged about nine months, died last night. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock from the M E Church in the city.

As executors of the last will and testament of **Thomas Coultas**, deceased, property will be sold at public auction at the front door of the post office in Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 30th of September 1899 at 2 o'clock. Real estate located in the SW quarter of the SE quarter and the SE quarter of the SW quarter, section 3, township 13 N, Range 2, east of the third principal meridian, Shelby County, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **T E Hudson** on 25 August 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L C Whitehead** on 28 August 1899, a boy.

M H Miller was the victim of a quietly planned and perfectly executed surprise last evening the day being his 43rd birthday. Mrs. **Miller** arranged the whole affair admirably. Mr. **Miller** went down town as usual after tea then his good wife invited in a few neighbors and friends and sent for Mr. **Miller** to come home at once. The surprise was complete. Refreshments were served and a good time had by all.

Ephriam Henry Peel died of tuberculosis on Thursday, 24 August 1899, at his home, 6454 Spring Avenue, aged 18 years and 3 months. His home was at Blue Mound at which place his parents reside. He came to Decatur a short time ago to be treated. He is survived by a sister, **Ida Smith** of Mt Auburn and four brothers, **Dick Peel** of Decatur, **Perry Peel** of Edinburg, and **John** and **E A Peel** of Blue Mound. The deceased was a member of the Christian Church at Blue Mound and had many friends. Services were held at 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon from the Salem Church. Rev **Crank** of Blue Mound officiated; interment was at Salem Cemetery. The deceased was a nephew of **John Peel** of Moweaqua, who attended the funeral services.

Wednesday, 6 September 1899 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The funeral of little **Zorah Berry**, one of the darling twins of Mr. and Mrs. **Ruffner Berry** was held on Thursday morning from the M E Church in this city. The beautiful white casket covered with lovely floral tributes was borne into the sanctuary by little Misses **Jessie Stine**, **Mabel Frazee**, **Lena Snyder** and **Hazel Smith**. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated. Interment was in the Cemetery west of town.

At Nilwood, Macoupin County, Mrs. **James Watson** and her seven year old son were struck and killed instantly by lightning while they were crossing the street on their way to a neighbor's house.

Mrs. **Ida Becker**, formerly Miss **Ida Sutterlin**, the 17-year-old girl for the love of whom **Albert Becker** is said to have murdered his first wife and disposed of her remains in much

the same manner as did **Adolph Luetgert**, has been granted a decree for divorce in Ohio. **Becker** is under sentence of death, and the sentence of the court condemning him to be hanged on 13 October 1899 was presented in support of the petition for divorce.

Oscar O'Dell and Miss **Maude Jacobs** will be married this evening at the residence of the bride's parents in this city.

Last Monday evening Mrs. **H T Salisbury** on account of their son **Ray Salisbury's** 12th birthday, had quite a number of his friends and schoolmates to surprise him. The young folks had a jolly time. Refreshments were served and all departed wishing **Ray** many more happy birthdays.

Last Wednesday evening at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **John Bilyeu**, about 60 of their relatives and friends came in to remind their daughter, **Clara Bilyeu** of her 20th birthday. The evening was spent in games, music and social chat. Refreshments were served at the usual hour, consisting of watermelon, ice cream and cake.

Mr. and Mrs. **R A Berry** have the sympathy of this entire community in the loss of their baby, **Lois**. (Allenboro news)

Mrs. **Malinda Howser** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **G W Jesse** on Tuesday, 29 August 1899, at age 73 years. Interment at Long Grove Cemetery.

Mr. **Jerry Reynolds** and Miss **Emily Scribner** were quietly married at Shelbyville Thursday last. (Pleak news)

On October 11th, 1899, at the residence of the bride in Boody, Miss **Minnie Williams** of that place, and **T F Anderson**, of this city, will be united in marriage.

This morning at the Ohio House, 'Squire **Johnson** in his own inimitable style united in holy bonds of matrimony, Mr. **J M Reynolds** of Moweaqua and Miss **E M Scribner**. **Jerry Reynolds** is well-known as one of Shelby County's best school teachers, and is a jolly and popular young man. The bride is one of Flat Branch's fairest daughters. Long may happiness and prosperity rule in their household is the *Union's* wish. (*Shelbyville Daily Union* of 31 August 1899).

Wednesday, 13 September 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in this city, in the presence of about 75 invited guests, Miss **Maude Jacobs** and Mr. **Oscar E O'Dell** were united in marriage. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating assisted by Rev **J Foxworthy**. (*Article describes the floral decorations and organist, Mrs. Blanche Corrington; not copied in this book*). Arriving at the north side of the room, the handsome young couple turned and faced the officiating clergyman who made fast the nuptial bond of unity. Sincere congratulations speedily followed, and the guests then repaired to the dining room and partook of a feast most bountiful, after which the numerous lovely presents were inspected and admired. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J C Jacobs**, a most charming young lady, accomplished, and beautiful as a picture as good as she is beautiful whose sweet and gentle demeanor has drawn about her a host of loving friends. The groom is the son of **H C O'Dell**, a sturdy and practical young farmer with the necessary degree of good and hard common sense to make life a success, if a close and careful application to his interest will accomplish that result. Mr. and Mrs. **O'Dell** with a clear and correct conception of the practical side of life have at once, gone to housekeeping at the farm home of the groom a mile north of town.

Mrs. **Sophia Crabtree**, one of the early pioneers of southern Illinois, and wife of **Samuel Crabtree**, who is the oldest living man in Jefferson County, died of old age at her home near Marlow, five miles east of Mt Vernon.

James Riley died at Alton at age 71 years.

Esquire **Walter Longenbaugh** died at his home in Pickaway township in Shelby County.

Rev **W. H. H. Moore**, one of the oldest Methodist Ministers in Illinois died at Normal, Illinois, aged 85 years. He was one of the last of the old circuit riders.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **G W Rollins** on 3 September 1899, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas B. Workman** on 5 September 1899, a son.

Professor and Mrs. **Chas Fleming** mourn the death of their sweet little baby boy who died at their home in Stewardson on Wednesday. The babe was about 18 months old.

There will be a public sale of personal property at the residence of the late **S. L. Breeding**, deceased, southeast on Thursday, 21 September 1899, in the way of stock and farming implements. This will be a very large farm sale.

(Part of this obituary is unreadable) Death of **Walter Longenbaugh**. Death came to **Walter Longenbaugh** at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh** near Obed, in Pickaway township, where he had been and invalidyear....., and had more or less under the constant care of a physician, and physically he was in no condition to withstand a violent attack of typhoid fever. Despite the best of medical care, he rapidly declined until the end came and he was relieved of all suffering. The deceased was born in Pickaway township on 16 September 1868, and his home has always been with his parents to whom he was devoted. At the time of his death, his age was 30 years, 11 months and 21 days. As a citizen, a neighbor and a man, he was highly esteemed. His heart was large and open to all mankind, his interests were always identical with those about him. His leadership in Pickaway was recognized. He faithfully and efficiently filled the office of the Justice of the Peace in Pickaway township for seven years; he was an earnest member of Yantisville Lodge, I. O. O. F., he was an untiring worker in the Yantisville camp of Modern Woodman in which he held \$2,000 insurance, and he was ever active in promoting the best interests of the Yantisville band of which he was the drum major. He was also a member of the Royal Neighbors. He was essentially a man of the people. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and three sisters. Services were held Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the Little Flock Church. Elder **Levi Corley** assisted Rev **B. Smock**, both lifelong friends of the deceased, officiated at the funeral, paying beautiful tributes of love and esteem to him whom they had known from childhood to grave. Pallbearers were from the Odd Fellows, **John Moll**, **John Stump** and **James French**, and from the Woodmen were **John Carroll**, **Harry Pontius** and **James Weakly**. Interment was in Little Flock Cemetery. *Card of Thanks* from Mr. and Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh** and family on the loss of their beloved son.

J M Reynolds and his new bride (nee **Scribner**) have taken up their residence and are at home to their friends in one of **J M Portwood's** houses (Allenboro news)

(Unable to read in entirety) Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Armentrout** on 31 August 1899, a girl.

Mrs. **John T Miller** who lives near Hindsboro is a widow. More than that, she is the widow of a deceased Modern Woodman. her husband having been killed by a stroke of lightning last spring. Mrs. **Miller** had a lot of broom-corn and did not know how she was going to get it cut, but the members of the Hillsboro camp solved the problem by turning

out in mass on Wednesday and cutting the corn and putting it away in the shed. To say that the widow lady was glad is putting it mildly. This fact denotes that the Modern Woodmen are neighbors in deed and truth, and in truth will not let the widow and orphans suffer. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Wednesday, 20 September 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The eight year old son of **Bruce Weakly**, living southeast died Friday of typhoid fever. Interment took place in Locust Grove Cemetery. Two other children of Mr. **Weakly's** are also down with the same disease.

Mr. and Mrs. **Cyrus Weakly** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Mary Murry** formerly of Obed. She died on Sunday night, the 17th of September 1899, at eleven o'clock in Cowden, and was buried on Tuesday at 10 o'clock. She had many friends in the Obed area.

Eugene Marchland, the efficient teacher here, received the sad news of the death of his father last week. He died of pleurisy at his home near Shelbyville.

Hayden Ettinger was in our town Saturday morning and reported his mother who is at the hospital in Springfield is a dying condition from the effects of a cancer on the face. She suffered a paralytic stroke some ten days ago. She is very low.

J L Wallace, an old settler and draft horse breeder of Christian County, died at age 66 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Moll** on 18 September 1899, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **F W Dinwiddie** of Rockville, Indiana, are the guests of their daughter Mrs. **Rev J Foxworthy**. Mr. **Dinwiddie** is now in his 81st year and in the best of health. He lived in Washington, D C, sixty years ago and witnessed the inauguration of President **Wm H Harrison** and later on attended his funeral. He has also heard **Henry Clay**, **Daniel Webster** and **Henry Calhoun** speak in the United States Senate.

Wednesday, 27 September 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Saturday was a particularly sad day for the good people of Prairieeton township, the unusual sight being witnessed of two funeral processions blended into one, carrying the remains of two beloved women to the Bilyeu Cemetery. Elder **W S Herman** officiated first at the house of **A B Lawrence**, whither he was called by the death of Mrs. **Jerry McNeal**, a lovely woman, and his daughter, whose malady was consumption. Her good husband and relatives have a host of friends who extend heartfelt sympathy. **Ida E Lawrence**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence** was born 14 March 1870, and united with the Church of Christ on 15 February 1885. She was married to **Jerry McNeal** on 7 October 1895, and to this union were born two children, **Christina Maria** and **Ethel Ester**. She died of consumption at the home of her parents in Prairieeton township on 21 September 1899, leaving a husband, two children, father, and mother, four sisters and a brother, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. Arriving at the Cemetery, **Rev Herman** spoke briefly beside the grave, words of sweetest consolation and love for dear old **Grandma Bilyeu**, whose passing away has caused sorrow and anguish in many hearts. Her death occurred at the home of her son, **J S Bilyeu** at the ripe old age of nearly 86 years.

Elizabeth Bilyeu was born in Nicholas County on 14 November 1813, and moved to Tennessee in 1822. She was married to **John Bilyeu** in 1829 and the family moved to Illinois in 1830. Eleven children were born to them, nine sons and two daughters, of whom seven survive her. She departed this life at the home of her son, **J S Bilyeu** in

Prairieton township on 21 September 1899, aged 85 years, 10 months and 17 days.

Grandma Bilyeu was a true pioneer and died near Assumption, Illinois.

Willis Hogan, a young farm hand in the employ of **Dave Coulter**, met with a fatal accident Friday while assisting in threshing at **James Thompson's** farm near Prairie Home. He was coming down from a stack of grain, and slipping, fell upon the upright handle of a pitchfork, which penetrated him from the rear about ten inches. He died at midnight on Friday. **Hogan** came here from Anna, Illinois, about a month ago and was about 20 years of age and unmarried.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Sprague** on 17 September 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J O Harvey**, 19 September 1899, a son.

Thomas Bradley died at age 76 at Owaneco, Christian County. He had been a citizen of Christian County for 55 years, and drove a stage between Pana and Springfield in early years and served through the Civil War.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Linn Baird** of Prairieton on Wednesday, 13 September 1899, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M Wier** on Saturday, 23 October 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W P Sanner** of Allenboro on 19 September 1899, a daughter.

A party of about 30 went in on Mrs. **Jake McGinley** last Sunday with well filled baskets, it being her 57th birthday. She had not thought of it being her birthday and was therefore greatly surprised. After partaking of all the good things and spending a few hours in social talk and fun, they returned to their homes. (Pleasant View news)

Wednesday, 4 October 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

After a lingering illness of many months, Miss **Lena Farner** died Thursday of consumption at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Farner**, in this city, aged 15 years, 9 months and 2 days. The child had been an invalid for about two years. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church, Saturday afternoon, Rev **Rogers** officiating in the presence of a large number of sympathetic friends.

Wednesday evening, 18 October 1899, at 8:15 o'clock at the M E Church, Mrs. **J Anita Snyder** and Dr **J Young Shamel** of Gibson City, will be united in marriage. The young people will be at home in Gibson City, Illinois, after 1 December 1899.

Mrs. **James Hall** an old resident of Edwards County. She was visiting her daughter, Mrs. **G P Bowman** at Caseyville.

A child of **A C Simmons**, nine months old, died on Tuesday morning and was buried on Wednesday at Prairie Home. Rev **Levi Corley** of Pickaway had charge of the funeral services.

Prairie Home news: On Wednesday last, the little child of **A C Simmons**, was laid away in the silent grave at the Cemetery at Prairie Home.

Wednesday, 11 October 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Stewart**, southwest, on 5 October 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D E Hall** on 3 October 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jo B Rogers** on Friday, 6 October 1899, a boy.

At nearly midnight Saturday night, Esq. **J Benson Simpson** was called upon at his home in Prairieton to unite in marriage, **Wm C Barnes** and Miss **Mary F Robinson**.

Thos F Anderson and Miss **Minnie Williams** were recently married in Boody. The young people will live here.

From the Pleasant View news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Stewart** on 4 October 1899, a daughter. (Note: In another portion of the paper, the birth date was given as 5 October 1899).

Mr. **Luke Russel** and Miss **Katie Fisher** were united in marriage on Wednesday, 4 October 1899, at the Catholic parsonage in Assumption.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Doyle**, 4 October 1899, a son.

Wednesday, 18 October 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Robert Moseley, aged 87, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Clay City.

Elisha Linder, a Coles County pioneer, aged 92 years died. He was one of the prominent citizens of Mattoon township.

Robert Thompson, born in old Virginia, one of Cass County's early and prominent settlers, died at age 76 years.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Rausch**, aged 76 years, highly esteemed citizen of Mascoutah died.

Mrs. **Lester S Rupert** of Bloomington died at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was the wife of one of the wealthiest men in Central Illinois, and rich in her own right.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Barnman**, aged 97 years, the oldest woman in St Clair County died. She died in the house in which she had resided for over 70 years.

George Fry died at age 80, one of the pioneer settlers of Christian County, died at his home south of Pana.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Galbreath**, one of the pioneers of Coles County, died. She was 85 years of age and, with her husband, came to Illinois in 1830.

Henry Lewis of Marengo shot at his wife on the street with a shotgun and severely wounded her. He then fled to his home where he was followed by citizens and officers. He barricaded the place and when his pursuers tried to gain admission, he fired on them. In the morning, an entrance was forced open and his lifeless body was found on the floor. The tragedy was the conclusion of a series of events stretching over a year. **Lewis** claimed that his wife had dishonored his name.

The two year old son of **George Cunningham** of Saybrook, McLean County, a few days ago, was crushed under a loaded wagon driven by his father. The child died from the injuries.

Isserl Butler and his boy, 11 years old, were run over by an Illinois Central train near El Dorado and killed.

Ed Carr, city marshal of Gilman, Iroquois County, was murdered a few nights ago. There seems to be no clue to the murder.

William Dillon aged 40, a well-known farmer, residing near Tremont, committed suicide by jumping in an old well on the farm.

This evening at the ME Church, will occur the wedding of Dr **J Y Shamel** and Miss **J Anita Snyder**. The ceremony will be performed at 8:15 o'clock by Presiding Elder **W T Beadles** of the Quincy district.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Homer Tolly** on 16 October 1899, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Al Worsham** on Friday, 13 October 1899, a boy.

Rev **Levi Corley**, at his home in Pickaway at five o'clock on Sunday evening, pronounced the words that made **Charles Townsend** and Miss **Rosa Trainor** man and wife. May they

be prosperous and happy and live to at least not only to see 1899 draw to a close, but to see the year 2000 ushered in! (Obed news)

Wednesday, 25 October 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

A telegram to **Wm Richhart** Thursday morning conveyed the sad intelligence that **Russell Richhart** had passed away at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **B A Richhart** near Crowley, Louisiana. **Russell** had been critically ill with fever for several weeks and his death was not wholly unexpected. He was a bright and manly young fellow, free from all dissipation, and possessed the noblest traits of character. His funeral was held on Friday, Wednesday evening, October 18th at the M E Church occurred one of the most brilliant weddings that has ever been witnessed in this city, the contracting parties being Miss **J Anita Snyder** and Dr **J Young Shamel** of Gibson City. (*describes decorations, wedding procession, songs, etc*) To the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, superbly rendered by Miss **Maude Temple** of Taylorville, the groom, escorted by the groomsmen, his brother, **C A Shamel** of New York, advanced up the west aisle, pausing at the altar to await the coming of the bride. Attendants, Messrs **B H Collier** and **Russell Lowery** of Gibson City, then led the bridal party up the center aisle, followed by the bridesmaids, Misses **Ella Eagstrom** and **Elizabeth Snyder**. Little **Olive Smith**, the ring bearer was followed by Miss **Madge Cornell** of Taylorville, who was the maid of honor, then came the bride, a perfect vision of loveliness gowned in pure white satin with bridal veil, bearing bridal roses, leaning upon the arm of her father, **M E Snyder**. (*Details of reception, list of attendees, not copied here*). The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder**, a handsome and accomplished girl who was reared and educated within our midst. Sweet and gentle in demeanor, she has drawn about her, a host of loving friends who will regret that her future path in life is to be thorough other fields. The groom is a prominent and popular young physician who formerly resided in Taylorville, but now has a lucrative practice and is a permanent resident of Gibson City. Mr. and Mrs. **Shamel** departed on the 'Diamond Special' at midnight for a bridal tour through the northwest and will be at home for future permanent residence at Gibson City, Illinois, after 1 December 1899.

James W McConnell, well-known at Mt Vernon, at the home of his father, ten miles from Mt Vernon, died recently.

James Crum, the oldest settler in Cass and Morgan counties, died at age 93. He located in Cass County in 1830, coming from Indiana.

Mrs. **Catherine Wheeler**, aged 88 years, died. She was an early settler in Jasper County.

James J Robbins was placed in jail at Decatur on the charge of perjury in getting a marriage license. He swore it is alleged, that **Rosa Ankrum** was 18 years old when she was only 15 years of age. He married the girl and his father-in-law made the complaint that caused his indictment and arrest.

Arthur Chalk died at his home near Hamlettsburg, Pope County, the other day from the effect of injuries received by being kicked by a vicious horse.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Prescott** on 19 October 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur D Adams** on 18 October 1899, a girl.

The many friends of Uncle **Thomas Shepherd** will regret to learn that he died at St Elizabeth's hospital in Lincoln, Nebraska, on Tuesday of last week, at the ripe old age of 89 years. He never fully recovered from the fall he sustained at Peoria last winter. The remains were brought here Friday evening, and a funeral service was held from the M E

Church on Saturday morning. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated. The remains were interred beside those of his wife in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. He was a quiet and dignified old gentleman, well liked by all who knew him. The remains were escorted to Moweaqua by Mr. and Mrs. **Archibald Adams** of Havelock, Nebraska, and among those in attendance at his funeral were three of his step children—Mrs. **Mattie Biddle**, and Mrs. **Susan Roby** of Maroa, also Mr. **Jesse Fischer** of Decatur.

Edward Thurn died at his home, two and one half miles southwest of the city at midnight last night, aged about 32 years of age. Mr. **Thurn** was the victim of typhoid fever. Some ten days ago he was so far recovered from the ravages of the disease that he felt able to walk about his farm looking after his stock. The exertion was more than he could stand in his weakened condition and he was compelled to again take his bed. For several days he has lingered between life and death, and while he received the best of nursing and care, death was the victor. A wife and three children survive the departed. (*Pana Palladium*). Mr. **Thurn** was a son-in-law of **Sam Jacobs** of Radford and was well-known as a most estimable gentleman.

A double wedding took place at the residence of Rev **Levi Corley** in Pickaway township on Sunday, the high contracting parties being Miss **Mollie Townsend** and Mr. **U. G. Fletcher** and Miss **Rose Trainer** and Mr. **Charles Townsend**. All are from Flat Branch township and are among the most highly respected young society people. Mr. **Fletcher** is a progressive school teacher and is well spoken of by all who know him. Miss **Townsend** is a beautiful young lady and the daughter of **George Townsend**, the well-known stockman of Flat Branch. Mr. **Townsend** is a progressive young farmer who has won a good reputation by hard work and honesty. His friends are many and the best. Miss **Trainer** is an accomplished young lady who is well-known to the writer. She has taught several terms of school and is very highly spoken of as a good teacher. A reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Townsend** on Monday evening. (*Shelbyville Leader*). **Elmer Funk** and Miss **Sadie Ritchie** were united Tuesday last in bonds of holy matrimony. (Obed news)

Albert Osborn and Miss **Anna Wheatley** were united in marriage at half past seven o'clock on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride by Rev **A C Huffman**. They will go to housekeeping at once on a farm owned by the groom. (Fame news)

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Boyer** on 25 October 1899, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **R E Roe** of Mobile, Alabama, a newly married couple on their bridal tour are visiting with Hon and Mrs. **Ira T Baird** of Prairie Home.

Mrs. **I R McKay** and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey** went to Petersburg, Illinois, on Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. **Golden**, a relative.

Sunday marked the sixty-third birthday of the twins, **James W Clark** and **Wm J Clark**. They have been respected citizens of the community for many years.

Roy Roe and wife of Mobile, Mississippi, has been visiting friends around here, Prairie Home, their former home, the last few weeks.

Russell Edwin Richhart was born on 27 August 1880 in Shelby County, Illinois, and died at 1:30 o'clock AM on 20 October 1899 of typhoid fever near Crowley, Louisiana. He was confined to his bed thirty days during which time he was tenderly cared for by his present mother, sister and friends. He has gone to meet his mother and infant sister who preceded

him to the Heaven of rest when he was three years old. **Russell** was converted at the age of seventeen and united with the United Brethren Church of which he was a faithful member until death. He came with his parents to this state in February 1899 where he faithfully performed his duties as a son. As his time was drawing near he sang then looked at the friends and loved ones who were around him and said, "Ask and ye shall receive". A little later, he waved his hand and said, 'Goodbye, Mama'. He leaves to mourn his loss, a father, mother, four sisters and a brother; Mrs. **Bertha Jacobs** of Moweaqua, Illinois, who was present at the time of his death, Mrs. **Nellie Nordyke**, **Mabel Richhart**, **Rolla Richhart**, and **Bessie Richhart**.

Wednesday, 8 November 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Ex-County Commissioner **Thos J Bartlett** and Mrs. **Flora Slinkard**, both of Edwardsport, Indiana, were quietly married at that place on Tuesday morning, 25 October 1899, and left Thursday for a bridal tour west. The bride is a sister of Esquire **A W Love** of this city, and Mr. and Mrs. **Bartlett** arrived in this city Saturday and spent Sunday as the guests of Esquire and Mrs. **Love**.

Mr. and Mrs. **J J Combs** of Macon, the estimable parents of **A J Combs** of this city, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday at their home near Macon, surrounded by their beloved children and their families, all of whom were present except **A J Combs** who found it impossible to leave his business. Mr. and Mrs. **Combs** have resided in the vicinity of Macon for thirty-nine years, and are known and esteemed as honored and respected citizens.

Isaac West died, for 40 years he was a resident of Pana. He was 63 years of age at time of death.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Andrews** died suddenly at Gridley at age 70 years.

Pleasant R Nash, a prominent farmer of Clay County, died at age 74.

Samuel Stitt, one of Woodford County's early settlers, died at El Paso from old age.

The *Taylorville Courier* says **Ollie Workman** of Moweaqua and Miss **Essie Sith** of Peoria were married on Saturday, 28 October 1899, by Squire **Simpson** at his home in Prairieton township.

J M Reynolds and wife returned home from Findlay Thursday where they were called to the bedside of Mr. **Reynolds'** brother, who died and was buried on Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J B Simpson**, 7 November 1899, a girl.

Roy Nordyke died at his home near Crowley, Louisiana, early Thursday morning of typhoid fever. The news was received here by telegraph. No particulars are known. He left here last March with his brother, **Harley Nordyke**. This will be a shock to his many friends where who had not even known of his illness.

Wednesday, 15 November 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Word was received in this city on Friday afternoon that Mrs. **Joseph Cameron** died at her home in Rosemond. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Abner Graham** of this city and she had only been seriously ill for about two weeks with puerperal trouble. The remains were brought here on the '*Diamond Special*' at one o'clock Saturday morning. The deceased was in the twenty-third year of her age and leaves a husband and three children. The funeral was held from the Christian Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock PM.

At three o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Christian parsonage, Elder **Groves** united in marriage, **Edgar L Hammil** of Moweaqua and **Miss Mecca L Carsell** of Penn township. (*Shelbyville Union*).

Monday morning at the Catholic Church, **Father Maurer** of Macon, officiating, **Miss Mary Potsek** and **Mr. Louis Jurica** were united in marriage in the presence of a large congregation. The young people will make this city their home. The groom is a coal miner here.

J J Combs and wife of Macon, who have resided in Central Illinois for more than half a century, celebrated their golden wedding recently.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Harry Phelps** on 11 November 1899, a boy.

Jacob Longenbaugh was the victim of a surprise on Friday, got up by his daughter, **Mrs. Nettie McGrath**, in which a large number of relatives and friends participated. The biggest oyster supper and cake feast that has ever been in Yantisville. About 200 people enjoyed all the good things to be had, and chefs, **J R Hazen** and **C L Swartz** cooked oysters for four hours without stopping. Music was furnished for the group. It appears **Mrs. Longenbaugh** was the worst surprised of the two at the festivities.

The wife of **Douglas Berryman** at Tower Hill, died Monday from the effect of eating insect powder, taken with suicidal intent.

Wednesday, 22 November 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

After a severe illness of a week, having experienced a relapse since coming home from Decatur, **Robert Crews**, age about 17 years, and the youngest son of **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crews** of this city, died at the home of his brother, Wednesday evening of last week of spinal meningitis. The funeral services were held from the residence of **James Crews** on the west side on Friday morning, **Rev Jo. B Rogers** officiating. The interment was in the Adams Cemetery. Robert is spoken of as a most excellent boy.

Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Whaling, an old resident of Madison County, died at her residence in Edwardsville in her 69th year.

Green Tilley, a respected and wealthy farmer and Union cavalry man of the Civil War died at Tower Hill from the effects of an injury received by a horse falling on him during the war. He was a prominent member of the G A R and a free Mason.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. J W Sprague** at Cleveland, Ohio, a son.

Garret A Hobert, vice President of the United States, died yesterday.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the M E Parsonage, Wednesday afternoon, **Rev J Foxworthy** officiating, where, in the presence of a few relatives, **Herman Wempen** and **Miss Millie Thompson** accepted the solemn vows which made them man and wife. The groom is a steady young farmer, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Wm Wempen** and has just completed a cozy home near his father's residence in which to domicile his wife. **Miss Thompson** is a young school teacher who bears the love and esteem of a host of friends in the vicinity. Present were **Mr. and Mrs. J J Atteberry**, **Misses Lillie Houser, Mary Wempen, Dollie Carr**, **Miss Arnold** and **Messrs Wm Wempen, Ottie Atteberry, and Seth and Walter Carr**. A reception and wedding supper was given the young couple at the home of the bride's parents on Wednesday.

Grandma Pinkston is very ill in Obed and is not expected to live.

Wes Shride is very low, having had a cancer removed from the back of his head the latter part of the week.

Cards are out for the **Carr-Arnold** wedding in Allenboro.

Herman Wempen and **Mildred Thompson** were married at the M E Parsonage at Moweaqua on Wednesday evening. The boys gave them a rousing charivari by way of reception.

E J Kilborn went to Marshall, Illinois, his old home on Saturday to attend the funeral of a very dear friend.

Curtis Thomas returned from Indiana yesterday, bringing with him a wife. She was formerly a Miss **Bohlinghous**.

Wednesday, 29 November 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

R S H Bundy died at his residence in Marion, aged 77 years. He was surgeon of the Ninth Illinois volunteers during the Civil War.

John Taylor, aged 85 years, died at Bethany. He was a '49er' and served the Union in the Civil War.

Marcus Barrett, oldest citizen of Assumption, probably the oldest free Mason in the state, died at age 95 years.

William Riley, a farmer near Ridgway died.

Born at Gays, Illinois, to Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Greaves** on 11 November 1899, a girl.

Obed news: **Grandma Pinkston** was buried at the Locust Grove Cemetery last Friday morning at 11 o'clock. There was quite a good turn out of friends and relatives to pay their last respects to one who has fought well, the battles of life for over 80 years. **Rev Clapp** was officiating clergyman. Six grandchildren of the deceased were the pallbearers.

Sarah McCrory was born in Murray County, Tennessee, near Cornersville, Tennessee, on 14 July 1818, and was married to **J W Pinkston** on 10 March 1846. To this union were born seven children, **Alice, Alvin M, John H, William T, Rossea, George W** and **Sarah E**. Two of the above named have preceded her to the better world. She moved to Illinois from Tennessee in 1829, and resided in different parts of the state until her death. She departed this life on 23 November 1899 being aged 81 years, 4 months and 9 days. The last year of her life has been one of many afflictions, she being an invalid and almost always under the care of a physician.

Tuesday evening about seven o'clock, **James N Ahl**, the 7 months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **James Ahl** died suddenly of what seemed to be an internal abscess affecting the brain.

The child has never been strong, yet at times, the little fellow seemed to struggle so bravely against the suffering. The funeral will be held this afternoon at four o'clock from the family residence of **John N Corrington**.

Tuesday morning about four o'clock, **Clarence Steidley** finally succumbed to that dreaded disease, consumption, which has made him practically an invalid for many years. Jim was a bright and cheerful boy, despite his illness and his kindly and congenial presence will be sorely missed by his numerous friends and associates. The funeral was held this afternoon from the family residence at two o'clock, **Rev Jo B Rogers** officiating. **Clarence Edgar 'Jim' Steidley**, eldest son of **Ed C Steidley** was born in Moweaqua on 22 October 1877, and died at his father's home in this city on 28 November 1899, aged 22 years, 1 month and 6 days. His mother preceded him to the world beyond in December 1881. He leaves a father, brother, sister and three half sisters to mourn his loss.

Word came to us by phone yesterday of the death of **George E Cox** who lived near Obed. He had been in poor health for several years and in his death consumption claims another

victim. He was a most excellent man, a loving father and a devoted husband. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss. The funeral was held this afternoon at two o'clock from Locust Grove Church.

The community was shocked to learn yesterday morning of the sudden death of Mrs. **Freeman**, who for almost a lifetime was a resident of this vicinity. The *Decatur Herald* of yesterday morning has this article: "Mrs. **Ellen Freeman**, widow of the late **John Freeman**, died at the home of her niece, Mrs. **Gus Wilmeth**, 1720 North Broadway at midnight last night of heart failure. The death of Mrs. **Freeman** was quite sudden and was a great shock to the members of the family. She had seemingly been as well as usual through the day and in the afternoon visited a number of the uptown stores on a shopping tour. At night she ate a hearty supper and retired uncomplainingly at the usual hour. Shortly before midnight she called to her niece and Mrs. **Wilmeth**, ascertaining from her strained voice that something was ailing her, went hastily to her bedside. When she arrived there, Mrs. **Freeman** was breathing heavily and Mrs. **Wilmeth** hastily sent for Dr **Brown**. Before the doctor could get to the residence she was dead. Mrs. **Freeman** was well-known to all the old residents of Decatur where she has lived for the past 20 years. She is survived by a son, **John Freeman**, clerk at Folrath's shoe store, and Mrs. **O F Spaulding** of Davenport, Iowa."

Mrs. **Rachael E Kirk**, aged 58 years, and wife of **G W Kirk** of this city, died in Macon on Thursday, 23 November 1899.

Wednesday, 6 December 1899 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

George E Cox was born 30 June 1868 in Macon County, Illinois, and died in Shelby County, Illinois, on 28 November 1899, aged 31 years, 4 months and 28 days. He was married to Miss **Emma Tolly** in September 1889, who died in October 1890, leaving one son who still survives. He was married to Miss **Ada Belle Bridgeman** on 15 December 1892. To this union were born two daughters, the first dying in infancy, the other with her mother, survives. He gave his heart and life to Christ and joined the Church of the United Brethren in Christ one year ago. The funeral ran discourse was preached by Rev **L Fields** of Decatur, after which the M. W. of A. of which deceased was a true member, took charge and conducted the services in their usual impressive manner. The large audience present were evidence of the high esteem in which neighbor George was held by all who knew him. *Card of Thanks* signed by Mrs. **Ada B. Cox**.

Mr. **Seth Carr** and Miss **Georgie Arnold** were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W A Arnold** on Wednesday evening. Rev **A G Blunk**, former pastor of this charge, officiating. About 60 guests witnessed the ceremony and the presents were numerous and costly. Mr. and Mrs. **Carr** will be at home to their friends after 10 December 1899 on the groom's farm, one mile north of Sanner Chapel.

Rev **Bowman** went to Iowa last Saturday. On Thursday at 11 o'clock AM he officiated at the wedding of Rev **J H Dimmitt** and Miss **Cora Walker**. The groom is the youngest brother of Mrs. **Bowman**. He came home last night accompanied by Mrs. **Martha Dimmitt** who will make her home with her daughter, Mrs. **Bowman** this winter. (*Bethany Echo*)

Thanksgiving evening, Miss **Gertrude Bendsley** and Mr. **James B Saunders**, the popular young baker in the employ of **Frank Hempel**, were married at Decatur by the Rev **W H**

Penhallegon. The bride is the daughter of **Chas Bendsley** of this city and a charming little lady with a host of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will reside here.

The same evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Valentine Winter** near Radford, Miss **Leona Hays** and Mr. **John Winter** were united in marriage. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiating. The young people have many friends in the vicinity.

Josiah Berry has recently had erected, a very handsome monument over the grave of Mrs. **Ruffner** at Todd's Point.

George Cox was buried last Wednesday in the Locust Grove Cemetery. Rev **Fields** conducted the funeral services assisted by Rev **Robertson**. The Woodman accompanied the corpse and performed the rites at the grave. A large crowd assembled to pay their last tribute of respect. Mr. **Cox** carried a life policy of \$2,000; \$1,500 of which goes to his wife and the remainder to his two children. Mrs. **Cox** is thinking of living still at the parsonage with her little daughter, while **Emmerson Cox** will live with his grandmother, who was his guardian. (Obed news)

Wiley news: Word reached our little town the first of the week that **David McAdoo** of Taylorville had been killed in a battle at Iloilo. He was a brother of Mesdames **Hall** and **Hananer** of our town.

Wednesday, 13 December 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

James H Carwile, an old and honored citizen passes away and a noble character finds eternal rest. While **Grandpa Carwile** had not been a strong man for several years, yet his last illness covering a period of about eight weeks, was particularly severe, and at times very painful. His malady was dropsy. Prior to his death he had experienced several fainting spells from which he would recover physically much weaker. The end came on Thursday morning at two o'clock AM, when surrounded by loved ones, his beautiful spirit took flight to its immortal home within the realm of eternal bliss. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him. Kindly and generous to all men, with a strong and firm conviction of and for truth and manliness. Services held from the Baptist Church on Friday morning at 11 o'clock; Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiating. Pallbearers were **Fred P Snell, Thos Hudson, Sr., Jesse H Donnel, N Francis, M Snyder, Sr** and **James Jarvis**. The remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. The bereaved widow and three children survive him. **James H Carwile** was born near Linchburg, Campbell County, Virginia, 29 April 1822. Died at his home in Moweaqua on Thursday, 7 December 1899, aged 77 years, 7 months and 9 days. At the age of eight years he removed with his parents to Kentucky where he resided until 1845, when he removed to Indiana, and thence to Moweaqua, Illinois, in 1865, where he has since resided until his death. He was converted and joined the Baptist Church in 1839. In 1847 the Hytes Run Baptist Church granted him license to preach. He was united in marriage to Miss **Edith E Gregory** on 16 April 1851. To this union was born six children, **America, Washington, John D, Susan, Lucinda,** and **Martha**. **John D** and **Martha** having preceded the father to the spirit world in 1865. The wife with four children are left to mourn the loss of a true companion and a faithful and affectionate father. (Note: In the same article it states he is survived by wife and *three* children and later states survived by wife and *four* children)

After a legal separation of less than three months, **Simon J Sprinkle** and Mrs. **Hannah C Sprinkle** secured a marriage license in Shelbyville one day last week to be remarried. Rev

B Smock made them one again on Thursday evening. They are worthy and estimable people, and we send them our sincerest congratulations. "All's well that ends well." Obed news: Mrs. **Sprinkle** has bought the Schwartz place south of here and offers it for rent. It is said that if we want to fully realize the bliss of Heaven, we must suffer for a short time the tortures of hell. So **S J Sprinkle** and wife did not know how dear they were to each other until about a month of separation when they, for a second time in life pledged to share together the bitter and the sweet of this world. Rev **Smock** said the words at the residence of their son, **Oliphant Sprinkle**. Mr. **Sprinkle** has his sale Thursday and after he gets business straightened up, they will take a honeymoon trip to Iowa to visit their son and daughter.

Note: A statement made in the newspapers that Mr. **S J Sprinkle's** sale was called off is a mistake. The sale will be held as advertised on Thursday, 14 December 1899, at the **Sprinkle** residence, eight miles northeast of Assumption. The couple remarried on Thursday, 7 December 1899.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter McDonald** on Saturday, 9 December 1899, a girl.

Wednesday, 20 December 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Christmas evening, 25 December 1899, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **John L Gregory** of near Pleak, Illinois, their daughter, Miss **M Lillian Gregory** will be united in marriage to **E B Longenbaugh**. Exquisite cards have been issued with the foregoing announcement.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Watson** on 16 December 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alex Mathews** on 8 December 1899, a girl

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles M Gordon** on 2 December 1899, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. John Lamb of Allenboro observed their silver wedding Saturday evening and the occasion is reported to us as most enjoyable. They are most worthy and estimable people and we trust they may live to enjoy their golden wedding anniversary.

Round Grove. **Wm Crosson** left Saturday for Downers Grove. He received a telegram that **A J Watts** was killed by accident.

Uncle **Ike Longenbaugh** gave his children and grandchildren a dinner and treat yesterday in honor of his 79th birthday. There were nearly forty grandchildren present all the children. He has only one great grandchild but she was not able to be present. She is the daughter of **D E Yantis**. Uncle **Ike** is in good health and has prospects of seeing several more birthdays. It was a high time for the children and also for all.

A marriage license was issued in Decatur on Monday for **Edward Booker**, Moweaqua and **Josie Freeman**, Shelbyville.

B F Hight, banker, died at his home in Assumption on Monday night of internal cancer. He was about fifty years of age.

Wednesday, 27 December 1899 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Christmas afternoon a frightful accident happened over in Prairieton resulting in the instant death of **Cecil Baldrige**, a bright boy about 17 years of age. It seems that Cecil and his cousin, **Frank Moore** were out hunting together, and when near the home of **I B Gordon**, young **Baldrige** went through a gap in the hedge fence and **Moore**, in following closely behind, accidentally discharged his gun, Baldrige receiving the full load and dying almost

instantly. The body was taken to Mr. Gordon's home and the boys relatives notified of the sad occurrence.

A shadow of gloom was cast over the home of our esteemed fellow citizen, **John Powell** during Christmas tide by the death of his estimable wife, **Ada Scribner Powell**, which occurred Thursday night at a late hour. She had been gradually declining for several weeks, her malady being quick consumption. She was a most excellent woman, and withal a devoted and loving wife. During her illness she received every needed attention from the Royal Neighbors, of which society she was a respected and beloved member and in which she carried \$1,000 life insurance. The funeral services were held Sunday morning from the M E Church. At 10:30 o'clock the Royal Neighbors, escorted by a large delegation of Moweaqua Camp No 313, M. W. A., repaired to the late residence of the deceased in the south part of town and escorted the remains to the Church. The pallbearers were **Elias Snell, Edward Jackson, G W Rollins, Dr J W Godfrey, J E Corrington, and Wm Burns**. Rev **Foxworthy** preached the funeral sermon. Interment at the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town. **Ada Scribner** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 29 July 1869, and died at her home in Moweaqua on 21 December 1899. She was united in marriage to **J S Powell** on 6 January 1892. To this union was born one daughter, **Gladys Marie Powell** who has preceded her mother to the better land. She was converted and joined the M E Church with her husband during the pastorate of Rev **E J Durham** in January 1897, since which time she lived a devoted and Christian life. She leaves a husband, four sisters and four brothers to mourn her loss.

Promptly at five o'clock on Christmas afternoon in the presence of about 60 invited relatives and friends, Elder **Levi Corley** spoke the mystic words which bound together 'for better or worse' the hearts and lives of Miss **M Lillian Gregory** and **E B Longenbaugh**. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John L Gregory** near Pleak. The bride is a most charming young lady whose worth and popularity is attested by a host of admiring friends. The groom is the son of ex-supervisor and Mrs. **Jacob Longenbaugh** of Pickaway, an earnest and practical young man, eminently capable of caring for and protecting the loved one of his choice. The young people were the recipients of numerous handsome and useful presents. (*Article mentions decorations of the residence and the Christmas blessing, not copied in this book*). Mr. and Mrs. **Longenbaugh** were the guests yesterday of the groom's parents where an elegant reception was tendered them.

Mrs. **Mahalia Bentley** of Bloomington died the other evening. She was the oldest woman in central Illinois, and would have reached the age of 101 and lived in three centuries had she lived until January. She had been ill about three weeks. Mrs. **Bentley's** parents came from Virginia to Kentucky in the days of **Daniel Boone**. She was born at North Middletown, Bourbon County, Kentucky, in the time of the Indian uprising. Her mother was in the fort with **Daniel Boone**. In 1864, she came to Bloomington with her son, and she had lived there ever since. Until quite recently she was as spry and active as the usual woman of 50 and was able to look after her household duties. Except that she was quite deaf, she was in possession of her faculties to the last. She leaves two children, **Preston Bentley** of Bloomington, aged 80, and Mrs. **Wilkerson** of Lexington, aged 72 years. Miss **Hattie Harpold**, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J A Harpold** of Assumption was married last evening to Mr. **Arthur Daniel** of Mattoon.

At Chester, Illinois, on the 6th inst, **Henry Sibert** of this city and Miss **Rose A Risler** of Evansville, Illinois, were united in marriage. The young people will make their future residence here. **Henry** is well-known as a practical and energetic young man.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bate Adams** on 19 December 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** on 23 December 1899, a girl.

Miss **Netta Gray** and **Edward Stroud** were united in marriage on Wednesday. They will leave Saturday for their future home in Salem. We wish them happiness. Mr. and Mrs. **Stroud** are visiting their aunt and uncle, **Joe Baker** and wife.

Mrs. **Amanda Brown**, aged 77 years, died Wednesday, 20 December 1899, at the residence of **Levi Hill**, southeast, which place had been her home for many years. The funeral services were held from Little Flock Church on Thursday morning, Elder **Corley** officiating.

The funeral of **Wesley Shride** who died at his home, two miles northeast of Yantisville, Friday morning, occurred at Locust Grove Church on Saturday morning. Deceased had been a sufferer from cancer of the head for about two months, and for the last week he was paralyzed and helpless. He leaves a wife and two grown sons to mourn his death.

Mrs. **Mary M Cuttil**, wife of **Wm K Cuttil**, died at her home on the **Ross Ward** farm on Friday, and the funeral occurred from the family residence on Saturday. Services conducted by Elder **Corley**. Burial at Antioch Cemetery. Deceased leaves a husband and four grown children, two sons and two daughters besides a host of sorrowing relatives and friends to mourn her passing. She was a kind and affectionate wife and mother and a good neighbor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Bilyeu** on 24 December 1899, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coulter** on 15 December 1899, a son.

A family reunion was held at the home of **Clint Webb** and wife on Monday in honor of **Clinton** and **Creighton Webb's** 38th birthday. **Creight** and **Clint** are twin brothers and it is their custom to hold a family reunion every year on their birthday. Present from Decatur were Mrs. **Harriet Webb** and daughter, **Clara**, **Charles Webb** and wife and son **Donald**, **C L Webb**, **F M Webb** and wife and daughter, **Maria**, and **Bert Webb**. (*Macon Record*)

Death in Pickaway. **Wesley Shride**, a well-to-do and well-known farmer died at three o'clock on Friday morning. Mr. **Shride** was afflicted with tumor. An operation was performed and the tumor was removed about two weeks ago. It was hoped by his friends that he might survive, but he couldn't. He was fifty years of age and leaves a wife and two sons. (*Shelbyville Union*) **John Wesley Shride** was born in Logan County, Ohio, on 24 June 1849, and died in Shelby County, Illinois, on 22 December 1899, aged 50 years, 5 months and 28 days. He was married to **Nancy Jane Weakly** on 27 February 1876. Three children were born to this union, one that died in infancy and two survive with their mother.

The seventeenth grave in the burial plot reserved for the wives of **Brigham Young** in the Salt Lake City Cemetery was filled when the remains of Mrs. **Emily Dow Partridge Young** were laid in their last resting place. The death of this woman, which occurred last Saturday, leaves but two of **Brigham Young's** wives in the land of the living. They are **Ann Eliza** who became famous through her lecturing tour and who is now living in a little Wisconsin town and **Amelia Folsom**, the last and favorite wife of **Brigham**, who lives in Salt Lake City.

**MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA
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(formerly the Moweaqua Call-Mail)**

*** 1909 ***

NOTE: THIS IS AN ADDITION:: This was dated JANUARY 1899 and found in the 1909 booklet. Rather than lose the information, I am including it in 1909 information as well as an addendum to 1899. The date is validated due to the announcement of a public sale being held for M G Warren, located at his residence 4 miles east and 2 miles north of Moweaqua and 7 miles southeast of Macon on Tuesday, 17 January 1899, 30 thoroughbred Polled Angus Cattle.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Martha Reynolds**, died at the St Mary's Hospital in Decatur, Wednesday with paralysis. She is the daughter of **Alington Adams**, sister of Hon **Joseph Adams** and **Isom Adams**. She was a devoted Christian, having joined at New Liberty when but a young girl and lived faithful until the end. She was buried at the Adams cemetery, where she spent her childhood days.

Wednesday evening, 4 January, Mayor **Wm H Ragan** of Shelbyville, the law partner of Judge **Thornton**, and ex-county Judge, was quietly married to Mrs. **Addie Roessler Price**. The next day the happy couple left to spend their honeymoon in Chicago. The ceremony took place at the residence of the bride's parents, **David** and Mrs. **Roessler**, on South First Street and was witnessed by the immediate relatives of the parties. Rev **A L T Ewert** officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Virden** had a little daughter born to them on Christmas day, 25 December 1898.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R B Hennigh**, 8 January 1899, a little boy.

In our write-up of the **Andrews-Snyder** wedding, we inadvertently omitted the name of Miss **L Irene Snyder** as one of the bridesmaids.

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VOLUME 4
Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*

* 1900 *

A NEW CENTURY!!

Wednesday, 3 January 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of many months with a complication of diseases, **Clara M Hannah Schumacher**, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Schumacher**, age 7 months, died Wednesday morning of last week. The funeral services were held from the Catholic Church, Friday afternoon at two o'clock in the presence of a large assembly. When the beautiful little white casket was brought into the Church, it was met in the vestibule by Father **Maurer**, the officiating priest. The remains were laid to rest in the new Cemetery north of town.

A wedding with a tinge of romance took place in Decatur on Monday wherein Miss **Clara Hudson** of this city and Mr. **Frank Stout** of Maynard, Iowa, became man and wife. The bride is the daughter of **Joshua Hudson** and is a very pleasant young lady who has made her home with the family of **Thomas Hudson, Sr** for several years. The groom is in the poultry business in Iowa. He arrived here on Saturday and it is alleged he had never before seen his bride to be until that day, all their courtship having been by correspondence. The young people were married on Monday by Rev **Penhallegon** in Decatur and left at once for their home in Iowa.

Mrs. **Matthew Robson**, aged 83 years of age, died in Pana on the fifty-second anniversary of her marriage. She had resided in Pana for 40 years.

Mrs. **Wilhelmina Strauss**, aged 80 years, died at her home seven miles north of Pana. She had been a resident of Christian County for 39 years.

Nicholas Hurst aged 81 years died at Marshall. He was justice of the peace for 20 years and was Associate Judge, Sheriff and County Treasurer two terms each. He was the father of 16 children.

Frank Moore, 14 years old, son of **William Moore** of Blue Mound township, Macon County, while hunting on the farm of **I B Gordon** in company with his cousin, **Cecil Baldrige** of Illiopolis, aged 13 years, accidentally discharged his gun, killing young **Baldrige** instantly.

Judge **Moffatt** of the McLean County circuit court has ordered that a temporary injunction be issued restraining **Thomas Thornton Snell**, defendant in the celebrated Snell divorce case and his guardian, **William V Dinsmore**, from disposing of any of Snell's real estate, pending the suit of his wife, **Gertrude Sherwood Snell**, for separate maintenance. This occurred on the day set for the selling of **Snell's** real estate by Snell's guardian to pay debts in the amount of \$7,500 as ordered by the County court. Mrs. **Snell's** attorneys contended that the sale of Snell's property at this time would endanger the interest of their client. Recently **Snell** dismissed the proceedings of his suit for divorce and refused to pay the \$100 per month alimony ordered by the court. Thereupon Mrs. **Snell** brought suit for adequate maintenance.

Ed Combs and bride arrived in Moweaqua on Saturday evening from Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery** celebrated their 2nd anniversary of their wedding. A bountiful dinner that gave credit to the hostess was served to 24 guests. To **Vert Cutler** was voted the honor of carving the turkey who showed fine skill in that art. After dinner, ice cream and cake was served. The afternoon was spent in pleasant conversation. (Prairie Home news)

Mrs. **Zealy Snell** has had erected a very handsome and substantial family monument at the grave of her husband.

Wednesday, 10 January 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Milow Shride** near Obed on Tuesday, 9 January 1900, twin boys.

Mrs. **Obed Brinker** was pleasantly surprised yesterday the occasion being her 54th birthday. A number of relatives and friends made the day to her one that will long be held in pleasant memory.

Jacob K Decker, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Coles County died. He was born in Knox County, Indiana, in 1817 and located at Charleston in 1836. His wealth consisting of land and bank stock was upward of \$10,000.

Squire **Resin Perryman**, aged 90 years, died. For 40 years he was a resident of Pana.

Mrs. **Perryman** preceded him to the grave by two weeks.

Mrs. **E A Dilly** of Pana died leaving 8 small children.

Henry Hilton of Cobden aged 84 years died. He was the pioneer in using hotbeds for the purpose of getting early tomato plants from which to supply Chicago and St Louis markets. He shipped the first basket of tomatoes ever sent from Cobden, which is now the largest tomato growing point in Illinois.

DeWitt Clinton Gray, prominent among the cigar manufacturers of Chicago, died at age 64, after an illness of 24 hours. For 40 years prior to 1880, Mr. Gray was a resident of St Louis where he was identified with the milling and grain trade.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Snodgrass**, aged 88 years, died at the home of **W S Storment**, Salem. She was born in South Carolina, but came to Illinois when quite young. She was one of the most prominent Methodists in Marion County.

George Rough, aged 91 years died at Mattoon.

David D Haggard, the oldest business man in Bloomington, died from pneumonia in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he was visiting a daughter. He was born in Christian County, Kentucky, in 1819, located in Bloomington in 1841, and began the manufacture of half bushel measures and slice pegs with a machine made by himself. In 1842, he opened a general store in Bloomington and one in Concord, now Denvers. Later he engaged exclusively in the hardware trade, conducting for many years, the largest business in that line in central Illinois.

Mrs. **Johanna Reese**, a pioneer citizen of Galena died at the remarkable age of 103 years. She was a resident of Galena for 85 years, locating there when the city was only a mining camp. She was hale and hearty all her life until two months ago when the illness began which caused her death.

C D Langfleder, aged 63 years, and **John W Morgan**, aged 70 years, of Jefferson County died. They were neighbors and had resided near Mt Vernon for over a quarter of a century.

Mrs. **George Slack** of Pekin presented triplets to her husband, all girls, weighing from seven to eight pounds each. They are all doing well.

Dr **H A Crocker**, one of the pioneers of Adams County, and a druggist and practicing physician in Payson for a half century, died recently at age 84 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gene Harper** on 6 January 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Schroll** on 6 January 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D H Stombaugh** on 5 January 1900, a boy.

Herman Wempen and bride are now located at their new home in Allenboro.

Mr. **Arlie Henton** and Miss **Alena Chattick** were married at Decatur on Wednesday.

(Prairie Home news)

On Tuesday evening a chivare party visited **Ed Coombs** and bride at Prairie Home. He invited them all in and gave them a treat.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Hammil** on Sunday, 7 January 1900, a boy.

Wednesday afternoon at the home of the bride-elect, near Owaneco, occurred the marriage of Miss **Daisy Robinson** and Mr. **Joseph Hamilton** of Owaneco. The bride elect is a daughter of the late **Jeff Robinson** and the prospective groom is the son of Rev **Hamilton** of Owaneco, formerly pastor of the Locust Grove U B Church. The latter officiated at the wedding.

Wednesday, 17 January 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

George Stout returned home on Tuesday from a trip out of town, and he was not alone either, but brought with him a young lady who rumor says is his bride. He has not informed us, however, whether this is so or not, consequently we do not state it as a fact. If it is so thought, we hasten to extend congratulations and wish them bon voyage over the matrimonial seas. *Later:* Since the above was put into type, we learn that it is a fact and that the young lady's name was Miss **Clara Hudson** of Moweaqua, Illinois. The bride we are not acquainted with, but **George** is a steady, industrious young man, possessed of those qualities that will attain success and the young lady chosen by him as a life partner, will we believe, find him the same in after life as he is in youth. (*Maynard News, Maynard, Iowa*)

James Vickery and Miss **Katie Day** were married on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock by Rev **M B Spayd** at the parsonage of the U B Church on North Broadway. Mr. and Mrs. **James Masterson** attended the couple. Both the bride and groom until recently, lived at Moweaqua. They will go to Arkansas where the groom will engage in the cattle raising business. (*Decatur Review*). Both parties have made their home with **Tom C Ponting** for a number of years, and are well and favorably known in this community.

Leaped to his death. The tragic death of **James House** of Blue Mound was taken from the *St Louis Republic* issue dated Sunday, 14 January 1900: **James House**, a merchant of Blue Mound, Illinois, died yesterday at Doctor **H L Barton's** private sanitarium at No. 3016 Lucas Avenue, St Louis, from injuries received in jumping from a second story window. **House** made the leap that resulted in his death about 12 o'clock on Friday night. He was picked up unconscious and lingered until 10:30 o'clock AM yesterday morning when he died. The dead man was about 36 years old, weighed 220 pounds and was married. For years he had been addicted to the excessive use of liquor. Last Wednesday he was brought to St Louis and placed in the sanitarium, suffering from acute alcoholism. He was assigned to a room, and a special guard placed over him to see that in his delirium he did not injure himself. His condition rapidly improved, and it was hoped that by Monday he would have recovered. Friday night, **House** slept peacefully until one of the slats in his bed dropped to the floor, the noise awakened him. He jumped out of bed shouting,

"They're after me again". He grabbed the slat and threatened to demolish everything in the room. **House** saw **Gerald Gehring** rushing to him to assist him, lay his fears and quiet him, but **House** dealt him a blow with the slat that knocked him down. Then **House** leaped through the window of the room, carrying away sash and shutter, which fell to the pavement below with the deranged man. Doctor **Barton** found **Gehring** on the floor, the demolished window told where **House** was. He was picked up and taken upstairs, and every effort was made to save his life, his injuries were of such a nature that recovery was impossible. After lingering unconscious for eight hours, he died. **Gehring** received a scalp wound from the blow delivered by **House** with the slat.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Thebus, Sr** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Belleville. Their two sons, **Edward Thebus** and **Henry Thebus** also celebrated their birthday at the same time, the former being 48 years old and the latter 34 years of age. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Milton Rodenberger** on 15 January 1900, a girl.

Miss **Rose Howard** of Assumption was the guest of Grandma **Jacobs** on Sunday. Mrs. **Jacobs** sister from Indiana is also visiting her.

Sweet little **Grace Godfrey**, age six today, will entertain a number of her young friends this evening from five until seven at the home of her parents, Dr and Mrs. **J W Godfrey**. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** on 13 January 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Austin** on 11 January 1900, a boy.

Miss **Viola Penny** entertained a number of her friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her mother's 44th anniversary. Present were **Ira Hutchins** and family, **Richard Dorsey** and family, and **Joe Baker** and family. Oysters were served; the young folks enjoyed the evening by playing games and stayed until a late hour.

Joe Gregory left Gregory for Springfield where he will attend the marriage of his cousin, **George Day**.

Our merchant prince in Obed gave a surprise birthday dinner in honor of his best half last Tuesday. It was a complete surprise. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Ed and Jesse Weakly**, Mrs. **Moll**, Mrs. **Cyrus Weakly**, Mrs. **Standley**, Mrs. **Jordan** and others.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James McNeal** on Wednesday, 13 January 1900, a girl.

Mr. **Robinson Baird** and Miss **Ruth Furey** were married at Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, by the Rev **James Linn, D D**, on 8 January 1850. Just fifty years have come and gone, since two fond hearts were sealed as one, when Heaven and earth were called to bless, the pledges made of faithfulness. Fifty years with their sunshine and shadows have passed away. A most enjoyable gathering was held at the comfortable country home of Mr. and Mrs. **Baird** at Prairie Home on the afternoon of Monday, 8 January 1900, and all were so cordially received and entertained by Mr. and Mrs. **Baird** and their estimable daughter, Mrs. **Sheffler** and her family. Refreshments were served followed by a pleasant little program given of poems for the occasion, followed by appropriate remarks. Mr. **Baird** is in his 81st year and Mrs. **Baird** has passed her 76th birth anniversary. In early life they removed to Stephenson County, Illinois, and in 1865, moved to their present home near Prairie Home where they have since resided and where their lives have been closely interwoven with the religious and social life of the community. Of their six children two are living, Mrs. **Frank Sheffler** of Prairie Home and Mr. **Robert A Baird** of Decatur. **Charles E Delashmet** of Bethany and **Mary A Lee** of this city were granted a license to wed at Decatur one day last week. The lady is from Prairie Hall and has recently been in the employ of the family of **L McNaul** in this city.

Wednesday, 24 January 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Eliza Hutson Bushnell**, widow of the late **Nehemiah Bushnell** died at Quincy aged 81 years. She had lived in Quincy since 1840 and was one of the founders of the two Episcopal Churches in that city. During the war of the rebellion she was one of the foremost ladies in Quincy in rendering services in various ways to the soldiers.

Rev **Elijah Rhodes** of Ramsey died at Vandalia. Interment at Oconee, his former home.

Ross Hardin, aged 50, a veteran of the Civil War died at Medora.

Two pioneers of Coles County died, both unexpectedly—**Robert McMullen**, aged 67 years, and Mrs. I P Gray, aged 70 years.

Joseph Roller shot and killed **Sandy Dillinger** at Dunfermline, Fulton County, Illinois.

Cause of the tragedy was the shooting at a dog belonging to **Dillinger** by **Roller**.

Edward Wylie, a carriage driver, and Miss **Jessie Forbis**, daughter of a prominent minister of Lincoln, eloped to Springfield and were married by a justice there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Grooms** on 17 January 1900, a boy.

Mrs. **W A Tilley** received a draft from the M.W.A. through the clerk of the local camp on Monday for \$2,000, the amount of policy carried by her late husband **G B Tilley** who died on 13 November 1899. Mrs. Tilley said words could not express her gratefulness to the Woodmen for their promptness. (*Tower Hill Breeze*)

Jacob March was reminded by his children at home that he was 80 years old last Friday.

A sumptuous dinner was served. Present were **U B Unroe**, wife and daughter, **R K Corrington** and family, **W G Secor**, wife and daughter, **C Dunkel** and wife, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Arnold** and daughter, **D O Keilman** and the immediate family. It was a complete surprise to Mr. **March**, planned by his good family.

Born to **John Lawrence** and wife on 22 January 1900, a girl.

The oldest son of **Peter Myers** of Prairieton died last Tuesday of dropsy and was buried on Friday in the Old Stonington Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. **Salisbury** gave his mother a dinner on the occasion of her 60th marriage anniversary last Monday. A host of relatives and friends spent the day and wished her many happy returns. Grandma **Salisbury** is enjoying good health. (Note the article said 'marriage' anniversary, however it is written as though it is her 'birthday' anniversary.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Ressler** on 22 January 1900, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Everett Corrington** on 18 January 1900, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Skiff** on 18 January 1900, a daughter.

Clarence Snell, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. **Elias Snell**, celebrated this fifteenth birthday Saturday evening by the entertainment of a number of relatives and friends in honor of the occasion. **Clarence** was the recipient of a lovely gold watch as a memento of the day, the gift of his parents. Rev and Mrs. **Rogers** and Miss **Nettie** took dinner with **Clarence Snell** on Sunday and also with his grandmother, Mrs. **Zealy Snell**.

Wednesday, 31 January 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Elias Denton, an old time resident of Flat Branch township, aged 64 years, died at his home near Pleak yesterday afternoon of an internal trouble after an illness of about two months. A wife and six children survive him. Services will be held tomorrow from the family residence with interment in the Tolly Cemetery.

On Friday, 26 January 1900, Mr. and Mrs. **T J Gorden** celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at their pleasant home five miles southwest of Moweaqua. The celebration of this memorable day to them had been contemplated for some time prior to the event. Everything was in readiness. By eleven o'clock there were fully 65 invited guests with smiling faces and light hearts shaking hands with Mrs. **Gordon**. But the groom—oh, where was he? He was in the hands of Judge **Farmer** and the Christian County circuit court. However, some of us promised to assume Mr. **Gorden's** position for the time being. All things proceeded in a jolly good way and those present were highly entertained by good music, songs and games. The guests were seated twelve at a time, and it was only completed after the sixth spreading of the sumptuous meal. The waiters were neatly dressed and wore white aprons. The presents were many and mostly of a costly nature which were all heartily received with joy suitable to the occasion. Five persons were present at this anniversary who attended the ceremony that made them man and wife just 25 years ago. They were Mrs. **A D Northcutt** of Blue Mound, wife of the minister who tied the nuptial knot, Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner**, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Jackson** all of Moweaqua and **Samuel Carpenter** of Assumption. It was due the good telephone system of C W O'Dell and Co, that this great gathering of relatives and friends were, late in the day, apprised of Judge **Farmer's** heart failing him and releasing Mr. **Gorden** for the night, whereupon, Mr. **Gorden** arrived home after dark, but not too late to receive a grand good shaking up at the hands of many of his old time friends and was highly and royally entertained by his fully one half of the invited guests who remained to receive him. At a late hour, the reception party took their leave with many good wishes and congratulations for their old time friends and all present sincerely wished Mr. and Mrs. **Gorden** many returns of the anniversary of their wedding day.

The little baby of **James McNeal** died last Tuesday and was buried in Long Grove Cemetery last Wednesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Drake** on Thursday, 18 January 1900, a daughter.

Chancery Notice: **C W Sweet vs. Laura E Sweet** for divorce. Notice to said **Laura E Sweet** on non-residence of the defendant.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Stombaugh** on 28 January 1900, a girl.

Wednesday, 7 February 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Tomorrow Thursday evening, 8 February 1900, at the residence of the bride's parents near Prairie Home, Miss **Nellie Thompson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **S H Thompson**, will be married to Mr. **Edward B Gregory**, son of Supervisor and Mrs. **John L Gregory** of Penn township. The young people are among the most estimable people in North Shelby County.

After a severe illness of about two weeks, the malady being internal cancer, **A W Smart** passed away at five o'clock this morning at his home in the southeast part of town. He was a sincere Christian, a thorough gentleman and a good citizen. His loss is deeply deplored. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **H M Day** on Saturday, 3 February 1900, a girl.

Harry L Kaiser of Pana and Miss **Cora M Speaks** of Moweaqua were united in marriage on Monday at the home of the bride. The couple will reside in Pana. (*Taylorville Journal*) Mrs. **Wm Penny** entertained a number of her friends in honor of her daughter, Mrs. **Ira Hutchin's** twenty second anniversary. Those present were **C W Metcalf** and family, **Fred**

Wickone and family, **Joe Baker** and family, **M Majors** and family, and **Wm Penny** and family.

Mr. **Doyle**, a well-known citizen of Blue Mound died on Friday morning at 3 o'clock and was buried at Stonington on Saturday at 10 AM. (Gregory news)

Miss **Addie Polk** planned a surprise on her brother, **Tipton Polk** last Wednesday evening, it being his thirteenth birthday. About fifteen were present at the Pleasant View party.

Ben Penn, aged 30 years, died at his home two and one half miles southeast of this place on Wednesday night of brain fever. He was married to Miss **Vina Adams** of Velma eight days before his death. (Willey news)

Ella Cox of Prairieton township, by her solicitor, Judge **Rufus M Potts**, filed a bill asking for legal separation from **William R Cox**, who now resides at Bennett, Missouri. They were married at Lenox, Missouri, on 25 December 1898, and lived with him until on the 3rd of December 1899, when she was compelled to leave him because of his cruelty. She alleges that when she was confined to her bed with lung fever that he refused to provide medical attention or supply other necessities, that her husband and his brother, **Tom Cox**, came to her home, and at a point of a gun made her give up the cow and other property, rendering her penniless and with no means to earn a livelihood. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Wednesday, 14 February 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Little Miss **Nellie Hipes** will entertain her young friends on Friday from 4 to 6 o'clock, the occasion being her fifth birthday.

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Mr. **James G Middlesworth** received a message this forenoon telling of the death of Mrs. **Middlesworth** which occurred at St Luke's Hospital in St Louis, Missouri, at 10 o'clock this morning. It has been a prolonged struggle for health in Mrs. **Middlesworth's** case for a long time. She was operated on several times at St Luke's Hospital and seemed comparatively well a few weeks ago. She was here last week and her husband and friends were encouraged to think that she might recover. She returned to the hospital at St Louis, however, and as to what was the immediate cause of death, we did not learn. Remains will be brought to Shelbyville for burial, arriving tomorrow afternoon.

Mrs. **Mary Grindrod** aged 87 years, died at Bloomington, Illinois. She came from Manchester, England, 16 years ago.

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Christopher Eblade a farmer living near Wanda, Illinois, was frozen to death within a quarter of a mile of his home. He had been drinking.

Darius McDaniel a leading farmer died near Pana, Illinois, on Friday from the bursting of a blood vessel in his head during a fit of coughing.

Near Minier, Illinois, **Philip Railsback**, aged 80 years died of general debility. He was born in Kentucky and settled in Tazewell County in 1830.

James Zimmerman, one of the pioneers of Coles County, Illinois, and a wealthy and influential citizen is dead. He was born in Augusta County, Virginia, in 1827.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Scroggin** on 19 February 1900, a girl.

Mrs. **Rhoda Roff** received a telegram last week announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. Riley Clemmons, near Cloverport, Kentucky, who was sometime ago, severely burned and never fully recovered. She was 73 years of age. Mrs. **Roff** is the only child left, and on account of her ill health, she could not be present at her mother's funeral.

Hon **D P Keller** received a telegram on Friday night announcing the rather sudden death of his brother, **Emanuel Keller** at Lamont, Missouri. He was 71 years of age and death was the result of general debility. The funeral was held Sunday. He leaves a large family of children, the most of them married.

Mr. and Mrs. **Gene Carr's** baby boy died Tuesday morning of last week, and was buried on Wednesday at Macon. By request and in behalf of Mr. and Mrs. **Carr**, we thank the kind friends and neighbors who assisted in their hour of sad bereavement. (Allenboro news)

Last Wednesday evening Master **Roy Whitehead** entertained a number of his young friends in honor of his birthday.

Wednesday, 28 February 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Clifton Winchel and **Nellie Dial Berry** were married in Crowley, Louisiana, on Thursday, 15 February 1900. The cards announce that they will be at home near Crowley, Louisiana, after 1 March 1900. The groom, a thoroughly young man went south several months since, and by his energy and ability, secured steady and remunerative employment, placing himself in a position to welcome, care for and maintain the girl of his choice. **Clifton** thus demonstrated the kind of a man he is by looking upon the practical as well as the sentimental side of life. The bride was one of Moweaqua's most lovable girls whose nobility of character was fully recognized. Reared here among us, a graduate of our public school, a girl whose highest ambition was to become quickly yet thoroughly self-supporting. **Nellie Berry** justly merited and held the high esteem of everyone who knew her. It is to be regretted that Mr. and Mrs. **Winchel** could not have made their home in Moweaqua, yet as this could not be, wherever they may journey along life's pathway, may all the joys, the prosperity and bliss of connubial felicity ever attend them.

E R Phillips of Oakland, Illinois, and Miss **Julia M Shewmaker** of Decatur were married at 2 PM on Wednesday by Rev **Frost Craft** at his residence. They left on the Vandalia in the afternoon for Oakland where Mr. **Phillips** is in the grain business and where they will go to housekeeping soon. Mr. **Phillips** used to live in Decatur. (*Decatur Herald*). Miss **Shewmaker** will be remembered here as a business partner last fall with **Ethel Rhodes** in the millinery business. Miss **Rhodes** will continue the business this coming season exclusively in her name.

Thursday afternoon of last week, Miss **Lillie Roff** of this city and **Charles D Gilman** of Decatur were united in marriage in that city, Justice **Smith** officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **G W Roff** and is known and recognized here by a host of friends as a most excellent little lady. The groom is in the employ of the Wabash railway and holds a good position. Mr. and Mrs. **Gilman** will make their home in Decatur, the groom having furnished a pretty home at 1412 Clinton Street. **G W Roff** and Misses **Ola** and **Debbie Roff** were present at the wedding.

It has been generally known for several days that our young friend, **Joseph Casey** would shortly go to Iowa for permanent residence, but until yesterday his most intimate friends

did not know that he would take a most charming young lady with him as his wife, but such is really true. Yesterday morning Joe came in to town with Miss **Clara Winter**, the bride-to-be, and accompanied by Mr. **Wesley Jelsey** and Miss **Lydia Winter**, took the morning train for Decatur where they were united in marriage by the Rev **Wholfarth**, of Grace Church, the bridal party returning on the afternoon train. Mr. and Mrs. **Casey** will shortly remove to their home in Iowa.

After a lingering illness of many weeks, the infant girl of Mr. and Mrs. **Raymond Sallee**, aged about 4 years, passed into the beautiful spirit land yesterday morning. The disease was chronic diarrhea. Services and burial were held this morning.

Isaac Hammer, a cigar salesman, was found dead in his room in Chicago from asphyxiation, gas escaping from a hole in a rubber hose leading to a gas stove. When found, **Hammer** was sitting at a table with his head bent over an unfinished letter addressed to Miss **Lottie Bobolander** of Peoria to whom he was engaged to be married.

Bart Lynn, one of the oldest convicts in the prison at Chester died recently, aged 7 years. (*Part of age missing*). He was received from Massac County on 14 December 1896 to serve a term of 20 years for murder. His son was sentenced for 16 years and his grandson for 14 years for complicity in the same crime.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C W Evans** on 20 February 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Patterson** near Macon, Thursday, 22 February 1900, a little 'George Washington'.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R B Sheffler** on Sunday, 18 February 1900, a boy and Grandpa **Patton** is well pleased to hear there is another young democrat in the country. (Prairie Home news)

Wednesday, 7 March 1900 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards have been issued announcing that on Wednesday, 21 March 1900, at high noon, at the M E Church in this city, Miss **L Irene Mitchell** and Mr. **Wm C Frew** of Decatur will be united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **S R Mitchell**. There will be a reception at the home of the bride's parents immediately following the ceremony.

Wm H and Mrs. **Pontius** were most completely and agreeably surprised by their children and a few neighbors on Sunday, the occasion being a celebration in honor of Mr. **Pontius'** birthday. He was 56 years old on Saturday and also Mrs. **Pontius'** birthday, she being 53 years old next Sunday. An elegant dinner was spread, our old friend **Henry Bridgman** acting as master of ceremonies, and a royal good time was enjoyed by all present.

Today is the sixty-fourth birthday of **H F Day** and the **Day** family residence is being enlivened by a multitude of Days – long and short, large and small, old and young, children and grandchildren—all have assembled to do homage to beloved grandma and grandpa **Day**. A sumptuous turkey dinner was served and a good time had by all.

Mrs. **Jane Dennler**, aged 65 years, died at Nashville. Her sister, Mrs. **V Meffert**, residing at Ashley, also died the same night, their deaths occurring only a few hours apart.

Mrs. **Emily J Bancroft**, one of the oldest residents of Jacksonville died. She was 87 years of age. Mrs. **Bancroft** had an interesting history. Born in Andover, Massachusetts, she was surrounded with unusual literary influences and was an intimate friend of **Harriet Beecher Stowe**, **Oliver Wendell Holmes** and **Longfellow**. In 1837, she became a member of the first woman's club in America, the Ladies' Educational Society of Jacksonville, and served as secretary or president for over 50 years. She was the first

student to enroll at the Abbott female academy and one of her teachers was **T F Smith** who wrote '*America*'.

Mrs. **Liston M Temple**, wife of a well-known commercial traveler of Bloomington, from an operation for appendicitis, died. She was the daughter of the late Capt **John MacLean** of Normal, and was aged 57 years at the time of her death.

Amos Moon, an old resident to Tamalco township, Bond County, died.

Mrs. **Effie Finley**, wife of **James A Finley**, died at Mound City, aged 23 years. She had been married to Mr. **Finley** only two weeks. Some weeks ago she was taken ill and was never again able to be up. Her physicians informed her fiancée and herself that she could live but a few days. It was their desire to be married, so they were wed. The bride was propped on her pillow while the ceremony was being performed, the bridegroom standing at her bedside.

Rev **Edward O Sharpe**, a young minister of Girard, and Miss **Jennie A Pool** of LeRoy were married a few nights ago. The wedding was to have been solemnized two days previously, but when Mr. **Sharpe** reached Bloomington on his way to LeRoy, he found the railway blocked with snow. He endeavored to hire a team to take him over the 20 miles intervening between him and his fiancée, but in vain. It was necessary to postpone the wedding due to the snow.

Mrs. **Amelia Jalley**, aged 72 years, whose second husband died a year ago, was married in Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania, the third time to **Daniel Reese**, who was aged 22 years, 50 years her junior.

Dr **John P Wood**, of Coffeyville, Kansas, claims to be the oldest practicing physician in the world. He recently turned 99 years of age and is still making daily visits to his patients.

Isaac Stout aged 78 years, a resident of Tazewell County for 73 years, being the oldest settler in the County, died recently. He was the inventor of a riding cultivator.

Miss **Anna Hoewing** celebrated her twenty-fifth birthday Monday evening in Pleasant View.

After the return of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph O Casey**, a reception was tendered them at the home of the bride on Tuesday of last week. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **George Winter, Sr, Will Hoewing** and family, **Ben Winter** and family, **Walter Winter** and wife, Mrs. **Casey**, the Misses **Lydia Winter, Edith Fieker, Ida Casey, Ura Mason** and Messrs **George Winter, Jr, Arthur Fieker, Charlie Casey** and **John and Wesley Jesey**. Last Sunday a dinner was given in their honor at the groom's parents. Invitations were extended announcing the birthday party given in honor of Miss **Ann Hoewing** and Miss **Edith Fieker** at the Hoewing residence.

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Merton Yale Cady, a brother-in-law of **Charles H Deere**, the plow manufacturer, in a hotel at Chicago, aged nearly 60 years of age, died. His wife died 14 February 1900 at the same hotel. The deceased was a descendant of the founder of the famed Yale University.

John Miles died at his home five miles north of Pana.

Mrs. **Regina Heck** aged 72 years died at her home in Pittsfield.

Mrs. **D R Page** died at Texarkana, Texas, and was buried at Pana.

Francis Spangler, an old settler of Litchfield and a prominent member of the G.A.R., died.

Benjamin Blake, aged 55 years old, died at Norris City. His wife was buried the day previous.

James C Young, a veteran of the Civil War, died suddenly at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **W S Storment**, at Salem. He lately returned from Utah where he spent the past 20 years. His mother, Mrs. **Elizabeth Snodgrass**, died 2 January 1900.

The **Frew-Mitchell** wedding will take place Wednesday next at high noon in the M E Church.

Born to **Charles Schwartz** and wife, a girl on 4 March 1900 in Obed.

(Dated March 12th) **George Robinson** and Miss **Osa Sims** were married last Thursday at Findlay. They will leave for Crowley, Louisiana, on Tuesday, 13 March 1900, where they will make their future home. Prairie Home residents wish them much happiness and prosperity.

Last Wednesday being Miss **Addie Polk's** 16th birthday, invitations issued by her brother, **Tom**, the young folks met and gave her a complete birthday surprise. The evening was spent in games and music.

Mr. and Mrs. **L C Harrell** of Bement were the guests yesterday of Attorney and Mrs. **Clapper**. Mr. and Mrs. **Harrell** were married yesterday and were on their bridal tour. Mrs. **Harrell** and Mrs. **Clapper** are sisters.

Judge **William Hammer** married a young couple Saturday at noon in the County courtroom. The groom was **Earl Craig**, aged 21 years, and the bride was Miss **Nora Sweet**, aged 15 years. The bride's mother and brother witnessed the ceremony. The groom is employed as a miner at the Niantic shaft of the Decatur Coal Company, and the young couple will make their home at that place.

Henry Smull died at the family home in the southeast part of this city on Thursday, 1 March 1900, after a short illness aged 60 years and 5 days. The funeral was held from the M E Church on Sunday morning, 4 March 1900, conducted by Rev **E J Durham**. Mr. **Smull** was the father of six children, five of whom survive: **William W** and **Henry A Smull** of Prairie Home, Misses **Lizzie E**, **Bertha C** and **Charles E Smull** of this city. (Macon Record)

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After a lingering illness of several months, **Michael Haley** aged 55 years, died at his home three miles east of town on Monday evening at six o'clock. Death was the result of a complication of internal troubles. A wife and three children survive him. A week ago Mr. **Haley** knew his end was near and sent for **V Snyder, Jr** to come out and make his will. He was a devoted father a kind neighbor, and a man well liked. The funeral was held this morning from the Macon Catholic Church, and interment was in that Cemetery.

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Archie Andes, late of Oklahoma, is in the city, the guest of relatives. He talks of locating here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Smart** on 16 March 1900, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** returned Saturday from Jacksonville where they had been called to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Wm I Williamson**, a beloved sister of Mr. **Bridgman**. She was fifty-nine years of age and very highly esteemed by all who knew her.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **H Bridgman** were called to Jacksonville Wednesday to attend the funeral of the former's sister.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Murry** on 15 March 1900, a girl.

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earnest and practical farmer and an honorable and upright gentleman. Mr. and Mrs.

Ragland left the same afternoon on the south bound train for their future home in Franklin County, this state.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Felix Jones** on 25 March 1900, a girl.

Born to **Ed McKeefer** and wife on Friday, 16 March 1900, a son.

Last Monday morning at five o'clock, Mrs. **John Wycoff** died of LaGrippe and other troubles. The funeral was preached at the house on Tuesday at ten o'clock. Rev **Herman** of Bethany officiated; interment was at the Bilyeu Cemetery. She leaves a husband, brothers and sisters and many friends to mourn her loss. (Prairieion news) *(Note: In same newspaper issue, found the name spelled, 'Wykoff')*

The good people of Obed and Yantisville and vicinity made a very agreeable surprise on Mr. and Mrs. **N J Porter** last Saturday, 24 March 1900, it being Mrs. **Porter's** birthday.

Mrs. **Hettie Shride** and Mrs. **N A Longenbach** worked about two days getting up a subscription to get Mrs. **Porter** a new cook stove, of which they were very successful.

They raised about \$31, and got a new cook stove and a new washing machine. About sixty of the neighbors with well-filled baskets went in and took possession of Mr. **Porter's** house on the above date. Mrs. **Porter** was having a grand good time when Mr. **A F Shride** drove up to the door with the presents, and began to unload them and take them into the kitchen. Mrs. **Porter** did not know whether to laugh or cry, but she did plenty of both for she did not get her breath for fully fifteen minutes. When she came to, the ladies that were

present had the new stove up and dinner cooking. And such a fine dinner! Chicken, turkey, goose and everything that was good; plenty for all present and lots left.

Mr. and Mrs. **Porter** wishes to return their heartfelt thanks to the neighbors and friends for their subscriptions.

Last Thursday, 22 March 1900, being Mr. **Frank Mose's** 29th birthday, the wife planned a surprise on him, he being away from home working the timber and upon returning at noon, found the home full of his friends and relatives, and the table groaning beneath its load of good things. In the evening a number of young folks gathered, and spent the evening in playing games and music and at a late hour, all returned to their house, pronouncing Mr. and Mrs. **Mose** very charming entertainers and wishing Mr. **Mose** many more happy birthdays. (Pleasant View news)

Miss **Jessie Stine** entertained a few friends Saturday evening in honor of her 13th birthday. Mrs. **Jonie Wykoff** died on 26 March 1900. She was buried on Tuesday, 27 March 1900, the funeral services being held at the house at 10 AM. Rev **W S Herman** officiating. She united with the Christian Church in 1871.

The wedding and reception of Miss **Irene Mitchell** and Mr. **Wm C Frew** was last Wednesday attended by a number of Decatur people. Among them were Mr. and Mrs. **C W Frew**, parents of the groom, **Cornelius Morris**, grandfather of the groom, Miss **Mary Frew**, aunt of the groom of Coshocton, Ohio, Mr. and Mrs. **Mervil Dunbar**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Stoner**, Mrs. **A L Kirk** and daughter, **Mae**; Mrs. **Kate Green** and daughter, Miss **Stella**; Misses **Jennie Walmsley**, and **Harriet and Mattie Lowry**; Messrs **John Naso**; **Ralph Towne**, **Clarence Siewers**, **Earl Green**, **Will Layton**. Mr. and Mrs. **George Morris**, Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Morris** of Elwin; Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Mitchell**, **Blue Mound** and Miss **Bertha Hayden**.

Wednesday, 4 April 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Walter McBroom, born in Ireland, and one of Cass County's well know and early settlers died, aged 62 years.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Snuffin** aged 94 years, died at Taylorville. She was one of the first settlers of Illinois, and was the oldest persons in the central part of the state. She leaves four children, 25 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

Mrs. **Clarissa Shaw Barney** died at her home in Pittsfield. She was born in Massachusetts in 1812 and located in Pike County in 1835. She was married to **John Barney** in 1837.

Mrs. **Nathan Webb**, one of the oldest residents of Pike County, died in Pittsfield. She was born in 1822.

Aunt **Polly Sanders** died at Alto Pass at age 85. She was born in Rockingham County, North Carolina. She was acquainted with **Andrew Jackson** and during her girlhood lived on a farm adjoining his.

Mrs. **George Slack** of Pekin is the mother of triplets, all girls. They weighed 8 pounds, 7 ¼ and 6 ½ pounds. The parents have named them **Opal**, **Ruby** and **Garnet**. They have another little girl whose name is **Pearl**.

George Krueger was found guilty at Waukegan on the murder of his wife and her mother. The jury assessed punishment at imprisonment for life.

Jacob Herring, aged 78 years, a farmer near Danvers, killed himself with a pistol which he fired into his mouth. He was temporarily deranged.

Monday being the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **John Peel**, they were invited to spend the evening with Mr. and Mrs. **L C Whitehead** where a most pleasant surprise awaited them. A large number of their friends came in and the usual congratulations were cordially extended.

Last Thursday a very pleasant birthday party was given to Mr. **Frank Sanders** at his fine home in Prairie Home by his wife and children. The day was very agreeably spent in lively conversation and music. **Frank** is a fine violinist and accompanied on the piano by his daughter, **Jessie**, made excellent music. A bountiful dinner was served, consisting of oysters, turkey and all the delicacies of the season to which the guests did ample justice. The hostess and daughter deserve credit for their skill in the culinary art.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Smull** on 30 March 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Evans**, west, 31 March 1900, twin girls.

Wednesday, 11 April 1900 issue. *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Tomorrow morning at eight o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents in Chicago, **Otis F Atteberry** and Miss **Edna M Crandle** will be united in marriage. The wedding is to be a quiet home affair and Mr. and Mrs. **Atteberry** will take the '*Daylight Special*' the same day, coming at one to their new and pretty little home in this city. The bride is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. **C N Crandle** of Chicago, and is spoken of as a most estimable young lady of rare musical ability. Her welcome will doubtless be most cordial among the young society people in this city. The groom is one of Moweaqua's most progressive young merchants and valued citizens, and one destined to cope intelligently and successfully with the realities of life. Monday evening, 16 April 1900, at six o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. **J J Atteberry**, parents of the groom, will tender a reception to the newly wedded couple.

Charles Hoehning, aged 38 years, of Covington Township, Washington County, was found dead near his residence.

The following deaths during March 1900 are officially reported at the Illinois State Soldiers' Home: **Daniel Shotwell**, Co E, Forty-fourth and Co I, Twenty-ninth Indiana Infantry; **Arris Young**, Co C, Fiftieth Illinois Infantry; **Patrick Doyle** alias **Henry C Mowry**, Co A, Tenth Illinois Infantry; **Henry C Bowser**, Co K, Eightieth Illinois Infantry; **George S Kendall**, Co I, Fifty-second Illinois Infantry; **Conrad Reiterman**, Co B, Ninth Illinois and Co A, Twelfth Missouri Infantry; **Thomas M Hurt**, Co I, One Hundred and First Illinois Infantry.

Capt **J. P. M. Howard**, aged 72 years, at his home in Effingham of consumption. He located in Effingham County in 1860 and served in the Civil War as Captain of Co I, Seventy-first regiment, Illinois volunteer infantry.

Silas B Cobb, who had been prominently identified with the more important business interests of Chicago for nearly seventy years, died recently.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Len Snyder** on 8 April 1900, a son.

One of the social events of the season was celebrating the birthday of Rev **McCracken** on Thursday evening last at the residence of **D. Coulter**. A number of friends were present who felt an interest in the welfare of the minister.

A delightful birthday party was given to Mrs. **Ed Sanner** by her daughters, **Ruth** and **Naomi Sanner** at their pleasant home last Monday. The day was spent in lively conversation and viewing the fine collection of shells and other curiosities from the South

Sea Islands, also fine specimens of hand wood carvings. A fine dinner was served in their spacious dining room which was made bright and cheerful by the many blooming plants that Mrs. **Sanner** knows how to grow. Mr. **Sanner** invited the party to view his fine herd of Herefords. Quite a good time was had by all. Those present were Mrs. **F Sanders**, Mrs. **Wise**, Mrs. **Goodwin**, Mrs. **Avey**, Mary Sanders, and **Lillie Wise**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Pierce**, Mr. and Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh** attended the **Brownback** and **Potter** wedding in Rural last Wednesday. (Yantisville news)

Miss **Amelia Ludwig** very delightfully entertained a number of her friends to dinner on Sunday, the occasion being her birthday.

Last evening about six o'clock, **Mark Snell** peacefully passed into eternal rest at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Snell**. He had been gradually declining with consumption for more than a year and when he knew the end was near seemed glad to realize that death would bring release and relief from his suffering. His age at the time of the time of his death was 45 years, 5 months and 11 days. He is survived by two pretty children, a boy and girl. The funeral will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at one o'clock from the family residence.

Yesterday at noon, Mrs. **J J Atterberry** was most agreeably surprised on her return home from the country to find the house filled with relatives, friends and neighbors who, during her absence, had spread a sumptuous feast in honor of her fiftieth birthday. A large delegation of relatives and old friends drove down from Macon to participate in the event. Mrs. **Atteberry** was the recipient of a very handsome leather covered couch, a present from her husband.

Uncle **Tyler Chapman**, aged 83 years, for many years a resident of Christian County and well-known in this city, died at his home on the **Wheeler Brown** place, Sunday afternoon. **Joseph Duncan, Sr** and Mrs. **M E Adams** have each recently erected very handsome monuments at the Cemetery. The former is a large family monument erected in memory of Susan Duncan, the latter being in memory of **R R Adams**.

Wednesday, 18 April 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Otis Atteberry returned home Thursday afternoon bringing with him his lovely bride. They repaired at once to the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J J Atteberry**, their pretty little house being as yet incomplete for occupancy. Monday evening Mr. and Mrs. **Atteberry** tendered the bride and groom a reception which proved most charmingly informal and agreeable, giving ample opportunity for bidding the young people a most cordial welcome into the social realm of their choice. A magnificent supper was served, the numerous tokens of friendship were inspected, and a thoroughly good time was enjoyed by all present. The funeral of **Mark Snell** was held from the family residence of **Fred P Snell** on Thursday at one o'clock, Mrs. **Snell's** condition being such that it was deemed inadvisable to have the services at the Church. The entire arrangement was under the direction of Shelby Lodge, I. O. O. F. the deceased being a member of Enterprise Lodge No. 40 of South Butte, Montana. During his prolonged illness he was the recipient of every care and attention possible to bestow by the local Lodge of Odd Fellows of this city. Rev **E J Durham** of Macon assisted by Rev **J Foxworthy** of this city conducted the services. Pallbearers were **M H Miller**, **S H Mitchell**, **John Cairnes**, **J C Wilson**, **Dave Rettig** and **W G Colbert**. Interment in the Odd Fellows new Cemetery north of town. **Mark Snell** was born in Warren County, Ohio, on the 29th day of October 1854, and died in

Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 10th day of April 1900. He was the oldest of a family of seven children, four of whom survive him, **William Snell** of Montana, and **Frank Snell, Elmer Snell** and **Cora L Snyder** of Moweaqua, Illinois. In 1855, the subject of this sketch, came to Shelby County, Illinois, with his parents and settled on a farm south of Moweaqua, where he made his home until at the age of twenty years, he went to Kansas where he lived for two years, returning to Moweaqua he engaged in the marble business. In 1889, he removed to Butte City, Montana, where he resided until about a year ago when he returned to Moweaqua, where he lived with his parents until his death. Mark was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church during a revival meeting held at the now German Church south of Moweaqua, under the ministry of Rev **Lindley** at that time, pastor of the M E Church at Moweaqua in 1868, later he united with the Presbyterian Church at Bethany, southeast of Moweaqua, of which he has been a faithful and consistent member ever since. His death was peaceful and with a smile on his faith his spirit took its eternal flight. **Mark Snell** was married to Miss **Amie Bright** at Greenfield, Iowa, on the 25th day of October 1881. To this union was born two children, a daughter, **Madah**, 15 years old, and **Roy**, aged 13, both of whom were present, the mother having preceded the father to the other world, dying 26 August 1898, at Butte City, Montana. **Mark** was a member of the I. O. O. F. which order he joined in Montana during his residence there, and under whose rites and ceremonies he was laid to rest.

Hugh Wallace of Bloomington, one of the oldest men in McLean County, aged 92 years, died. He was born in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, and had lived in McLean since 1867. His wife survives him at the age of 90. Their sixtieth wedding anniversary had just been celebrated.

John Bartholomew, aged 72 years, a native of Germany and a veteran of the Civil War, died at Clay City.

Samuel Lorton of Cowden and Miss **Leefe Shurbern** of Shelbyville were married at Danville. A short time ago the bride obtained a \$10,000 verdict against the groom for breach of promise. She had also pending against him, a \$10,000 suit and a \$20,000 damage suit. The marriage will stop all legal proceedings.

Thomas Richards and wife of West York, Clark County, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Mr. **Richards** is 79 and Mrs. **Richards** is 76 years of age.

George F Wickens, aged 38 years, a member of the Macon County bar, while riding a bicycle at Decatur, was struck by a street car and killed.

Little **Horace Clark** entertained a number of his young friends from four to six on Saturday afternoon in honor of his fifth birthday.

Venerable and beloved Grandma **Fortner** passed away Saturday afternoon at about four o'clock of a complication of internal troubles. She was a devoted wife and mother, and a woman much esteemed by all who knew her. The funeral services were held from the Christian tabernacle on Monday afternoon. Rev **Jos Thomas** officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery north of town. Pallbearers were **M H Miller, Noble Smith, Wm Richhart, George W Adams, Wm J Clark** and **J J Attebery**. **Sarah Baldwin** was born in Mason County, Kentucky, on 12 March 1831. She died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 14 April 1900 at 3:30 o'clock, aged 69 years, 1 months and 2 days. She removed to Clay County, Indiana, with her parents in 1832 and was married to **J W D Fortner** on 24 December 1848. To them were born eleven children, six boys and five girls, four of the children, two boys and two girls preceded her to the better land. Seven children are still

living, all in Moweaqua, except one son, **James Baldwin** who lives in Bethany, Illinois. She united with the New Light (now known as Christian Church at Bee Ridge Church), Otter Creek, Clay County, Indiana, in 1845, since which time she has lived a devoted Christian life. In 1860, the family removed to near Windsor, Illinois, and has lived in Moultrie and Shelby counties ever since. She was a kind and loving wife, a devoted mother, living a pure Christian life. She was an excellent nurse in sickness and was always ready to minister to those suffering from disease. She was a woman who had no enemies. Wednesday evening in Macon at the M E parsonage, Rev E J Durham officiating, Miss **Frankie Roff**, well-known in this city and Mr. **Albert Whitaker** the popular young clerk in Draper and Webb's store, were united in marriage. They will make their home in Macon.

Little **Wayne Avery**, son of **Allen** and **Myrtle Avery** of Prairie Home, passed from his earthly life on Thursday morning after an illness of 11 days, at the age of 13 months and 10 days. Services held by Rev **McCracken** in the Prairie Home Presbyterian Church after the burial, and considering the contagious character of the disease, the dread scarlet fever, a large number attended the funeral. There were beautiful floral tributes by loving friends. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Phelps**, 7 April 1900, a son, at Fame

A great surprise was schemed on Grandma **Burke** last Saturday by Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Burke** in honor of her seventy-fifth birthday. The intimate friends and relatives gathered about 10 o'clock. After all had a chat with Grandma the guests were ushered into the dining room, where a handsomely decorated table was spread with all the delicious eatables and prepared the best way anyone could think of. Invited guests were Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Echartd**; Mrs. **Henry Echartd**; Mrs. **Jockish** from Boody, Mr. **Schwab**, Mr. and Mrs. **Carl Burke** and family from Decatur, Rev **Weiffenbach** and wife, Mr. and Mrs. **Hoewing**, Mr. and Mrs. **Suppes**, Mr. and Mrs. **Rahler**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ludwig**, Mr. and Mrs. **V Winter**, Mrs. **Jostes**, Mr. and Mrs. **G Winter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Schuackel** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **C Ney** and family, **Ida Rahe**, **Lena Burke**, **Herman Ney**, and **Frank and Willie Lema**.

Little Master **Cecil Hudson** entertained a number of his little friends yesterday afternoon in honor of his fourth birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. **H C O'Dell** entertained a number of intimate friends at dinner on Friday in honor of their wedding anniversary.

Monday evening at the **Attebery** wedding reception, a lot of boys purloined a freezer of ice cream. This has occurred in several instances, and it appears the time is now ripe to prosecute these young thieves to the full extent of the law.

Aunt **Nancy Hays** the venerable mother of Major **Hays** celebrated her centennial birthday Wednesday of last week at the home of her son south of town. A splendid dinner was served and the grand old lady received the warm congratulations of a host of children, grandchildren and other relatives.

Wednesday, 25 April 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Charles E Graham of this city and Miss **Blanche Sutton** of Storm Lake, Iowa, were united in marriage Thursday last at Decatur, the bride meeting Mr. **Graham** in that city, and Justice **Provo** tying the knot.

Friday afternoon a very sad accident occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Moses Hinton** in the east part of town. It seems that little **Oliver Hinton**, their two-year-old son was

playing in the rear rooms of the house near a wash tub of suds, and in some inconceivable way, fell into the boiler and was drowned. Even before his mother, who was in the yard could come in to his assistance, the child drowned. Dr **Sparling** was summoned and did all in his power to save the child's life, but it was too far gone to be resuscitated. The family are heartbroken over the affair. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church on Saturday afternoon. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating.

John J Kemp, one of the most noted horsemen, cattle dealers and farmers in central Illinois, died at his home at Lexington from rheumatism. He was 63 years old.

Mrs. **Jane Plahn**, aged 63 years, wife of **George Plahn**, pioneer merchant of central Illinois, died at Virginia.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Gedney**, relict of **John Gedney** died at Lebanon, aged 85 years.

James Tuttle of Logan, died at Atlanta aged 93 years.

Mrs. **Jane Whitfield**, aged 70 years died at Medora.

Fred P Waite, cashier and one of the owners of the Citizens' Bank of Lena died from appendicitis. He was just 28 years old.

Mrs. **Marietta Harwood**, widow of **T Fitch Harwood** died at Bloomington from pneumonia at 70 years of age. She was one of the wealthiest and most prominent women of Bloomington.

William Henke died of Alhambra at the age of 72 years. He was an old settler.

George Lambur, a hack driver, had a thrilling and fatal experience up the bay at Quincy the other night. He left the city for a boat ride with a party of young men and women. In some manner the boat occupied by **Lambur** and a companion was upset. **Lambur** was brought up to the shore by his companion, after having clung to the boat for about an hour. He died upon the bank from exposure while his companion went for assistance.

James R Clark, aged 55 years died at Bloomington from diabetes. He was one of the earliest professional baseball players and attained fame as a catcher.

Daniel Culbertson, aged 81 years, and Miss **Martha Hutson**, aged 42 years, eloped from Casey to Marshall and were married immediately thereafter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Asa Cottrell** on 19 April 1900, a little girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jack Tryon** on 16 April 1900, a fine son.

Mrs. **C V Ayers**, daughter Edith of Moweaqua, son, **J L Ayers** of Chicago, attended the funeral of **Mabel Lambert** on Tuesday. (*Assumption News*)

The *Shelbyville Daily Union* says the will of the late **Michael Haley** of Moweaqua was filed for probate on Wednesday. Deceased left to each of his sons, **James Haley** and **Michael Haley**, a team of horses, and to his daughter, a horse and buggy. The remainder of his property is to remain for the use of his widow so long as she lives or unless she marries again.

Final settlement: To the heirs and distributes of **C K Kirk**, deceased. Final settlement will be on 10th day of May A. D 1900 at Shelbyville, Illinois. Signed **R Ayars**, Administrator of the estate of **C K Kirk**, deceased.

Mrs. **Lyman Shride** died at her home east of Yantisville last Friday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Elliot** at Locust Grove Church on Saturday at 11 o'clock. She has had poor health all winter but was not considered dangerously ill until a day or two before she died. Bright's disease is thought to be the cause of her death. (Obed news)

J W Baker and wife attended the funeral of their niece, Mrs. **Ed Willey** of near Stonington on Saturday. (Gregory news)

Mrs. **J Johnston** and Mrs. **McClusky** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Alexander** on Friday. (Gregory news)

A jury in the circuit court at Taylorville gave **James Campbell** a verdict for \$1,200 against the village of Assumption. The suit was for \$5,000. Plaintiff alleged the death of **Agnes Campbell** was the result of a fall on a defective sidewalk in Assumption.

Wednesday, 2 May 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John Shumake, aged about 50 years, committed suicide on Monday morning near his home south of Pleak by jumping in a well and drowning himself. He had been mentally deranged for several weeks, and this is the only cause assigned for the act which must have been very deliberate and premeditated in the brain of a monomaniac. When found by **Sam Neil** on whose farm the well is located, his arms were pinioned together and his legs drawn between them. The coroner was summoned from Shelbyville to take charge of the remains. Mr. **Shumake** was well-known in this city. A wife and children survive him.

By instruction of the court, a jury at Bloomington, declared **William Odum** innocent of the charge of murdering the husband of his sister on their wedding night. On Thanksgiving Day 1898, **Elmer Munsell**, son of a prosperous farmer, was married to **Myrtle Odum**, a beautiful girl who had been his sweetheart since her childhood. That evening he took his bride to their new home on a farm in Twin Grove. The young people of the neighborhood assembled to serenade them and were invited in and merrymaking followed. While **Elmer Munsell** and **William Odum**, brother of **Munsell's** bride, were seated at opposite sides of the table, **Odum** pointed a small pistol at his brother-in-law. There was a report and **Munsell** fell to the floor with a bullet in the brain. He died within an hour and **Odum** was indicted for murder. Several witnesses were examined, and on motion of the attorney for the defense, Judge **Myers** instructed the jury to render a verdict for **Odum**, which they immediately did. **Odum** was almost overcome by his emotions and as he left the court was surrounded by congratulating friends.

May 12, 1850. **Nathan Humphrey** and Miss **Nancy J Sweezey** were united in marriage in Clay County, Illinois, on 12 May 1850, and have since, hand in hand, and heart responsive to heart, encountered the trials and triumphs of life. *May 12, 1900.* That will be the date of their golden wedding anniversary, and in all probability the day will be fittingly observed. Sincere congratulations from the *Call-Mail*.

Final settlement of the estate of **C K Kirk**, deceased will be on 10 May AD, 1900, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Mrs. **J W Baker** went to Oconee Saturday to attend the funeral of her niece, Mrs. **Ed Willey** who died very suddenly near here. (Gregory news)

Miss **Kate Smith** entertained a few of her little friends to dinner on Tuesday, 15 May 1900, the occasion being her birthday.

Mr. **Scott** died Monday morning at Fame. He was quite an old man.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Landrum** of Possum Run, a little daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A Rutherford**, 28 April 1900, a girl.

Mrs. **J C Noon** died at her home in Pickaway, Monday, from a severe attack of pneumonia. Mr. **Noon** is still very ill though his condition is reported slightly improved. Public notice in the estate of **Mary Blosser**, deceased, date for settling and adjusting all claims against the estate will be 2 July 1900, Christian County court house, Taylorville, Illinois.

Wednesday, 9 May 1900 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Married at the residence of **Fred C Kitch** on Saturday afternoon, 5 May 1900, Mr. **John Vaverick** and Miss **Mary Jablonsky**. The ceremony was performed by Magistrate **J H Donnel**. The groom is a well-known coal miner who served his country faithfully in the Philippines during the Spanish war. The bride has only been in this country a few weeks. Intense excitement was created in Peoria when the announcement was made that **Birdie Hoffman**, the 18 year old daughter of **Jacob Hoffman**, a well-known cigar manufacturer had committed suicide by shooting in the right temple. The scene of the tragedy was Prospect Heights, some five miles from the city, on a lonely and secluded highway. Miss **Hoffman** started at seven o'clock buggy riding with her sweetheart, **Otis Botts**. They had been keeping company for the past two years, and were desirous of marrying, but the parents of both entered strenuous objections on account of their youth. The girl declared that if she could not marry **Botts** she would never wear a wedding ring. During the progress of their ride, **Botts** assaulted the girl, according to his own statement and the physicians who held the post mortem. Seized with remorse over her action, she refused to go home, and together, they argued the matter until nearly 4 am. Then, seizing the revolver that he was carrying, she fired the fatal shot, dying instantly. **Botts** returned to Peoria at once, notifying his parents and those of the girl. He also notified the authorities, who locked him up, but at the inquest, the verdict was one of suicide and he was released. Mrs. **Marian Schrader**, wife of **Edmund Schrader** of Carlyle, died of pneumonia at 51 years of age. She had been a resident of Carlyle for 30 years, and was on the eve of her departure for Germany to visit her mother.

Thomas A Hayes of Harrisburg died at age 70. He was a soldier in Co F, Sixth Illinois Cavalry in the war of the rebellion, and a few days before his death he received word from Washington that he had been granted a pension.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Endsley** died at age 87 years at Charleston. She was a native of North Carolina and located in Coles County, 65 years ago.

At Heyworth, Mrs. **Catherine Scott**, aged 64 years of age, daughter of **Thomas Orendorf**, one of the first settlers of McLean County, died.

Lelah Francis Baggett, daughter of Mrs. **James Sprague**, died at Decatur on Sunday, 6 May 1900, of measles. Her age was 8 years, 2 months and 29 days. The remains were brought to this city on Monday evening. Funeral services were held from the family residence on Tuesday morning by Rev **Jo. B. Rogers**.

Mr. **Abe Gordon** and wife were up from Pana to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Gordon's** uncle, **John Schumake**. (Pleasant View news)

Mr. **Harris** of Pleasant View received word last week of the death of his mother in Indiana.

Mabel Gladys South, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George South**, departed this life at the home of her parents near Davis City, Iowa, formerly of Flat Branch, at six o'clock Friday morning, 27 April 1900, aged 2 months and 24 days of catarrhal fever, being sick only about a week. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and one sister to mourn her loss. The little one was laid to rest in the Cemetery near her home to await the summons of the voice that awakes the dead.

J C Noon and wife who have been very sick with lung fever for several weeks at Prairie Home were buried last week in Todd's Point Cemetery. She died on Tuesday and he died

on Friday. They were good, honest and upright people, consistent Christians, ever ready to lend a helping hand when needed and will be greatly missed in our community. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the daughters who were so sadly bereaved of their kind and loving parents.

Friday afternoon, **James C Noon** passed away, having been preceded by his wife in death by only a few days. To that dreaded disease, pneumonia, death may be attributed in each instance. The funeral services were held from Prairie Home Church on Saturday. They were people very highly esteemed by all who knew them. They leave daughters to mourn their passing.

Wednesday, 16 May 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A very large audience assembled at the Baptist Church on Sunday to pay tribute to the memory of the venerable **Father R R Coon**, who years ago was among the first Baptist ministers that had charge of the Moweaqua congregation. **Rev R R Coon** was born on 12 June 1815, and died on 14 March 1900 at his home in Chicago, aged 84 years, 9 months and 2 days.

William Young died at his home in Hillsboro, aged 90 years. **Mr. Young** settled there 70 years ago. He represented his County in 1851 as a legislator when the capital of Illinois was Kaskaskia. He was a Black Hawk war veteran and cast his first vote for Jackson. He leaves a large number of descendants.

Col Leander Elwood Dyer died at Bloomington, after one week's illness from erysipelas following the la grippe. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1832, and in 1854, arrived with his family at Jacksonville. His career was filled with remarkable experiences in public life. At the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in the First Missouri cavalry. He won distinction at Pea Ridge and by bravery and discretion in service, reached a colonelcy. At the close of the war he located at Memphis, Tennessee. He married there and was appointed appraiser of merchandise by President **Grant**. In 1875, President **Grant** appointed him consul at Odessa, Russia, which office he retained until 1881 when he resigned. While consul at Odessa, he became one of the official party which accompanied **Gen Grant** upon his tour throughout Europe. For ten years he was in London, in charge of the English office of a syndicate of Seneca Falls, New York, manufacturers of implements. In 1882, he married in Kempster, England. His wife and five children survive him. On returning from London he was appointed postmaster at Memphis, Tennessee, by President **Harrison**, and held the office for four years. Four years ago, he located to Bloomington, Illinois, where he died.

William Kruker died, a former resident of western Bond County, but late of Greenville, died in Greenville.

Mrs. **Jennie Johnson** was in Decatur on Sunday in attendance at the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. **Thos Weakly**.

James Thompson was chosen clerk of the Modern Woodmen order to fill the vacancy caused by the death of honorable **J C Noon**.

George H Smith, an old veteran and soldier and an inmate of the Soldier's home at Quincy, Illinois, died in that city last Monday a week. He was, at one time, a resident of Moweaqua and was well-known in this vicinity. The remains were brought to this city for burial and were placed in charge of the J V Clements Post G. A. R. Interment in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west, where brief services were held by **Rev Jo. B Rogers**. The deceased

was a relative of Mrs. **Frank Gregory**, southeast. He was 64 years of age and had lived at the home for 13 years. When the Civil War of 1861 broke out, he enlisted and served his country faithfully. He was in the regular army service for 8 years. He was once a brakeman, afterwards, conductor of a freight train on the Illinois Central. The chaplain of the home, Rev **Davidson**, speaks in very high terms of the deceased, saying that he was a most commendable inmate and had made a splendid record. He died a Christian.

Grandpa **Heberling**, aged 88 years, died at the home of his son, **J G Heberling** at 2 o'clock on Friday. (Willey news)

Owing to the ill health of Mrs. **Nathan Humphrey**, the esquire deemed it best not to have a formal celebration of the golden wedding anniversary of his marriage, the date of which was Saturday, 12 May 1900. However, these estimable people were not by any means forgotten as they were the recipients of several handsome and useful presents presented by their family and friends.

Wednesday, 23 May 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Dr **Alfred C Washington** and Miss **Gertrude E Green** which will take place at the M E Church on Thursday evening, 31 May 1900 at 8:30 o'clock.

Monday morning at 8:15 o'clock at the Catholic Church in this city, **Joseph Smith** and Miss **Victoria Graboski** were united in marriage by Father **Maurer** of Macon, the full ritualistic ceremony of the Church being used. The newly married couple will reside here.

Monday at Decatur, **Eb Graham** and Miss **Emma L Brown** of this city were united in marriage. They will make their home in this city. 'Buck' as he is familiarly known is an industrious young barber and all wish him good wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Thursday morning about eight o'clock a badly injured man was found by the railroad track north of town. An examination of his personal effects and papers revealed the fact that he was a cigar maker named **Harry Miller**, and that he was enroute to Decatur where he had a sweetheart whom he was shortly to marry, and that he had relatives living in Reading, Pennsylvania. These facts were all confirmed later by Mr. **A J Combs**, supervisor, when he got into telephone communication with Miss **Mary Bauberger** at Decatur. She stated, "Yes, I know Mr. **Miller** very well and am going to him just as soon as the train will take me. He is 29 years old and we used to go with each other back in Pennsylvania. I came from the same part of the state he does, and he was on his way to Decatur. I was expecting him last week. He wrote some time ago that he would start at once and said for me not to write, but that he would write to me on the way. He was coming here to get work, and we were to get married. The date has not been set, but it was our intention to get married. I have been here about a month, but mother came sometime before I did. Mother does not know him, but knew that I was keeping company with him and that we were to be married." Miss **Bauberger** who is a very pretty girl came down on the afternoon train from Decatur Thursday, reaching here about 15 minutes before his death. The scene between the heart broken girl and her dying lover was very affecting. Mr. **Miller** never regained consciousness. How he was stuck will forever remain a mystery. The remains were removed at once to Stine's undertaking establishment and the County coroner notified at Shelbyville. The verdict was that the deceased came to his death by a blow on the head, supposed to have been inflicted by a passing locomotive or train on the Illinois Central railroad. Remains were held until Saturday morning, awaiting advices from

relatives in Pennsylvania, but nothing having been heard, they were interred in the Cemetery west of town.

The following wild and weird 'hot air' romance was sent from Pana and published in the *St Louis Post Dispatch* last Sunday. *Pana, Illinois, 19 May 1900*: The coroner's jury in the case of **Harry Miller**, who was found unconscious along the right of way of the Illinois Central Railroad north of this city, and who died a few hours afterward, rendered a verdict that the deceased came to death from causes unknown. A mystery surrounds the case. It is claimed a suitor for Miss **Mary Bauberger's** hand was apprised of the latter's coming and that through jealousy, he killed **Miller**. **Miller's** home was in Reading, Pennsylvania. Officers and bloodhounds are on the trail, and it is expected a capture will result before morning. Miss **Bauberger** has made no statement.

David C White, one of the oldest men in McLean County, and for half a century a leading merchant of Bloomington died at the age of 92 years.

Henry Thale, an iron worker was killed in Chicago by a fall. While the body was being taken to the morgue, a California lawyer was in the city looking for him with the intelligence that he was heir to \$100,000.

Samuel Knight died at Sycamore from paralysis at the age of 86 years. He had lived in Sycamore since 1840, nearly 60 years.

Neighbors of **Samuel Moser**, three miles northwest of Tremont, Tazewell County, called at the farmhouse, but found no one about. Lying on the floor in the cellar was the body of **Mrs. Sam Moser**. Her three little sons lay in the front room, all with holes in their heads from a revolver. Apparently they had been dead some hours. **Sam Moser** was nowhere to be found. The sheriff, coroner, and states attorney were notified and went out to the scene. **Mrs. Moser** who was 30 years old and highly respected by all who knew her, attended the Omish Church and returned home, which was the last seen of her alive. **Samuel Moser**, who is 32 years old, had been dropped out of the Omish Church for his misdoings, but he was not a drinking man. His parents live near Morton and are well-off. His brother committed suicide ten years ago by jumping in a well while insane. A search is being made for the man.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Miller** on 15 May 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Moore** on 20 May 1900, a girl.

A pleasant surprise was tendered at Obed on Saturday the 13th in honor of Captain and **Mrs. Hatt's** birthdays, and also their third wedding anniversary. **Mrs. Hatt** being 21 years old and the Captain, 25 years of age. The affair was arranged by **Mrs. Standley**. An excellent dinner was prepared by the good people and enjoyed by all.

Miss Hulda Noon has been granted letters of administration in the estate of the late Jas C Noon. The bond is for \$3,000 with James Atkinson and William Atkinson as sureties. The estate left is personal property estimated at \$1,800.

William Middlesworth, brother of **Abram Middlesworth**, the Shelbyville banker and philanthropist, died on Wednesday evening at his home in Indianapolis, Indiana, at the age of 75 years. For many years he was an extensive farmer and stock raiser, residing near Windsor.

J C Noon carried \$2,000 insurance in the Modern Woodmen and that when **Mrs. Noon** died, he had the benefit transferred to his four daughters who are single. He died a week after this was done.

Resolution on the wisdom and goodness of **A L Longenbaugh's** only son, **Samuel Ralleigh Longenbaugh**, whom it has pleased the Almighty God to call from his earthly home. Signed: **J D Carrol, John Moll and Harry Pontius**, Committee.

The eight year old son of **A L Longenbaugh, Samuel Ralleigh Longenbaugh** was buried at Locust Grove last Friday. The cause of his death was paralysis. Funeral services were conducted by Rev **Dixon** of Findlay.

Ira Baird was called to Ashtabula, Ohio, last week to attend the funeral of **Thomas Loy**, a former old resident of Penn Township. Mr. **Baird** was a financial agent here for the deceased.

Ira Baird went to Ashtabula, Ohio, to attend the funeral of **Tommy Loy**. (Prairie Home news)

Mrs. **E C Coombs** is having a fine granite monument placed at the grave of her husband in Bethany Cemetery. (Prairie Home news)

Wednesday, 6 June 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Tuesday evening, 12 June 1900, at the M E Church in this city Mr. **Charles Russel Whiston** of San Juan, Porto Rico, (*as spelled*) and Miss **M Jennie McKay** will be united in marriage. Rev **J Foxworthy** officiating. A reception to which cards have been issued will follow the wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Harry M Day**.

Joseph Thomas, village treasurer, was surprised Sunday last by a wondrous influx of his numerous relatives and friends about noon hour, the occasion being his fifty-fourth birthday. There were just as many relatives being present from Bethany, Findlay, Hinton, Yantisville and Assumption as he was old.

Thursday evening, 31 May 1900, at the M E Church, in the presence of a large number of relatives and invited guests, Dr **A C Washington** and Miss **Gertrude Green** were united in marriage. The groom was attended by Mr. **Wilbur Buck**. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated. Bridesmaids, numbering four, who had acted as ushers, were Misses **Birdie Collings, Dora Aydelott, Gertrude Knowles and Maude Green**. Maid of Honor was Miss **Fannie Hudson** and **Halden Ayars**, carrying the ring upon a beautiful pillow of pale blue satin. The bride advancing alone, completed the wedding processional. After the ceremony the bridal party repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark** where warm congratulations of relatives and friends were showered upon the newlyweds. The guests present from aboard were Mrs. **N E Washington**, mother of the groom, Miss **Ethel Baker**, Normal, Miss **Lizzie Smull**, Macon; Miss **Flo Goodwin**, Decatur; and Mr. and Mrs. **F B Pelton** of Cahgrin Falls, Ohio. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs. **John Clark**, a very handsome and lovable girl who is greatly esteemed by a host of friends. A graduate of our public school and a valued teacher at the same institution, she has matured into beautiful and intellectual womanhood as a component part of the social sphere which she so charmingly graces. The groom is an energetic and practical young business man, a dentist with a lucrative practice in this city... Dr and Mrs. **Washington** will make their home here, and have gone to housekeeping in a pretty little cottage in the south part of the town. Mrs. **Lydia E Dance** suddenly died near Bloomington at age 77 years. She was the owner of 170 acres of farm land, most of the income of which she devoted to feeding and caring for a multitude of cats, which she kept at her country home and cared for tenderly. She had this hobby for over 40 years.

Willis Johnson, Sr, 80 years of age, died at Decatur. Only one other man had been in Decatur longer than Mr. Johnson who located there 63 years ago! He was the first man to make cigars in the two districts, and the first man to ship a carload of grain. He was born in Kentucky, but most of his life was engaged in business in Decatur. The last few years, he was a farmer. He leaves a widow to whom he was married in 1842 and seven children to mourn his passing.

Mr. and Mrs. **M G Warren** of Allenboro attended the **Wilson-Dowell** wedding on Wednesday of last week at Decatur.

Last Tuesday being Miss **Sadie Armstrong's** 16th birthday, she had issued invitations to a number of her most intimate friends who assembled at her home about 8 o'clock. It was a flower party, everything being decorated with flowers and partners were chosen by the matching flower they had. Ice cream and cake was served, and a jolly good time was had by all.

In the coal mine at Taylorville on Saturday afternoon, **William Clements**, a 17 year old boy, met a horrible death. He and his father were employed as cagers. A car of coal had been pushed on the cage and a signal given the engineer to hoist. As the cage started up, another car of coal ran down the track, and young Clements was unable to get out of the way, got his head caught against the rising cage, causing instant fatal injuries. His father, in an attempt to reach his son, was also injured, perhaps fatally.

Wednesday, 13 June 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Last evening at No. 1519 East Prairie Avenue, Decatur, the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W T Davis**, the hour being 8:30 o'clock, their eldest daughter, Miss **Lillie M Davis** and Mr. **Wm T Bowman** were united in marriage. The wedding was a quiet and wholly unostentatious affair, only the family and a few relatives of the contacting parties being present. Ceremony was performed by Rev **Wolfarth** of Grace M E Church. At the end of the ceremony, all partook of a lovely wedding supper. The bride is not wholly unknown in this city, she having frequently visited Mrs. **Nellie Berry Winchel** at the time of her residence here. Her father is the chief engineer at the large cereal mills in Decatur, and her uncle, Col **Edwin Davis** is Asst. General freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio Railway with offices in Baltimore. The groom is one of Moweaqua's most progressive young business men, and during his connection with **Godfrey and Bowman**, pharmacists, as junior partner, has thoroughly demonstrated the fact that he is fully alive to the exigencies of the business. Mr. and Mrs. **Bowman** are expected down home today and will repair at once to the lovely little home in waiting that the groom has prepared in the north part of town for the reception of his bride, and enter upon the domestic side of married life by going to housekeeping.

Miss **Minnie Enyder**, a thirteen year old girl who recently was taken to Chicago to marry **Nelson Brown**, 65 years of age, but could not secure license, was horribly burned at Sycamore. In attempting to hasten a fire, she poured kerosene upon it from the can. Her clothing was nearly burned off. **Nelson Brown**, her would-be husband, was among the number to come to her rescue. He severely burned his hands in attempting to rescue her. The young girl was fatally injured by her burns.

George Warren was sentenced to the penitentiary for a period of 14 years by a jury in the Moultrie County circuit court on the charge of having murdered **Thomas Todd** near Lovington on 18 November 1899.

Robert Franz, a respected citizen of Jacksonville, ended his life by taking carbolic acid. He took the drug in a fit of despondency. He leaves a widow and three children to mourn his loss.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Bilyeu** on 6 June 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Gregory** on 8 June 1900, a boy.

Tuesday evening, 12 June 1900, at 8:30 o'clock, at the M E Church in this city in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and guests, Miss **Jennie McKay** and **Charles Russel Whiston** of San Juan, de Puerto Rico, were joined in holy wedlock. (*Description of the Church and decorations given, not copied here*). The four ushers acted as bridesmaids, Misses **Daisy Armstrong, Aileen Day, Fannie Hudson and Mabel Sparling**. Sweet little **Grace Godfrey** was the ring bearer. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated at the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony the wedding party repaired to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Harry M Day** where an informal reception was held, and a host of friends showered congratulations. A bounteous wedding supper being spread, the guests partook thereof most cheerily after which the beautiful wedding presents were inspected. The bride is a beautiful and accomplished girl; the youngest daughter of Mrs. **I R McKay**, and from early childhood Moweaqua has been her home. The groom is said to be a practical young business man, the son of **J Benton Whiston**, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, who is at present in the government employ at San Juan de Puerto Rico, US. Being a relative of Mrs. **John Clark**, he has frequently visited this city, and created a decidedly favorable impression among those with whom he became acquainted. Mr. and Mrs. **Whiston** left last evening on the *Diamond* for Chicago from which point they will go to Cleveland, Allegheny City, and other points for brief visits, thence to New York, which city they will leave about the 20th inst. for San Juan.

A surprise was given last Tuesday afternoon for **Guy Metcalf** in honor of his fourteenth birthday. There were ten guests present. Cake and ice cream with strawberries was served. All had a jolly time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery** of Prairie Home on Thursday, 7 June 1900, a girl.

Last Sunday, 10 June 1900, being the fortieth birthday of Mr. **George Virden**, about 40 neighbors and friends with baskets well-filled with good things to eat gathered at his home in honor of the occasion. Ice cream and cake were served in the afternoon. Present was Uncle **Willis Virden**, Mr. and Mrs. **Cornelius Tolly**, Mr. and Mrs. **George Virden**, **Levi Hill, Sr, John Brant**, Mrs. **Sarene Dow**, Mrs. **Sara Jane House**, Misses **Ida and Emma Virden**, **Vadie Edwards, Mary McCarty, Bennetta House**, and Messrs **Charley and Willie Virden, James McCarty, Ben Edwards, George and Isaac Tolly, Willie, James, Frank and Charley House, Sam and Levi Hill, George and Walter Henton and Edd Housh**.

Monday at one o'clock at the residence of Mr. **John Matthews**, West Main street, Decatur, Mr. **John Powell** of this city and Miss **Ida Smith** of Decatur were united in marriage, Rev **Ezra J Durham** of Macon officiating. Mr. and Mrs. **Powell** came down on the afternoon train the same day, and went out at once to the residence of the bride's parents near Pleak, where a sumptuous wedding supper was served, and the sincere congratulations of numerous relatives and friends received. The bride and groom are both well known in this city.

Quite a number of **James Marshall's** friends gave him a surprise Saturday night, it being his 22nd birthday. From all reports, everybody must have had a good time.

Wednesday, 20 June 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Elizabeth Wallace**, widow of **Hugh Wallace** died at Bloomington, aged 87 years. She was one of the most prominent Christian workers for the city for many years. Her husband, with whom she had lived for 64 years, died a few weeks ago at age 92 years. Saturday, 9 June 1900, Dr **Asa Bowman**, who lives a mile west of Stonington, celebrated his 82nd anniversary of his birth, the old gent being born in 1818. Dr **Bowman** was one of the earliest settlers of Christian County and has lived upon his farm where his residence is situated for over 40 years, and has improved it from the raw prairie to one of the finest farms in the County. Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder** and Mrs. **Minnie Hudson** were present, being old and valued friends of the **Bowman** family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Bilyeu**, 14 June 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Elliott**, 13 June 1900, a boy.

Little **Olive Smith** entertained a number of her young friends on Saturday afternoon, the occasion being her ninth birthday.

Jacob Bilyeu has a new ten pound boy at his house. (Prairieton news)

Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Ziegler** gave their annual family reunion last Sunday, all their children being present but **H J Ziegler** who lives in Decatur. A bounteous dinner was spread, also ice cream and cake, to which all did ample justice. Those present were **J M Gorden, A C Ziegler, L W Ziegler, F R Ziegler** and **John Lawrence** and families. All returned to their homes at a late hour, hoping they might have many more family gatherings.

Last Sunday being **Grandma Gordon's** seventy-eighth birthday, a number of her old friends and neighbors gathered in about noon and gave her a complete surprise. The table was spread in the yard and groaning beneath its weight of good things the friends partook of its bounties with everything good that could be prepared for such an occasion. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **McGinley**, Mr. and Mrs. **Scheller**, Mr. and Mrs. **Burgner**, **F Mose** and family, **G Drake** and family, Mrs. **Howse** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong**, Mrs. **Don**, and the Misses **Amy Burgner, Barbara Gordon, Sadie Armstrong, Lottie Wasson, Jennie Armstrong, Brunetta Howse, Lottie Denton, Essie Mose**, and Messrs **Claude Burgner, Maynard Goddard, Willie Weise, John Braden, John and Wm Armstrong, Ira McGinley, Joe Shear, James, Charlie, Frank and Willie Howse, J Hill, Art Scheller, Ebner McGinley** and Mr. and Mrs. **James Stuart**. All report a good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Brookshire** on 10 June 1900, a girl.

W H Linn died at his home on West Main Street, Decatur, at 12:20 Tuesday. Mr. **Linn** was the senior member of the firm of **Linn & Scruggs**, and one of the oldest, most substantial and highly respected business men in Decatur.

Dr **Thompson** has received the announcement of the marriage of an old Shelby County boy, **Clyde Travis** to Miss **Jennie Mabel Spotts**, which occurred at Fargo, North Dakota, on 12 June 1900. **Clyde** is principal of the schools at Mayville, North Dakota. He was born and reared in northern Shelby and graduated at Normal. **Clyde** is the son of **J S Travis** of Normal and is well-known in Moweaqua. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Wednesday, 27 June 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Henry S Loyd, senior member of the **Loyd Hardware Co** in Pittsfield died. He had been connected with the Pittsfield business interests for a number of years, and was aged 60 years.

William H Linn, aged 75 years, the wealthiest merchant in Decatur, died.

James Thompson, aged 83 years, died at his home in Effingham of old age. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in Co A, One Hundred and Fifty-four Regiment, Illinois Infantry volunteers.

George W Manley, an old and honored resident of Jefferson County, died from paralysis. He was 64 years of age and a man of liberal education, a contributor to a number of periodicals and for many years a teacher in the public schools in the County.

Thos Turner, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Perry County, died at his residence in Pinckneyville. He was 71 years of age and served three years in the Civil War, being in Co A, Eighteenth Illinois Infantry.

Mr. and Mrs. **William Schulte** of Pekin celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Relatives of the venerable couple were present from Illinois, Indiana, and Missouri. Both are in almost perfect health and have resided in Pekin for over 40 years.

Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn** will observe the first anniversary of their marriage this evening by entertaining a few friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Lovering** on 22 June 1900, a girl.

Miss **Mate Neal** who was reared near Prairie Home and who has been a teacher in Decatur, was recently married to **John Milliken** of Chicago. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Quite a surprise was planned for **Goldie** and **Carl Palmer** last Saturday by their friends and quite an enjoyable time was had. About thirty of their young associates came in about 4 o'clock and reminded them that they were 13 and 8 years old. Ice cream and cake was served, and all felt that it was good to be there.

Wednesday, 4 July 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

James H Brown, a citizen of Medora, Illinois, for over 40 years, died of dropsy at age 74 years. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mrs. **C D Bennett**, widow of the founder of the Geneva mills, died at Sycamore suddenly from pneumonia aged 65 years.

Wesley N Smith and Miss **Jessie H Skaggs** were killed and Miss **Mabel A Classer** of Pekin, injured at the annual Pekin High School Picnic at Mackinaw Falls on 28 May 1900. They walked on a pike of railroad timbers which tipped over, killing **Wesley Smith** and **Jessie Skaggs**. A law suit of \$5,000 each have been filed in the United States court at Springfield against **E O Hopkins**, receiver for the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville Railroad Co, it being alleged that said company was at fault in permitting such a dangerous thing to exist along their tracks close to the picnic grounds.

The inventory of the estate of the late **Silas B Cobb** of Chicago, was filed for probate the other day. The papers show the personal estate valuation to be \$4,257,592, nearly double the estimate put on the estate at the time of the millionaire's death. The decedent will was filed on 13 April 1900. It provided a bequest of \$87,000 to be given to local charitable institutions, and called for the distribution of the remainder of the estate among his children and grandchildren, with minor bequests to his nephews and nieces.

Grandma Eaton died at her home about 4 miles east of Stonington on Wednesday night at 9 o'clock of heart trouble. She was about 60 years old and was well and favorably known to most of our readers. The funeral services were conducted from the family residence on Friday morning. (*Stonington Star*)

Quincy Adams a brother of Night Engineer **Adams**, who operates the electric light plant here, was killed by a Vandalia train on Sunday. His death was a horrible one.

Grandma Eaton quietly passed away from these earthly cares last Wednesday and was placed to rest in the Old Stonington Cemetery. Rev **Edgar** of Blue Mound and Rev **Midkiff** officiated. She leaves her children and many friends to mourn her loss.

(Prairieton news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Louis Beck** of Pleasant View on 1 July 1900, a girl.

(In Obed news) Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Beck**, Saturday, 30 June 1900, a girl. (*Note spelling variation of name and birth date is one day different – same issue of the Call-Mail*)

Wednesday, 11 July 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, 25 July 1900, at 8:30 o'clock at the Christian Church, Dr **Fred D Pratz** and Miss **Edna F Rice** will be united in marriage. Cards have been issued with the foregoing announcement.

An accident occurred at the coal shaft Thursday morning, 5 July 1900, resulting in the death of **Charles Karloski**, an aged German coal miner. About ten o'clock, **Anton Guzy**, one of the drivers went into the room where **Karloski** worked for the purpose of hauling out his car and found **Karloski** partially buried beneath a mass of fallen slate. The boy immediately summoned assistance and **Karloski** was extricated when it was found that he was fatally injured. He died before he was brought to the top. Just what caused the fall of slate, and he happened to be caught under it can only be surmised. It was thought that when he made a shot the day before he loosened up the props in the room, then when he went in to clean up the slate fell in on him. Services were conducted from the residence of **Ed Karloski** on Friday afternoon in the presence of a large congregation. Rev **Golden**, pastor of the Christian Church officiated. Interment was in the Miner's Lot at the west Cemetery, and the last sad rites of burial were performed by the Union at the grave of their departed brother.

Mrs. **Nancy Denton** of Pleak received word on Friday that her daughter, Mrs. **George South**, who lives in Iowa has died.

Frank Miner went to Moweaqua Wednesday and brought back with him, **John Vaverick** and **Mary Gjondia**, who will remain in charge of Sheriff **Miner** until their trial in the County court next Monday. This is a peculiar case. All parties to the case are Russian Poles. The men are miners. Some time ago, Mary, who cannot speak or understand a word of English, had trouble with her husband and applied for divorce in the Christian County Circuit court at Taylorville. She employed an attorney of Assumption and says she paid him ten dollars for his services. She claims that she appeared in court, and after the trial was told by her attorney that the divorce had been granted, and that she was free to marry again. In two or three weeks she did so. She was married to **John Vavrick** (*Note spelling is given as 'Vavrick' and 'Vaverick' in same article*). A little later, her former husband discovered that the divorce had not been granted, and had the pair, who were living together in the innocent belief that everything was all right, arrested on a charge of adultery. Both the parties arrested say they didn't intentionally do wrong, and they believed the woman was divorced. This seems reasonable, too, from the fact that their marriage was publicly announced with no endeavor to keep quiet. They don't appear to be bad people. **Vavrick** is a fine looking stout fellow who served Uncle Sam for eighteen

months in the Philippines. Both parties appear to be about 40 years of age. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Early Monday morning while **Charles T Marshall** was en route to this city in his buggy from his home east of town, he met with a very serious, if not fatal accident. It seems that while driving along he stood up in his buggy to get a better view of the damage done to the fields of corn by Saturday's storm, and a sudden jerk of the horse caused him to fall headlong forward between the horse and the buggy. He was found in a very serious condition two hours later by **Louis Cox** and taken to his home. He is said to be badly bruised and tramped by the horse, and at this writing his life hangs in fragile balance.

Later: Word was received last evening that Mr. **Marshall** died from the injuries sustained. He was a member of the Royal Arch Masons of Shelbyville; the Blue Lodge of Macon and the Masons will have charge of the funeral. He was about 60 years of age, and leaves a wife and family.

Mrs. **B A Richhart** is dead. A telegram received in this city Sunday evening from Crowley, Louisiana, by **Wm Z Richhart** from his brother, **B A Richhart**, saying that Mrs. **Richhart** was at the point of death. Another telegram was received on Tuesday morning announcing that she was dead, and adding that they would at once start north with the remains, and that the funeral would be held at Locust Grove. There was no intimation conveyed in the telegrams as to the cause of her death. Just at what time and at what hour the remains will arrive is not known, but it is thought they will come home on the nine o'clock train this evening. Coming as it does, so closely following the death of his son, **Russell Richhart**, this is a most sorrowful blow to Mr. **Richhart** and in his hour of direct affliction, he and the children have the warmest heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends here. Mrs. **Richhart** was one of the noblest and best women the writer ever knew. She was just as nearly perfect in highest nobility of character as is the lot of humanity to attain.

Wednesday, 18 July 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The remains of Mrs. **B A Richhart** arrived in this city on Wednesday evening from Louisiana, accompanied by Mr. **Richhart** and after a brief stop at the residence of **Wm Z Richhart**, were taken out that evening to the home of Grandma **Sarah Stump**, her mother. At eleven o'clock the following day, services were held and interment made at Locust Grove in the presence of an enormous assembly of sorrowing relatives and friends. Pallbearers were **John L Gregory, Jacob Longenbach, H Bridgman, J H Kirker, V Snyder, Jr; Hardin Jordan, and Philip Standley**. Services preached by Rev **E J Durham** of Macon. (*additional writing about the services, choir, floral tributes, not copied in this book.*) She was a faithful and devoted wife, a loving mother and daughter, and a warm and steadfast friend. **Ida Belle Stump**, daughter of **Jacob and Sarah Stump**, was born on 31 January 1866, near Locust Grove Church, Shelby County, Illinois. She united with the United Brethren Church at the age of 15, and remained a faithful and active member until death. She was an active worker in the Women's Foreign Missionary Society and W. C. T. Y. She was united in marriage with **B A Richhart** on 5 April 1886. To this union were born two children, **Bessie and Rolla**, both of whom survive her. She and her family moved to near Crowley, Louisiana, in February 1899, and where she died on 9 July 1900, after a sickness of but a few days at age 34 years, 5 months and 5 days. During her married life she was a devoted and affectionate mother to six children, one of whom, **Russel Richhart**, preceded her to the better land in October 1899, less than a year

ago. The other five children remain to mourn her loss. Besides these, she leaves an aged mother, four sisters and three brothers. Her death is a sad blow to the many friends she made during her short residence in Louisiana, also to the host of friends and relatives in Illinois. *(Note: This obit is hard to follow; mentions two children, Bessie and Rolla born to B A Richhart and wife, and then states she was the mother to six children, five remaining to mourn her, but no mention of their names. Was this family raising other children that were not born to them? Obit copied as written in Call-Mail)*

Roy Hayward died at Tremont from lockjaw. On the morning of the Fourth of July a pistol containing a blank cartridge was accidentally discharged, the powder inflicting a ragged wound in the palm of his hand which caused lockjaw. He was aged 12 years and was the son of **Sig. A Hayward**.

Mrs. George B Harrison, aged 57 years, a relative of ex-President and second cousin to ex-President **Harrison**, died at Bloomington of heart disease.

LeRoy Davis, colored, 14 years old, died at Moline of lockjaw caused by a wound from a blank cartridge pistol which discharged and resulted in the lockjaw that took his life a few days ago.

Mrs. Dr J W Hall of LeRoy, McLean County, died. She was aged 26 years and was the daughter of **Col D L Crumbaugh** of LeRoy. She was the wife of **Dr Hall** who was the delegate to the national democratic convention at Kansas City to whom the management of the **Stevenson** boom was entrusted. **Mrs. Hall** was taken suddenly ill soon after her husband's arrival from Kansas City.

Shelton Smith died at Lexington from heart disease aged 73 years. He was one of the most prominent men of the County and one of the earliest pioneers, having come to Illinois from Indiana in 1834.

Mrs. Washington Gregory aged 75 years died at Moweaqua. For 50 years she had been a resident of central Illinois.

Peter Howard, aged 67 years died. He was the oldest business man of Kinney and died very suddenly.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hempel** on 14 July 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S S Clapper** on 13 July 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L C Winchel** on 15 July 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sherman Weatherholt** on 15 July 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hughes** on Sunday, 8 July 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edw Wempen**, 16 July 1900, a girl.

Another beautiful spirit has passed through the value of the shadow of death. Friday morning, 13 July 1900, about ten o'clock, Grandma **Catherine Gregory** passed away, aged 74 years, 4 months and 27 days. For several days she had been very low and the end was not unexpected. Since the death of her beloved husband, **Washington Gregory**, about eighteen months ago, she had been an invalid, and for the last sixteen months, she had been confined the greater part of the time to her bed. During this period she resided on the west side with her sister, **Mrs. Lizzie Polk**, where she was the recipient of every care and attention from her children and grandchildren. Her life was one of earnest and practical Christian experience, and death came to her sweetly and calmly as the end of one whose mortal course was finished and whose spiritual life was to begin. Services held Sunday morning from the Baptist Church, **Rev Jo B Rogers** officiating. The beautiful casket, tastefully draped in drooping vines, bearing a mass of white roses and other

flowers, also a ripened sheaf, emblematical of the deceased, was borne into the sanctuary by Messrs **V Snyder, Jr; J H Donnel, George M Keiser, N Francis, J T Walker and M Snyder, Jr.** Remains were escorted by a large concourse of relatives and friends to the new Cemetery north of town where they were laid to rest beside those of Uncle **Wash**, her beloved husband. **Catherine Gregory** was born in the state of Kentucky, 16 February 1826 and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Friday, 13 July 1900, at 10 o'clock A.M. She was united in marriage to **Washington Gregory** in the year 1851, and moved to Illinois on 15 November 1858. She was the mother of five children, two of whom have crossed the river with the father. And now, her tired feet have entered the portals of peace and rest. Three of the family remain, **J W Gregory, L A Gregory, and Scott Gregory**, along with her only living sister, Aunt **Lizzie Polk**. She was a faithful wife, an earnest and devoted Christian and to her children, all that the word 'mother', 'our mother' stands for in the home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harvey Syfert** on 5 July 1900, a girl. Dr **Harper** reports both mother and daughter improving. (Prairie Home news)

Charles Marshall of Iowa was here to attend the funeral of his father, also Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Murphy** and family of Missouri were in attendance at the funeral. (Prairie Home news)

The funeral of Mr. **Marshall** who was so badly injured by a fall from his buggy was the largest held in this vicinity for a long time. The procession reached fully a mile long. He was well and favorably known for miles around here, having lived here for the last twelve years. The Masons of which order he was a member, conducted the funeral rites. They turned out in a large body.

Mrs. **D R Coulter** and Mrs. **R A Patton** attended Mrs. **B A Richhart's** funeral held at Locust Grove on Thursday.

A recent copy of the *Miner News, Miner, Illinois*, gives an account of the death of **John R Black**, a son of Rev **D T Black**, the evangelist who is so well-known here. He died suddenly of an acute attack of cholera morbus. His constitution was broken down by service in the Army in Porto Rico. Services held Tuesday of last week at Miner. He was a little over 20 years old at the time of his death.

It was thought by the many friends of **Oscar Corley** that he would ultimately survive the severe accident he sustained several days since. His physicians said that his limb was mending just as nicely as was possible. But it seems that the blood poisoning which set in just after his injury was never successfully eradicated from his system, and the end finally came on Thursday night with death directly resulting from a hemorrhage. Oscar was a quiet inoffensive gentleman, a devoted husband and a good father. He was a man of whom no unkind word could be justly spoken. At the time of his accident he was returning from Decatur where he had just closed a deal with Mrs. **Gavin** to buy the little farm on which he lived. He was a member of Moweaqua Post No. 16, Fraternal Army of America, in which he carried \$2,000 insurance. He leaves a wife and two children. He was 30 years of age. Services held Saturday morning from the M E Church with Rev **Foxworthy** officiating. Remains were escorted to the sanctuary by the Fraternal Army in command of Lieut. **Ed Buchen**, the pallbearers being **Elmer Kinney, Jerry Campbell, Hi Goatley, Wm Workman, Isaac Jacobs and Ed Carsell**. Interment was in the Traugher Cemetery north of town by the Fraternal Army. *Card of Thanks* signed by Mrs. **Mary E Corley** and children.

John Vavrick and **Mary Gjondia** of Moweaqua who were in jail here and whose peculiar case was explained a few days ago were liberated on Wednesday by giving bond in the sum of \$100. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Wednesday, 25 July 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Curtis** on 18 July 1900, a girl.

Mr. **A C Stevens**, aged about 74 years, died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa, one day last week. He was well-known here, his wife having formerly been the **Widow Eperlding**. In compliance with one of his last requests, his remains were cremated at Davenport, the ashes being brought to Decatur last Thursday, his former home, and the ashes deposited in **Bullard's** vault. Mrs. **Joshua Hudson** and **Frank Hempel** went up from this city Thursday and were present when the ashes were sealed and the urn deposited.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Carroll** contemplate making a visit to Vandalia the latter part of this week to attend the golden wedding of Mr. **Carroll's** parents Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Carroll, Sr.** Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stich** on Tuesday, 17 July 1900, a son.

Dr and Mrs. **Sparling** were called to Champaign on Monday by a telegram announcing the death of an esteemed relative, **Rev William Murphy**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Longenbaugh** at Boody on 23 July 1900, a girl.

Ed Martin, a barber and coal miner who formerly resided here and worked in the shaft and for **J H Housam**, shot and killed his brother-in-law, **John Eadon** at Niantic early Sunday morning. From the account published in the daily papers, the act was one of purely self-defense. **Ed Martin** was a quiet, peaceful citizen when he lived here and was well liked by all who knew him. It appears that **Eadon** was drunk, was abusing his wife and children, had driven them from the house and threatened to kill them. **Martin** was appealed to by his sister, went to the home, and **Eadon** made a vicious attack on him. **Martin** was rapidly getting the worst of it, when he pulled a gun and killed **Eadon**. *Later:* The coroner's jury summoned in the case acquitted **Martin** of all blame and ordered his release. It was proved conclusively that **Eadon** was a dangerous man and that in killing him, **Martin** acted in self-defense. **Martin** came to Moweaqua last evening and is the guest of his brother, **Charlie Martin** and sister, Mrs. **Nate Smith**, both of whom reside here.

Wednesday, 1 August 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The wedding Wednesday evening of Dr **Fred D Pratz** and Miss **Edna F Rice**, in the presence of an immense throng of relatives and friends, solemnly consecrated their hearts and lives into each other. Rev **Golden**, pastor of the Church conducted the ceremony in the chancel of the Church. Ushers were Messrs **Clark Pratz** and **Wm McGinley** and Misses **Maud Green** and **Gertrude Knowles**, then came in like manner, the bride and groom, the former being preceded by sweet little **Marie Rice** as ring bearer. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George F Rice** and a girl possessing many lovable traits of character. The groom is a prosperous and promising young physician, who during his residence here has not only built up a lucrative practice, but has thoroughly ingratiated himself into the highest esteem of the community at large. The bridal party repaired to the home of Mrs. **Rice** to receive the warm congratulations of their numerous relatives and friends. Attendees from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **W W Pratz** of Eureka, Misses **Carrier** and **Gertrude Pratz** and Mr. **Clark Pratz**, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Pratz** of

Bloomington, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bullard** of Mechanicsburg; Mr. **Sim Bullard** of Mechanicsburg, Mrs. **Miller** of Decatur, Miss **Emma Bullard** of Mechanicsburg, Mr. **Chas Dickerson** and daughter of Williamsville, Mrs. **Edna Radcliffe** of Decatur; Elder **Mat Yocum**, wife and son from Sullivan, Indiana, and Elder **J R Crank** of Blue Mound.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Daughtry**, 25 April 1900, a girl. (*as reported*)

Born to Dr and Mrs. **J Young Shamel** of Gibson City, twin boys.

While **Frank Jones** and **Buford Elam** and several other boys were fooling with an old revolver Thursday morning at Pana, the crowd tried to compel **Elam** to dance. He refused and **Jones** fired the revolver at **Elam**, the charge entering his stomach and ranging downward. **Elam** died Thursday afternoon without regaining consciousness. All were mere boys, **Jones'** comrades claim they did not know the revolver was loaded.

The sad news was received on Saturday that **Paul Sanner** died in Colorado last week.

Body enroute home for burial. Details not at hand. (Allenboro news)

Yesterday Deputy Clerk **Jake Zimmer** was almost stunned by the presence at his desk of a youthful (?) lover aged just 81 years who desired the proper legal papers to permit him to marry one **Elizabeth Ensley**, a comely maiden of 60. The old gentleman was somewhat weak in the knees, but strong in his desire to commit matrimony. He was waited on with pleasure, but it was noticed that his 'X' mark was necessary as he could not write his name. Although he had traveled a long way through this vale of tears and matrimony, he still had troubles to contend with. He journeyed back home to Cowden and escorted his blushing bride in the presence of a local divine, when it was discovered that there was an error in the marriage license. His name was spelled as "**Stiders**" instead of "**Stigers**". Not to be delayed any longer than could be helped, a message was sent to the clerk asking what to do in the matter. He didn't want to wait, not a single hour, did this ardent lover.

Married bliss would be short at any rate. **Zimmer** ended the peculiar dilemma by telling the preacher to go ahead and return the papers when the corrections would be made 'O.K.' (*Shelbyville Union.*)

Paul Sanner, aged 27 years, son of **S H Sanner**, died at Colorado Springs of consumption one day last week. He had been in bad health for many months and had been sojourning in New Mexico hoping the climate would benefit him. The remains were brought home and services were held at Prairie Home on Sunday.

Mrs. **E J Kilborn** very happily observed her birthday Monday evening by adding several **Days** to it and then serving a charming supper. It was four **Days** in one – herself, and the Misses **Katharine, Edna** and **Aileen Day**. Mr. **Kilborn** was allowed to be present.

Wednesday, 8 August 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **A W Smart**, in the southeast part of town, Miss **Reta Smart** and Mr. **Clinton Rarick** were united in marriage by Rev **Foxworthy**.

A Family reunion. Mr. and Mrs. **David Coultas** entertained last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. **T W Tankersley** of Winchester, Mrs. **Ada Peterick** and children, Mr. **Wm Coultas** and family, Mr. **Geo Suppes** and family, Mr. **Wm Tankersley** and family and Mr. **Roscoe Markland**.

After a brief but severe illness in the nature of internal trouble. Mrs. **John Luffers** died at her home in Pickaway township on Friday, 3 August 1900, aged 74 years and 12 days. Perhaps no two people were better known in north Shelby County that **John** and **Luvicy**

Luffers. By industry and thrift they accumulated a fortune. The deceased had lived for more than 50 years on the farm where she died, having removed there just after she was married. Mrs. **Luvicy Luffers** was born on 22 July 1826 in Madison County, Illinois, and removed to Shelby County, Illinois, when she was about seventeen years of age, and was married to **John Luffers** when about 20 years of age. No children were ever born to them, but they took a little girl and raised her into womanhood—that little girl is now Mrs.

Millard Cutler. A sister survives her, Mrs. **Carter** of Carlinville, who was present at the funeral. Her husband, **John Luffers** died on 15 February 1896 at age 70 years. Services were held from Little Flock Church on Sunday morning, 5 August 1900, at eleven o'clock. Rev **Jo B Rogers** of this city officiated. Remains were laid to rest in that Cemetery.

Maude Evans, infant daughter of **C W A** and **Sarah Evans**, northwest of town, died at the home of her parents, Friday, 3 August 1900, at nine o'clock, aged 4 months and 2 days. The little girl was one of twins and had never been very strong. The funeral services were held from the residence Saturday morning at eleven o'clock, Rev Jo. B. Rogers officiating. Services at the Baptist Church with members of the Baptist Choir rendering appropriate songs. Interment was in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

William Lupton, a pioneer of Jo Daviess County, and whom the town of Lupton was named, died in Lupton. He dropped dead of heart failure at his home while shaving. He was 76 years old.

Word has been received in Pekin announcing the death of **Henry Weyrich** from starvation, at a point in Alaska, 500 miles north of Dawson City up the Yessazoo river. His partner succeeded in killing a moose the day after **Weyrich's** death, and was thus enabled to live and reach a camp. **Weyrich** was born in Pekin 34 years ago. He was a nephew of Deputy Treasurer **H P Weyrich** of Pekin.

Three persons died in the home of **J A Norris** near Harvey and four others were made seriously ill, the result of eating toadstools which they mistook for mushrooms.

At Moline, **Andrew Nelson,** 77 years old, shot his wife in the breast with a shotgun, and then, cutting his own throat with a pocketknife, he bled to death.

Mrs. **John Luffers** died last Friday night of paralysis. The interment took place last Sunday morning at eleven o'clock in the Little Flock Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Rogers.** (Obed news)

Memorial service in memory of the late **Paul Sanner** was held at Sanner Chapel on Sunday. (Allenboro news)

Fraternal Life Insurance payments: Danville, Illinois, 16 Jul 1900: Received \$2,000 this date due and payable on account of the death of **Lettie Richards.** The beneficiaries in this case are the four minor children of the deceased to whose nurture and education this money will be a needed and generous contribution. Signed, **George W Whyte,** guardian for **Donald, Annetta, John and Louise Richards.** Mrs. **Minnie Webber** writes from Mokena, Illinois: "I have received within 30 days after the death of my husband, \$1,000 from Modern Woodmen of America. While the sum cannot retrieve the loss of my husband, yet that Order shall ever be held high in my love and esteem."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wheeler Adams,** 6 August 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J M Reynolds,** 6 August 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eugene Snyder** of Bloomington, Illinois, 4 August 1900, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **H F Day** went to Jacksonville yesterday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Ella Reed**, Mrs. **Day's** sister who died last week at Victoria, British Columbia. Mrs. **Reed** was well-known here.

Wednesday, 15 August 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

The casket in which Mrs. **John Luffers** was buried was supplied by the Stine Undertaking establishment and is deserving of special mention. It was made of solid chilled steel, highly finished and enameled, and exquisitely trimmed inside and outside. The rubber fittings made it perfectly airtight when closed.

At the home of the groom's parents, Rev and Mrs. **D T Black** in Waverly, the marriage of **Robert Elliott Black** and Miss **Mae Glotfelter**, both of Minier, Illinois, took place 25 July 1900. Owing to the recent death of Mr. **Black's** younger brother, the wedding was a very quiet one, only a few of the most intimate friends being present. The bride is one of Minier's most charming young ladies, while the groom is a rising young dentist. (*Windsor Gazette*)

The will of Mrs. **Luvicy Luffers**, deceased, was filed in the County clerk's office Tuesday. The deceased lady left real estate in Pickaway township valued at \$5,000 and personal property to the amount of \$17,000. The will names **Ralph Ayars** as executor and bequeaths to **Luvicy Elizabeth Chadwick** and **Cleo Chadwick**, \$200 each; to **Luvicy Jane Leeper**, \$1,000, and provides that the balance of the estate be equally divided between **Ben Luffers, Margaret Herman, Annie Hartbeck, Anna Woesta, May Hartbeck** and **Margaret Hartbeck**. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Mrs. **John Luffers**, the wealthiest woman in Pickaway township, Shelby County, aged 62 years died. She leaves no children.

Mrs. **Mary Storm**, aged 87, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. **Bennett** in Litchfield.

Mrs. **Lucinda Cave**, the oldest woman in Montgomery County, died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. **George L Zink** in Litchfield. She was born in Washington County, Kentucky, on 14 January 1808.

Mrs. **Catherine Stanley Kelley**, aged 90 years, died at Peoria. Mrs. **Kelley** was one of the group of girls who hauled the carriage of **Daniel O'Connell** through the streets of Dundalk, County Louth, Ireland, on the occasion of the visit of the great Irish leader to that city.

Calvin Whitlock, a wealthy and well-known farmer, died two miles northwest of Litchfield, aged 65 years.

Martin Thorpe, died at the home of his son-in-law, Mayor **E K Metcalf**, in Greenfield. Deceased was born in England in 1814. He was well-known and highly esteemed.

Mrs. **Victor Castelli** presented her husband, **Victor Castelli**, a prominent merchant and land owner at Harrisonville, Monroe County, with boy triplets. The parents eloped and were married last September.

Arvel Abrams, the only son of **Frank Abrams**, died at Pana a few days ago, as the result of a kick in the head from a horse. He was 16 years of age.

While feeding a threshing machine eleven miles west of Winona, **Daniel Perry** was overcome by the heat and fell from the machine, dead.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L L Walker**, at Lawrence, Kansas, Friday, 3 August 1900, a girl.

Tony Hartbeck and wife of Colesburg, Iowa, last week was here in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. **Luffers**.

John E Garman has been appointed administrator of the estate of **Charles Marshall**, deceased.

Fame news: **Orville Abrams**, the ten year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Abrams**, who formerly lived here but now live near Owaneco was kicked and killed by a horse, and was buried last Friday. Rev **W W Underkoffler** of Yantisville conducted the service at the Methodist Church in Assumption. This being their only child, their sorrow seems almost more than they can bear.

John Clark received a telegram yesterday from Fullerton, Ohio, stating that **Bala Mansfield** was dead. He was a brother-in-law to Mrs. **John Clark** and Mrs. **Orson Sweet** and father of Mrs. **John Simmons**, late of Prairie Home.

Mr. and Mrs. **Housh** planned a pleasant surprise on their son, **Gid Housh** on Tuesday evening, it being his 20th birthday. Attending were **Oscar Bryson, Harl Bryson, Otto Bryson**, and others.

The following marriage notice may be of interest to many of Mr. **Diesner's** friends in this city, where at one time he was the Illinois Central agent, :Mr. **W H Diesner** of Palona, Illinois married Miss **Annie Elizabeth Lawson** of Polo, Illinois. The wedding took place on Wednesday evening of last week at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents. The couple will be at home to their friends at Palona after 1 September 1900.

Wednesday, 22 August 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Again has the angel of death visited the family of our esteemed fellow townsmen, **H A Pratt** and taken from him, another son, **Edson Foster Pratt** who died at Matlock, Iowa, 15 August 1900, aged nearly twenty two years. He was the son of **Henry A** and **Angeline Foster Pratt** and was born on his father's farm near this city on 28 September 1878. He moved to Iowa in August 1898. **Edson** was the eighth in a family of eleven children, his mother and seven sisters and brothers having preceded him to the grave. Three children remain, **Albert, Charles** and **William**. **Edson Pratt** was a splendid young man, honest, straightforward and manly in all the word implies. He was dearly beloved by a host of friends in this city. His illness was brief, and his father was with him at the time of his decease. Remains arrived here on Saturday afternoon at 3:44, accompanied by the bereaved father, **H A Pratt** and **Charles Pratt**, his brother and Mrs. **Charles Pratt**. Brief funeral services were held at the family residence in this city. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating and the Baptist choir rendering appropriate music. He was laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery, southeast of town.

W B McKeehan, one of the most prominent men of Stanford, suddenly died from heart disease. He was aged 58 years and came from Kentucky to Illinois 22 years ago.

Harry Wood, assistant cashier of the State Savings, Loan and Trust of Quincy died recently. He was the grandson of the late ex-Gov **John Wood** of Quincy.

Dr **E W Oliver, Sr** who for 36 years, had been one of the leading physicians of the vicinity of Mulberry Grove, Bond County, Illinois, died in Mulberry Grove. He leaves a widow and six children.

Lawrence Johnson, aged 76 years, a well-known retired farmer of Medora died. He was a native of New Jersey, and is survived by his wife and 12 children, 9 sons and three daughters.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Hunter**, widow of the late **Benjamin Hunter** died at Olney aged 70 years. She was the wealthiest woman in Richland County.

James Claus, a prominent young man died at Old Ripley, Illinois. He leaves a widow and one child.

S P Baker, a mine examiner, met a horrible death in a mine at Gillespie, which he was inspecting. The woodwork in the interior gave way, pinning him to the ground where he lay in great agony for hours, expiring a few minutes after he was found by a party of rescuers and carried to the surface.

Frederick Reich, a prominent farmer in Fall Creek Township, Adams County, drove off a bridge at night and has died from his injuries.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M Workman** on 16 August 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hotsalle** on 20 August 1900, a girl.

A telegram was received in this city on Wednesday of last week announcing the rather sudden death of Mrs. **Maud Craycroft-Jones** who died at her home near Turpin, Illinois, north of this city in Macon County. She was about thirty years of age and well-known here, being a niece of Mrs. **Wm J Clark**. Services were held on Thursday. Mrs. **Jones** was the daughter of the late **William B Craycroft**, and she had always lived in Macon County. Besides a husband, she leaves a sister and three brothers. Mrs. **Jones** was a prominent member of the Mt Zion Methodist Church and had many friends.

Charlie Pope's baby died Saturday evening of cholera infantum. The interment took place on Sunday at Little Flock. Rev **Jos Askins** conducted the funeral services.

Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Weakly** are mourning the loss of their little daughter who died on Tuesday at Yantisville and was buried on Wednesday at Locust Grove Church.

Rev **R H Becker** of Belleville, Illinois, pastor of the St Paul's German Free Protestant Church, broke all previous records Thursday by marrying three couples in their homes at Belleville and eating three wedding suppers in one hour. He is proud of the records and the three couples share his pride. The other participants in the triple event were Misses **Emma Diehmann** to **Jacob Miller**, **Hannah Baumann** to **Walter Ehret**, and **Tillie Rhine** to **Louis E Wangelin**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Walters** on 20 August 1900, a girl.

Mrs. **J M Rodman** was called to Bloomington today by a telegram announcing the death of a brother-in-law.

Wednesday, 29 August 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

A check for \$2,000 payable to Mrs. **Lizzie Corley**, being the full face of the fraternal policy held by her deceased husband, **Oscar Corley**, was presented to the widow last week.

Josiah Kessinger, one of the pioneer citizens of Montgomery County died at his home, located 12 miles southeast of Litchfield at the age of 88 years, 4 months and 6 days.

Capt **Charles Sherwood**, one of the venerable and most respected residents of Lebanon, suddenly died from the effects of an apoplectic stroke. In his early years, he was a steamboat captain on the Ohio River.

Robert J McCallister, one of the wealthiest farmers of Hickory Township, Coles County, died.

James F McCandless died at the residence of his son, Dr **William L McCandless** after a long and tedious illness. During the Civil War he enlisted in Co A of the Twenty-second

regiment, Illinois infantry. For a number of years, he was a resident of Terre Haute, Indiana.

Mayor **Loren E Wheeler** and Miss **Maud Hoffman**, both of Springfield, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Phillip Hoffman**.

Harry Ford, son of a well-known Geneseo farmer was struck by lightning and instantly killed. His brother who was standing next to him, escaped uninjured.

John L Ayers and sister, **Edith Ayers**, went to Assumption on Saturday to attend the funeral of their friend, Miss **Cora Lambert**.

Administrators Notice of Final Settlement in the estate of **Joseph Beck**, deceased. Final settlement of this estate will be made on 27 August 1900 by **Leah Beck**, Administrator.

Gladys, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Fortner**, aged about six months, died on Sunday evening about six o'clock. The disease is said to have been summer complaint. Services were held from Mr. **Pease's** residence on Monday afternoon, Rev **J R Golden** officiating and interment was in the north Cemetery.

Wednesday, 5 September 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At the ripe old age of ninety-nine years, four months and twenty days, almost up to the century mark that venerable old lady, Mrs. **Nancy Hays**, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **J W Hays** southwest, Friday morning, 31 August 1900. Mrs. **Hays** had been an invalid for many years, though not entirely helpless, and her recent illness prior to her death had not been of very long duration. She was born on 11 April 1801, and was the mother of eleven children, seven of whom preceded her to the grave. The four surviving ones being Mrs. **Ezekiel Prescott**, Mrs. **J W Hays**, Mrs. **Malinda Jacobs** and Mrs. **Eliza Hays** of Oconee, the last named, it is said, being about 80 years of age. For more than half a century, Aunt **Nancy Hays** has resided in this immediate vicinity, and for seventy-six years, she was a member of the Disciples of Christ. Services held at the family residence of Major **J W Hays** on Saturday morning at ten o'clock. Rev. **J R Golden** officiated. The remains were laid to rest in the **Hays Cemetery**.

Sunday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. **G W Hyland**, Miss **Ida Pearl Travillion** and Mr. **Isaac Jacobs** were united in marriage. Elder **J R Golden** officiating. The attendants were **Earl Hyland** and Miss **Lizzie Jacobs**. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Jacobs**. The wedding was a very quiet and unostentatious affair, only immediate relatives being present.

William F Bryan, Sr, for many years one of the best known members of the Peoria bar, died within one day of being 90 years of age. He was born in Pennsylvania and had resided in Peoria continuously since 1839. He is survived by five children.

Andrew Eisenmayer of Trenton, Illinois, one of the oldest citizens of Clinton County, and one of the wealthiest men in that section of the state died. He was found dead in bed having died of an apoplectic stroke.

Levin T Palmer, one of the wealthiest and best-known citizens of eastern Illinois, died at his residence in Danville at 88 years of age.

W K Smith, better known as 'Uncle Billy' died at Alton Pass at age 80 years. His wife died a year ago, and they had been married over fifty years. Twelve children had been born to this couple. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

A two-year-old son of **Lindsay Holliday**, residing two miles north of Chrisman, strayed upon the Big Four track and crawled into a cattle guard, last Saturday afternoon. The

northbound passenger train came thundering on and the boy stuck up his head to see it go by. The pilot struck the child and caused fatal injuries. The engineer observed something sticking up, but thought it was a turkey until too late to stop the train. (*Charleston Courier*)

Charles Hall and wife of Obed have a son born 1 September 1900.

The infant son of **Michael Workman** of Prairieton died last Sunday and was buried in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

About sixty friends and relatives of Mrs. **O Harris** gathered at her home last Tuesday with well filled baskets to remind her that she was 49 years old. (Fame news)

A pleasant surprise was given **Charley McCarty** on Wednesday last, the affair being the nature of a birthday dinner. Charlie being 35 years old on that day. The originators of the project was his wife and sisters, Miss **Jennie McCarty** and Mrs. **Nathan Humphrey, Jr.** Last Tuesday the neighbors of this View gave Mrs. **Harris** a complete surprise, and a bountiful dinner, the occasion being her birthday. (Pleasant View news)

Clinton Dunkle died at his home a half mile south of Macon at noon on Monday, 3 September 1900. Funeral services were from the house at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. **Dunkle** was a brother-in-law of **Ephraim Adamson** and the family of the latter went up yesterday afternoon to attend the funeral.

Wednesday, 12 September 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Saturday morning after a brief but very painful illness the complaint being inflammation of the bowels, little **Jesse Traughber**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **T Douglas Traughber**, died at his home in Prairieton township, aged about 8 years. The funeral services were held on Sunday.

The most important case to be heard at the present term of the Tazewell County circuit term of the Tazewell County circuit court is that **Samuel Moser**, accused of the murder of his wife and three children last May. His father, who is wealthy has been forbidden by his Church, the Omish, to aid him in defense, and the court will appoint an attorney to defend him. It is the intention of the defense to show that the teachings of this peculiar religion brought about his mental condition and caused him to commit murder. It is one of the most interesting murder cases ever tried in Tazewell County.

Alexander Bragg, a son of **A W Bragg**, a prominent banker in Tuscola, and Miss **Dode C Moore** of Washington, DC, were quietly married at Springfield by Rev **F W Taylor**, rector of St Paul's Pro-Cathedral. A tinge of romance is connected with the wedding. Miss **Moore** was in Springfield on a visit to Miss **Daisy Compton**, but previous to her arrival, she and Mr. **Bragg** had made arrangement to be married. The girl did not tell her mother of her intentions but **Bragg** had made his father acquainted with the fact. The couple left for Chicago and New York, and will sail for Europe.

A rumor of the death in the Philippine islands of **Henry W Erickson** of Moline was confirmed by a telegram from the war Department. Mr. **Erickson** who was a member of the Co A, Nineteenth Infantry, was killed in battle at Christiana, Philippine Islands on the 9th of August 1900.

The *Shell Peddler* is killed. **Matthew Brennan**, who was known throughout Illinois as "Mattie, the Shell Peddler," fell from a tree at Bloomington and was killed by the fall.

Frank Frisk, 46 years of age, despondent over his fiancée recently breaking their engagement, committed suicide at Moline by shooting himself with a revolver.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Sheibley**, well-known residents of Decatur, celebrated their golden wedding with a reception at their home.

Mrs. **Mary McGill** was killed in Maryville, Missouri, by the shock of the news that her son, **James McGill** had died suddenly at Jetmore, Kansas.

Arthur T J Rice, a prominent New York business man, was drowned at Brighton Beach while bathing. It is thought the drowning was the result of his false teeth dropping into his throat, strangling him.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **T Jeff Jarvis** on 6 September 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Riley Jr** on 6 September 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A F Corrington** 2 September 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Fortner** on 2 September 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Heber J Cutler**, 7 September 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Morris** at the home of **J H Harper** on 7 September 1900, a boy.

David G Sanner has been appointed administrator of the estate of **Thomas Proctor**, deceased.

Chas Townsend and Misses **Lizzie** and **Cloie Chadwick** of near Moweaqua, were here on business Monday. Mr. **Carter**, a Chicago lawyer was here Monday to look into matters pertaining to the plan to break the will of the late Mrs. **Luvicy Luffers**, and the **Chadwicks** are interested as heirs. A petition to admit the will of the late **Luvicy Luffers** to probate was considered in the County court on Monday. Attorney for the petitioner is **W C Kelley**, attorney for objecting heirs is Mr. **Carter** of Chicago. Judge **Richter** refused to grant the petition and the appeal prayed, bond \$300. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

The nine-year-old son of **T D Traugher** of Prairieton died very suddenly last Saturday of appendicitis. The funeral was preached at the residence at two o'clock by the Old Stonington preacher, and the remains were placed in the Old Stonington Cemetery.

Bert W Brown, city editor of the *Assumption Democrat*, and Miss **Clara Edith Leighty** of Tower Hill, were married at Pana Sunday evening.

Mrs. **E M Snell** is reported slowly improving from the bad scalding she received several weeks since by upsetting the contents of a coffee pot over her. (*Assumption News*)

The infant child of **N Deffenbaugh**, who lives on the Beaumont farm west of town was very badly scalded Saturday morning by the overturning of a tea kettle. The child's injuries are severe, but not considered dangerous.

Robert Mason, a Pana coal miner, Saturday received word that he was one of the heirs to a \$60,000 estate left by his uncle, **Bryson Mason** of Roodhouse, Illinois. There are six heirs, and each will receive \$10,000. **Mason** is a lucky man in more ways than one cited. For a long time the family has been in straightened circumstances, depending entirely on his earnings from his hard manual labor underground. Tuesday of last week, **Mason's** wife received \$3,000 from her mother's estate, and this week **Mason** accumulated \$1,000 by a real estate deal.

Wednesday, 19 September 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The 85th birthday of **E M Doyle** was happily observed Saturday by the spontaneous incoming of his numerous friends and neighbors. The venerable old gentleman was greatly surprised and seemed completely overwhelmed with gratitude. He attempted to make a few remarks, but only got as far as 'Friends and neighbors', when he was simply

overcome with pleasurable happiness. Present were **M F Pleak** and wife, **D P Keller** and wife, **Fred P Snell** and wife, **J M Housh** and wife, **Jonas Rarick** and wife, **Dan Coultas** and wife, **Nathan Humphrey** and wife, **C L Clark** and wife, **T J Hammil** and wife, **Henry Portwood** and wife, **Mrs. Emma Price**, **Miss Ida Humphrey**, **Bessie Coultas** and sister, **Miss Portwood** and **F L Clark**.

Married after twenty years, says an item sent from Cobden: A romantic marriage has just come to light here in which **Frank Waggle** and **Mary Vancil** are united after 20 years of waiting. The bride's parents objected and caused the delay. Both parties are now dead, the mother dying about a week ago. The couple were united as one by Esq. **E D Lawrence**. The bride is a prosperous farmer while the groom is an old soldier, having done service in the Civil War.

James H Fouke of Shelbyville died at the home of his daughter, **Mrs. W W Hall** in Bloomington, Illinois. He was aged 88 years and was a native of Harper's Ferry, Virginia. He was for 40 years, a leading citizen of Shelbyville to which city, his remains were taken.

Isaac W Johnson, one of the oldest merchants of Sycamore, died after an illness of two years. He was 76 years old and had lived in Sycamore since 1854.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Keith** on 15 September 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edw Jacobs** on Tuesday, 11 September, a girl.

Miss Edna Day was visiting in Jacksonville last week and while there was a bridesmaid at the wedding of a cousin.

A crowd of young people assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Tolly** Saturday evening, the event being **Mrs. Tolly's 22nd** birthday. Evening was spend dancing and music until a late hour. Attending were Misses **Berd Armstrong**, **Lola Primmer**, **Mae Wolfe**, **Rose Lutgring**, **Kitt Humphrey**, **Nelle Housh**, **Eva Primer**, and Messrs **Charley Armstrong**, **Ben Standley**, **Henry and Herman Lutgring**, **Amos and Harley Bergner**, **George Moll**, **Andy Bates**, **Ray Longenbaugh**, **Mort and Eber Weakly**, **W F Armstrong**, **Earl Housh**, **L P Baker**, **Ally Bergner**, **Chester Giles**, **Arthur Pleak**, **George Shride**, and Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin** and several others of whom we failed to get the names.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R A Berry** on Sunday, 16 September 1900 at Allenboro, a son.

Wednesday, 26 September 1900 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*:

Tuesday evening, 18 September 1900, at three o'clock at the residence of Rev **W P Ludwig** in Burlington, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Rev **Theo Ludwig** to Miss **Clara M E Fieker**. The affair was quiet and informal, only a few relatives being present. The melodious strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march was brilliantly executed by Mrs. **A F Ludwig**, the ceremony performed by Revs **W P** and **A F Ludwig**, who impressively solemnized the event that binds together while life shall last two of Salem's most esteemed young people. After congratulations, they repaired to the dining room where a delicious supper was spread by Mrs. **W P** and **A F Ludwig**. Having spent a few pleasant days at Burlington, Iowa, the bridal party left of Moweagua where a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**. About 60 guests were present and partook of the bountiful dinner spread before them. The following Sunday the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **P P Ludwig**, gave a reception at their home, "*Morro Lawn Farm*" where about 50 relatives gathered and feasted at a well loaded table of roasted pig and Plymouth turkey. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**, a very

accomplished young lady, having taken a course of music at Central Wesleyan Collage, and also having successfully taught music nit he vicinity of Moweaqua until health failed, and she was compelled to drop her work. She has spent some time at the Battle Creek Sanitarium, Michigan, and has greatly improved. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **P P Ludwig**, a lifelong citizen of Moweaqua vicinity. He completed the Classic-Theological course at Central Wesleyan College and spent a year at G. B. I. in Evanston, Illinois. He has been appointed a charge at Jefferson City, Missouri. After a two weeks' visit with relatives in Moweaqua, they will leave for their future home in Jefferson City, Missouri.

John G Springer of Springfield died from a stroke of apoplexy. Mr. Springer was secretary of the American Southern Breeder's association.

Charles E Roberts aged 58 years, died at Bunker Hill. He fought with Co K, Thirty-third Illinois regiment during the Civil War.

John Sims was one of the oldest settlers of Shelby County. He died recently at the age of 82 years. He was born in Madison County, Illinois, and was a long time resident of Shelby County.

Anthony Suppiger aged 84 years, 11 months and 21 days, died at his residence in Highland, Illinois. Mr. **Suppiger** was the last of a company of four who came from their native country, Switzerland, by way of New Orleans in 1831. He was a man that took great interest in local government.

Frank Powers, a leading citizen of Olney died. He was 63 years of age and was born in Vermont. Mr. **Powers** was one of the pioneer traveling men in the west.

One of the most remarkable divorce cases in the history of Tazewell County ended the other day in the circuit court when the jury decided that **George Limroth** was entitled to a divorce from **Emma Limroth**. In 1898, Mrs. **Limroth** was arrested, tried and acquitted of the charge of attempting to poison her husband. Then the husband applied for a divorce and the jury disagreed. This case has cost the husband about \$7,000, including attorneys and solicitors fees, alimony and other expenses. He is a wealthy farmer and resides at Washington, 20 miles north of Pekin.

George Flexenhar, 25 years old, a well-known young farmer residing near Green Valley, Tazewell County, was found dead in bed. Neuralgia of the heart is considered the cause. Uncle John Sims quietly passed away on Saturday 22 September 1900, after a serious mental illness of several years. (Obed news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A F Johnson** on 21 September 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Carl Newman**, 21 September 1900, a girl.

The *Assumption Democrat* says a brand new boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Vance Elmore** on Wednesday.

The venerable **John Sims**, aged about 85 years, passed away at his home southeast, Friday morning, 21 September 1900. His mind had been unbalanced for a number of years and the indirect cause of his death was softening of the brain. Only a few weeks ago he had been returned home from the Anna Hospital, his condition being considered much improved. He was widely known, having been a resident of this vicinity many years. He is survived by several children: **William Sims**, **John Sims**, Mrs. **Jane Tolly**, Mrs. **Eph Doyle**, **George Sims** and **Henry Sims**. The services were held Sunday from the Christian Church at Pleak, Rev **Morgan** officiating. Interment was in the Tolly Cemetery.

Wednesday, 3 October 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Monday about six o'clock, **Peter Rettig**, aged 68 years, died at his home southeast, of consumption. He had been ill all summer, growing rapidly worse the latter part of last week. He had been a resident of this vicinity many years and was widely known. Services will be held this afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence, interment at the Masonic Cemetery.

Saturday evening about seven o'clock, death relieved **A M Warren** of all suffering. He had been an invalid for two years, and for the last four months had been rendered practically helpless by a stroke of paralysis. At times he suffered intensely, death coming as a blessed relief, the immediate cause being Bright's disease. The services were held from the M E Church Monday morning. **Amstead M Warren** was born in Lincoln County, Kentucky, on 29 January 1839, and died at his residence in Moweaqua, Illinois, 29 September 1900, aged 61 years and 8 months. After the death of his father, he, with his mother and family, removed to Christian County, Illinois, in 1857. He was united in marriage to Miss **Elizabeth Ross** at Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois in 1865. To them was born one child, but both wife and child have long since preceded him to the Spirit world. On 15 August 1871, he was married to Miss **Anna C Comer** of Marion County, Kentucky. To them were born four children – **Maud L Warren, Jessie B Warren, Beulah M Warren** and **Bessie Z Warren**. The mother, **Beulah** and **Bessie** still survive him. He leaves one brother, **M G Warren** of near Macon and one sister, Mrs. **Sam'l Funderburk** of Blue Mound to mourn his passing. Mr. **Warren** has been a member of the M E Church at Moweaqua for a number of years, and was a member of the Masonic fraternity for over 35 years. *Cards of thanks* signed by Mrs. **A M Warren** and family and **Milton Warren** and family.

Mrs. **Jacob Stivison**, a venerable and highly respected lady, died at her home southeast on Friday, 27 September 1900, aged 62 years, 6 months and 19 days. She had been an invalid many months and death came as a gentle relief from all her suffering. She was born in Hocking County, Ohio, in 1838 and moved to Illinois in 1835 (*as written; discrepancy in years*). Three children survive her, **John** and **Ada Stivison** and Mrs. **Emma Syfert**. The funeral was held Saturday from the Locust Grove Church. Rev **Farris** officiated and interment was in the Locust Grove Cemetery. (*Obit as written follows*) **Rebecca Mathias** was born in Hocking County, Ohio, 7 March 1838. She was married to **Jacob Stivison** on 5 October 1858. Moved to Illinois in 1865. This union was blessed with three sons and three daughters, two sons and one daughter having preceded her to the spirit world. Her husband died on 18 April 1877. She was converted at the age of 15, joined the U B Church and was a member of the same when she died.

John McAuley Palmer, the most prominent figure in the history of Illinois Politics is dead. Unexpectedly the end came shortly after seven o'clock while he was in bed. No one was with General **Palmer** at the time of his death except his physician; the cause of death being the failure of his heart. His wife had summoned Dr **Dresser** who lived a short distance away, and notified him of her husband's condition. For more than half a century Gen **John M Palmer** has been a state and national figure. He has been state legislator, governor, United States senator and candidate for the President. His first active entry into politics was in 1840 when he supported **Van Buren** for the presidency, taking an active part in the canvass. On 20 December 1842, he married Miss **Melinda Ann Nealy**. Six living children were born to this union, Mrs. **E A Matthews** of Carlinville Illinois. **John**

Mayo Palmer, who has been the law partner of the senator for over 20 years, Mrs. **Maggie E Jayne** of Springfield, Illinois, Mrs. **Harriet G Crabbe** of the state of Washington, Mrs. **Jessie E Weber** and **Lewis J Palmer**, attorney of Rock Springs, Wyoming. Gen **Palmer** was born in Scott County, Kentucky, on 13 September 1817, and he removed with his father to Madison County, Illinois, in 1831. He attended the common schools in Kentucky and Illinois, and entered Alton (now Shurtleff) College in 1835 where he remained a year, paying his expenses, which were very small, by his labor. In 1838 he taught school and studied law, and in December 1839 was admitted to the bar. He was always a staunch opponent of slavery; supported both **Horace Greeley** and **Samuel J Tilden**. As governor of Illinois, he denounced the interference of federal authorities after the Chicago fire. He was 83 years of age at the time of his death. Although in public position nearly fifty years, he was so poor at the close of his career as to gratefully accept a pension of \$50 per month.

Little **Ralph Adams** entertained a number of his young friends Saturday afternoon, the occasion being his sixth birthday.

From the St Joseph, Michigan, paper is an interesting article: A pleasant and surprising wedding took place at the home of Mrs. **M E Nadeau**, Tuesday evening, 11 September 1900, Mr. **Walter Husted** and Miss **Mae Muscroft** were united in marriage by Rev **Thos R McRoberts**. Mr. and Mrs. **Husted** will be at home to their friends at 520 Main Street. (*Clark County Herald*) Mr. **Husted** was well-known to a number of young people here. Grandma **Stivison** died last Wednesday evening. Rev **Ferris** preached the funeral. The remains were laid to rest in Obed Cemetery.

M G Warren and family attended the funeral of his brother, **A M Warren** at Moweaqua on Monday. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Otta**, 1 October 1900, a son.

Wednesday, 10 October 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Miss **Lottie Cannon** committed suicide at Tuscola by swallowing laudanum. She was found in a hallway in a downtown building breathing her last. Her sweetheart had jilted her.

George Field, aged 30 years, committed suicide at Peoria in the presence of his sister by firing one charge from a pistol into his left breast.

Trouble in their old days. In the Christian County circuit court, Judge **Ames** granted a decree of divorce to **Susan A Poor** from **W H Poor** yesterday. Mrs. **Poor** was also given \$1,500 alimony. The case is a peculiar and even pathetic one. Mr. and Mrs. **Poor** are both 76 years old, and they have lived together over 50 years, and last May celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They have reared a family of children, all of whom are married and with children of their own. But Mrs. **Poor** in her petition, alleged cruelty and incompatibility, and the court granted her appeal. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Peter Rettig was born near Heidelberg, Germany, on 10 November 1831, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 1 October 1900, aged 68 years, 11 months and 10 days. He came of a family of nine children, and a brother and sister alone of whom survive him. He emigrated when a boy with his family to Crawford County, Ohio, about the year 1839 and, about 1869 moved to Shelby County, Illinois, where he continued to reside until the time of his death. The living children are **Hiram Rettig**, Moweaqua, **Christiana Rettig Doyle**, Decatur, **Katie** and **Lidia Rettig**, Moweaqua. The deceased was, in early life, received

into the Lutheran Church, and continued a member until his taking away. A quiet, unassuming, industrious life thus peacefully closes in this world and opens in the world beyond. Pastor **Jo. B. Rogers** of this city preached the funeral sermon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arley Hinton** of Prairie Home on 3 October 1900, a girl.

In Allenboro news, born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Otta** on 1 October 1900, twin boys.

(Note: *Previous week stated only a son was born to the Otta couple*).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hendricks** on 7 October 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Barnett** on 2 October 1900, a girl.

The *St Louis Globe-Democrat* of yesterday contains the following notes from Unionville, Missouri: "**Ed Hargrave**, who is confined in jail here, charged with felonious assault, was married this afternoon to Miss **Mary Burns**, an old sweetheart. The ceremony was performed with him on the inside and the lady on the outside of the jail, the iron bars being between them."

Wednesday, 17 October 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Aaron Reno, a pioneer merchant of White Hall, aged nearly 92 years of age, died. He was born in Tennessee on 1 February 1809, and located in Green County, Illinois, in 1828.

George W Laurie, aged 70 years and **Rachel Hembrouge** aged 84 years, died at Jacksonville. They were among the oldest residents of Morgan County.

Aunt **Mary Pankey**, highly respected and one of the oldest citizen in Saline County, died suddenly at her home in Harrisburg. She was aged 87 years.

Mrs. **Lucinia Gandy** died at Sycamore aged 94 years. She settled in DeKalb County in 1836. Her death was caused by a fall.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **N Nalbach**, 12 October 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Levi Jackson** at Windsor, 10 October 1900, a boy.

This Wednesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence** in Prairieton township will occur the wedding of Miss **Mary Lawrence** and **Joe S Bilyeu**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **J S Bilyeu**. If we are correctly informed the ceremony will be performed by Rev **W S Herman** of Bethany, and a sumptuous feast will follow the wedding. Both the young people are from the best families in west Christian County.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Ruffner** returned home Saturday from a charming visit among relatives at Columbus, Ohio.

The finding of **corpses** near and in **Galveston** seems never ending, twenty-five a day being recovered. It is certain now that the dead in the city will exceed 1,000 outside the city limits on the islands 1,200 and on the mainland over 1,000. Corpses are washed ashore nearly every day. This is the result of the horrible storms and flooding of the Galveston area recently.

Word was received in this city last week of the death of Miss **Mattie Corrington** who lived at Morrisonville, Illinois. She was a half-sister of **John N Corrington**, and a cousin of Mrs. **James G Stewart**. She was well-known here and an estimable young lady.

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months, Mrs. **Martha Jane Booker**, wife of **James M Booker**, died at her home in this city on Saturday, 13 October 1900, of cancer of the stomach, aged 51 years, 5 months and 11 days. The deceased leaves a husband and fifteen children, all of whom were present at the funeral. She had resided here many years and was a woman who possessed many friends. The services were held

yesterday afternoon from the Baptist Church, Rev **Jo B Rogers** of this city officiating. Interment in I. O. O. F. Cemetery, north of town.

Thomas Watson a young man aged about 37 years, died at the residence of his brother, **Frank Watson** in this city, Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The immediate cause being consumption. The funeral services will be held at his brother's residence in the south part of town this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiated.

Wednesday, 24 October 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Josiah Bilyeu and Miss **Mary Lawrence** were married at 2 o'clock on Wednesday, 17 October 1900, at the home of the bride's parents, five miles southwest of Moweaqua. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Herman** of Bethany. Mr. **Isaac Bilyeu**, brother of the groom, and Miss **Lizzie Jacobs**, cousin of the bride, acted as best man and bridesmaid. They entered the parlor amid the strains of a beautiful march played by Miss **Camilla Lawrence**, and passed to the corner, where was erected an arch of flowers and evergreens. The bride wore an elegant costume of white; the groom the conventional black. After the ceremony congratulations were received after which they passed to the dining room where an elegant supper was served. The young couple bear with them the well wishes of the community. The groom is the son of **J S Bilyeu** and is a prosperous farmer. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence**, and an intelligent and most noble-minded young lady. Joe is having a beautiful home prepared which will be occupied about the first of November. About 25 of Joe's friends called upon him at night with horns, bells, pie tins or anything that would make a noise.

Fred Pruhsman, a German farmer, aged 33 years, accidentally shot and killed himself in Tazewell County. He was to have been married in the afternoon, thus his death came on his wedding day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Hays, Jr** on 14 October 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L P Dow**, 18 October 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Seabold**, 20 October 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A J Syfert**, 23 October 1900, a boy.

The wedding of Mr. **Charles Sims**, formerly of this place, and Miss **Elsie Stevens** of Springfield, was solemnized at the Third Presbyterian Church in Springfield on Wednesday evening, 17 October 1900, the Rev **James E Rogers** officiating. The bride was prettily attired in a dainty costume of white organdy and carried bridal flowers. The groom wore the somber black. They were attended by Miss **Kittie Stevens**, sister of the bride, who wore white organdy over pink and carried carnations, and Mr. **Elmer Withey**, friend of the contracting parties. The Church was decorated with palms and cut flowers. After the ceremony the bridal party were driven to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Stevens**, 1161 North Third Street, where a reception was tendered them. The spacious parlors were beautifully decorated. The groom is a dial maker and in the employ of the Illinois Watch Co and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Sims**. Both he and his bride are very popular amongst a large circle of friends and they were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents. Mr. and Mrs. **Sims** will be at home to their friends after 1 November 1900 at 1346 North 3rd Street, Springfield, Illinois.

Elijah Hatcher, 82 years old, and Miss **Mary McCamery**, aged 80 years, were married near Maryville, Tennessee, last week after a courtship of sixty (60) years!

Wednesday, 31 October 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards were issued last week announcing the coming wedding of **Owen J Austin** of Pana, Illinois, to Miss **Lydia Gorden** of Prairieton, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **T J Gorden** at 7:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, 7 November 1900. Mr. and Mrs. **O J Austin** will be at home after 21 November 1900.

Rollie Stump, aged about 15 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. **A Wayne Stump**, died at the home of his parents on Sunday morning about seven o'clock of inflammation of the bowels. The boy's illness was brief, being only about a week's duration. Several weeks since it is said that he fell from a windmill and may possibly have injured himself internally at that time. He was a bright and studious boy at school, dearly beloved by his schoolmates. The funeral services were held at Locust Grove on Monday morning at eleven o'clock and interment was in the Churchyard Cemetery. Rev **George Carter**, pastor of the Church officiated. Considering the age of the boy, we are told the funeral was one of the largest ever held from that Church.

James W Webb, aged 32, a well-known and highly respected farmer living on the **James Duncan** farm, southeast of town, died at his home early Thursday morning 25 October 1900. About three weeks ago he was taken down with a very severe attack of typhoid fever. His wife has also been at the point of death with the same malady, both being seriously ill together. The **Webb** family have resided on **James T Duncan's** farm for about six years and were quiet and unassuming people, building the high esteem of their neighbors. The death of **James Webb** is a very sad and severe blow to the grief stricken wife and the two children, a boy and girl, who survive him. Brief funeral services were held on Friday morning from the family residence. Rev **Jo B Rogers** of this city officiating and interment in the Masonic Cemetery. **James W Webb** was born on 30 June 1868, and at the time of his decease his age was 32 years, 3 months and 25 days. He was married to Miss **Marie Wagner** on 2 March 1892, and to this union two children were born, a son now three years old and a little girl now two years old. Word comes to us that Mrs. **Webb** continues critically ill with but slight hopes of her recovery. Two brothers of Mrs. **Webb** are here at her bedside. The illness of these two estimable people is a very sad story. Mrs. **Webb** was taken sick first and in caring for his wife, **James Webb** was taken down and was the first to succumb to the dread disease of typhoid.

Many of our people will remember **Edgar A Thomas**, a nephew of Rev **Jos Thomas** of this city and Rev **B Smock** and **W A Thomas** of Assumption who visited here for several weeks last summer. Word has been received of his sudden and frightful death at Denver, which occurred one day last week. A recent Denver paper says: "**Edgar A Thomas** and **Jos A Lester** have been great friends for some time and frequently went driving together. Early last evening they took a single seated buggy with a sorrel horse and made a trip about the city. At 9:30 last night they were about a block from the Santa Fe Tracks at Third and Grand avenue. Evidently they heard the approach of the train but thought they would have time to make the crossing in time. **Lester** was driving and whipped the horse almost to a gallop. The driver was ill-timed however, and when he reached the tracks, a blinding headlight flashed the message that only with a miracle could he avoid the crash. He endeavored to rein in, but the horse had been going at too rapid a pace, to say nothing of the gigantic iron horse puffing at the head of a long passenger train. An instant and a terrible crash awoke the neighborhood. **Thomas'** head was probably struck by the pilot. His body was thrown fifty feet down the track. **Lester** was picked up 25 feet from the

crossing in an unconscious condition. The train was stopped a block or so farther on, and the crew hastened to the scene. **Thomas** had been instantly killed. His skull was crushed and his body lacerated. The coroner lifted the remains into a coffin and took them to the morgue.

Robert Waller, a wealthy farmer of Paradise township, Coles County, aged 94 years died. He was the oldest man in Coles County.

I D Smith aged 52 years, the engineer who was so badly hurt in the wreck of the Iron Mountain passenger train at Demara Station, died after suffering greatly from the time he was wounded. He even pleaded to his friends to kill him to take him out of his misery. He leaves a family in Argentina.

Dr and Mrs. **S D Meslove** of Robinson celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. The afternoon was given to a very elaborate reception to friends.

Nicholas Simon, 64 years old and Mrs. **Anna Hoffman**, 60 years old, both of Bond County, Illinois, traveled to Belleville to get married.

John C Hale of Mattoon, a brakeman on the Peoria division of the Illinois central railroad, fell from a train near Newton and was killed.

Wednesday, 7 November 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

William Hilger, a young carpenter of Hoopole, near Geneso, died of wounds inflicted on him with a pistol by his wife. According to his story, fully confirmed by his wife's confession, she shot him in the temple as he lay dozing on a sofa. It is said her motive was to secure insurance money on his life.

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Match** celebrated their golden wedding with a family reunion at their home in Waukegan. They were married in Chicago and have resided in Waukegan since their marriage. Mr. **Match** is 71 and his wife is 69. Both are in fair health and they have six grown children, all living, all of whom were present for the celebration.

Martin Gleason, one of the oldest citizens of Bloomington, fell under a train at the Union depot and received injuries from which he died.

G H Seegar, aged 93 years, died at his home at Beardstown. He was the oldest resident of Cass County. He was born in Germany and married there, coming to this country in 1831 and to Beardstown in 1838. He is survived by four generations, four children, 18 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Wm Milne, who located at White Hall 50 years ago and was for many years, a prominent business man of White Hall, died at age 76 years.

Fred Weber, one of the oldest residents of Beardstown, aged 70 years, died after a long illness.

Torrey Carr, a son of **B O Carr** and brother of **E M Carr** of Seattle, Washington, and **Clark C Carr**, son of General **Clark E Carr** of Galesburg, were drowned in Lake Washington, in the state of Washington, while duck hunting. The body of **Clarke M Carr**, son of General **Clark E Carr** who was drowned in Lake Washington last Sunday, has been recovered. Both men were prominent Illinoisans.

This evening at the residence of the bride's parents in Prairieton, Miss **Lydia Gorden** and Mr. **O J Austin** of Pana will be united in marriage.

Born on Friday, 2 November 1900, to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Davis**, a daughter. (Obed news) **Rolla Stump** died at the home of his parents near Obed, on Sunday, 28 October 1900. His death was quite a surprise to his many friends and schoolmates. **Rolla** has been attending

school all fall until last week when he remained at home on account of not feeling well. As he complained but little, his condition was not thought to be serious. Saturday night before he died Sunday morning, he seemed his usual jovial mood. At school where he was a favorite among the pupils and well liked by his teacher, he will be greatly missed. **Rolla** was a studious boy in the schoolroom and upon the playground he was always making fun for his playmates. (*Obed news – too late for last week's publication*)

Bright Bridgewater and **Stella Coffman** were married in Decatur Wednesday of last week. (*Allenboro news*)

The *Call-Mail* made an error last week in regard to **James Webb's** death. It should have read **James A Webb**, not **James W Webb**, and Mrs. **Webb's** name prior to her marriage was Miss **Eva Wagner**, not Miss **Marie Wagner** as we published it. We regret the error and are glad to state that Mrs. **Webb** is now in a fair way to complete recovery.

The death of Mrs. **Sam J Jacobs** occurred at her home Saturday afternoon, 4 November 1900. She had been ill two months or more, her malady being diabetes millitus, and at time, she suffered greatly. Mrs. **Jacobs** was a woman greatly beloved by a wide circle of friends and acquaintances. She was a gentle and loving wife and mother, and within the radiance of her benign and Christian influence was reared a family of splendid children, who will realize only too fully the loss of an affection and loving mother. Services were held Sunday afternoon from the family residence near Radford, and the attendance was very large. Rev **Van Evra**, Pastor of Fame, assisted by Rev **Foxworthy** officiated.

Pallbearers were **Richard Osborn, Luther Osborn, Lewis Osborn, V Snyder, Jr, Obe Harris** and **P G Ludwig**. Interment was in Jacobs Cemetery. **Rebekah Francis Smith** was born in Stark County, Ohio, 9 May 1849. She died on 3 November 1900, aged 51 years, 5 months and 28 days. With her parents she came to Christian County, Illinois, in 1858. On 15 September 1868, she was married to **Sam J Jacobs**, shortly after which they moved to the place that ever after was her earthly home. She was raised in the Lutheran Church, but in the winter of 1869, with her husband, became members of the M E Church of which they remained faithful members until this past spring when, for convenience, they united with the Fame United Evangelical Church. Her faith was founded upon the Rock and frequently during her late sickness gave expressions of her Hope in such words as, "I know that my Redeemer lives; He is ever with me". Her only regret was the leaving of her loved ones. Remaining to mourn, a living husband and six children, Mrs. **Hattie Thurn, Henry, Mrs. Emma John Hardin, George W, Stella** and **Alta**. Four children having preceded her home. Also two sisters, Mrs. **Rose** of Moweaqua and Mrs. **Rhinehart** of Clayton, Indiana.

Wednesday, 14 November 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, a very beautiful wedding occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **T J Gorden** in Prairieton township, when beneath a pretty bridal bell, Rev **J Foxworthy** spoke the mystic words which joined in holy matrimony, Miss **Lydia Gorden** and Mr. **Owen J Austin** of Pana. (*Description of the wedding and parlor decorations given; not copied here*). Misses **Josie Morgan** and **Merle Scribner** acting as flower girls and Miss **Effie Moore**, maid of honor, preceded the bridal party to the arched alcove. Miss **Erva Ruffner**, bridesmaid and Mr. **Leslie Scribner** as groomsman, were the attendants. (*Description of bridal dress and attendants given, not copied here*). The ceremony being concluded, the bridal party and the guests assembled in doing ample

justice to a sumptuous supper, after which congratulations were in order. Numerous and handsome gifts were given. The bride is a lovely girl, possessing those estimable traits of character which endear her greatly to a large circle of friends. The groom is a well-to-do young farmer of Christian County whose home is near Pana, and a man who bears the good opinion and good will of all who know him. In attendance was **Wm Lamb** and wife and **J H Scribner** and family, **H T Saulsbury** and wife, **John Lawrence** and wife, **J W Moore** and family, **Chas Gorden** and wife, **James Adams** and wife, **Albert Ziegler** and wife, **Sam Carpenter** and wife, **A Miller** and wife, **Ira Haversfield** and wife, **Robert Morgan** and wife, **Mrs. Austin** of Pana, **C Michel** of Pana, **Frank Clements** and wife, **Abe Lawrence** and family, **Miss Ida Moore** of Decatur, **A A Austin**, **Mrs. George Rice**, **Ben Ruffner** and wife, **Harve Miller** and wife, **D T Traughber** and wife, **Misses Jessie** and **Saline Adams**, **Chas Jackson** and wife, and **Chas Moore** and wife. **Mr. and Mrs. Owen Austin** left Blue Mound at midnight for a brief wedding tour of Chicago and will be a home to their friends after 21 November 1900, near Pana.

Frank Armstrong, who formerly resided here, died at his present home in Taylorville yesterday morning. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. of this city and had a \$2,000 insurance policy in the Moweauqua Lodge, Knights of Honor.

Saturday evening at Blue Mound, **Thos J Morris**, aged 55 years, a Wabash employee was instantly killed while at work beneath a freight car, repairing the trucks. It seems that the jacks upon which the car rested in some way slipped, letting the car down upon him and crushing him to death. A companion workman narrowly escaped with his life.

Mrs. Standley received a message last Wednesday announcing the death of her sister-in-law, who lived in Ohio. She left on the evening train for the saddened home. (Obed news) Thursday, being **Mrs. Belle Moll's** 33rd birthday, her husband, daughter and **Miss Katie Segers** planned for her, a most pleasant surprise dinner. She was induced to go to **John Martz's** Wednesday evening to administer wants to the sick, with the understanding that she would be brought home early Thursday morning, but **John**, her husband, failed to arise from his slumbers early, so she was compelled to stay until about eleven o'clock. When she was brought home by her husband, she was only to find the house filled with friends and relatives and a table loaded down with the rich blessing soft life, all awaiting her arrival. You can imagine her surprise by calling the men, 'Mrs.' and the women 'Mr.' and by making a second cup of coffee when her cup was already full to the top.

Mrs. Millard Cutler has received a telegram announcing the death of her sister, **Mrs. Mary Cochran-Fields** which occurred at Pueblo, Colorado, on 8 November 1900. She was near forty-four years of age, and had a wide relationship and acquaintance in this vicinity.

A quiet but happy wedding was celebrated at the home of **Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Dedman**, 550 North Main Street, Wednesday afternoon in Decatur, Illinois. The contracting parties were **I A Gordon** and **Miss Amanda Hammon**, both of Blue Mound. The ceremony was performed by **Rev W L Bankson** of Blue Mound in the presence of few invited friends of the couple. Both are well-known in the vicinity of Blue Mound where they will make their home.

Wednesday, 21 November 1900 issue, Moweauqua Call-Mail:

After a very brief illness, lasting only two days, little **Andrew Martin Robson**, infant son of **Mr. and Mrs. Wm Robson**, aged 2 years, 2 months and 2 days, died on Tuesday night

of last week of membranous croup. Funeral services were held from the house on Thursday, Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating, the interment being in the north Cemetery. Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of Miss **Edna J Corrington**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **R K Corrington**, southeast, to Mr. **Edward G Moss**, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents on Thursday, 29 November 1900, at high noon.

The rarest experience that has felled to the lot of Judge **Righter** occurred this afternoon, a peculiar wedding. **John Vavrck** and **Mary Gondla**, two natives of Polish Austria, but now residents of Moweaqua, procured a marriage license from Clerk **Zimmer** and went directly to Judge **Righter's** room to have the marriage solemnized. Weddings are almost a daily occurrence in the courthouse, but this was somewhat different from the ordinary. Neither of the principals could talk or understand the English language, and had not an interpreter came to his rescue, the Judge would have been in a bad fix. This interpreter, **Mike Potsick**, did a good job of it and repeated the words of that solemn marriage vow after Judge **Righter** and after it was all understood by the couple, they nodded their heads, instead of using the English words, "I promise". It was a rather humorous situation, however, and created a good deal of sport for on-lookers. This is the couple that was in jail here some months ago on a charge of bigamy. The woman was married before and believing that she had a divorce from the Christian County circuit court, she married this man **Vavrck**. Her lack of knowledge of America and American law got her into the trouble. At this term of Shelby County Circuit Court, she secured the divorce all 'OK' and this wedding followed. Both were extremely happy.

Wednesday, 14 November 1900, a sweet little girl was given to Mr. and Mrs. **D H Cooley**, but it was called into the spiritual life in a few minutes after her birth. Mr. **Cooley** took the remains to Leroy for interment.

Henry County grand jury has returned indictments of murder against Mrs. **Josephine Hilger** of Hoopole for shooting her husband recently as he lay on the sofa.

Theodore Piper, a farmer in comfortable circumstances, who resides near Pond Grove in Jasper County, received \$26,000 from a deceased uncle's estate.

Joseph N Royer of Waverly died at the age of 63. He had been afflicted with Bright's disease for some time.

John Freeman of Garda Point, eight miles from West Salem, died after a short illness.

John H Lamb, a prominent farm, two miles south of Jerseyville, died suddenly at his home from apoplexy.

Mrs. **Catherine Lamphier** aged 91 years, the oldest woman in Coles County, died at the residence of her niece, Mrs. **Charles Westrip** in Mattoon. She was exposed to the recent hurricane at Galveston. She was the widow of **Phillip Wolseley Lamphier**, an officer in the British army and a near relative of Lord **Wolseley**, a former commander-in-chief of the British army.

J J Atterberry and wife of Moweaqua attended the funeral of Mrs. **S G Washburn** on Monday. (*Macon Record*)

Mrs. **John Martz** died at her home Friday night, 16 November 1900, with cancer after a serious illness of a few months. The funeral services were held at Little Flock Church on Saturday, 17 November 1900, by **Joseph Askins**, after which the remains were laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery.

Monday being the tenth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, they invited a few friends in to supper, that the passing of a decade in their matrimonial life might be happily memorialized. A delightful evening was spent in the enjoyment of a lovely supper and a free and unrestrained flow of social pleasantries. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **J P Aydelott**, Mr. and Mrs. **S M Adams**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell**, Mr. and Mrs. **M S Ayars**, Mr. and Mrs. **J H Kirker**, Mrs. **W H Sparling** and Mr. and Mrs. **B P Smith**. Mrs. **John Martz**, aged 46 years, died at her home southeast of town on Friday, 16 November 1900, after a protracted illness with internal cancer. She was buried from Little Flock Church. Rev **Askins** officiated.

H F Day celebrated the passing of another milestone in his life by spreading a roast pig banquet to which he had invited a number of his friends. It has been his custom to give these feasts every year and the fortunate guests know that they are occasions of great enjoyment.

Wednesday, 28 November 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Telegrams were received in this city the latter part of the week from Nashville, Tennessee, announcing the death of Mrs. **Annie Roesch**, mother of Mrs. **Nick Nalbach** of this city. Letters followed saying that death came suddenly from hemorrhage. Mrs. **Roesch** was 59 years of age. Mr. and Mrs. **Nalbach** and children and Miss **Katie Roesch** who has been visiting here, left Friday afternoon for Nashville to attend the funeral.

William L Ferguson of Decatur has received a gold watch from Peoria that his sister lost in the street in Decatur 12 years ago. Nothing can be learned as to the sender. It is in perfect condition. The sister died recently in Colorado.

Joseph Hoepfi, a farmer, who lived near Springfield, was found dead near a country road. It is supposed he lost his way and was frozen to death.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Clark** at Olney, Illinois, on Friday, 23 November 1900, twin boys.

News comes to hand that prosperity has landed with full force upon the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James W Clark**, formerly of this city, but now residents of Olney. Yesterday morning twin boys were born to them and all are doing well. Just think of 'Jeems' with a baby boy on each knee. (*Shelbyville Union*)

In the family of **Eph Doyle** southeast, four severe cases of typhoid fever have existed for several days. Two are recovering and one is still quite sick. **Anna**, a daughter, aged about twenty years, died on Monday night from the disease and the funeral services were held today. Dr **Gregory** of Obed has had Dr **Godfrey** in consultation regarding these cases and it is not thought any further deaths will occur in the family.

The *Call-Mail* is informed that sometime this morning a wedding will occur at the office of Police Magistrate **Donnel** in which the genial esquire will officiate in tying the knot. The contracting parties are **Wm Wooters** of Cowden, Illinois, and Miss **Kate Rettig**, a daughter of the late **Peter Rettig** who resides southeast of town.

Wednesday, 5 December 1900 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of Mr. **James L Keiser** to Miss **Lulu Bruner** which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr and Mrs. **J R Bruner** on Tuesday evening, 11 December 1900, at seven o'clock.

Tuesday, December 20, 1900, at 11:30 o'clock in the city of Crowley, Louisiana, **Edward Zobel** and Miss **Mabel Richhart** were united in marriage by Rev **Campbell** of the Methodist Church. (Note: The article states '20 December', however, the issue is dated 5 December; date must be Tuesday, 20 November) The wedding was a very quiet affair, free of all ostentation, and at the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. **Zobel** left at once for the north, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. **J Harley Nordyke** to visit among the many relatives of the bride in this area. The bride is the daughter of **B A Richhart**, who for years, was a valued citizen of this section and is a very handsome and lovable girl, who budding from childhood into noblest womanhood right here among us, greatly endeared herself to a host of admiring friends. The groom is a prominent young rice farmer of Louisiana, who formerly went to that state from Iowa, and possesses the reputation of being an honorable and practical young business man. A reception was tendered the young couple on Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Geo W Jacobs** at which they received a perfect shower of sincere congratulations from a host of relatives and friends. **William C Walden**, a wealthy farmer, living near Lytleville, McLean County, shot and wounded probably fatally, **William Roeder**, a young man of Bloomington, and is now under \$4,000 bond. **Roeder** and a companion were hunting rabbits on the farm. **Isaac Remington**, a carpenter, aged 58 years, was found dead in his room in a boarding house at Decatur. He had a big gash on his head but the coroner's jury said death was from natural causes.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Henry**, 25 November 1900, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Porter**, 29 November 1900, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **J J Attebery** of Moweaqua attended the funeral of **Jerome Davis** on Wednesday. (*Macon Record*)

Marriage license was issued last week in Taylorville to **John Yonker** of Blue Mound and **Nora A Ware** of Moweaqua.

Miss **Anna Doyle** died at her home on Tuesday, 27 November 1900. Funeral services were conducted by Rev **Carter** at Little Flock Church. **Anna** was an accomplished young lady in every respect and will be greatly missed by her many friends. (Obed news)

Mrs. **Mary Campbell** died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas. Casey**, on 2 December 1900 after a lingering illness of about three months. She was aged 71 years, 1 month and 16 days. She was born in Shelby County, Illinois on 15 October 1829. She leaves a son and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Bridgman** on Saturday, 1 December 1900, a son.

Joe Casey came in from Iowa yesterday to attend Mrs. **Campbell's** funeral. **Joseph Campbell** of Stanbury, Missouri, arrived on Monday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. **Mary Campbell**.

Miss **Mattie McHenry** was called to Vandalia one day last week to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Grace Henning Kurtz**, an old and valued friend, and a lady well-known here.

Mary Ellen Workman was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, **Isaac Workman** on the ground of cruelty. The decree was approved and the cause was stricken. They were married in Taylorville in June 1880 and separated on 11 July 1900.

(*Springfield Journal*).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Fortner** on 29 November 1900, a son.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **R K Corrington**, located six and one half miles east of Assumption in Shelby County, Illinois, on Thursday, 29 November 1900.

occurred the marriage of Miss **Edna Corrington** and Mr. **Edward Moss** at high noon. The contracting parties were preceded by Mr. **Wm March** and Miss **Rosella Clawson** to the strains of a wedding march played by Miss **Lillian Unroe**. The contracting parties took their place beneath a beautiful arch and were made husband and wife by Rev **H B Montgomery** of Assumption, Illinois. Immediately after the ceremony the guests were seated to a sumptuous wedding dinner. They received a large number of valuable and useful presents. About 80 relatives and friends were present. (*Attendee list given, not copied in this book*). Mr. and Mrs. **Moss** will be at home to their friends after 15 January 1901 on the farm of Mr. **S W Blackburn**, four and one half miles northwest of Assumption.

Sunday morning at nine o'clock, Mrs. **Mary Campbell**, a dear old mother in Israel, passed quietly into the spirit world at the ripe old age of seventy-two years. For years her home has been made with her daughter, Mrs. **James V Casey**, southeast. Of late, she had been quite feeble, and several weeks ago she was taken seriously ill with a complication of troubles, though the final end may be attributed to stomach trouble and general debility. Mrs. **Campbell** was a woman whom everyone loved. She possessed the sweet and gentle nature that drew to her old and young alike. Her husband, **John Campbell**, long since preceded her to the grave, and three children survive her, Mrs. **James V Casey**, Mrs. **Harriet Merryman**, and **Joseph Campbell** of Stanbury, Missouri. The brothers and sisters surviving her are Mrs. **W C Miller**, **Joseph Armstrong**, **Beverly Armstrong**, and Mrs. **Elizabeth Housh**. Services were held from the family residence yesterday (Tuesday) morning at ten o'clock in the presence of a large and sympathetic audience. Rev **B Smock** of Assumption officiating. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery southeast of this city.

Wednesday, 12 December 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching wedding of Mr. **Sidney Cheatham** and Miss **Nannie Adamson** which will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Ephriam Adamson** east of town on Monday evening, 24 December 1900, at six o'clock.

A pretty home wedding was solemnized last evening at seven o'clock at the residence of Dr and Mrs. **J R Bruner**, the bride being their charming daughter, Miss **Lulu Bruner** and the groom, **James L Keiser**, a well-known and popular Moweaqua young man. The parlors had been tastefully decorated in honor of the occasion, and in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends, at the hour named the contracting couple advanced before Rev. **Jno. B. Rogers** to the sweet strains of a prettily executed wedding march by the bride's sister, Miss **Cora Bruner**. At the conclusion of the ceremony, congratulations were extended. They were the recipients of numerous pretty and useful gifts, testimonials of esteem and good will from a host of loving friends. The bride, originally from Kentucky, may be justly called a Moweaqua girl, for she has matured from gentle girlhood into earnest womanhood here in our city. A graduate of our high school, then a teacher in our primary department, she has endeared herself to all young and old alike. The groom is the son of Mrs. **E G Keiser** and is well liked among his associates, and bears a most excellent reputation in our community. Mr. and Mrs. **Keiser** will reside for the present at the home of the groom's mother where they will be at home to their friends after the 18th of December 1900.

Mrs. **Elizabeth Tulley**, the oldest woman in Macon County, aged 97 years of age, died at her home a few miles west of Decatur.

E G Miner, a very prominent citizen of Winchester, aged 92 years died. He had been a resident of Winchester for 68 years. **Edward G Miner** was more familiarly known throughout the state as '**Deacon**' **Miner**.

One of the most unique individuals seen at Union Station, St Louis, in a long time, says a St Louis paper, appeared in the person of **George Goodpasture**, who said his home was Springfield, Illinois. He was en route to Morehead, Kentucky, to get his children, who have been visiting at that place for some months. He wore a large red and black ribbon band about his hat and in the lapel of his coat was a flowing piece of the same colored ribbon with the name '**Annie Goodpasture**' crocheted upon it in white silk letters.

Goodpasture explained that his wife, whose name was on the ribbon, recently died, and the ribbon was a form of mourning adopted by a Lodge of which he was a member. He also wore a vivid red, white and blue necktie, but this he explained was not part of the mourning.

The body of **Robert K Thompson** was found floating in the lake at Miller Park, Bloomington. **Thompson** was 32 years old and lived in Bloomington until two years ago. He had been insane and confined in the asylum at Jacksonville but was recently discharged. His arms and feet were bound with wire. He leaves a widow and three children at Three Rivers, Michigan.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Martin** on 4 December 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Prescott** on 6 December, a son.

Wm J Clark has had erected in the Masonic Cemetery, a very handsome family monument on his lot beside the grave of his son, **Charlie Clark**.

George S House, one of the best known attorneys in Illinois, died at Joliet of gangrene, brought on by an abrasion of a toe. His case is similar to that of Senator **Davis**, deceased. Attorney **House** was 65 years of age.

Last Monday evening the friends of Mr. and Mrs. **L C Uhl** to the number of about 60 people, dropped in on them to assist in a proper observance of the host and hostess' 25th wedding anniversary. The surprise was complete. Mrs. **Uhl** had the matter in mind, and in order to surprise her husband had asked two or three of the neighbors in to spend the evening with them. When the alarm was given at 8:30 o'clock, and the bigger part of a whole hundred friends poured in the surprise was complete all around. Mr. and Mrs. **Uhl** was presented with a beautifully engraved silver service. Judge **R M Pickler** made the presentation. His remarks were pleasant and appropriate and at the close, Mr. **Uhl** made a short response. This was followed by congratulations of those present. The ladies prepared the boxes that had been brought, and a palatable lunch was served. It was well into midnight when the guests departed. (*From the Smith County Journal, published at Smith Centre, Kansas. Mrs. L C Uhl is a daughter of Mrs. Abner Widick of Moweaqua*)

Despite the cold and blustery day the friends and relatives of the late Mrs. **Mary Campbell** gathered at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **James V Casey** on Tuesday, 4 December 1900, to pay their last respects. Only a few short weeks before, Grandma **Campbell**, as she was known and loved by everyone despite her advanced age, bid fair to live many years her accustomed good and kind old fashioned life. This dear old mother was born on 13 October 1829 in Shelby County, and died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **James Casey** on 2 December 1900. She was the mother of four children, three of

whom survive her – Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Campbell and Joseph Campbell. She has now living 24 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren. She was followed to her last resting place by a large concourse of relatives and friends. Pallbearers were **Wm Coultas, Wm Clark, Henry Portwood, Philip Ludwig, John McGrath** and **Chris Fieker**. Relatives from a distance were **Joseph Campbell**, Stanberry, Missouri, a son; **Joseph Casey**, Kellerton, Iowa, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Conrad** of Tower Hill, and Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Miller** of Decatur, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Norman** on Thursday, 6 December 1900, a girl.

In reporting the **Zobel-Richhart** wedding last week, the types made us say the wedding occurred on 20 December 1900, and it should have read 20 November 1900. Sorry, but inexcusable typographical bulls will occur.

Wednesday, 19 December 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Invitations are out announcing the coming wedding of Miss **M Florence Gregory** and **J E Jordan** which will occur on Christmas afternoon at five o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents. Supervisor and Mrs. **J L Gregory** of near Pleak. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **J Hardin Jordan**.

Saturday evening, 15 December 1900, in Cannelton, Indiana, **Wave A Roff** and Miss **Della Ward** were united in marriage, the resident pastor of the M E Church performing the ceremony.

A surprise will be given tonight to Mr. and Mrs. **O. H. P. Avey** of near Prairie Home. They are just about filling out an even fifty years of married life, and the neighbors around under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery** are going to treat them to a genuine surprise. They are grand and good old people.

Wednesday 12 December 1900, about noon, at the residence of **Valentine Snyder, Sr, Burt Garrett** and Miss **Mertie Porter** were united in marriage. Pastor **J R Golden** of the Christian Church officiating. The young lady is much esteemed in this vicinity, having made her home with Mr. and Mrs. **Snyder** since childhood. A lovely wedding dinner followed the ceremony and then Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were the recipients of numerous sincere congratulations. They will make their home with the **Snyder's** this winter, for whom the groom will work.

A special to the *Chicago Record* from Taylorville says: "Miss **Mamie B Martin** of Mattoon was awarded \$2,500 damages against **Louis Kuhle**, a wealthy young farmer, by a jury in the circuit court on Thursday because he broke his promise to wed her and married a woman from Centralia. **Kuhle** lives near Assumption and is well-known in Moweaqua." Miss **Mabel Smith** of Gibson, Knox County, committed suicide by swallowing strychnine. She was soon in such agony that she called her mother and told her what she had done. In a few moments she died in great pain from spasms. It came out that she was engaged to **Frank M Pickrel**, aged 17, belonging to a prominent family, and they intended to be married. **Pickrel** testified that he had loved her and that he called on her during the day to tell her he could not take her to an entertainment.

Leno Hille, the five-year-old son of **Ed Hille** of near Metropolis was playing about a kettle of boiling water which had been prepared for scalding hogs and fell headlong into the water. He was so badly scalded that he died.

George Doyle, a driver in a mine, was accidentally killed in a mine near Sorento. He was going to the bottom with a loaded trip when he struck a low place and his neck was broken.

James Walls aged about 20 years, committed suicide at his home on the **Russell** farm, west of Carrollton, by shooting through the heart with a rifle.

F R Magner, a prominent business man of Paris and president of the **Levings Brothers Seed Co** was accidentally shot and killed while hunting.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Dowd** on 13 December 1900, a girl.

Uncle **Ike Longenbaugh** celebrated his 79th birthday on the 17th of December 1900.

Wednesday, 26 December 1900 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Monday evening, 24 December 1900, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Ephriam Adamson**, east of town occurred another of those pretty weddings at home which have been so popular this season. Their charming daughter Miss **Nannie Adamson** accepting for better or worse, the heart and hand of Mr. **Sidney W Cheatham**. The ceremony taking place at six o'clock PM, and the house being tastefully decorated in honor of the event. Rev **J Foxworthy** performed the marriage ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining rooms where a lovely supper was served after which Mr. and Mrs. **Cheatham** were not only the recipients of sincere congratulations from relatives and friends but numerous substantial tokens of esteem. The bride is one of the eldest daughters of Mr. and Mrs. **Adamson**, being a twin sister of Miss **Mary Adamson**, and a lovely girl whose many estimable traits of character has endeared her to a host of friends in this vicinity. The groom is an enterprising and hustling young farmer with a spotless reputation who is fully capable of creating and maintaining a comfortable home for the girl of his choice. Mr. and Mrs. **Cheatham** will reside near Stonington on a farm of Mrs. **R P Duncan**, and will go at once to their new home. Another Christmas dawns and again the merry wedding bells ring joyously at the happy home of Supervisor and Mrs. **John L Gregory** near Pleak, Illinois, telling the story of love's young dream. Just a year ago on Christmas Day 1899, in this same home, the solemn words were spoken uniting in marriage **M Lillian Gregory** and **E B Longenbach**, and now once more at the bidding of Cupid, the wedding guests assembled on Christmas Day, 1900 to witness the marriage of **M Florence Gregory** and Mr. **J E Jordan**. Every arrangement looking to the complete success of the event had been perfected. The pretty rooms had tastefully decorated, befitting the yuletide season and at five o'clock PM, in the presence of quite a large number of invited guests, Rev **Jo. B Rogers** of this city impressively tied the knot binding in holy unison the two happy loving hearts. At the conclusion of the ceremony a bounteous feast was served, after which numerous expressions of good will and good wishes were showered upon the bride and groom. Today, Wednesday, a reception will be tendered the young people at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J Hardin Jordan**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cross** on 24 December 1900, a girl.

Little **Wallace Hedges**, the bright and attractive son of Mr. and Mrs. **C A Hedges**, east, died Saturday morning about nine o'clock of diphtheria. The little fellow's illness was brief. Something over two weeks ago, **Wallace** experienced a severe attack of the mumps, and for a time he was so much better that a full recovery was expected. But he took a severe relapse and the disease rapidly culminated in diphtheria, his suffering finally being relieved by death. His age was eight years, three months and fifteen days. He was a genial and whole-souled little fellow, a great favorite among his little playmates, and his untimely death is a sorrowful blow to his grief stricken parents. Services occurred Sunday afternoon



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Wednesday, 2 January 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Merrill Wakefield arrested for the murder of **Richard Bivens** at Warrensburg, Macon County, has been released from custody. It is now claimed that the man who killed **Bivens** is **Anderson Burnside**, who looks like **Wakefield**. **Burnside** was in the employ of a farmer named **Davidson** in Austin township. He has disappeared. The coroner's jury recommends that **Burnside** be arrested and held for the murder.

Will McConnell and Miss **Ida Blackman** took a big doze of morphine with suicidal intent at a hotel in Decatur. Dr **Heil** saved the man's life. The woman will probably die. The parents of Miss **Blackman** objected to **McConnell's** attentions, and they resolved to die together, 'giving the old folks' they said, 'A Christmas present'. The parties came from the neighborhood of Quincy.

Two men killed and two wounded was the result of a shooting tragedy at Vergennes.

Henry Fox quarreled with **Jake Davidson** and was shot twice by **Davidson's** brother **Joe Davidson**. **Joe Pyatt**, a bystander received a stray bullet. The **Davidsons** escaped but were pursued, one of the killed and one of the pursuers wounded.

J D Scarlett and his daughter, **Minnie Scarlett**, were killed at a crossing on the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy rail at Colmar Station, 45 miles east of Quincy. An engine struck their wagon.

Mrs. **Silas R Mitchell** died at her home in this city at 3:40 P.M. on Monday. She had been very ill for about three weeks, the direct cause of her death being attributed to Bright's disease. For more than a quarter of a century, Mrs. **Mitchell** has resided in this city, and perhaps no woman possessed a wider acquaintance or was more beloved than she. An affectionate wife, a tender and living mother with a steadfast and abiding faith in the sublime immortality of the soul, she lived as she died, a sincere and earnest Christian. Her loss is deeply felt by the entire community. **Isabella S Snyder** was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, on 9 July 1852, and was married on 9 October 1879 to **Silas R Mitchell**, who with three children, **Clyde, Arthur and Irene**, survive her. She has resided in Moweaqua since 1875, and in 1876 united with the M E Church of this city. The funeral services were held from the M E Church this morning. Rev. **J Foxworthy** officiated and interment will be in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery north of town.

Hon and Mrs. **Jos Adams** were pleasantly surprised Monday by all their children coming home to make pleasant Mrs. **Adams's** birthday.

Oscar Pogue, a brother of Mrs. **James E Gregory**, died Sunday at his home near Duval of appendicitis. His illness lasted only two days. He was buried at Sullivan yesterday.

Prairie-ton news: Last Thursday, 20 December 1900, Miss **Workman** passed away from these earthly cares and pain after an illness of three months with consumption. She was fifteen years old. She leaves a father, mother, four sisters and one brother to mourn her loss. She was a member of the Christian church.

On Christmas day a beautiful home wedding occurred at **Josiah McNeal's**. Their daughter, **Maggie McNeal** and Mr. **Wm Condaiff** were united in marriage by Rev **Herman**. Miss **Laura McNeal** acted as bridesmaid and Mr. **James Cheatham** was best man. An appropriate march was played by Miss **Camilla Lawrence** as they passed into the east parlor where the words were spoken that made them man and wife. After congratulations they passed into the large dining room where a bounteous supper had been prepared of which all did ample justice. They received many pretty and useful presents. Mr. and Mrs. **Condaiff** will reside on a farm out to Prairie Home.

(Note in Prairie Home news, an account was given of the same wedding; spelling of the groom's name is different. Copied as written) On Tuesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Si McNeal**, south of Moweaqua, **Will Conduff** and **Maggie McNeal** were married. They are well and favorably known in this vicinity, and a host of friends wish them unalloyed happiness and success in their new path of life.

Allenboro news: **Will Kunduff** and Miss **Maggie McNeal** were married on Tuesday.

(Note spelling difference)

It is rumored that **Grover Graves** and Miss **Pearl Protsman** were married on Christmas day (Prairie Home news)

Charley Frambes and Miss **Sada Paul** were married in Sullivan on Monday. (Allenboro news)

Elza P Snell died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **E M Snell** in Assumption on 28 December 1900, at 1 year, 6 months, and 28 days of age. His death was due to typhoid fever from which he had suffered for four weeks. The funeral services were held at the M E Church. The attendance being very large. The floral tributes were numerous and very beautiful. Rev **Montgomery**, pastor of the M E Church officiated, and a quartette composed of members of the choir rendered appropriate selections. The pallbearers were four little girls. Interment in the Assumption cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Workman** on 27 December 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Wooters** on Wednesday, 26 December 1900, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wade Thompson** of Prairie Home on 27 December 1900, a girl.

Wm A Cundiff of Prairie Home, Shelby County, and Miss **Maggie McNeal** of Prairieton township were married on Christmas day at 2 o'clock PM at the home of the bride. About 25 or 30 relatives and friends witnessed the ceremony. (*Taylorville Courier*).

Viola Frazee was born near Springfield, Illinois, on 19 March 1856, and fell asleep in the Lord on 23 December 1900, aged 44 years, 9 months and 4 days. She was married to **Wm H Brooks** on 30 October 1879. To them were born two children, **Earl E Brooks** and **Verna Brooks**. One of a family of seven children, she is the first to pass to the other world. When about fourteen years old she professed conversion and united with the Methodist Episcopal church. During the pastorate of Bro **Whitlock**, she opened her heart and received a deeper religious experience which seemed an exception in its positive cleanness and its vital continuance. (*Macon Record*)

On Christmas day, Rev **J W Claxon**, the popular pastor of the Baptist church of this city, drove out to the home of **F M Mosby**, a farmer, residing about six miles west and a mile and a quarter north of Assumption, where he performed the ceremony of uniting in the holy bonds of wedlock, Mr. **Walter Drew** of Moweaqua and Miss **Mary Mosby**, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Mosby**. The ceremony was performed at 10:30 AM

and a bridal feast, and a splendid Christmas dinner was given the bride and groom and assembled guests. (*Assumption Independent*).

As several of the parties who were getting up the golden wedding surprise for Mr. and Mrs. **Oliver Avey** had made previous arrangements to spend the holidays with friends living at a distance from here, they concluded to give it a week earlier than the correct date. It was well planned. The old folks were invited to spend the day with Mrs. **Carrol**, a neighbor, and at about 11:30 AM were called back, stating that an old friend had come in to spend the day with them. Great was their surprise when they found a large crowd in the house. A long table was set in the dining room, and a bountiful dinner was prepared such as the good women in the country are noted for. Their friends had come with baskets and boxes filled with plenty of everything that goes to make a fine feast. The draperies were of a golden color and tastefully arranged, blooming plants were placed on the table and various parts of the rooms. A host of kind friends were ready to greet the old couple when they came in and enjoy the pleasant surprise they had prepared for them. Rev **McCracken** delivered prayers and a fitting address. Present were Mrs. **Robinson Baird**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sheffler**, Mrs. **Kate Coulter**, **Nellie Coulter**, Rev **McCracken**, Mrs. **Coombs**, **Ed Coombs**, Mr. and Mrs. **S Sanner**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Orris**, Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Pelton**, **Beula Patton**, Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery**, and **Ethel Avery**. Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sanders**, and **Ioda, Mar and Jessie Sander**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jim Carrol and Ralph Carrol**, Mrs. **Frank Gregory** and two sons, Mrs. **Sam Wise**, **Lillian and Daisy Wise**, Mrs. **Elmers and Carrie Elmers**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Goodwin** and two children, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Crane** and two daughters, Mrs. **Goodwin**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sherd Palmer** and daughter, **Seth Whitacre**, Mr. **Taggart** and Mrs. and Mrs. **O H. P. Avey**. **Oliver Avey** was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, on 30 June 1826 and lived in that city the greater part of his life. His mother, at the age of 91 years, is living in Moscow, Clearmont County, Ohio. **Mary Schepp** was born near Frankfort on the Mayne, Germany, on 27 February 1832, and came to this country in May of the same year. She was educated in Cincinnati and taught school there a number of years. Fifty years ago on 26 December 1850, **Oliver Avey** was married to **Mary L C Schepp** in Cincinnati, Ohio, by Rev **Robinson**, the Baptist minister. Four children were born to them, two died, and two daughters, Mrs. **Laura Avery** and Mrs. **Mamie Powell**, also six grandchildren, live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Wednesday, 9 January 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage in this city, Mr. **D N Rettig** and Miss **Ida Wilson** were united in marriage. Rev **Joseph Foxworthy** officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, and its announcement will create a pleasant surprise among the numerous friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a young lady of many sterling qualities and has been a resident of this city for many years. At one time she was a valued employee in the Call-Mail office, and it is with pleasure that we bear testimony to her earnest and industrious ability. The groom is a prosperous mechanic, a hard worker and bears the highest esteem of the entire community. Mr. and Mrs. **Rettig** took up their residence at once at Mr. **Rettig's** home. The funeral of Mrs. **S R Mitchell** was held Wednesday morning of last week from the **M E Church**, and was attended by a large number of Royal Neighbors, Odd Fellows and sympathetic friends. Mrs. **Mitchell** held a policy for \$2,000 in **Magnolia Camp, Royal Neighbors of America**. She died at her home in Moweaqua on 31 December 1900.

C W Morgan received a telegram this afternoon announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. **M E Morgan** at **Wabash, Indiana**. Mrs. **Morgan** was 69 years of age and resided in this city in 1895. Mr. **Morgan** will go to **Wabash** on Friday to attend the funeral. (*Taylorville Courier*). Mrs. **Morgan** resided here for many years and her friends in this vicinity regret to learn of her death.

Cards have been issued announcing the upcoming wedding of Mr. **Frank L Clark** and Miss **Lillie Portwood** which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Portwood**, east of this city, on Wednesday evening, 16 January 1901, at seven o'clock.

William C Hall of **Peoria** died in **Los Angeles, California**, aged 54 years.

C Carnot, a relative of the late ex-President Carnot of France, died at Newman. He had lived the life of a miser, accumulating considerable property. In his shop was a large wooden chest which he always carefully guarded. This chest is supposed to contain a large amount of money and will be broken open by the proper authorities.

While a party of five boys were hunting near Mattoon, an old army musket in the hands of Joseph Lewis was accidentally discharged and the charge penetrated Archie Hastings shoulder and face. An eye was blown out and he may die. The report came as 'accidentally killed'.

Harold Morey, aged three years old, son of William Morey, set fire to his clothes while playing with his Christmas toys, and was so badly injured by inhaling the fumes that he died.

J A Montgomery for thirty-seven years engaged in the mail service at Chicago, and a nephew of the late Mrs. B H McHenry of this city died at his home in Chicago one day last week. He was a man of sterling integrity and his personal efforts did much to make the Chicago post office what it is now.

Charley Shride and Miss Iola Weakly were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Weakly, south, Tuesday evening. Rev Ferris of the U B church officiated. A reception was tendered the bridal party at the groom's father's home on Wednesday. Charley and wife expect to make Louisiana their home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Cartlege**, 8 January 1901, a boy.

At half past ten o'clock Monday night, Mrs. **Nelson Warren** died of heart disease at the age of 71 years. She was born in Ohio and came to the vicinity of Pana about 50 years ago. She was well known and well-liked by a vast majority of the people of the vicinity. She leaves a husband, three daughters, four sons and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her funeral took place from her late home at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev **Coleman** officiating. Interment was made in Linwood cemetery, **F A Hess** in charge. (*Pana Palladium*).

One day last week at Decatur, **August Gronkowski**, a coal miner, drank part of a can of concentrated lye and fired a pistol charged with ball cartridge, mining powder and paper into his mouth. The entire mass found lodgment in his brain. **Gronkowski** lived until Thursday when he died of lockjaw.

Wednesday, 16 January 1901 issue. *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

John Cox, son of Rev H Cox was fatally shot at Pana. While cleaning a rifle, the weapon accidentally exploded, the charge entering his chest.

Irene Anzman, aged 5 years, was shot and instantly killed while she and her brothers were playing with a shotgun at Alexander, near Jacksonville.

Emanuel de Souza, one of the 200 Portuguese refugees who settled in Morgan county 50 years ago, died at his home in Springfield at the age of 106 years.

Lafayette Lamb, a farmer near Jacksonville, dropped dead of heart disease while feeding the hogs.

W H Carter aged 58 years, and Miss **Arie E Crews**, aged 17 years, were married at Nashville. The groom is a leading business man of that town.

William Kent pleaded guilty to the charge of manslaughter at Carlinville. He was sentenced to the penitentiary. He killed his brother, **Noble Kent** two years ago.

John Hansch, a farmer living near Rock Island, after attempting to shoot his entire family, took laudanum and died 30 minutes later. The members of the family escaped injury.

A J Holcomb, an old Mississippi steamboat captain died at Nokomis, aged 76 years.

Obed Lewis, a pioneer settler and ex-mayor of Springfield, died at his home in that town at age 80.

At Princeton, Indiana, **J D Keith** was, on the 11th inst., convicted of murdering **Nora Kiefer** and sentenced to death.

A few months ago, an old miser named **Christian Young**, residing near Prescott, Wisconsin, died. The other day administrators of his estate sold some wood piles to **Cornelius Meacham**. **Meacham** discovered in the wood pile, \$1,000 in gold, wrapped in a bundle of underwear. He turned the money over to the administrators. The insurance on Mrs. **Mitchell**, deceased, in the Royal Neighbors was only \$1,000 instead of \$2,000 as published last week.

Miss **Lillie Portwood** and **Frank Clark** will be married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Portwood** this evening.

Miss **Ethelyn Combs** and Mr. **Ora Lindley**, both of Macon were married at 7 o'clock P.M., Wednesday evening, at the home of **B H Armstrong** in Niantic. Rev **J R Parker** of the Christian Church officiated. (*Macon Record*). The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J J Combs** of Macon and a sister of **A J Combs** of this city.

Resolution of Respect for the wife of **S R Mitchell** who died at her home in Moweaqua on 31 December 1900, also a sister of our esteemed brother, **O Frazee, Viola Frazee Brooks**, who died at Macon, Illinois, on 23 December 1900, also of our esteemed brother, **C A Hedges**, who died at Moweaqua on 22 December 1900. Signed, Committee, Hall of Moweaqua Camp 313, Modern Woodmen of America

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Sinnard**, a 12 pound boy, at Prairieton.

Tilden Carroll and Miss **Mary Connelly** were married in the Catholic Church in Assumption on 9 January 1901. A reception was given them Thursday at the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Carroll**, west. They will leave shortly for the sunny south. Pleasant View news: Mrs. **Grant Drake** received word by telegram last Wednesday that her father near Herrick was quite ill. She left Thursday for his bedside. Word was received later that he was dead.

William Kesler, living near the Fayette county line, was to have been buried one day last week, but he spoiled the funeral by coming to life just as the procession was ready to start to the grave. **Kesler** celebrated rather too freely and went to sleep on the roadside. The next morning he was found frozen still—to all appearances. His body was removed to his home and arrangements made for burying. A large crowd of friends came to follow him to the grave, but just about the time the procession was to start, **Kesler** awoke, shook himself together, and called his funeral off.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W A Sinnard**, 9 January 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sylvester Myers**, 12 January 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Russell**, 13 January 1901, a boy.

Tildon Carroll and Miss **Mary Conley** living in Shelby county, east of Assumption were married in the Catholic church at Assumption on Wednesday, 9 January 1901, by Fr **DeChance**. They left yesterday for Louisiana where Mr. **Carroll** will engage in farming and rice raising. The young people are members of prominent and wealthy families.

Wednesday, 23 January 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

One of the happiest events of the season was the marriage of **Frank L Clark** and **Lillie A Portwood** at the home of the bride's father, Mr. **Henry Portwood**, three miles east, on Wednesday, 16 January 1901, at 7 o'clock PM. A large number of friends gathered to witness the ceremony. Miss **Sophia Humphrey** rendered the beautiful wedding march. Pastor **Jo. B. Rogers** officiated. After hearty congratulations an elegant supper was served. Mr. **Clark** is an energetic young farmer and the bride is a deservedly popular

young lady. They looked their happiest and best. There were a number of handsome presents, the gifts of well wishing friends.

Twins were born last Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. **Sherman McKisson** of Farrington township, 12 miles from Mt Vernon. This is the fourth set of twins born to this couple in the last eight years. All are boys, and all are alive and doing well.

George Durrstein, inflamed by jealousy, shot his sweetheart, **Amelia Bergman** at Galena and also her sister, **Tillie Bergman**. Both will die. He escaped.

The dead body of **Thomas Connell** was found in his home at Litchfield. He was a laborer aged about 65 years.

Perry Whitaker, an old resident of Shelby County and a Civil War veteran, was run down and killed by a Big Four train near Pana.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L F Rettig**, 19 January 1901, a girl.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **W E Bradley** of Pana fell into a large pan of boiling water Saturday evening and was so severely scalded that he died from his injuries the following day. The little fellow was playing about on the floor near the water which had been left there by Mrs. **Bradley**. The parents are nearly heartbroken over the affair.

Oscar M Kirkpatrick of Tower Hill, and Miss **Lucille C Goatley** of Assumption, were married on Wednesday noon by Rev **S H Boyer** of the Baptist church at the residence on West Wood street. The couple were attended by several friends. The groom is a prosperous farmer in Shelby county. (*Decatur Herald*)

Born to **Lorin Hunter** and wife of Yantisville, on 13 January 1901, a daughter.

Charles Hall's infant son died on Monday, 21 January 1901, with pneumonia. Funeral services were held at Little Flock on Tuesday by Rev **Jones**, pastor. Remains were laid to rest in Little Flock cemetery.

The following births for last week are reported: Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Lowe** of Obed, a girl. Thursday, born to Mr. and Mrs. **W T Batty**, a girl; Friday to Mr. and Mrs. **John Bridgeman**, a girl, all at Obed.

The wife of **Edward Cole**, living near Keyesport in Clinton County, recently gave birth to a child, a little boy, without either arms or legs. For arms, the little fellow has stumps about 2 inches long and where there should be legs, there is nothing. At first the infant struggled to survive, but is now thriving. The couple has two other children, both normal both physically and mentally in all ways. The child is now strong and healthy and people are going from miles around to see it.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Higgins** on 19 January 1901, a boy.

Wednesday, 30 January 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

As Mr. and Mrs. **H G Tait** were driving over the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy crossing at Wataga on their way to the funeral of Hon **William Robson**, an uncle of Mr. **Tait**, the rig was struck by fast train No 13 and demolished. Mrs. **Tait** was instantly killed and Mr. **Tait** was so badly injured he died an hour later. Mr. **Tait** was a prominent farmer of Copley township.

Jack Gordon a farm hand, pleaded guilty of murdering Mrs. **Joseph Shafer** in Marshal county and was sentenced to 24 years in the penitentiary. The fatal shot was intended for Mr. **Shafer** for whom **Gordon** had worked.

Louis Suppiger, aged 37 years, a prominent citizen of Highland committed suicide by drowning in a cistern. He jumped into the cistern with suicidal intent. He leaves a wife and four children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R E Wetzel**, 25 January 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Cameron**, 26 January 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W A Roff**, 27 January 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank P Miller**, 24 January 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jerre Campbell**, 28 January 1901, a girl.

Ira G Hutchins who has been suffering with spinal meningitis at his home near Walker died yesterday. He leaves a wife and three children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Attebery**, 19 January 1901, a boy, at Allenboro.

John Beck, ex-village Marshall of Herrick shot and perhaps fatally injured **Reddy Helton**, a Shelbyville gambler, on the night of 15th of January 1901. The shooting occurred in a saloon in Herrick, and was the result of an old feud. **Beck** escaped.

Clarence Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Hall** was born on 1 September 1900, and died 21 January 1901, aged 4 months and 20 days. Pneumonia having fastened upon the child against which it struggled for nearly a month, but at last yielded and died. The little plant seemed too tender for this world, so God in his providence has transplanted it to a fairer clime. The funeral was held at Little Flock church two miles southwest of Obed on 22 January 1901 at 11 AM, conducted by Rev **Joseph Askins**. Interment at Little Flock Cemetery. Pall bearers were Misses **Wava Smock, Fay Breeding, May Weakly, and Maude Shride**.

Mr. **David Isom** of Moweaqua, Illinois, arrived Thursday, too late to attend the funeral and burial of his mother, Mrs. **James Isom**. Mr. **Isom** had not been back home for ten years, and he said that Cloverport showed signs of marked improvement in many ways.

(Breckenridge News, Breckenridge, Kentucky)

Sunday last, a sweet little infant girl of Mr. and Mrs. **John Manly** passed away after a brief illness of membranous croup. The child was 2 ½ years old and a lovely girl, and she was the idol of her parents. The funeral was held yesterday, Rev **Foxworthy** officiating in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends.

Hon **D P Keller** was called to Dalton City Saturday by the rather sudden death of Mr. **McCoy**, his partner in the grain business at this point, the firm being Hight, McCoy and Co. The funeral services were held on Sunday and interment was at Oakland, Illinois.

Wednesday, 6 February 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Edgar McCoy, a well to do farmer of Jasper county, was killed at his home near Hunt City in a general fight in which he was stabbed with knives and beat over the head with bludgeons and brass knuckles, receiving wounds from which he died in a few minutes. A half dozen persons were engaged in the affray, which grew out of a disturbance between **Vince McCoy** and a young man named **Walter Sparks**. A coroner's jury charged **Henry Holt, Jr, Vince McCoy**, a cousin of the deceased, and **Ben**, alias 'Befford' **Phillips**, all neighbors, with being parties to the murder. **Holt** escaped and has not been apprehended, but **Vince McCoy** and **Phillips** are in jail in Newton awaiting a preliminary hearing. All belong to prominent families.

John and **George Clark** are under arrest at Mt Vernon, Illinois, and confessed that they are the parties wanted in Kentucky to complete a 31-year sentence for arson and safe

wrecking, but say that Gov **Brown** had commuted their sentences so that they will be released soon. The Indiana authorities will arrest them when they complete their sentence in Kentucky, as they are believed to be **John** and **George Reeves**, who killed Deputy Sheriffs **Cox** and **Gardner** in 1885.

Charles Foster of this city, who was working at the Assumption coal mine, was kicked in the head by one of the mules, receiving injuries which resulted in death Thursday. He leaves a large family here in a destitute condition. (*Macon Record*)

The remains of Mrs. **Robert Beck** who died in Louisiana reached this city Thursday last and were taken at once to **Prairie Home** for interment. She had lived in the south but a short time, and her death is a sad and untimely one. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Patton** and was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

The funeral of little **Lulu Manley**, aged 2 years, 7 months and 6 days, occurred from the residence of the child's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Manley** on Tuesday, 29 January 1901. Rev **Foxworthy** officiated at the services. Interment was at the Odd Fellows new cemetery north of town. Pallbearers were **Jesse Craven, Hiram Vandeventer, Elmer Nichols** and **Kirt Gaskins**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Cooley** were called to Maroa last week by the death of a relative. Mr. **Cooley** returned home on Monday.

Pleasant View news: Mrs. **Bryson** was buried on Saturday.

At her newly occupied home, one and a half miles from Morris Station near Crowley, Louisiana, on Monday night, 28 January 1901, the spirit of Mrs. **Cora Beck** bade farewell to the scenes of this world and ascended to heaven there to meet her God, death being caused by lung fever, from which she had been a sufferer for about two weeks. **Cora Irene Patton**, daughter of **R A** and **Sadie J Patton** was born in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 14 February 1874, and departed this life, 28 January 1901, aged 26 years, 11 months and 14 days. She was united in marriage to **Robert C Beck** on 9 May 1892. Three children blessed this union, **Alverna Beck, Alma Lucile Beck, and Wells Marcus Beck**. Mrs. **Beck** obeyed the call of her Savior and accepted him by uniting with the West Okaw Church at **Prairie Home** on 15 December 1894, and has been a faithful and devoted servant to her Master ever since. She leaves a husband, a son, two daughters, father, stepmother, four sisters, three brothers, a stepsister and brother, and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn their loss. Her mother preceded her to that celestial home on 2 March 1892. Services were conducted at the above named church by the pastor, Rev **S D McCracken** at 10:30 AM on Friday, 1 February 1901. Pallbearers were **James Thompson, John Stewart, Frank Coventry, Charles Sheffler, Will Thompson, Allen Avery, Lou Cox, and Isaac Baker**.

Resolution of Respect: It has pleased the hand of death to visit the home of our esteemed neighbor, **C S Jagers**, and called to her saintly rest, a cherished member of the family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Peacher**, 4 February 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J M Lyon** on 4 February 1901, a boy.

Ira Hutchins, who resided near Walker and whose death was noted in these columns last week, carried life insurance in the amount of \$3,800.

Mrs. **Jesse Fortner** died at her home in Bethany Thursday afternoon on 24 January 1901, aged 59 years and 7 days. She had been sick with typhoid pneumonia, but heart trouble hastened her death. (*Bethany Echo*)

A 2 ½ pound baby is being raised in an incubator at Quincy. It is but twelve inches in height and is so small that it can be placed in a quart measure. As it cannot endure exposure to the air, it is kept in a glass case so constructed that an even temperature is maintained.

Wednesday, 13 February 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A farm hand by the name of **Frank Wonderly** was almost instantly killed last Friday. He was hauling a load of corn to Blue Mound and fell from the wagon beneath the wheels. The accident occurred west of town about five miles.

Lemuel Funk and Miss **Fannie R Ruark**, both of Decatur, were married at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon at the office of Justice of the Peace Smith on North Water Street, Decatur. The couple left for Crowley, Louisiana, where the groom will run a restaurant. He formerly conducted a restaurant in the east part of Decatur. The bride and groom are both former residents of Moweaqua. (*Decatur Review*)

Mrs. **J Beatty** who lived one mile east of Rushville, Illinois, committed suicide by drowning herself in a well.

While 'fooling' around with a loaded revolver, **John Boone** accidentally shot and killed his five-year-old nephew at Vandalia.

Aunt **Polly Rhodes**, aged 90 years, is dead at her home at Herrick. She leaves 22 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren.

John Mansfield of Cowden, a very wealthy bachelor of Moweaqua, fell dead at the breakfast table. Heart disease is ascribed as the cause.

Peter Lamb, aged 60 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Casey from the effects of a fall on an icy pavement.

Mrs. **Mary Luber** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **James Hawks** near Springfield at the age of 103 years.

Herbert Griffith, the 17-year-old son of **George Griffith** of Sycamore was accidentally shot and killed instantly while hunting rabbits.

A L Adams and Mrs. **C F Gaskill** will go to Donaldson, Illinois, tomorrow to attend the wedding of Miss **Myrtle Hampton** who is well known here.

John Mansfield, aged 67 years, fell dead at the breakfast table at his home near Cowden one day last week. He was an old bachelor and very wealthy, owning much property in Shelby county and also 5,000 acres of land in Kentucky.

Will Miller, grandson of **John Robinson**, died at Crowley, Louisiana, on 9 February 1901. He had gone there with **Robert Beck** and family, and was very sick when Mr. **Beck's** wife, Mrs. **Cora Beck** died. He had worked for **Robert** for the last three years.

A special to the *Shelbyville Union* from Findlay says a fatal accident occurred on the farm of **Robert Trigg** three miles north east of this place, just over the line in Moultrie county Saturday afternoon. **Lloyd Scroggins**, a young man aged about 22 years and employed by Mr. **Trigg**, was out in the woods cutting fire wood. He cut down a tree and in falling, it knocked down a limb from another tree. It was this limb that did the damage. It struck **Scroggins** on the head, knocking him down. He was carried unconscious to his employer's home, and Dr **Askins** of Findlay was quickly summoned. Everything was done to save the unfortunate young man, but of no avail. He died Sunday morning.

Deceased was a son of **Wm Scroggins**, a well known farmer. A distressing feature of this affair was the fact that the young man was to be married this week to a Miss **Trigg**,

daughter of the farmer for whom he worked. Arrangements were all complete for the upcoming wedding.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Turijohn**, 6 February 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Dial**, 8 February 1901, a girl.

Wednesday, 20 February 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a protracted illness of more than a year, during which time she was a patient sufferer, Mrs. **Mary Etta Pontius Bridgman** died at her home southeast of the city of consumption, Friday morning about six o'clock. The deceased was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Pontius**, a quiet, unassuming and lovable woman who fearlessly faced death when she knew it to be inevitable, and as a sincere Christian, responded to the call of the Master. **Mary Etta Pontius** was born on 26 November 1868 in Shelby County, Illinois, and had resided here all her life, dying on 15 February 1901, aged 32 years, 2 months and 19 days. A husband and one child survive her. She was converted and joined the church of the United Brethren in Christ in 1886. She was married to **G R Bridgman** on 24 February 1892. A devoted wife, a loving mother, she rests at last, free from all mortal suffering. Services were held on Sunday at 11 o'clock at Locust Grove, Elder **Field** of Decatur officiating in the presence of a large and sympathetic congregation, and the remains were laid to rest in the little cemetery adjoining the sanctuary.

Robert Schwab, an employee of a Springfield brewery, was arrested on a warrant charging him with killing his wife. The warrant was sworn out by a sister of the dead woman who alleges that the death of Mrs. **Schwab** was caused by a choking and beating administered by her husband. Mrs. **Schwab** died on the 4th of last September, and the physician who attended her gave the cause of death as heart disease. **Schwab** declared he was innocent, but refused to discuss the circumstances of his wife's death.

Roy McGowan charged with the murder of Mrs. **Richards** was given a preliminary trial and sent to jail. The dead woman was the owner of a saloon in Carterville and **McGowan** was a bartender there. Ten days ago, Mrs. **Richards** was an invited guest at the home of the defendant's brother for dinner and while there, was killed. Suicide was first reported. Mrs. **J Beatty**, living one mile east of Rushville, committed suicide by drowning herself in a well. Mrs. **Beatty** retired and her absence from her house was not noticed until one o'clock. Search was commenced, her skirt being found on the well curb. A son, tying a rope around his waist, descended the well, and found the body of this mother.

Ferdinand Donner a well known resident of Mascoutah, died at his home there yesterday. He was 66 years of age.

Mrs. **Margareth Weidler** died at Mascoutah. She was born in Germany in 1845, and came to this county in 1864, settling near her late home.

Editor **Jacob Swallow** of the *Pana Palladium* received word of the death of his aged mother in the Indian territory. Mr. **Swallow** had just arrived home from attending the burial of his son-in-law in Chicago.

Lieutenant **Samuel Brunn** died suddenly in a barber shop at Mound City, death having resulted from heart trouble. The deceased was a Civil War veteran, and was 76 years of age.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J B Workman**, 18 February 1901, a girl.

The death of Mrs. **I C Jones** occurred Monday at her home northwest of town after an illness of many months, the disease being cancer of the stomach. She was a most excellent woman, and a host of friends will regret her demise. The funeral will occur today at 12 o'clock noon from the Baptist church in this city at which Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** will officiate.

Three weeks ago, Mr. **Geo P Hardy** of Decatur came to Shelbyville to visit his sister, Mrs. Dr. **Catherwood**. A day or so later he became ill, no particular disease attacking him, but a general breaking down. Everything possible was done to arouse him and to prevent the continued weakening of his constitution, but he grew worse each day, until the angel of death came Thursday morning at 8 o'clock AM, and stole quietly into his bed chamber. His wife, his sister, Mrs. **Catherwood** and daughter, Mrs. **Erhart** of Chicago were at his bedside when his spirit took its flight as was also, his son, **Thomas Hardy**, who arrived at four o'clock that morning, just in time to see his father alive. Mr. **Hardy** was 73 years of age. He was born at Erie, Pennsylvania. Before going to Decatur, he was a resident of Bloomington and of Moweaqua, this county, for many years, being prominent in business and political circles. At Decatur, he served many years as city clerk and afterwards was county clerk of Macon for three terms. He was a man of integrity and lifelong member of the Presbyterian church. He leaves a devoted wife with whom he had spent fifty-three happy years, three children, (two daughters) Mrs. **Moorehouse**, Mrs. **Erhart**, and a son, **Thomas Hardy**, two sisters, Mrs. **Catherwood** of this city and another sister in Bloomington, one brother who resides at Beloit, Wisconsin. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Resolution: Pleak Camp M. W. of A. No 7286. The death Angel has again appeared in our midst and called to her Heavenly Home the sister of our esteemed Neighbor **M S Pontius** and cousin of our esteemed Neighbor **A C Pontius**. We extend our humble sympathy.

Chas W Woodward of Kell, Illinois, and **Kate L Bale** of Allendale, Green County, Kentucky, were married at the home of the bride's parents on 30 January 1901, by Rev **G B Scott**. They will reside on the **Allen Avery** farm, two miles west of Prairie Home. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W T Huss**, Sunday, 10 February 1901, a girl.

Etta Bridgman died at her home Friday morning at 6 o'clock AM of pneumonia. The funeral took place at the south church Sunday conducted by presiding Elder **Fields** of Decatur. Remains were laid to rest in Locust Grove Cemetery. (Obed news)

Mrs. **James Cunningham** was called to Assumption last week by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. **Christopher**. (Allenboro news)

The remains of **Lee Malhoit** were laid away at Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption, Wednesday morning of last week. Funeral services were held at St Mary's church, that city, at ten o'clock AM. Rev Father **DeChene** officiated. Mr. **Malhoit** was aged 49 years and 5 months at the time of his death. He was well known in this city, and quite a number from here attended the funeral.

After a brief illness lasting about a week with catarrhal fever, the sweet spirit of little **Myrtle Osbourn** took its flight to eternal bliss, Saturday afternoon, about two o'clock. The little darling, at the time of her death, was only ten months and twenty days old, but was immeasurably dear to her loving parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Osbourn**. The services were held on Sunday afternoon, Rev. **Jo. B Rogers** officiating. Interment was in the new Cemetery north of town.

At the sale of the **Rice** estate property held in Shelbyville by the Master-in-Chancery Saturday last, the home place was bought by Mrs. **Geo F Rice**, subject to the widow's dower interest for \$800. The property opposite Mr. **Aydelott's** residence, occupied by **J E Longenbaugh** was sold to **A R Spicer** for \$900. The forty acres north of town in Sec 23 was bought by **E Prescott** for \$62.50 per acre, or \$2,500.

Wednesday, 27 February 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards were issued last week announcing the approaching wedding of Miss **Louella Hilvety** to Mr. **W Amos Willoughby** of Macon. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **V F Hilvety**, and the ceremony will occur at their residence northeast on Wednesday evening, 6 March 1901 at seven o'clock PM.

The friends of Mrs. **A M Warren** in this city were greatly shocked Friday morning to learn of her very sudden death on Thursday night at her home, 139 South Church Street, Decatur. Her illness was of short duration, the malady being pneumonia. The deceased was about forty-nine years of age, and she is survived by two daughters, **Beulah** and **Bessie**, both quite young. It will be remembered that the **Warren** family resided here for a number of years, Mr. **Warren** dying on 29 September 1900, and the family then removed to Decatur where they have since resided. The remains of the deceased were brought to this city Saturday afternoon, and the funeral services were held from the M E Church on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev **E J Durham** of Macon officiated and preached an eloquent sermon. The arrangements of the funeral were in the hands of the Masons and Order of Eastern Star, and at the conclusion of the services, the funeral cortege accompanied the remains to Macon for interment. **Anna C Comer** was born in Marion County, Kentucky, on 3 August 1851, and she died at her residence in Decatur, Illinois, on 21 February 1901, aged 49 years, 6 months and 18 days. She was united in marriage to **Amstead M Warren** in Macon county, Illinois, on 15 August 1871. Mr. **Warren** preceded his wife in death on 29 September 1900. To this union were born four children, **Maude S, Jessie B, Beulah M** and **Bessie Z**. **Beulah** and **Bessie** still survive them. She also leaves two sisters, Mrs. **Betty Colman** of Eldorado, Kansas, and Mrs. **Belle Roney** of Los Angeles, California, and her mother, Mrs. **America Comer**, to mourn her loss. She joined the Baptist church when 18 years of age and never removed her membership. *Card of Thanks:* To the many loving friends who so kindly and tenderly assisted us in our hour of deepest sorrow, we extend our heartfelt thanks. **Beulah and Bessie Warren, Mrs. J Coleman.**

John W Wiley and **Millie Wilkins** of Independence, and **J I Cantrell** and **Sarah E Hardester** of Long Branch, were married at Harrisburg.

A verdict was rendered of 'not guilty' in the case of the People vs. **Joseph McCabe**, Village Marshal of Herrin, indicted for the murder of **George Hudson**.

Chas Biggins of Mount Olive killed himself in the midst of a group of friends, with whom he had been chatting up to the moment he fired the shot.

Eva Wittenberg and **John Doyle** were married at the death bed of the bride's grandmother at Murphysboro. The grandmother, knowing of her eminent death, asked that the ceremony be performed.

Joseph Ricketts of Pekin lost his 6-year-old daughter by death in St Louis. The loss of his little daughter so worked on his mind that he went to the garret and hanged himself.

John Goff, a stable hand, and **Miss Mamie Phelps**, who lives just east of Centralia, were bound over to the grand jury after the investigation of a child born to **Mamie Phelps** last September. That the child was born alive and buried because known through a younger sister, and Coroner **Broomer** started an investigation and found the skeleton. The 12-year-old sister says the child was buried alive. The older sister says it died at birth from drugs furnished by **Goff** who confessed.

William Schuckenbrock, the 14-year-old son of **John Schuckenbrock** of Greenfield, was stabbed to death in a scuffle by **Jesse Wilhite**, the 15-year-old son of **Frank Wilhite**. Young **Wilhite** had an open knife in his hand when the **Schuckenbrock** boy approached him for a friendly scuffle. In some manner, the blade of the knife entered the body of the young **Schuckenbrock** just above the heart, causing instant death.

Daniel Pedicord, a grocer of Springfield, shot and killed **William Neal**, a former policeman in the former's place of business. **Pedicord** is in jail. He claims that **Neal**, who ran a saloon, entered his place to kill him, and he fired his revolver in self-defense.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Workman** on 21 February 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eb Graham**, 20 February 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ross Green**, 22 February 1901, a girl.

The funeral of Mrs. **I C Jones** occurred from the Baptist church on Wednesday last at noon, and was attended by a very large congregation of sympathetic friends. Despite the long and cold drive from the family residence to town, the remains were escorted to the church by a large number of friends residing in the immediate vicinity. Mrs. **Jones** was about 53 years of age at the time of her death, and during her last illness she suffered intensely. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiated at the funeral, and the pallbearers were **C W Bethard**, **C W Rice**, **Len Snyder**, **Andrew Rosenbarger**, **Nate Humphrey** and **George Nichols**. **Laura Francis Richmond** was born 13 February 1848 in Middletown, Ohio. She came to Illinois in 1856, and was married to **Israel C Jones** on 9 April 1877 in Springfield, Illinois. She was a member of the first Congregational church in Jacksonville, Illinois. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband and three children, **Albert G**, **Howard C** and **Arden M Jones**. She also leaves a brother and sister, **John S Richmond** of Johnstown, Ohio, and Mrs. **R L Oakes** of Denver, Colorado, who was present at the funeral. Among her last words were "I love everybody". She died perfectly resigned, praying for her family and friends. It was God's will to take her home.

A quiet wedding took place at the Central Methodist parsonage on Wednesday when **Lee A Richhart**, a prominent young framer of Prairie Hayes was married to Miss **Leila Plyler** of Moweaqua, Illinois. The bride arrived from her northern home on Wednesday evening's train and was met at the depot by the groom and a few friends, who adjourned to the home of Rev **C W Campbell**, where the ceremony was performed. The bride was one of the most charming young ladies of her hometown. The groom is a nephew of **B A Richhart** of Long Point. The happy young couple will live on a farm near Stutes' Cove, south of town. (*Crowley Signal, Crowley, Louisiana*)

Misses **Beulah** and **Bessie Warren** will leave next week for Eldorado, Kansas, where they will make their future home with their aunt, Mrs. **Coleman**. The father passed away in September 1900, and their mother, Mrs. **Anna Warren** recently passed to her reward. At Danville on Friday, **Legrand Lindly**, one of the proprietors of the Great Western Tea company, killed himself in a room in the St James hotel in the presence of Miss **Fannie**

Perrigo. He left a note saying he died for love. His father lives near Minonk, Illinois. The deceased was a member of the Masons and Knights of Pythias. (*Shelbyville Union*)
Roy Wyatt entertained **Chester Hyde, Jamie, Earl, and Willie Schneder, Herald Goodwin, Harmon Smith** and Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin** to a birthday dinner on Sunday. (Maple Grove news)

Kelley Coffman and Miss **Etta Bridgwater** of Milan township, Macon County, were married at Sullivan last Thursday. The ceremony was performed by Judge **Purvis** at his office. (Prairie Home news)

Mrs. **G Bridgman**, nee **Pontius**, daughter of **W H** and Mrs. **Ann Pontius** has died. She was born in Shelby county, Illinois, on 26 November 1868, and was married to **G R Bridgman** on 24 February 1892. She died on 15 February 1901, aged 32 years, 9 months and 19 days. She joined the U B Church at Locust Grove at the age of 17, and lived a faithful member. She leaves to mourn her demise, a husband and one daughter, **Beulah Bridgman**, a father, mother, five sisters, two brothers and a host of friends. Services conducted by Elder **Fields** assisted by Rev **Clapp** at the Locust Grove church on Sunday at 11 AM. Remains were laid to rest at the Cemetery at the church. She made all plans for her burial, chose her pastor, pallbearers, her robe, etc. She was robed in her wedding dress of white, encased in a lovely white casket. Pallbearers were Mrs. **Jos Askins**, Mrs. **Fletch Shride**, Mrs. **Sam'l Longenbaugh**, Mrs. **Chas Hall**, Mrs. **Jesse Pierce** and Mrs. **R Thomas**. As with aching hearts, we stood gazing for the last time upon the loved features, the smiling lips seemed to be saying that she had found the new life more delightful than she had ever fancied. The painful throbbing agony at the open grave will be softened by the lapse of time, and we will learn to welcome thoughts of those whose demise we so deplore.

Mr. and Mrs. **August Meyerpeter** lost a darling little heaven-born infant, which lived only a few hours after birth. The sympathy of the vicinity is extended. The burial was on Sunday.

Rent A Janeson of Mapleton recently paid for his marriage license, the minister's fee, and had \$1.36 to 'blow' on his wedding tour – all the result of selling sparrow heads to the county clerk.

Sam'l Riley, Sr was called to Mulberry Grove on Friday of last week to attend the funeral of his beloved brother, **Wm Riley** of that place. Referring to Mr. **Riley's** death, the '*Argus*' has this to say. "**William Riley**, an old citizen of this place, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Harriet Koonce** on Thursday morning of this week. He had been an invalid for years, and was as well as common when he retired on Wednesday night, but when he was asked by his daughter if there was anything he wanted later on in the night, he did not reply. On going to the bed, she found him dead."

There are two families in Burlington, Wisconsin, named **Day** and **Sunday**, who are neighbors. Mr. **Day** is the father of seven girls, while Mr. **Sunday** has an equal number of sons. Four of the **Sunday** boys have married four of the **Day** girls and another is engaged, so that now it appears that 'every **Day** will be a **Sunday**, by and by'.

Wednesday, 6 March 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Saturday afternoon, a very sad accident occurred in the Notbrook timber, south of town, resulting in the death of little **Andrew Unser**, aged about 13 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Lucas Unser**. It seems that **Andrew** and a number of his playmates were coon hunting in

the timber, and thought they had treed a coon in a large tree, which they at once attempted to cut down. After working on the tree quite awhile, and having very nearly cut it through, the boys were reinforced by **Maynard Goddard**, a hired man who works for **T E Hudson**, who, with a few sturdy blows completed the work. As the tree fell, a limb stuck an adjoining tree, breaking off a very large chunk which fell in an entirely different direction from which it was expected, and struck little **Andrew** upon the head, killing him instantly. The little crowd assembled, almost paralyzed with fright and grief, carried the lifeless remains to the boy's home, and at once notified the county coroner. At the coroner's inquest held Sunday morning, no new facts were developed and no one was held to blame for the sad affair. Services were held from the family residence on Sunday at 11 o'clock AM. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiated and interment was at the Brushy Branch Cemetery, southwest of town. We the undersigned jurors sworn to inquire of the death of **Andrew Unser**, deceased, held in Flat Branch township on the 3rd day of March 1901, on oath, do find that he came to his death by being struck on the head by a dead limb from a falling tree, and that it was purely accidentally. Signed: **J J Atteberry, F D Pratz, MD, T W McComb, W N Snyder, John W Boyer, Geo H Simpson.** **Andrew William Unser**, the eldest son of **Lucas and Eliza Unser**, was a bright and manly little fellow, the idol of his parents, and a boy well liked and popular with his playmates. He was born in Perkins County, Nebraska, on 17 January 1888, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 2 March 1901, aged 13 years, 1 months and 15 days.

Married on Thursday afternoon at Shelbyville, **DeLoss Scarlette** and Miss **Myrtle Calvin**, who were united in marriage by Rev **J L B Ellis** of the Moulton M E Church. Mr. and Mrs. **Scarlette** will make their home here. The young people have many friends in the vicinity.

Seth Starbuck, the oldest pioneer of Cumberland County, died at Greenup, aged 85 years. The farm residence of **Matthew E Denman** of near Carlock, burned. Mrs. **Denman**, aged 70 years, dropped dead from heart failure while helping remove the furniture.

Mrs. **Reason Daniels** died at her home near Nortonville from smallpox. Her children and husband are sick and are under strict quarantine.

Harry Tollar had a quarrel at Paris with **Charles Boswell**, during which **Tollar** struck **Boswell** with a brick, causing death. **Tollar** escaped.

William Wood who shot and killed **Monroe T Phillips** at Woodburn, was given a preliminary hearing and bound over to the grand jury.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C E Hall** on 27 February 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Seibert** on 1 March 1901, a girl.

Mr. **Amos Willoughby** and Miss **Luella Hilvety** will be married this evening at the residence of the bride's parents.

Yantisville news: Word was received here on Wednesday night that Mrs. **Marion Pogue** of near Findlay has died.

Last Wednesday at high noon, Miss **Barbara Gordon** of this View and Mr. **Ora Stockdale** of Robison Creek were united in the bonds of holy matrimony, only a few of the near relatives being present. The bride is a beautiful and charming young lady, having resided here for two years. The groom is a farmer of Robison Creek. They will reside on a farm near the groom's home. (Pleasant View news)

Mr. and Mrs. **J W Baker** entertained a number of their friends Saturday in honor of their twentieth wedding anniversary, their china anniversary. Their friends presented them with

many nice presents. (*List of attendees as well as the gifts given are listed; not copied in this book*).

W F Herron and Miss **Meta Hudson** were married at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Hudson**, east of Shelbyville on Sunday night. Mr. **Herron** is a popular teacher of Flat Branch township and is a brother of **M L** and **Ed Herron** of this city. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

A suit has been brought against the Assumption Coal and Mining Co for \$5,000 by Mrs. **Charles Foster** through her attorney as damages for the death of her husband, who was kicked by a horse and killed a few weeks ago, as he was driving the horse in the employ of the company. (*Assumption News*)

Wednesday evening of last week at half past seven o'clock at the Methodist parsonage in Crowley, Louisiana, occurred the marriage of Mr. **W Lee Richhart** to Miss **Lela Plyler** of Moweaqua, Illinois. Ceremony performed by Rev **Campbell**. The ceremony was witnessed by the father of the groom and a few immediate relatives and intimate friends of the young people. The groom is the son of **Wm Richhart** living southwest of this city who formerly came from the North. He is a young man of sterling qualities and has made a host of friends since he has been in our midst. The bride comes recommended as a lady well accomplished and, in every way, fit to travel through life with the young man who has chosen her. She is the daughter of an Illinois farmer and came to Louisiana last Wednesday accompanied by Mr. **Wm Richhart** and a number of Northern friends. After congratulations and the presentation of the gift, Rev and Mrs. **Campbell**, which each bride and groom received with their blessing, the bridal party was then driven to the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. **J Harley Nordyke**, where a most sumptuous repast was served, only the immediate relatives of the groom being present. The happy young people will make their home with the groom's father where they are at home to their friends. We wish to welcome the bride as another Northern lady in our midst and, joining the many friends in wishing them a long, prosperous and happy life.

Wednesday, 13 March 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

One of the most beautiful weddings ever solemnized in this vicinity took place when, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **V F Hilvety**, northwest, Wednesday evening of last week, in the presence of about one hundred and fifty guests, **W Amos Willoughby** of Macon and Miss **Luella Hilvety** accepted the solemn vows which made them husband and wife. The parlors were tastefully decorated with smilax and carnations until they presented a veritable garden of exquisite vendure. At seven o'clock, to the tune of "*O, Promise Me*", by Mrs. **A J Combs**, after which to the dulcet strains of Mendelssohn, executed by Miss **Selia Thomas**, the contracting parties were united in hold bands of matrimony by **Rev Jo. B Rogers** of this city. Never did a couple present a lovelier picture than did this beautiful girl and handsome gentleman, as standing side-by-side in the presence of the Supreme Being, and the guests assembled, giving their hearts and hands to each other while life lasts. The bride was gowned in Swiss mull, trimmed in point lace, and carried bridal roses. A wedding feast of tempting delicacies followed, the like of which is seldom spread before so large a number, yet there was plenty for all. The bridal presents were not only very numerous and beautiful, but also of a practical and useful character. The bride is one of the most charming and popular young ladies in this community. She has been an earnest and efficient worker in the Baptist church of this city. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **E T Willoughby** of Macon, and has the name of being an honorable and upright young man, fully capable of caring for the lovely girl he has chosen for a life companion. The newly married couple will reside on the old homestead, the **Willoughby** place, west of Macon.

Sixty-members of the **Grant** family association and their guests celebrated in New York, the third annual reunion and the three hundredth anniversary of the birth of **Priscilla Grant**.

Jud Gunn and **Mark Eden**, at Walnut Prairie, were handling revolvers when **Eden's** revolver was discharged, the ball entering **Gunn's** temple, fatally wounding him.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L L Blosser** on 5 March 1901, a son.

Thursday, 7 March 1901, our fellow citizen, **H F Day** passed the 66th milestone of life's journey, and as is his usual custom, he combined several **Days** in one by having the family connections unite in taking dinner under the parental roof. No dark **Days** were among the number of **Days** present. There were long **Days** and short **Days**, large **Days** and small **Days**, bright and sunshiney **Days**, happy **Days**, no dull **Days**. All gathered in loving unity to do homage to the parent **Day**.

Wednesday morning at 5 o'clock at his home in Stonington township died Dr **Asa Bowman**, one of the county's honored and honorable physicians. Dr **Bowman** had a wide acquaintance throughout this county and section, and his death to pneumonia will cause genuine sorrow and regret to many hearts. **Asa Bowman** was born in Warren county, Ohio, on 9 June 1818, and was the son of **Samuel** and **Emily Bowman**, and was of German ancestry. Mr. **Bowman** was reared in Warren county on a farm. He leaves an only son, **John A Bowman** who resides at home. The funeral occurred on Friday morning from the family residence. Rev **Midkiff** officiating.

Chas Osborn and **Adah Hunter** were married at the bride's home in Decatur on Wednesday evening. They will go to housekeeping at once on a farm of the groom's, located 5 ½ miles southwest of Assumption.

Deacon **A F Wilson**, so well known here, died at his home in Decatur yesterday. He was the father of **Wibb Wilson**, Mrs. **John Freeman** and Mrs. **James Freeman**, and resided here for many years. He was about 90 years old.

S S Clapper, an attorney from Moweaqua, was in court Thursday attending to the divorce case, wherein **Wm M Thomas** was complainant and **Mollie Thomas** was the defendant.

The charge was desertion and a decree was granted as prayed. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Rev **J L Douthit**, the able and well known Unitarian minister of Shelbyville, has tendered his resignation to his congregation to take effect 1 April 1901. He will devote his complete time to the Lithia Chautauqua assembly. He has been pastor at Shelbyville over 20 years and has been filling the Unitarian pulpit in that city for the past year.

Mrs. **Mary Kelly** has brought a \$5,000 damage suite in the circuit court against **Charles Malhoit** and **James Condon**, Pana saloonkeepers. The plaintiff's husband was run over and killed while drunk, and Mrs. **Kelly** claims the intoxicants were purchased from the defendants. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Wednesday, 20 March 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Sarah Admire**, widow of **James A Admire**, and **Elmer (Bert) Murry**, were arrested by Sheriff **Keller** at Jerseyville on a warrant from the circuit court of Greene county on an indictment charging them with the murder of the woman's husband at Carrollton on 28 September 1900. They were taken by Sheriff **Conlee** to Carrollton.

Another death from diphtheria has occurred in the asylum for the blind at Jacksonville.

Anna Busefink, a child ten years of age, is the third person to die in the institution from diphtheria within a short space of time.

The mangled remains of **Fred Wylder** of Gillespie were found along the Big Four track near Shoal Creek. It is not known how he was killed.

William Peterson was found dead in a small creek near Camden, Schuyler County. It is thought he fell from a bridge and was killed.

Frank H Stout, a mine engineer, who killed **James Wilson**, a coal miner at Dawson on 21 November last, was captured at Stroud, Oklahoma.

Charles Isenberg, for 30 years a resident of Alhambra, died at the age of 76 years. He was a highly respected citizen and is generally mourned.

John W Ward was arrested at Rushville on the charge of eloping with the wife of his uncle, **Charles Ward**, of Centerville, Iowa.

Ewing Bozart, a carpenter, aged 32 years, fell from a house at Ridgway, Gallatin County and received fatal injuries.

Frank Winn, aged 18 years, and Miss **Josie Halley**, aged 13 years, were married at Alto Pass.

Deacon **A F Wilson** who died in Decatur last week, the *Decatur Review* says he was 91 years old, was born in Pennsylvania, and voted there for **Henry Clay** in 1832. He was the father of eleven children, 6 of whom are living. One lives in Minnesota, two in Carlinville, Illinois, one at Hartford, Kansas, a son, **Wilbur**, lives at Moweaqua, Illinois, and Mrs. **James Freeman** of Decatur. Mr. **Wilson** also leaves a brother, **Sam Wilson** in Clinton and a sister in Pennsylvania.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Carroll** on Wednesday, 13 March 1901, a son. Dr **Ozee** reported mother and the young democrat are getting along quite nicely. (*Prairie Home news*)

Mrs. **Heitmeyer** planned a surprise on her daughter, **Laura Heitmeyer** for her 18th birthday. The evening was spent in games, music and conversation. Refreshments were served and all departed at a late hour. Attending were Misses **Lydia Winter, Sadie Ranken, Lena Burk, Hanna Holtcamp, Bertha Fieker, Anna and Clara Hoewing, Laura and Pearl Heitmeyer**, Messrs **Arthur Fieker, Minard Holtcamp, George Winter, Henry Brink, Willie Burk, Charles, George and Frank Hoewing and Arthur Heitmeyer**. (Pleasant View News)

Wednesday, 27 March 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Oliver Dewey, a distant relative of Admiral Dewey, died at the home of his son in Greenville, Illinois, aged 96 years.

John C Wilson, a pioneer resident of Salem died at age 61.

Mrs. **Peter Kruse**, one of Cass counties early and prominent settlers, died.

Mrs. **Sarah Blackledge** died at Clay City from an operation for appendicitis. She was aged 52 years.

Robert King, a Civil War veteran, died at Bluff Springs, Cass County, at the age of 70 years.

J L Burton, a country merchant on Eagle Creek was shot from ambush near Harrisburg. He had started down Eagle creek in a skiff and when about a mile from his home, someone on the bank fired two loads of shot into his body, killing him instantly, and robbed the body of the money with which he intended to buy goods. Later the boat, containing the body of the dead merchant, drifted back near his place of business where he was found.

John Foster, a wealthy Moultrie county stock raiser, died suddenly. He was preparing to drive to Sullivan with a restive team and called his wife to open the driveway gate. As she looked around after doing so, she found him on the ground dead. The coroner's jury decided that his death was due to heart failure, brought on by overexertion.

The body of **John Gregson**, a prominent farmer living near Red Bud, was found in a creek near his home on Sunday. He went fishing, and it is supposed he fell in the creek during a fainting spell.

Lige Taylor of Mount Vernon lies at the point of death as the result of a pistol wound inflicted by **Robert C Hill**. The trouble was due to jealousy on Hill's part caused by Taylor's attentions to Hill's divorced wife.

Sidney Pell, aged 8, was instantly killed near Sycamore. He was sawing wood with a buzz saw when suddenly the fly wheel broke, striking the boy and knocking his head off.

Thomas I Sanders, who had resided in Coles county for over 50 years, died recently.

Mrs. **Sanders** was born in Kentucky, and was 81 years of age.

Obed news: **Jas Murry** wears a pleasant smile now, because a little girl came to live with him on 20 March 1901. Mother and daughter are doing well.

Mr. **W F Herron**, the bright young teacher of Chadwick and the happy young married man, will tickle the earth on their farm east of Shelbyville. Mr. and Mrs. **Herron** began life under most favorable circumstances. (*Shelbyville Democrat*).

Verne Frazee entertained a few of his young friends on Thursday in honor of his 11th birthday.

Wednesday, 3 April 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Suicide! Monday morning about ten o'clock **Frank Hempel**, the well-known restaurant man committed suicide by shooting himself in the left breast, dying in great agony about 1 1/2 hours after the shot was fired. **Mrs. Hempel** was in the rear room at the wash tub when Frank came to her side and drawing a revolver, committed the fatal act. Drs **Godfrey** and **Sparling** were summoned and labored unceasingly to save his life but the bullet did its work well, and internal hemorrhages resulted and he soon died. Several causes are said to have existed for this sad ending of Frank's life. **Mrs. Hempel** says that he had been drinking freely all the morning and, added to this, his business affairs were in a very unsatisfactory and complicated condition This so weighted upon his mind that he probably thought death was the shortest way out of all trouble. The inquest jury found that **Frank Hempel** came to his death by a pistol shot fired by himself with suicidal intent on the first day of April 1901. **Frank Hempel** was a genial whole-souled man who hadn't an enemy in the world. In fact, it may be said to his credit that he was his own worst enemy. **H Franz Hempel** was born in Hilbersdorf, Saxony, Germany, on 3 September 1857, and was in the 44th year of his age. He married his second wife, **Sarah M Morris** on 22 September 1888, and six children, with the widow survive him, three boys and three girls. **Herman, Henry, Robert, Mabel, Vera and Grace**. Another child by his first wife, **Mrs. Lillie Smart**, also survives him. He carried a life insurance policy for \$2,000 in the Banker's life of St Paul, which is said to be in good standing. Services were held this morning from the family residence. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiated. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town.

Wednesday, 3 April 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Ahl** on 26 March 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gus Stensil** on 2 April 1901, a girl.

Sunday being **Mrs. M G Warren's** birthday, her children came in and gave her a pleasant surprise. A nice dinner was served. (Allenboro news)

Wednesday, 27 March 1901, Mr. and Mrs. **J R Drake** and **Lewis Harlan** planned and executed a most pleasurable surprise upon **Mrs. L E Harlan**, the occasion being her 50th birthday. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. **T J Hammil** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Eph Adamson**, Mrs. **Henry Portwood** and son, **Everett**, Mrs. **Wm Coultas** and daughters, **Misses Dessie, Kathie and Goldie**; Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Coultas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey, Jr** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Life Harper** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **J R Drake** and family, Mrs. **Mary Humphrey** and sons, **Russell, Clayton and Rollie**, Mr. and Mrs. **W Humphrey Jr** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **N Humphrey** and family, Miss **Myrtle Workman**, Miss **Emma Hammill**, **Everett Humphrey** and **Bert Ross**.

Wednesday, 10 April 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Frank Hempel's insurance policy for \$2,000 was taken out in 1892, and the payments have been kept up. Being absolutely incontestable, it will prove a wondrous blessing to his widow and little children.

Sherman Miller and Miss **Ethel Kratzner** were married at Shelbyville Thursday afternoon of last week and returned to Moweaqua the same evening. It will be

remembered that Miss **Kratzner** was the girl who attempted suicide a few weeks ago and recovering, had **Miller** arrested on a very serious charge.

Estate of **Herman F Hempel**, deceased, late of county of Shelby, and the state of Illinois, hereby gives notice that the administrator, **Wm L Morris** will appear before the county Court of Shelby County on the first Monday in June next, at which time, all persons having a claim against the estate are to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned. **Wm L Morris**, Administrator.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Alward** on Saturday, 30 March 1901, a daughter. (Prairie Home news)

Grandma **Corley**, east, passed away very suddenly at the home of her son, **Bryant Corley**, on Monday at 4 PM. She had been ailing for some weeks with grippe, but her death was a sudden shock to her many friends. Funeral services were conducted by Elder **Roberts** at Union church on Wednesday at 10 AM, and the remains were taken to Antioch for interment. She was 72 years, 7 months and 8 days old and leaves two sons, **Bryant** and Elder **Levi Corley** and a host of friends to mourn her demise. (Yantisville news)

Mrs. **Elizabeth Hollis**, aged 80 years, one of the pioneers of Randolph township, McLean county, died of dropsy. They had lived 50 years on the farm where she died.

John M Zimmerman, died at Quincy. He served in the Tenth Illinois Infantry and was with Sherman on his march to the sea.

Mrs. **Mary Pollard**, an old resident of Hillsboro and well known to the traveling public as proprietress of the city hotel, died at age 71 years.

Jesse Elizabeth Forbes, daughter of **A D Forbes**, a prominent banker of Rockford, died at El Paso, Texas, as a result of an injury received in a fall from her horse. Miss **Forbes** was a writer of note, some of her juvenile stories being especially well-known. She was 28 years of age.

James Mara, for 50 years a resident of Cowden, Shelby county, died from paralysis.

Mrs. **Anna Holdman**, aged 80 years, died at her home in Ramsey.

Mrs. **Rachael Anderson**, a pioneer well-known at Virginia and prominent member of the Cass and Morgan County Old Settlers Associations, died at age 65 years of age.

Thomas Phillips, who for 22 years had been working as a machinist in Chicago & Alton's shops in Bloomington was taken ill on the street and died in a police ambulance on his way to his home. Before locating at Bloomington, he had worked 12 years in the Illinois Central shops at Centralia.

Claude Johnson of Potomac attempted suicide at a Decatur hotel. **Johnson** and a Miss **McClaunahan**, also of Potomac, secured a marriage license, swearing that they were of legal age. Both are three years under age. The marriage was not solemnized and the license was returned.

Wm Buchanan, better known as '**Billy Buck**' has filed a labor claim against the estate of the late Dr **J A Field** of Tuscola, for \$5,624. He was the doctor's valet and asks for \$1 per day since 1884.

The boiler at **David Doremeyer's** pocket mill, located 12 miles south of Rushville, exploded, killing Mr. **Doremeyer** instantly and seriously injuring two of his sons.

Aaron P Rhodes died at Bloomington, aged 65 years. He was born in McLean county and had always lived there. He was a wealthy farmer and stockman.

Nicholas Roewer, aged 40 years of age, dropped dead in an alley in Quincy the other night. The remains were not identified for some hours. Death due to heart failure.

Daniel Krick, a prominent farmer who resided three miles east of Montrose, Effingham county, died suddenly the other day from heart failure.

During an argument between **B R Caldwell** and **Newton Ruffin** at Manchester, Scott county, the former was struck with a club and killed.

Wednesday, 17 April 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John W Johnson, aged 70 years, a pioneer of Macoupin county, died at his home in South Otter.

Edward Lawton, aged 90 years, for over 50 years a resident of Christian county, died. He was born in Nottinghamshire, England, in 1811, and came to America in 1832. Ten children survive him.

Mrs. **Theodore Baltzell**, died at her home southwest of Alto Pass. She was the mother of 14 children, and all but one survive her.

John Yople, member of the Cass and Morgan counties Old Settlers Association, died at Virginia, aged 77 years.

Wm H McDaniel, aged 63 years died at Herrick. He was a veteran of the Civil War.

I N Swartwood, the farmer who killed **C B Caldwell**, a wealthy farmer and neighbor of **Swartwood**, near Manchester, during a quarrel over the boundary line and who had been hunted by the Sheriff of Scott County with a posse and bloodhounds, was arrested in Ashland, Cass county.

At Herrin, a few days ago, **Ernie Hindman**, aged two years, fell into a tub of boiling water and sustained injuries from which he died.

Mrs. **S R Lyons**, wife of the president of Monmouth college committed suicide by hanging in the attic of her home. Bad health is the cause.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Adams** on 12 April 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Felix Jones**, 1 April 1901, a boy.

Daniel Moll, Jr, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Moll** celebrated his fourth birthday on Thursday by inviting a number of his little friends to partake of refreshments and games. The host was the recipient of a number of pretty presents.

Thursday, 11 April 1901, being **Letha Stump's** 15th birthday, her many friends gave her a very pleasant surprise that evening. After a late hour the guests all departed, realizing that it was good to be there. (Obed news)

Wednesday, 24 April 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday last, the 17th inst., **T J Gordan's** 51st birthday was most royally observed at his comfortable home over in Prairieton. A large number of Tom's friends congregated to extend the usual congratulations and his estimable wife served a splendid dinner to the guests assembled. Mr. **Gordan** was the recipient of several very handsome presents, among them a very beautiful gold watch, the gift of his wife, and a large and beautiful rocking chair from a number of his friends. It was an occasion thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Mr. **Gordan** will long remember the coming and going of the day which to him represented a half century and one year.

Died - Monday, 8 April 1901, at Friend, Nebraska, estimable **Joseph Widick**, aged

75 years, 3 months and 10 days. Mr. **Widick** was born 28 December 1825 in Macon County, Illinois. He was one of a family of twelve, only two of which survive him. He served in the regular army for five years. In 1876 he moved to Nebraska where he has since made his home on a farm southeast of Friend. His home was known throughout the country for its hospitality, and his large circle of friends and acquaintances will long remember his pleasant manner even during his illness for so many months; when he could not talk, he would make some sign of recognition to his visitors. He became a member of the Christian church about the year 1866 and continued his fellowship with that church until his death. His friends say he was charitable to the needy, faithful to his friends, a good husband, and indulgent father. A wife and ten children survive him, six sons and four daughters; two daughters died in Illinois, making a family of twelve. He was also a member of the Masonic order. Services were held Wednesday at 2 PM at the U B Church which were conducted by **W W Hart** of the Congregational church of this city. (*Friend Sentinel, Friend, Nebraska*)

Robinson Baird, aged 83 years, a patriarch of Penn township, died at his home yesterday morning at 9:30 AM o'clock. No citizen of Shelby County was more widely known or more greatly beloved. The funeral will be held this afternoon at Prairie Home at 3 o'clock. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J L Hemer** on Friday, 19 April 1901, a boy.

G W Patrick of Moweaqua and Miss **Minnie Patterson** of this city were married at the bride's home in southeast Pana at eight o'clock Monday evening, Rev **W A Ashley** performing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. **Patrick** left yesterday morning for Moweaqua, their future home. (*Pana Beacon Light, Pana, Illinois*)

Adden L Adams, charged with deserting his wife, **Minnie Adams** of Prairieton township, waived preliminary examination before Police Magistrate **Kaup** today, and was held to the grand jury in the sum of \$500. Adams deserted his wife on 25 October 1898, the same day they were married. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Friday being **Jake Weakly's** 50th birthday, about 30 of his friends gathered at his home and made him a surprise dinner. All passed the day pleasantly. (*Obed news*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Hill** at Obed, 6 April 1901, a girl.

Mrs. **Allen Avery** was very pleasantly reminded last Sunday morning that it was the anniversary of her birthday by a large party coming with a bountiful dinner prepared for her. There were 21 guests present.

Mr. **Robinson Baird** is very low at this writing. (Monday afternoon, Prairie Home).

Later: It has been learned that beloved citizen, **Robinson Baird** has passed.

Mrs. **R A Patton's** sister, Mrs. **C A Nicholson**, living at Liberal, Missouri, died Monday of congestion of the brain.

Several from Yantisville area attended the funeral of Uncle **Johnathan Alkire** at Bethany church on Sunday at 2 PM.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J L Hemer** on 19 April 1901 at Allenboro, a boy.

Mrs. **Abigail Stockbarger** died at her home near Greenup; the aged lady was a pioneer and aged 87 years at the time of her demise.

Mrs. **L Buckner**, the oldest inhabitant of Cairo, died at the age of 110 of pneumonia. She retained her mental faculties until the last, but was quite feeble in body. She was born in North Carolina, had been a resident of Cairo since the war, and had seen 3 centuries, being born in 1791.

Joseph H Layman, an early settler in Central Illinois, and a member of the Cass and Morgan county Old Settlers' Association, died at Virginia.

George W Schnebly, Jr one of the oldest residents of central Illinois, died at the home of his son in Peoria.

Mrs. **Wall**, wife of Mayor **G W Wall** of Casey, died at age 50.

Henry Helmbold, an old resident of Nokomis, died recently.

Mrs. **A Lehrman** of Altamont died at 75 years of age.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stroud** at Maroa, 23 April 1901, a girl.

Wednesday, 1 May 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died at Prairie Home at 9:30 AM, Tuesday, 23 April 1901, **Robinson Baird**, aged 82 years and 11 days. He was born near Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, on 11 April 1819. He was married on 8 January 1850 and came to this state in 1853. He leaves a wife and two children, **Robert Baird** of Decatur, and Mrs. **Mary Sheffler** of Prairie Home, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his passing. He was a consistent and faithful member of the Presbyterian church which he joined in his early life. He died in the full faith of his Divine Master and his duty as a Christian. He will be sadly missed by this community as he was widely known and respected. He was well versed in the legal affairs of this county and many sought his advice. The services were conducted at the home by Rev. **D G McCracken**, and the choir sang, by request, "Rock of Ages" and "Nearer my God to Thee". Six pallbearers were his five grandsons, **Will, Charles, Roe, Guy, and Frank Sheffler**, and their cousin, **Forrest Baird**. The mourners followed the hearse, walking in procession to the Cemetery, where he was laid to rest.

Mrs. **Amanda Craig**, wife of Police Officer **John E Craig** of this city died very suddenly at the home of her son, **Wm Emery** in Taylorville on Friday morning. She had been suffering for several months with an internal cancer and was being treated by Dr **Tomlin** during his monthly visits to Shelbyville, and was thought to be gradually improving, but seems such was not the case. Mrs. **Craig** had resided here over a year and had greatly endeared herself to many friends. At the time of her death she was about 53 years of age, and is survived by a husband, four children, **Wm and Lulu Emery** and **Earl and Edith Craig**. Services were held in Taylorville on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the Fraternal Army of America, she having been a charter member of Taylorville Lodge and then removing membership to this city where she carried \$1,000 life insurance in the order. Mr. **Craig** and the children have the warm sympathy of this vicinity.

Mrs. **Mary Dull**, aged about 70, died at Herrick. She was a Civil War pensioner, having served during the war as a nurse.

Mrs. **Magdalena Holder**, aged 74 years, died at Danvers. She was the widow of **Peter Holder**, a pioneer of McLean county and a member of the Mennonite church.

Jesse Foval of Calhoun County in Jerseyville, died at age 82. Mr. **Foval** was a resident of Calhoun County for 70 years and had accumulated much property.

Mrs. **E L Hanks** died at her home, two miles northwest of Roodhouse.

Jos A VanDoren, aged 20, died at the home of his parents near Roodhouse. At the time of his death, he held the position of assistant cashier at the Manchester bank.

Anna Harkrader has started a suit at Decatur for \$50,000 against her father-in-law, **Isaac Harkrader** for alienating the affection of her husband, **James Harkrader**.

A D Ingersoll, the largest landowner in Tazewell county, died at Pontiac where he was on a visit to his daughter. He was 75 years of age.

Mrs. **Sophia Hoeh**, aged 81 years, died at her home in Nokomis, Macoupin county, and was buried in the Prairieton Cemetery near Bunker Hill.

Mr. **James H Williams**, a veteran of the civil and Spanish American wars, and prominent in G. A. R. circles, died at Eldora, Saline County.

Perry Dunmire, aged 17 years, fell under a stalkcutter near Kappa, Woodford county and both arms were cut off, among other injuries, which are considered fatal.

Despondent on account of ill health, **Patrick Collins**, aged 68, who lived four miles east of Medora, committed suicide by shooting.

The one-year-old child of Mrs. **William Davis** of Central secured a cup of concentrated lye, drank it, and died from the effects.

Mrs. **Juliet Gridley Schoenrock** of Paris, France, formerly of New York, has brought suit against various heirs of the estate of her father, millionaire banker and capitalist of Bloomington, **Ashael Gridley**. She is the elder sister of Mrs. **Mary Gridley Bell**, also of Bloomington, who recently won her celebrated suit for divorce against millionaire **Frederick E Bell** of Iowa, deceased. Mrs. **Schoenrock's** father made a will in which he devised to Mrs. **Schoenrock** an equal share with her sister and two brothers. Before his death, 20 years ago, **Gridley** made a codicil to the will, by which he cut off Mrs.

Schoenrock from any part of the estate. By his will, **Gridley** left to his wife, a large amount of property for her lifetime, at her death to go to her heirs. The wife, Mrs. **Gridley** died 6 months ago. Mrs. **Schoenrock** claims that she is entitled to a full share of her mother's life property under the terms of General **Gridley's** will, and that the codicil made by her father, has no effect upon the disposition of that which was devised to her mother for the latter's lifetime. The property upon which Mrs. **Gridley** held tenure is valued at \$200,000 or more.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Boyd** on 24 April 1901, a boy.

W L Morris was released by the judge of the country court last week as administrator of the estate of **Frank Hempel**, deceased. The judge then appointed him guardian of the minor heirs, the six children.

N F Brown, the monument man of Decatur, came down on Friday and erected a very handsome stone for **James V Casey** at the grave of Mrs. **Campbell**, in the Snyder Cemetery, south.

Wednesday, 8 May 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday, 1 May 1901, at Decatur, Judge **F M Shonkweiler** of the county court officiating, **Wm T Craven** and Miss **Mary A Davis**, both of this city were united in marriage. The young people are well known in Moweaqua. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Davis** of here.

Aunt **Ellen Carwile** dies. After a painful illness of several months, her malady being a complication of internal troubles, Aunt **Ellen Carwile** died at her home in this city on Thursday night about nine o'clock. She had been a resident of this city and vicinity for more than 40 years, and was widely known and highly esteemed. The funeral services were held on Friday afternoon from the Baptist church. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating at the services. Pallbearers were **Fred Snell, J H Donnell, Thos Smith, Thos Hudson, Sr, M Snyder, Jr** and **Wm Whitworth**. Interment in the west Cemetery. **Edith Ellen**

Gregory was born in Henry county, Kentucky, near Lexington, on 9 January 1825 and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 2 May 1901, at 9 PM. Her parents, **Peter** and **Mary Gregory** moved to Breckinridge county, Kentucky, in 1827, where the family lived until 1838, moving there to Tobinsport, Indiana, where they resided about 32 years. At the age of 18, she was converted and united with the Baptist church at Tobinsport. On 16 April 1851, she was united in marriage with **James H Carwile**. To them were born six children, two of whom, **John** and **Martha**, passed away in infancy. The remaining four are **Washington Carwile**, Mrs. **Lucina Dotson**, Mrs. **America Pounds** and Mrs. **Susan Scroggins**, all living in Moweaqua. She leaves two brothers, **Edward Gregory** of this place and **George H Gregory** of Cloverport, Kentucky. Her companion preceded her to the great beyond on 7 December 1899. The family came to Illinois in October 1865, and have made Moweaqua their home since that time.

H H Fox, aged 65 years, died at his home at Murphysboro of Bright's disease. He was sheriff of Jackson County from 1880 to 1884.

M E Denman of Carlock aged 81 years of age, died. His wife died a few weeks ago from the excitement caused by the burning of their home.

Rudolph Kagy, one of the most prominent farmers of Marion county, died at age 75 years. Col **Thomas W Harris** died at his home in Paris at 78 years of age. He had lived in Paris for 20 years.

Jonas Spencer, aged 86 years, died on his farm near Padua. He was one of the oldest residents of McLean county.

Mrs. **Calvin Pender**, an old resident of Alto Pass died.

Mrs. **Mary J Shirley** aged 76 years, died at Staunton. She was the mother of Judge **R B Shirley** of Carlinville.

Capt **Edward Roessler**, aged 90 years, one of the first settlers of Illinois, died at his home in Shelbyville.

Emery Sherlock, aged 16 years, killed **Elmer Meadows**, aged 19 years, at Walnut Grove church, Franklin county. The weapon used was a knife.

William F Bateman, aged 67 years, a prominent farmer of Piasa, Macoupin county, was found dead at his plow in a field north of that village.

Will of Robinson Baird. The will of the late **Robinson Baird** of Prairie Home has been filed regularly. It gives to the widow, **Ruth Baird**, the property during her natural life, consisting of north ½ of se qtr and the south ½ of the ne qtr of 34-14-3, east, except that part occupied as the West Okaw Presbyterian church and Cemetery. At the death of the widow, the property goes to the two children. To the daughter, **Mary F Sheffler**, goes the south ½ of the ne qtr of 34 and to the son, **Robert A Baird**, the north ½ of the se qtr of 34, 14 n, range 3 east. Will also provides that **Robert** shall give to Mrs. **Sheffler** \$600 because his part of the land is worth more than hers. The widow, **Ruth Baird** and **James G Thompson** are named as executors without bond. The witnesses to the will were **Jas G Thompson** and **Wm G Thompson**, the will is dated 11 January 1897, and to the codicil dated 14 February 1898, the witnesses were **Wm G Thompson** and **Lloyd E Thompson**. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Charles Drake, son of **David** and Mrs. **Drake** of Findlay, was killed out in the west the last of the week while working with a team. The team ran with him and while doing so he became entangled in the lines and was killed. The remains will not reach Findlay till this morning. The funeral will be held at Union some time today. (Yantisville news)

After a lingering illness of several months with cancer of the stomach, **Jacob Shride's** spirit winged its flight at 2 o'clock AM, Saturday morning. His death was a sudden blow to his friends as he seemed to be getting along very nicely till a day or two before his death. Just one week previous to his death while on the way from the store in a cart, he had a very narrow escape, for a man in his weakened condition. While driving along the road west of here a horse along the roadside took after the little colt which he had following, which caused the nag which he was driving to wheel around quite suddenly. As she did so, he got off the cart, then the nag started to run, and ran some little distance, dragging and jerking him along. Yet he held to the lines and with help, succeeded in checking the speed of his horse, but he was very weak from the exertion. This probably hastened his death. Services were held at Little Flock church on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev **Ferris** of the U B church of Obed. He was buried by the M. W. A.'s of which he was a member and carried a \$2,000 policy. Pallbearers were **Charles Stump, Jacob Longenbach, Jesse Pierce, Sam'l Longenbaugh, Mr. Higginbotham** and **Johnny Beckett**. He leaves a wife and four children, 6 brothers and many friends to mourn his demise.

Quite a number attended the birthday dinner last Wednesday at **Link Longenbaugh's** near Findlay.

Sunday, 5 May 1901, at one o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence** in Prairieton township, their daughter, **Camilla Lawrence** was united in marriage to **Sidney Morton** of Vandalia. Elder **Herman** of Bethany officiated. Mr. **Morton** formerly taught school at Oak Branch and the Adams school, and is favorably known in this section. Miss **Lawrence**, the bride, is a highly esteemed young lady with a large circle of friends. They will leave for their future home in Fayette county today.

A telegram was received on Monday by Mrs. **Ruth Smith** from Mason City, Iowa, announcing the death of her daughter-in-law, Mrs. **Eva Smith**. At the time of her death she was at the home of her sister, Mrs. **Edgar Hill** where she had been for several months, gradually declining with consumption. She was between 25 and 26 years of age and leaves no children. The funeral will take place today in Mason City. Mrs. **Smith** was a granddaughter of Esq. **Humphrey** and will be remembered here by a host of her friends.

Wednesday, 15 May 1901 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*:

Milton Shockley, the oldest resident of Pana, died at age 70.

Christian Ellers, a native of Germany, who had resided in Macoupin County since 1868, died at the age of 66 years.

Nathan Boosinger, aged 62 years, a prominent citizen of Gillespie died.

Mrs. **William Tatman** of Bloomington died. She was born at Camargo in 1840.

John Connors, aged 71 years, a veteran of the Civil War, died at Medora of pneumonia.

Mrs. **Anastasia Quinn**, aged 70 years, died at Bloomington from paralysis.

Allen B Briscoe died at Marshall. He had served as county clerk for 24 years and was deputy United States Marshal during Cleveland's first term.

Sick and despondent and perhaps tired of life, which had dragged out almost to the century mark for her, Mrs. **Lydia Gregory**, one of the oldest residents of Peoria county, committed suicide at her home near Trivoli. The strychnine which she used had been purchased several years ago and had been in an old trunk in the house during all of that time. It was not thought that the suicide was long mediated. Mrs. **Gregory** had been ill about two

weeks and in her naturally enfeebled condition, she had become very despondent. She was the widow of **David Gregory**, a wealthy and prominent farmer. She was born in 1808 and located in Peoria county in 1835, having lived on the same farm, the old Gregory homestead near Trivoli, for 66 years.

Near August, a small town near Quincy, **William Aughteraught**, married, shot **Maude White**, the 16-year-old daughter of **Robert White**, then walked home and killed himself with the same pistol. Miss **White** made a statement to the officers in which she said she had been intimate with her assailant for two years. She could no longer hide her disgrace of the illicit love and had informed her parents.

When **William Kless** of Danville went home, he found his wife talking to **Ed Kinzie**, a former admirer. **Kless** drew a knife and fatally stabbed **Kinzie**. **Kless** had only been married a month and was arrested for the murder.

William E Hurst, an old resident of Bloomington, died suddenly at age 68 years. He was native of England and had lived in Bloomington for 27 years.

The limbless child which arrived in January at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Cole** of near Keyesport, Irishtown township, Illinois, is dead.

Mrs. **S A Barr**, the first resident of Odin, Illinois, died Friday. She was born in Greenville, Illinois, in 1821 and settled in Odin in 1841, remaining there until her demise.

Mrs. **Minerva Saulomon** who at one time resided here, died at her home in Macon on Saturday night. The funeral was held on Sunday.

Little Miss **Irene Northcutt** entertained quite a number of her young friends Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. **Malinda Jacobs**, the occasion being her 8th birthday.

Jacob Shride, son of the late **George Shride**, died Saturday morning at the family home near Obed. This is the young man **Dr Thompson** took to Chicago in March, and who, after examination by the great surgeon, **Dr Senn**, was declared to be suffering from cancer of the stomach. Another doctor said his trouble was cancer of the liver. It was Mr.

Shride's desire that after death, his body should be examined to see what his real trouble was. Accordingly, **Dr Thompson** of this city and **Dr Gregory** of Obed, were called Saturday afternoon to make a post mortem examination. They found that death was caused by a perforation of the stomach, due to a large mixed tumor that surrounded the lower end of the stomach, almost closing the outlet. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Pleak news: At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J L Gregory** on Monday evening, 13 May 1901, a pleasant surprise was given, the occasion being **Arthur H Gregory's** birthday. On a farm near Bloomington, yesterday, 12 May 1901, **Merritt Chism** killed his wife. As she was starting to church in a buggy with two little daughter of **Chism**, her step-daughters, a quarrel arose. **Chism** jumped into the buggy and with a knife, cut his wife's face and neck. He then threw her into the road, jumped upon her and stabbed her repeatedly. Her son, **Harvey Freeland**, aged 12 years, struck at **Chism** with a ball bat. **Chism** wrested the bat from the lad and struck his wife three times with it, smashing her skull and bashing out her brains. Then he tried again to stab the woman. **Harvey** caught the hand in which was the knife. **Chism** drew the knife through **Harvey's** hand, almost severing the fingers and stabbed **Harvey** in the arm. **Chism** then fled across the fields and tried to drown himself in a well. The water was not deep enough, and he climbed out and went to the house of a son where he tried to kill himself with a revolver. The son prevented this and took **Chism** to Bloomington where he gave himself up to the sheriff.

Chism is one of the wealthiest farmers in the county. He is a man of quick temper, but had never before been guilty of a crime. He is 49 years old.

Rev **John G Sparling**, a brother of Dr **Sparling** and a Methodist minister who was well known here, died at his home in Marlette, Michigan, on 3 May 1901 of heart failure. He was 63 years of age and had been in very poor health. The funeral was held on 6 May 1901, Dr **Sparling** going north to attend.

Wednesday, 22 May 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Relatives and friends assembled at the residence of her son-in-law, **John Black** at 10 o'clock Monday morning to pay the last tribute of respect to the remains of Mrs. **Mary S Garman**, widow of George Garman, who preceded her to the heavenly home on 28 December 1868. She united with the Presbyterian church early in life, and was a sincere and devoted Christian to the last. She felt that her time had come and a few hours before her death read the 23rd Psalm and prayed. Services were held at the Prairie Home church. **Mary S Neal** was born in Jacksonville, Center County, Pennsylvania, 7 June 1816. She was married to **George Garman** at Jacksonville, Pennsylvania, in 1805. They moved to Stephenson county, Illinois, in 1856 and to Shelby county, Illinois in April 1865, where she has since made her home. Mrs. **Garman** joined the Presbyterian church of Jacksonville at the age of 16. She has ever since been a faithful worker. She was the mother of four children, three boys and one girl. The husband and one boy preceded her to Heaven. The husband died on 28 December 1863 (*Note discrepancy in his death date; same article gives 1863 and 1868*); the son dying in 1879. **Mary S Garman** died on 18 May 1901, Shelby County, Illinois. The husband, son and mother all died at the same hour, all on Saturday night at twelve o'clock. She leaves three children and hosts of other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Eva J Humphrey was born in Cerro Gordo County, Iowa, 28 November 1875. She was married to **Frank Smith** of Moweaqua, Illinois, on 29 November 1893, who died about three years ago with consumption. The devoted wife and faithful nurse contracted the disease which has slowly robbed her sisters and brothers of a loving sister. She was a member of the M E Church and a true Christian. Of exceptional thoughtfulness and kindness was her brother-in-law, **Edgar Hill**, at whose place she has made her home since her return from Moawequa, Illinois. His wife and other sister, Mrs. **Nels Kettleison** of Clear Lake were constantly at her bedside, attending to her wants, and other members of her family and many friends contributed to her comfort. All that medical science and kind hands could do was done, but God had called her, and she answered the summons willingly and with trusting resignation. Her parents, husband, three sisters and one brother have answered the same summons and await her coming home. One brother and three sisters and very aged grandparents survive her, who with other relatives mourn her, not as lost, but as one absent, knowing that blessed are they who die in the Lord. (*Mason City Daily Globe-Gazette, dated 7 May 1901*)

Pleak news: Rev **Ben Mahon**, the venerable old man of Vera, Illinois, preached at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday to large audiences. Among his discourses were two funeral sermons, the first delivered being that of the deceased Mrs. **S A Bryson** who died last January. The other being that of the late **Solomon Scribner** who died at his home in Macon last Saturday, 18 May 1901. A large number of relatives and friends were present

to pay the last tribute to his memory. Interment took place at the Tolly Cemetery southeast.

School was closed on Monday at Allenboro on account of the death of Mrs. **J M Reynold's** father, Mr. **Scribner** of Macon.

Wednesday, 29 May 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Wm Campbell**, aged over 94 years, died at her home northeast of Greenup. She was the oldest resident in Cumberland County.

Capt **Benjamin A Gaffith**, died at his home in Sciota, McDonough County, from an attack of apoplexy. He served through the war in Co I, One Hundred and Twenty-fourth Illinois Volunteers.

Joseph Evans, a soldier of the Civil War and a prominent farmer of Saline county, died suddenly of apoplexy at his home east of Harrisburg. He was 60 years of age and the head of a large family.

Walter Bowman, a prominent member of the Odd Fellows died at Pittsfield, aged 36 years.

Samuel Hess, the founder of Morrisonville, Christian county, died at 90 years of age.

Mr. and Mrs. **H S Humphrey** celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home on East Jackson Street, Vandalia.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Williams**, residing north of Pana, recently celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mrs. **Williams** was born in Pana.

Frank Schroeder was beating his wife at Bloomington, when his father, Dr **Herman Schroeder** interfered, he stabbed his father.

Death of John Tanner, former governor of Illinois. **John Riley Tanner** was born 4 April 1844 in Warrick County, Indiana. He attended the common school of his neighborhood and worked on the farm of his father, acquiring the rudiments of a pioneer education. There were five males in the family, father and four sons, and every one offered his life for the country in the Civil War. The mother died at Carbondale, Illinois, in 1863. The father enlisted in the Fourteenth Illinois cavalry and was captured, and ended his life in a prison pen in Columbus, Mississippi. **John R Tanner** entered Company A, Ninety-eighth Illinois infantry in 1863 and served until June 1865 when he was transferred to Company B, Sixty-first infantry, and was mustered out in September 1865. He served in Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. Returning to Illinois, Tanner purchased 60 acres of land in Clay county, for which he paid \$600. Taking for a wife, Miss **Lauretta Ingraham**, he began farming. This was his occupation in 1870 when he was elected sheriff of Clay county, followed by Clay county clerk. During his senatorial term he engaged in sawing lumber in partnership with his brother, **J M Tanner**, continuing in this business in 1886 when he was elected state treasurer. In 1877, he lost his wife by death, leaving to his care, a son and daughter. In December 1896, he married Miss **Cora Edith English**, an accomplished and highly connected lady of Springfield. He leaves a widow, one son, Col **J Mack Tanner** of Springfield, colonel of the Fourth Infantry, I. N. G. and one daughter, Mrs. **John A Barnes** of Chicago. His remains were interred almost beside those of President **Lincoln** in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Mrs. **Tanner**, his widow, yesterday purchased a lot containing 7,000 feet, and located on the driveway from the gates of the Cemetery to the National Lincoln Monument, and about midway between the gates and the Lincoln monument, probably 300 feet from the latter.

S N Haverfield, administrator of the **David McCarty** (deceased) estate, sold the farm of 80 acres situated northwest of Assumption two miles, to the highest bidder Saturday. After considerable spirited bidding, **W F Johnson** became owner of the farm for \$5,600 or \$70 per acre. (*Assumption News*)

Martha Ellen Beever was born in Perryville, Perry County, Ohio, on 26 July 1859. She departed this life on 25 May 1901, aged 41 years, 9 months and 29 days. She came to this state with her parents when a child five years of age. She gave her heart and hand in marriage to **William D Showers** on 4 November 1879. To this union were born four daughters, two of whom died in infancy. She leaves a husband, two affectionate daughters, **Margaret** and **Fannie Showers**, five brothers and two sisters, along with a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Mrs. **Will Showers**, living two miles east of Prairie Home, died Saturday night at 12 o'clock, midnight. Funeral was held on Sunday at 3 PM. Interment was in the Bethany Cemetery.

In view of the sadness that has befallen our neighbor, **Alice Shride**, in the death of her husband, **Jacob Shride**, who departed this life at his home near Yantisville, Illinois, on 4 May 1901, be it therefore, resolved that the officers and members of Myrtle Camp No 718, Royal Neighbors of America, extend to the bereaved family, our heartfelt sympathy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Smith** on 25 May 1901, a girl.

Toney Hartbeck and **Ben Luffers**, the latter a brother of the late **John Luffers**, deceased, came in from Colesburg, Iowa, last week for a visit with relatives here.

Wednesday, 5 June 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D F Burrus** on 29 May 1901, a son.

J M Reynolds was on Monday, appointed administrator of the estate of **Solomon Scribner**. The estate consists of 160 acres of land in Shelby County and \$700 of personal property.

Wednesday, 12 June 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

While the death of **Dr Washington** was not entirely unexpected, yet its coming caused a universal feeling of intense regret. **Fred Washington** was very popular among a wide circle of friends. Though comparatively a new comer in Moweaqua, his standing and personality was unquestioned. But a little over a year ago, he led to the altar as the bride of his choice, one of Moweaqua's loveliest girls, **Miss Gertrude E Green**. Those who have noted the unceasing care and devotion with which she made happy his rapidly declining days, bespeak of her the noblest percepts of womanhood. The funeral was held from the M E Church in this city to which church he had transferred membership, Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The altar and the beautiful casket presented a profusion of exquisite flowers in emblems and designs, tributes of love from hosts of friends. Rev **J Foxworthy** officiated. **Alfred Cookman Washington** was born in St Louis, Missouri, on 16 August 1874, and graduated from the public schools of that city at the age of 17, after which he attended Shertliff College one year. He matriculated at the Missouri Dental College from which he graduated in 1895. He served one year in the Spanish-American war and then came home, locating in Moweaqua, Illinois. He was married to **Gertrude E Green** on 31 May 1900. He was converted at the age of 14 and joined the Union M E Church in St Louis. He died in this city on 4 June 1901 at 8 o'clock PM. A wife, mother

and one brother survive him. **Wm Washington** of Chicago was here in attendance at the funeral of his brother, **Dr A C Washington**.

Dr A C Washington carried \$4,000 life insurance, \$2,000 in the Court of Honor and \$2,000 in the Royal Templars. The casket prepared by **Stine Brothers** for the remains of **Dr Washington** was one of the handsomest we have ever seen. It was of lavender plush, copper lines throughout with beautiful cream satin and lace trimmings.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J E Foster** on 6 June 1901, a son. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John W Hardin** on 2 June 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **N E Corrington** on 11 June 1901, a girl.

Wednesday, 19 June 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **Mary Elizabeth Evans**, wife of Rev **Henry Evans**, living three miles northwest died on Saturday morning, 15 June 1901, at 6:45 o'clock after a long and painful illness. She was born on 28 July 1840, and at the time of her death was nearing the close of her sixty-first year. For many weeks previous to her death, she realized her sickness was fatal, and she approved the great change without fear. She was a Methodist by religion and her firm faith in Jesus sustained her unto the end. In the relations of wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, she will be greatly missed, but she is waiting for us over there. Services held at the home at 2 o'clock on Sunday afternoon, 16 June 1901. Rev **Jo. B Rogers** of Moweaqua officiating. A large crowd of friends followed the remains to the Jacobs burying grounds where they were laid away to await the great resurrection.

On the afternoon of 14 June 1901, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Thos S Hays**, the birthdays of their two eldest children, **Eva L Hays**, age 9 years, and **Everett L Hays**, age 5 years, was celebrated. **Eva** and **Everett** each received a number of nice and useful presents.

Wednesday, 26 June 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Frazee** on 18 June 1901, a girl

Wednesday evening, 19 June 1901, at 8:30 o'clock at Macon, Illinois, Rev **E J Durham** officiated at the M E parsonage wedding of Mr. **O E Bacon** and Miss **Lulu Robertson**, who were united in marriage. Present at the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gregory**, Miss **Clara Robertson**, and **Roy Howard**. The newly married couple returned to Moweaqua the same evening, and are now cozily settled down to housekeeping in the Atteberry property. They have a host of friends in this area.

Hiram Cronk of Herkimer County, New York, is the only male pensioner of the war of 1812 on the rolls. Born in 1800, he has lived through the entire nineteenth century. He enlisted in 1814 in the mass militia and served with distinction throughout the war. At the age of 101 years, he is still hale and hearty. **Cronk's** family is locally famous for longevity. Four brothers and a sister lived to be over 90 years old and one to the age of 98. A family reunion was held on **Hiram Cronk's** 100th birthday and was attended by over 100 descendants and relatives. He is a lifelong Democrat, casting his first vote for **Andrew Jackson** and his last for **Grover Cleveland**. When asked why he has not since voted, the old gentleman good naturedly remarks: "When I got down to **Grover**, I calculated it was time to quit and call it a half day." He both chews and smokes. Recently he has threatened to break the habit. He makes his home with his youngest daughter who is a mere chit of a girl, aged 80 years.

Mrs. **Caroline Jones**, aged 62 years, died at her home in this city on Saturday, 22 June 1901, having been ill about 7 months with a complication of troubles. Funeral services for Mrs. **David Jones** were held from the Jones home on Sunday. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiated. Interment was at the north Cemetery.

Wednesday, 3 July 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Ned Tolson was called to Pike county on Saturday by a telegram announcing the death of a relative.

Thursday evening Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn** observed the second anniversary of their wedding by entertaining a few young friends in honor of the occasion. The evening was spent most happily with music and mirth within, mingling profusely with thunder and lightning without. Refreshments served, and the guests repaired to their homes when the storm had spent its fury.

John T Haslam received a telegram Sunday announcing the death of his brother-in-law, **Charles Williams** at Sterling, Kansas. He leaves a wife and four children. Mrs. **Jennie Williams**, will be well remembered here by old citizens.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Highley** planned a pleasant surprise on their daughter, **Hattie Highley**, Saturday night. It being her birthday, a few friends were invited in and spent the evening in dance, and all reported a good time and wished her many more happy birthdays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ol Standley** on Sunday, 23 June 1901, twin boys. Mother and children are doing well. (Obed news)

Mrs. **Rose Evans** and daughter, Miss **Goldie Evans**, of Cheyenne, Oklahoma, reached here yesterday and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. **Harve C Miller**. A **Widick** family reunion will be held on Sunday at the **Miller** home, this being the first time since their marriage that the four **Widick** children have been together. They are **Wm Widick**, Mrs. **H C Miller**, Mrs. **L C Uhl**, and Mrs. **Rose Evans**.

Wednesday afternoon of last week at the C P parsonage in Taylorville, Illinois, Rev **W E Howard** officiating, **Lloyd W Snell** and Miss **Myrtle Mae Riley**, both of this city, were united in marriage. The young people were accompanied to Taylorville by Mr. **Leslie Scribner** and Miss **Corrine Snyder**, the entire bridal party returning to this city

Wednesday evening, repairing at once to the home of the bride's parents. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **James B Riley**, and a charming young lady who is very highly esteemed, and the groom who is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell**, is a popular young man.

At the Baptist parsonage Wednesday evening, Mr. **Roy Howard** and Miss **Clara Robertson** were united in holy bonds of matrimony, Rev **Jo. B Rogers** officiating. The bride is a sister of Mrs. **Ed Bacon** (whose marriage was chronicled last week in the *Call-Mail*) and a most affable and pleasant girl). The groom is in the livery business with his father, **Charles Howard** and is an industrious young man. Mr. and Mrs. **Howard** have gone to housekeeping in the south part of town, and a host of friends wish them all happiness and success.

At Fullerton, Ohio, on Wednesday, 26 June 1901, Miss **Amy Pelton** and Mr. **Chas Repp** were united in marriage. The bride is a young lady well known and most highly esteemed here, being the sister of **Edelbert** and **Elmer Pelton**, and a niece of Mrs. **John Clark**. From what may be considered a reliable source, the *Call-Mail* learns that on Thursday evening, 27 June 1901, at the home of the bride's parents in Evanston, Illinois, **J Arthur**

Brown of Blue Mound, and Miss **Cora Hubbard** of Evanston, were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Brown** left at once of Devil's Lake, Wisconsin, for a brief sojourn after which they will be at home in Blue Mound to their friends.

Wednesday, 10 July 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness covering a period of over a year, his malady being consumption, **Richard Eakin**, died at his home in this city on Wednesday morning, 3 July 1901, at 3 o'clock, AM, his age was 33 years, 6 months, and three days. He is survived by a wife and one child, **Grover Eakin**. Services were held Friday morning from the family residence, Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating. At the conclusion of which, the remains were escorted to the depot and taken on the morning train to Pana, where they were laid to rest in the Mound Cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Bass**, 30 June 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Cooper**, 29 June 1901, a girl.

Wednesday evening, 3 July 1901, at six o'clock at the Baptist parsonage in this city, **Eber R Weakly** and Miss **Nora Friend** were united in marriage. Rev **Jo B Rogers** officiated. Both the young people are well known and have many friends who wish for them, the best that life affords. They will reside on a farm southeast.

Wednesday, 17 July 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

J Wheeler Brown held a reception to a large number of his friends last evening in honor on Mr. and Mrs. **J A Brown** who were married at Evanston recently. There were about one hundred guests present, and it was a most delightful occasion. After the guests had met the bride and groom, various amusements were engaged in, and at the opportune time, refreshments were served. Misses **Forrester, Pearl** and **Daisy Mulberry** of Taylorville, assisted Miss **Agnes Brown** in receiving and entertaining the guests. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Pontius** on 14 July 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W T Bowman** on 14 July 1901, a girl.

Jacob Wilbur Workman died at his home in the north part of town Monday morning at 8:40 o'clock, AM, aged about 29 years. His malady was consumption, and he had been a sufferer from that disease for over two years. Throughout his physical decline, when he saw he was gradually wasting away, he maintained at all times, a cheerful disposition. A mother, wife and two children, two brothers and one sister survive him. Services were held yesterday at two o'clock from the Christian tabernacle, Rev **R D Brown** officiating. This Wednesday evening, 17 July 1901, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Snyder**, in this city, will occur the marriage of Mr. **O Leslie Scribner** and Miss **Corinne Snyder**. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, only a few of the immediate relatives are to be present. Ceremony will be performed by Rev. **J Foxworthy** of the M E Church. The newly married people will be entertained at the beautiful home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner** of Prairieton township, tomorrow. The bride is a typical Moweaqua girl to whom all have the highest personal regard. The groom is one of Moweaqua's energetic young businessmen who is rapidly establishing himself in the commercial field. They will be at home to their friends at their residence in the north part of the town after Monday, 29 July 1901.

Wednesday, 24 July 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A sweet and beautiful little spirit has passed within the portal of celestial bliss. Thursday morning shortly after nine o'clock, **Albert Lewis Kirkman**, only son of **George E** and **Mrs. Kirkman**, aged 5 years, 5 months and 9 days, peacefully breathed his last. The little fellow had not been especially ill, except suffering at times from the excessive heat, until Thursday morning when he was taken seriously, the direct cause being the hot weather, and in a few short hours all earthly suffering was at an end. Services held from the family residence on Friday afternoon in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and friends. **Rev S Wilbur Huffer** of the Presbyterian church officiated. The remains were entered in the Cemetery north of town. Our sympathies to the bereaved parents.

Death of Mary Davis Craven. **Mrs. Mary Davis Craven**, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Sam'l Davis**, died at the home of her parents on the west side on Saturday, 20 January 1901, at an early hour in the morning. She was about 18 years of age, and the bride of but a few months, having married **Wm Craven** on 1 May 1901. The direct cause of her death being nervous prostration. Services were held from the family residence on Sunday morning in the presence of a large congregation of sympathetic relatives and friends. **Rev Jo. B. Rogers** officiated. Interment was at the Cemetery north of town.

The will of the late **David R Eakin** of Moweaqua has been filed for probate. It gives the widow one third of all the property, absolutely. It gives the rest, the two thirds to the son, **Grover E Eakin**. It makes **V Snyder, Jr** guardian of **Grover Eakin**. The real estate shall be sold by the executor, **V Snyder, Jr**, within two years and divided as set forth above.

Will is dated 17 May 1901 and was witnessed by **V Snyder, Jr** and **T E Jackson**. Real estate is valued at \$1,000 and personal estate at \$1,600. (Shelbyville Democrat)

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. J D Stubblefield** on 18 July 1901, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. W A Warren came over from Boody to attend the funeral of **Albert Kirkman**. **Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kirkman** came down from Decatur to attend little **Albert's** funeral on Friday. **Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stroud** were down from Maroa last week in attendance at the funeral of little **Albert Kirkman**.

Friday morning at the residence of her daughter, **Mrs. E Howard** in Assumption, **Mrs. Mary Jacobs** passed away at the ripe old age of 76 years and 13 days. She had resided in the city for many years, and was greatly beloved by all who knew her. The funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Baptist church at Assumption. **Rev Claxon** officiating. Quite a number attended the funeral from this city. **Mrs. Mary Jacobs** was born in South Hanover, Indiana, in 1825, was married to **Harvey Cowell** in 1841. To this union was born 8 children, four of which survive her. She was converted and joined the Baptist church at Mt Vernon, Indiana, in 1842. She with her husband moved to Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1857, and was left a widow in 1862. She married **George A Jacobs** in 1882, and was again left a widow in 1892. She united with the Methodist Church in 1883, and lived a consistent Christian since first she found God precious to her soul in 1842, and until she was called to her reward at one o'clock on Friday morning, 19 July 1901. She leaves children, grand children and great grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her death.

William Day died in Decatur suddenly at 2 o'clock Monday morning of paralysis. Sunday evening, while visiting with friends on Marion Street, he was suddenly stricken with paralysis. Up to that time he had been in excellent health. He never regained consciousness. **Mr. Day** was about 61 years of age, and was a resident of Macon County

up to five or six years when he went to Beaumont, Texas, and was successful in his deals in lands. He leaves five children. They are **Edward Day** who lives at Walker, Mrs. **C W McMurray** of Curran, Illinois, and **Robert, George and Orland Day**, who live on farms in Texas. The funeral of **William Day** will be held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from his son's residence near Walker Station. The remains will be interred in Snyder's Cemetery. (*Decatur Herald*)

Grant Wilkins, aged 35 years, colored, started through the Dismar Swamp near Norfolk, West Virginia, Sunday. He sat down by a big juniper tree to refresh himself and drink some moonshine whiskey. He fell asleep. Later he was found dead with nearly three feet of a live snake protruding from his mouth. The man's neck was swollen, his eyes bulged, and an expression of agony was on his face. He had choked to death. It took the strength of two men to pull the snake from the corpse. The men then killed the snake.

Capt **M H Miller**, of the local post Fraternal Army of America, received last week, three checks, each for the sum of \$ 333.33, payable respectively to the order of **Earl Craig, Edith Craig, and John Craig**, aggregating in all, \$1,000, it being the amount due on the policy of the late Mrs. **Craig**.

Wednesday, 24 July 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The will of Mrs. **Mary Jacobs** of Assumption gives to Mrs. **Lydia Howard**, all her property, valued at about \$400, except \$1 each to each of her other three children. She states that the bequest to Lydia is for attention given to her during her lifetime.

(*Taylorville Breeze*)

Rev **J Foxworthy** died very suddenly, Wednesday, 24 July 1901, at his residence, the Methodist parsonage in this city. He had not been feeling very well that morning, and in fact, he had more or less indisposed for several days during the heated term. During the morning Dr **Sparling** had been called and had prescribed for him. About noon Mrs. **Foxworthy** prepared a cup of cherry juice for him, and handing it to him, turned away for a moment. When she heard a peculiar sound, returning quickly to his side, she discovered him in a helpless condition, and went at once to summon aid. By the time neighbors arrived and a physician was summoned, the gentleman had passed away. The direct cause of his death is said to be heart neuralgia. He had assumed charge of the Methodist congregation in this city the latter part of September 1898, succeeding Rev. **E J Durham** here, coming from Waverly, Illinois, to which place Mr. **Durham** went from this city. He was one of those men who could always be counted on the right side of every question that socially or morally uplifted the community. Services were held at the Methodist church on Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, PM. The casket was escorted from the parsonage to the sanctuary by a guard of honor. At the conclusion of the services at the church, the remains were conveyed to the Cemetery north of town and laid to rest temporarily in the **J W Greaves** lot. The following gentlemen acted as pallbearers: **J W Greaves, V Snyder, Jr, D P Keller, M Snyder, Jr, J P Aydelott, and Joel T Walker**. **Joseph Foxworthy** was born on a farm near Lagoda, Montgomery, County, Indiana, on 28 March 1838, aged about 63 years. He was the fourteenth in a family of sixteen children. At the age of sixteen he began teaching a district school some eight miles from his home, which distance he walked each week. After some years of teaching, he entered the Thornton Academy, from which he graduated in 1859. It was while there in 1858, that he was converted and joined the church. He spent some time as a teacher in the college at Valpariso, Indiana, under the

direction of Dr N C N Sims. In 1860, he entered Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Indiana, to prepare for the ministry. The following year he was called to supply the pulpit of the M E Church in Michigan City, Indiana, the pastor having enlisted in the army. In 1862 he was admitted on trial in the North West Indiana Conference. In 1874 and 1875 because of ill health, he took a supernumerary relation to the conference and lived in Monticello, Indiana, practicing law. In 1876, being in better health, he re-entered the ministry at Goodland, Indiana. He spent the following year in the practice of law at Danville, Illinois. In 1879, he again took up ministerial work, was transferred to the Illinois conference and stationed at Paxton. He has since served the following charges: Saybrook, Gibson City, Pana, Farmer City, Monticello, Waverly, and Moweaqua. On 10 September 1868, he was married to Miss **Maria Louisa Dinwiddie** at Rockville, Indiana. There were three children of this marriage, a girl who died in infancy and two boys. His son, Dr **Fred Foxworthy**, and Mr. **George Dinwiddie** of Frankfort, Indiana, were present at the funeral.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Stevens** on 24 July 1901, a girl.

Death of Aunt Sally Hays. Mrs. **Sarah Hays** died Friday afternoon 26 July 1901, at the home of her son, **David Hays**, just south of town. The direct cause of her death was paralysis of the brain. She was a venerable old lady, the mother of a large family of children, and had resided in this city and vicinity for many years. She was possessed of a wide acquaintance and held the high esteem of a large circle of friends. Services were held Saturday afternoon from the residence of **David Hays, Sr** in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends.

E T Clements of Blue Mound, an old and valued friend of Rev **Foxworthy**, who had known him since 1857, came over from Blue Mound to attend the funeral and pay final respects to his long time friend.

Friday, 8 August 1901, at 2 o'clock in the city of Decatur, **Walter Humphrey, Jr.** will sell at administrator's sale, three properties of the estate of the late **Oscar Humphrey**, deceased.

Mrs. **Ira Baird** attended the funeral of her mother, Mrs. **McDonald** last Friday in Decatur. (Prairie Home News, (received too late for last week))

Mary Corley-Duckett, after a lingering illness died at her home at Lakewood on Saturday, 20 July 1901, aged 29 years and 21 days. She was the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Bryant Corley**, and wife of **Thomas Duckett**. The remains were brought to her father's place Saturday night, and the funeral services were held at Union Church on Sunday, conducted by Elder **Roberts**. Remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery at that place. She leaves a husband and three small children, a father, mother, four sisters and a brother, and a host of friends. (Yantisville news)

Little **Ruth Yantis**, daughter of Dr and Mrs. **Yantis**, gave a birthday party to a few of her neighbors and her grandparents on Monday evening at 5 o'clock at Yantisville. Ice cream and cake helped make the occasion memorable.

Charles Harlan very appropriately observed his twenty-first birthday Monday evening, 29 July 1901, by inviting in a number of young friends who assisted him in most pleasantly celebrating the event.

Wednesday, 7 August 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday evening, 2 August 1901, at Arcola, Illinois, Mr. **S R Mitchell** of this city and Mrs. **Ella Richards** of Louisville, Kentucky, were united in marriage. The officiating minister was Rev **S F Miller** of Arcola, a brother of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. **Mitchell** returned to this city Saturday night and will reside in the new and pretty house just completed by Mr. **Mitchell**.

W L Morris, guardian of the minor heirs of **Frank Hempel**, deceased, presented a check for \$2,000, being the amount of life insurance due from the Bankers Life association with the check payable to the order of Mrs. **Sarah M Hempel**, Mrs. **Lillie Smart** and Mr. **Wm L Morris**, as guardians of the minor children.

Ed Day left Tuesday for Texas to look after his father's – **W L Day**, deceased – land interests in that state.

On behalf of Moweaqua Council, Royal Templars, Dr **Sparling** received last week, \$2,0000 insurance money - \$1,000 for **Henry Cook** of Macon, who was the beneficiary of his wife, Mrs. **Carrie N Cook**, deceased, and \$1,000 to the heirs of Mrs. **E S Washburn**, deceased, formerly of Macon.

(Fame news- Rec'd too late for last week) Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn**, Friday, 19 July 1901, a girl.

Little **Margaret Snyder** most pleasantly entertained a number of her young friends Tuesday afternoon, the occasion being her ninth birthday.

The fourth annual reunion of the **Thomas** and **Casey** families will be held in Vigo County, Indiana, near Middleton. Hon **F Marion Thomas** of Flat Branch, and Rev **Jos Thomas**, of this city, are billed among the guest speakers. **F M Thomas** has made application for a stenographer from the *Call-Mail* staff to report his speech in full, and a special car will be provided in which to ship back the stenographic notes.

Wednesday, 14 August 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Austin** on 13 August 1901, a son.

Thursday last in Decatur, at the sale of real estate belonging to the estate of the late **Oscar Humphrey**, deceased, his father, Esq. **Nathan Humphrey** of this city purchased all three of the lots offered for sale, the total consideration being \$1,578.

A surprise party was given on Miss **Belle Thomas** Saturday evening, 10 August 1901 in honor of her 16th birthday at her home in the east part of town. The evening was spent in games and sport. Ice cream and cake were served. Present were **Dot Anderson**, **Allie** and **Lizzie Steidley**, **Pearl Ashcraft** of Pana, **Myrtle Long**, **Eva Dotson**, **Elva Whitehead**, **Ora Bullock**, **Edna Leaf**, **Ada Moss**, **Alma Lyons**, **Eva Thomas** of Findlay, **Lulu Smith**, **Belle Thomas** and **Guy Robertson**, **Everette Gregory**, **John Boyer**, **Guy Hipes**, **Ira Bruner**, **Clarence Snell**, **Charles Hudson**, and **Oscar Bierworth**, Spectators were Miss **Sella Thomas**, **N R Smith** and family, **Ed Proctor** and family, and **Jas Thomas** and family.

Wednesday, 21 August 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mining Accident – John Cairns Loses Life. Last Saturday morning at about 11 o'clock occurred one of the most terrible accidents that Moweaqua has ever known. The local freight from the north was switching down at the mine, one car being loaded. with the new

boilers for the mine, and Mr. **John Cairns** was supervising the placing of that car, with a view to unloading the boilers to the best advantage. Along the west side of the boiler, and leaning against them about three feet apart, were the boiler heads. A few minutes before the accident, **G A Kautz** was talking to Mr. **Cairns** and just as Mr. **Kautz** turned to leave, Mr. **Cairns** jumped on the car, which had to be run under the chutes a few feet away. There are many accounts of the accident, but so far as we can learn, only one man, **Samuel Melcalf**, section foreman, was an actual eye witness. Therefore, we give his version. Mr. **Cairns** got on the west side of the boilers, and as the car neared the chute, he climbed on top. From there it is thought he saw the boiler would surely strike the frame work, so he jumped down between the two boiler heads. Almost instantly, there was a crash and Mr. **Melcalf** called to his men for help and ran to the car. They found Mr. **Cairns** lying there, with his head nearly severed from his body, his left leg broken at the ankle and his right arm cut. His position would seem to indicate that he had attempted to jump to the ground, but his foot catching, threw him so that the forward boiler head, the round part of which was turned toward the rear part of the car, pressed his neck against the flat part of the other one, gradually crowding it down, and pressing the sharp edge against his neck so as to almost sever it from his body as above noted. As soon as possible, he was taken from there to Dr **Godfrey's** office. A careful examination showed that the iron had entered the side of the neck, severing all the blood vessels on that side and crushing one of his vertebrae. He was still breathing, but it was seen at once that his wound was mortal. Everything possible was done to alleviate his suffering, and he was conveyed to his home where he died about one o'clock without ever regaining consciousness. The grief of the stricken wife can be better imagined than described. Our sympathy of the entire community is with her. **John Cairns** was born at Auchenlech, Ayershire, Scotland, on 30 May 1865. On the 17th day of August 1901, at Moweaqua, Illinois, in the 36th year of his age, **John Cairns** was summoned from earth. He lost his mother at an early age. When he was sixteen, his father came to America, bringing **John** and his sister, now Mrs. **Robert Reed** of this city. The family settled in Coal City, Illinois. Here **John** worked in the mines for three years, then went to Iowa and thence to Colorado, where he worked in the mines seven years and rose to the position of overseer of a mine. In 1886, he married Miss **Kate Gibson** of Iowa. To them were born two children, both of whom died in infancy. In 1891, he came to Moweaqua and went to work in the mine. Mr. **Cairns** was not content to simply handle the pick and the shovel. Though he never attended any institution of learning, but that 'college of the people', the common school. He had fully improved his opportunities, and besides had greatly increased his store of knowledge and powers of mind by a wide and varied course of reading, giving special attention to works treating upon the work by which he earned his daily bread. Besides his fine home in this city, he owned stock in the mine, had some money on interest and a comfortable bank account. Physically and mentally, Mr. **Cairns** was a fine type of manhood. It is said that as a miner he frequently did the work and drew the pay of two ordinary men. He was a public spirited man, always interested in matters pertaining to the public welfare. He will be greatly missed. The wife of his youth soon followed her children to the grave and on 4 April 1898, he led to the altar, Miss **Mary Gibson**, sister of his former wife, who, with an infant son, survive him. Besides Mrs. Reed, before mentioned, he has two sisters living in Scotland and one in Colorado. Services held at the M E Church at 10 AM Monday; Rev

Robertson officiating. (*Note: A description of the funeral procession, band and Lodge members is contained in the obituary, not copied in this book*)

Last Sunday morning, **Doris Winchel**, the one-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **L C Winchel**, died at the family home of cholera infantum. The funeral services were held at the residence Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Rev **S Wilbur Huffer** of the Presbyterian church was the officiating minister.

John A Bowman was on Monday, granted letters as administrator of the estate of his father, the late **Asa Bowman** of Stonington. He is the only son and heir to the estate which consists of 1,080 acres in this county, 150 acres in Shelby County and \$7,490 in cash. The bequest comes within the state inheritance tax law, which in this case is one percent of all over \$20,000. The estate has not been appraised, but Mr. **Bowman** will have to pay the state from \$600 to \$700 on his inheritance. (*Taylorville Courier*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Vard Janes** of Radford, 17 August 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Goatley**, Saturday, 17 August 1901, a boy. Mrs. **Emma Goatley** of Assumption visited last week with the family of her son, **Hiram Goatley**.

N B Storer of Chicago came down Sunday to attend the funeral of Mr. **John Cairns**. Mr. **A Gibson** of Witt, Illinois, was in attendance at the funeral of **John Cairns**, who was his son-in-law.

On Thursday, 8 August 1901, Mrs. **Cassandra Whitehead**, mother of our fellow townsman, **L C Whitehead**, died at her home in Rome, Indiana. She was past eighty-one years old and had lived to rear and see a large family of children settled in life. At her request, her six sons, who were together for the first time in thirty years, acted as pallbearers. She was a faithful Christian and her home in Christ sustained her unto the last. For many years she had been a consistent member of the Methodist church. With the hallowed influence of her work as friend and mother resting as a benediction upon the living, she has gone into everlasting habitations to await our coming.

Wednesday, 28 August 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died on Tuesday, 27 August 1901, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Graham**, aged about 18 months. Funeral from the residence of **Abner Graham**, this morning at ten o'clock.

Last Thursday morning at about 6:30 o'clock as Freight Train No 183 was pulling into Moweaqua, head brakeman, **Grant Payne** climbed out on the pilot of the engine to throw the switch, and in some manner slipped and fell across the rail. The engineer saw him, but before he could stop the train, the engine and front trucks of the first car had passed over him, killing him. Mr. **Payne** lived at Pana and was about 30 years of age. An inquest is held at Snyder's bank on Thursday morning. The inquest jurors ruled the death of **U. S. G. Payne** as accidental, death by being ran over I.C.R.R. Engine No 499, pulling Train No 183, at a point on the I.C.R.R. about 60 feet north of the north switch at Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 22 August 1901. We find that the brakeman met his death while in the discharge of his duty.

Last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Baptist parsonage occurred the marriage of Mr. **Will Wempen** and Miss **Hattie Beck**. Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** officiating. Mr. **Wempen** is well and favorably known as a bright energetic young man, and is well liked by all who know him. Miss **Beck** is one of Prairie Home's most popular young ladies. They will make their home at Allenboro where Mr. **Wempen** has built a pretty house.

Charlie Rice, for many years a well-known character here, committed suicide at his home in Decatur last Wednesday by drinking carbolic acid. The body was brought here Thursday and interred in the Masonic Cemetery, southeast.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Winter** on 22 August 1901, a boy.

Pugh Rice of Moberly, Missouri, was here on Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother, **Charles Rice**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D Sloan** on Tuesday, at Obed, a son. (*Note: No other info; no date given*)

Born to **Disberry Sloan** and wife on 20 August 1901, a son.

Wednesday, 4 September 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Estate of **David R Eakin**, late of county of Shelby, deceased, final settlement of estate will be made on the first Monday in October 1901; signed **V Snyder Jr**, executor.

After a lingering illness covering a period of over five months, Mrs. **Wm Bowman** died at the home of her mother, Mrs. **Brooks** in this city about 7:30 o'clock on Monday evening. She was nearly 43 years of age, and is survived by two children, Misses **Birdie** and **Olive Brown**. The direct cause of death was heart disease followed by dropsy. Mrs. Bowman was born near Moweaqua and lived here nearly all her life. She was a kind and good woman and possessed a host of friends who will sincerely regret her death. Services will take place from the M E Church this Wednesday afternoon at 2:30. Rev **E J Durham** of Macon officiating.

Mrs. **Lizzie Hughes** who is here visiting her father, **Thos Hudson, Sr** received word last week that a sister of her husband, **Arnold Hughes**, had dropped dead on the street while going to church Sunday last in Montgomery, Missouri. No other particulars were received. Born in Chicago to Mr. and Mrs. **F Buck**, 26 August 1901, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley** entertained a number of young folks Friday evening in honor of their son, **Lester Wheatley's** twentieth birthday. He was the recipient of quite a number of presents, among them was an elegant gold watch, presented by his parents. Refreshments were served and at a late hour, all returned to their homes, wishing **Lester** many more happy birthdays.

A large concourse of relatives and friends paid the last sad rites to the remains of Mrs. **Jane Tolly** last Saturday. The funeral occurred at the home of the deceased. Rev **Levi Corley** officiating. After the services the corpse was laid away in the Tolly Cemetery to await the final summons. (Pleak news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Thomas** on 1 September 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Anderson**, 29 August 1901, a girl.

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Miss **Olive M Collings** of Pana and Mr. **John W Houtz** of Springfield, Illinois, which will occur at the residence of the bride's parents in Pana on Wednesday morning, 11 September 1901. Miss **Collings** is a niece of Mrs. **J H Kirker**, and is well known and highly esteemed here. The young couple will be at home at No. 118 N. Glenwood Avenue, Springfield, after 9 October 1901.

Mrs. **M L Foxworthy** is having a public sale of personal property on 14 September 1901.

Mrs. **J J Attebery** delightfully entertained her Sunday School class at Stumptown last Thursday. The nature of the entertainment was a picnic, the crowd going out in surreys. Present were Misses **Jessie Miller, Grace Harris, Mabel Buchen, Lora Brimmer, Minnie Snyder, Edyth Ayers, Dessa Coultas, May Reighley, Essa Manley** and sister,

Elnora Smith; Jesse Atteberry, Glen Adams, John Haslam, Ray Scribner, Frank Gregory, Malcolm Stewart and Blaine Snyder, Mrs. J H Kirker, Mrs. M H Miller and Lucy Atteberry accompanied Mrs. **Atteberry**. They all report a good time, but say their dinner was delayed an hour on account of bumble bees. A nest was discovered and they had to fight for their lives for a short time. Several were badly stung by them.

Wednesday, 11 September 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness of six months, Mrs. **Clarence A Hammil** passed peacefully away at 1 o'clock, PM on Saturday, 31 August 1901. About six months ago she had La Grippe which soon developed into quick consumption. At times her suffering was intense, yet through it all, she was very patient, and while she was anxious to recover, she fully realized that her time on earth was short and was ready and willing to die. A few days before her death she told friends she was 'only waiting for her Savior's call'. **Jessie Dot Wallace** was born 1 December 1877, and died 31 August 1901. She accepted Jesus as her Savior and united with the Church of Christ at Findlay, Illinois, 27 August 1896. She was married to **Clarence A Hammil** on 24 August 1897. To them were born two children, a daughter and son. Funeral services were held at Okaw Center church at 2 P M on Sunday 1 September 1901, conducted by Rev **Piety** of Findlay. Interment in Bethel Cemetery. She leaves a loving husband, **C A Hammil**, and two little children, one sister, three brothers and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **W F Elger**, 5 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W Smith**, 6 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **DeLoss Scarlette**, 7 September 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **P Heidinger**, 8 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Eperlding**, 9 September a boy.

Dr **Pratz** was called to Gibson City on Saturday by the death of his nephew, **William Sprowls**. He returned on Monday morning.

Word was received here last week of the death of the venerable **John Angel, Sr** which occurred at his home in Jacksonville on Friday morning. His children, **John Angel**, Mrs. **Jordan** and Mrs. **Bridgman** went over that morning. Mr. **Angel** had been in failing health for some time and his demise was not entirely unexpected. He was well known and very highly esteemed throughout this entire community.

Eliza Bowman was the first of eight children born to **Joshua W** and **Martha D Brooks**, all of which survive her, except **Hiram Brooks**, who died in infancy. **Eliza** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 21 October 1858. She married **Calvin W Brown** on 29 April 1875. To this union was born three children, the first child, a son, died in infancy, the other two, **Albert** and **Olive Brown**, survive her. Her surviving brothers and sisters are Mrs. **Stewart** of this city, Mrs. **Boody** of Bement, Mrs. **Middlesworth** of Shelbyville, **Bart Brooks** of Decatur, and **Chas** and **Stephen Brooks** of this city. **Calvin W Brown** died on 24 November 1882 in Colorado. After which time, she made her home with her mother, until 27 July 1892, when she again united in marriage with **William Bowman**, with whom she lived until 1897. Since that time, she has made her home with her mother and sister, Mrs. **Stewart**, at the old home place. **Eliza Bowman** was received into the full membership into the Methodist Episcopal Church on 21 September 1873 at Moweaqua, Illinois.

Edgar Bridgman and **Miss Flora Becket** were married at the bride's home, west, Wednesday evening. About one hundred and fifty guests were invited to partake of the wedding festivities and witness the ceremony. (Yantisville news)

The infant child of **Pearl Klar** of Yantisville died and was buried Sunday. It has been sick for some time. The child died on Saturday and was buried at Locust Grove Cemetery on Sunday.

Mrs. Henry Bridgman, **Mrs. H Jordon** and **John Angel** of Obed were called to Jacksonville on Friday by the death of their father, **John Angel**.

The body of Aunt **Jane Tolly** was laid to rest in the Tolly Cemetery on Saturday. Rev **Corley** preached at the funeral services.

President **William McKinley** was shot and seriously wounded by a would-be assassin while holding a reception at the Temple of Music at the Pan American exposition a few minutes after 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. One shot took effect in the right breast, the other in abdomen. The first is not of a serious nature. The latter pierced the abdominal wall and has not been located. The name of the would-be assassin is said to be **Fred Neiman**, a 28-year-old Pole, though the name is thought to be a factitious name. He is 28 years old, stands 5 feet nine inches high, weighs 160 pounds, has dark brown hair, blue eyes, and speaks very good English, claiming to come from Cleveland, Chicago and Detroit, but he has told so many stories, it is hard to determine which version is the correct account.

Abner McKinley, the President's brother left Denver, Colorado, in a special car. While here he received a telegram from **Benjamin Montgomery**, chief operator at the White House which states the doctors estimate chances of the President's recovery about even. It was shortly after 4 PM when one of the throng who surrounded the presidential party, a medium sized man of ordinary appearance and plainly dressed in black approached as if to greet the president. Both Secretary **Cartelyou** and President **Millburn** noticed the man's hand was swathed in a bandage or handkerchief. Reports of the bystanders differ as to which hand. The man worked his way amid the stream of people up to the edge of the dais until he was within two feet of the president. President **McKinley** smiled, bowed and extended his hand in that spirit of geniality of the American people, to well known, when suddenly the crack of a revolver rang out loud and clear above the hum of voices.

President **McKinley** stood stock still, a look of bewilderment on his face, then he retreated a step while the pallor began to steal over his features. With the leap of a tiger, three men threw themselves forward as with one impulse, and sprang toward the would-be assassin. Two of them United States secret service men, the third a bystander, a Negro who had, only an instant previously grasped in his dusky palm, the hand of the President. After the first shock, the President retreated a step, and then he turned, walked steadily to a chair and seated himself, at the same time, removing his hat and bowing his head in his hands. The President meanwhile admonishing those about him to remain calm, telling them not to be alarmed. The President's assailant was hustled out the rear of the building while guards cleared the building. As soon as the crowd was dispersed, President **McKinley** was removed in an automobile ambulance and taken to the exposition hospital where an examination was made. He retained the full exercise of his faculties until placed on the operating table when he was subjected to an anesthetic. Upon first examination it was ascertained that one bullet had taken effect in the right breast just below the nipple, causing a comparatively harmless wound. The other took effect in the abdomen about four inches below the left nipple, four inches to the left of the navel, and about on a level with it. The

second bullet could not be located. News of the attempted assassination of the President was broken to his sisters, Mrs. **A J Duncan** and Miss **Helen McKinley**, by the son of Mrs. **Duncan**. Tears were shed but both ladies bore up under the shock and showed much bravery. They had both feared an attempt upon the life of their brother and their fears were at last awfully realized. Both women reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Wednesday, 18 September 1901 issue. Moweagua Call-Mail:

A Nation Mourns! **Wm McKinley**, President of the United States died in Buffalo, New York, Saturday morning at 2:15 AM o'clock from a bullet wound inflicted by a murderous anarchistic assassin. All business houses will be closed during the hour of service will be held at the Baptist church at the hour of 2 PM Thursday, 19 September 1901. All are encouraged to participate in said service. Business hours will close from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. **James M Booker**, for many years a resident of this city, died Monday morning in the hospital at Jacksonville, Illinois, of general debility, after an illness of about five months. His wife, it will be remembered, died about a year ago. Mr. **Booker** is survived by fourteen children, and at the time of his demise, was about 64 years of age. The funeral services of the deceased were held this morning at ten o'clock from the Baptist church in this city, Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the north Cemetery beside his wife.

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months, Uncle **Willis Virden**, that venerable patriarch of Flat Branch township died Friday night about nine o'clock. Uncle **Willis** was born in this county and has resided here for more than three-quarters of a century. The funeral services were held on Sunday morning from the family residence in the presence of a large number of sorrowing relatives and friends. Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiating. Remains were interred at the Long Cemetery west of town. **Willis Virden** was born on 19 April 1825, in Shelby county, Illinois, and he died 13 September 1901, aged 76 years, 4 months and 26 days. He was married to **Sarah Jacobs** on 8 January 1846. To this union, five children were born, three girls and two boys, the latter, **Abner** and **George** are still living, and being present at the funeral. **Sarah Virden** died on 6 June 1879. He was again married to **Sarah Bilyeu** in 1880. Four children were born to them, one girl and three boys. He leaves a wife and six children, and one sister, **Emaline Armstrong**, together with a host of friends to mourn his loss.

The remains of Mrs. **Josephine R Cady**, who died at Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, arrived in this city on Sunday afternoon, and were laid to rest in the Masonic Cemetery south of town. Rev **Joseph Thomas** conducted the burial services. She was a sister to the **Ruffner** boys, **Ben**, **Frank**, **Eli**, and **J L**, and at one time had resided here. **Josephine Ruffner-Cady** was born on 27 December 1842, and died on 13 September 1901, at Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, after a lingering illness of several months, aged 58 years, 9 months and 16 days. She was a kind, considerate and loving wife and sister. She leaves a husband and one sister and four brothers to mourn her loss.

The President is dead! Buffalo, New York, 14 September 1901, President **McKinley** died at 2:15 AM. He had been unconscious since 7:50 PM. His last conscious hour on earth was spent with his wife, with whom he devoted a lifetime of care. **William McKinley** was born in Niles, Ohio, on 29 January 1843. He was educated in public schools and Allegheny college, taught several years in public schools, enlisted as a Private in the Twenty-third Ohio in 1861. He was a Commissionary Sergeant in 1872. Second

Lieutenant in 1862, First Lieutenant in 1863, and Captain in 1864. Served on staffs of **Hayes, Crook and Hancock**. After the war, studied law and was admitted to the Ohio bar in 1867. In 1867 settled in Canton, Ohio, and that place has been his home office. He was a member of congress from Ohio from 1876 to 1891. Nominated for President at the National Republican convention at St Louis, Missouri, on 18 June 1896, receiving 661 votes out of a total of 905 votes, elected President in November 1896 by a popular plurality of over 600,000 votes. Was elected President in November 1900 by a popular plurality of 849,435. He was stricken down by the hand of an assassin on 6 September 1901, and died in Buffalo, New York, 14 September 1901. The President's last words were addressed to his wife, "God's will, not ours, will be done."

Mr. and Mrs. **John Houtz** of Springfield, were in the city briefly Saturday, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. **S M Adams**, at whose home an informal reception was held that they might receive the congratulations of their numerous Moweaqua friends. They will shortly take up their future residence in Denver, Colorado, as Mr. **Houtz** has been offered an excellent position in that city.

Married in Rural Township, 4 September 1901, Mr. **Lewis E Bridgman** and Miss **Flora E Beckett**. The groom is a son of **Henry Bridgman** of Flat Branch, and the bride is a daughter of **John Beckett** of Rural, and are the of the best of families composing the society in which they lived. One hundred persons were present as guests and witnesses to the short, but impressive ceremony performed by Elder **Levi Corley**. A sumptuous dinner was spread in the grove and a feast was enjoyed by all present. Many valuable and ornamental presents were received by the bride and groom. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Pleak news: **Willis Virden**, a pioneer and highly respected citizen died at his home southwest of here on Friday night. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his demise.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Longenbaugh** on 10 September 1901, a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Kaufman**, 14 September 1901, a girl. Mother and babe doing well. (Obed news)

The will of Mrs. **Jane Tolly**. Mrs. **Jane Tolly** of Pickaway died on 31 August 1901. She left a will and a considerable estate. The will bequests to her son, **John F Tolly**, all the personal estate. Will also gives to her son, **John F Tolly** and her grandson, **Leslie E Cox**, in equal parts, share and share alike, the following real estate, beginning twenty rods east of the northwest corner of nw gr, sw gr, 1-13-3 east, in Shelby county, Illinois, running thence east 30 rods, thence west 30 rods, thence north 80 rods to place of beginning, provided that in the event of the death of my grandson, **Leslie E Cox**, leaving no heir, then all that share to go to the said **John F Tolly**. Will also gives to the said **John F Tolly** and the said **Leslie E Cox**, in equal; shares, all the estate, monies or credits that she should get from her deceased father's estate. **J F Tolly** was made executor by the will. Will was signed 4 August 1901 and the witnesses were **W H Shride** and **John F Sims**. Mr. **Tolly** gave his bond for \$3,400 with **Wm F Sims** and **John F Sims** as sureties. (*Shelbyville Democrat*).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Curtis** on 15 September 1901, a girl.

Will Fear of Assumption, Illinois, well-known in Moweaqua died on Saturday, 7 September 1901 at Colorado Springs, Colorado, of typhoid fever. He was a son of **A. Far** and a brother of **James Fear** of Assumption. The remains arrived in Assumption on Tuesday of last week and interment took place that afternoon.

A very pretty wedding occurred at the **Collings'** home on East Fourth Street, Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. The contracting parties being Miss **Olive Collings**, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **S F Collings**, and **John W Houtz**, a prominent young business man of Springfield, Illinois. The beautiful ring ceremony was performed by Rev **Frank Miller**. Little **Florence Reif** acting as flower girl, the couple stood beneath a canopy of smilax and white asters. The bride was attired in a gown of white crepe de chene, the groom wearing the conventional black. Miss **Irene Snyder** of Moweaqua played the wedding march, this being followed by the beautiful solo, "*Ruth's Entreaty*". Miss **Katheryne Reif** received the guests at the door. After the ceremony, an elegant wedding repast was served in the spacious dining room, the room and tables being tastily decorated. (*Pana Palladium*)

Mr. **Cady** of Pine Bluffs, Arkansas, accompanied his wife's remains to this city and is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. **Frank Ruffner**.

By the death of **John Angel**, which occurred at 5 o'clock Friday morning at his home on Webster Avenue, Jacksonville lost a valued citizen. Mr. **Angel** had been ill for ten weeks, but seemed to be gaining strength. Thursday he was able to sit in his place with the family at the table. That night, however, he suddenly became worse, and the end came at the hour mentioned above. Mr. **Angel** was born in Spencer county, Indiana, on 18 March 1823, and early in life, came with his parents to this state, settling in the vicinity of Arenzville. There he spent his early manhood, and on 4 January 1844, he was married to Miss **Susan Smith**. They established their home near Arenzville, and in 1859, removed to the Ebenezer neighborhood, which was their place of residence until ten years ago when they came to Jacksonville. The deceased was the father of fourteen children, eleven of whom survive him. He leaves also his wife, one brother, **David Angel** of Chapin, and two sisters, Mrs. **Martha Smith**, and Mrs. **Mary Wenger** of Emporia, Kansas. When still a young man, Mr. **Angel** was converted and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Arenzville. Later he became a member of Ebenezer church, and on coming to Jacksonville, brought his letter to Centenary church. In his church relations as in other relations of life, he was earnest, zealous and faithful. **John Angel's** name has ever been a synonym of integrity and honesty, and in his profession as a Christian gentleman, he was in all things, consistent. He was a good friend to the poor and needy, and his death is sincerely mourned by many outside the circle of relatives. The funeral is to be held Sunday afternoon. At one o'clock, there will be a brief service at the house, and then the cortege will move to Ebenezer church where Rev **A. L. T. Ewert** will be in charge. Interment will be in Ebenezer Cemetery. (*Jacksonville Courier*)

Wednesday, 25 September 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

James M Booker was born in Sullivan county, Indiana, 17 July 1837, and died at Jacksonville, Illinois, 16 September 1901, aged 64 years, 1 month and 29 days. In 1855, he was united in marriage to Miss **Elizabeth Whaling** of Sullivan, Indiana, and to them were born two children, **William** and **John**. In 1860 his wife and eldest son, **William**, died. He enlisted in the 43rd Indiana Volunteers in 1861, and served until mustered out in April 1865. On 5 August 1867, he was united in marriage to Miss **Martha Edwards** of Decatur, Illinois, and to them were born fifteen children: **Thomas, Charles, Guss, Alvin, Wilbur** and **Richard Booker**, and Mrs. **John Corey** of Decatur, Illinois, **Hal** and **Arthur Booker** of Sheep Head Bay, New York, **James M Booker, Jr** of Nashville, Tennessee,

Edward Booker of St Louis, Missouri, Mrs. Wm Reynolds and Bessie Booker of near Shelbyville; Lou Booker of Dalton City, and Mrs. E W Smith of this city. All of the children were present at the funeral except Lou Booker of Dalton City.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clark Bowersock on 17 September 1901, a son.

The funeral of James M Booker occurred from the Baptist church on Wednesday morning. The remains were escorted from the depot by J V Clemens Post G. A. R. of which he was a member. Of the sixteen children surviving him, fifteen were present at the funeral, eleven boys and four girls.

Miss Bertha Gordon died at the home of her parents in Pana, Illinois. The deceased had been afflicted for several months and suffered intensely at times. Her departure is only a relief from the untold suffering she endured during her illness. The remains were brought to the Tolly Cemetery for interment.

Miss Bertha Gordon died at her home in Pana on Friday and was brought here and buried in the Tolly Cemetery Saturday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J Stuart on 15 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Adams on 22 September 1901, a boy.

Wm Booker, Frank Kanetz and Jas Engle of Lovington, Illinois, attended the funeral of their uncle, James M Booker on Tuesday.

President McKinley carried \$315,000 in life insurance. This is a lesson within itself.

Everyone should carry life insurance, be the amount large or small.

Little Miss Dora Frazee was most pleasantly surprised one afternoon last week by a visit from a host of her young friends, the occasion being her eighth birthday.

Wednesday, 2 October 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday the six Gregory boys and their families met at the residence of Frank Gregory, east, and gave their venerable father, Uncle Edward Gregory, a most delightful surprise, the occasion being the old gentleman's eighty-fourth birthday. He is yet hale and hearty spending the larger part of the day in playing croquet and tossing horseshoes with the boys. A bountiful dinner was served and Uncle Ed was the recipient of a number of useful presents.

The will of the late Willis Virden of Flat Branch has been filed for probate – gives the widow all the real estate (40 acres of land) to hold during her natural life, this realty at her death to go in equal shares to the six children, George, Abner, Charles, Ida, Eugenia, and Christopher. To the daughter, Ida May, the piano valued at \$200. To the son, Virden, horse and buggy (horse named Bill) and \$125 in cash. To the widow and children, George, Abner, Charles, Ida, Eugenia, and Christopher, all notes and moneys remaining. All the rest of the personal property goes to the widow. Ralph Ayers is named as executor. Will was signed 11 June 1901 and witnessed by Wm L Morris and P G Ludwig. The real estate left is valued at \$2,500 and the personal property is valued at \$10,000. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Will of President McKinley, dated 22 Oct 1897, gives to beloved wife, Ida S McKinley, all my real estate, wherever situated, and the income of any personal property which I may be possessed at death during her natural life. To pay my mother during her life \$1,000 a year, and at her death, the said sum to be paid to my sister, Helen McKinley. Whatever property remains at the death of my wife, I give to my brother and sisters, share and share alike. It is given out on authority that the McKinley estate will total \$225,000 to

\$250,000, including life insurance of \$67,000. Aside from the \$67,000 mentioned, the estate consists of real estate here and contiguous to Canton, and in deposits in Washington banks.

Patrick J Farney and Miss **Bertha Whitsette**, both of Moweaqua, were married on Friday by 'Squire **Curtis E Abrams** in his office. (*Taylorville Courier*).

Miss **Grace Robinson** and Mr. **Seth Whitacre** were married on Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Robinson**. Both are well and favorably known in the Prairie Home area.

A pleasant surprise was arranged for Grandpa **Gregory** last Thursday, it being his 84th birthday. (Pleak news)

Rev **Carter's** little baby died on Wednesday and was buried Thursday. The funeral was preached by Rev **Wm Longenbach** at Boody. (Obed news)

Chas Hall of Obed was remembered by about 45 of his friends on Saturday, it being his 34th birthday. A sumptuous dinner was served to which all did ample justice.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Woods** on Thursday at Allenboro, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clarence Snyder** in North Evanston, Illinois, 29 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mrs. **Jacob Workman**, 27 September 1901, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E A Brown**, 30 September 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Moss**, 25 September 1901, a girl.

Wednesday, 9 October 1901 issue. *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months, Mrs. **Rachel Breeding** died at the home of her sister, Mrs. **Fred Snell** in this city on Wednesday morning, 2 October 1901, at 9:45 o'clock in the seventy-fourth year of her age. Mrs. **Breeding** had in reality, been an invalid for two or three years, internal cancer being the direct cause of her death. She was a woman who had lived in life of great usefulness, and her demise will cast a shadow of gloom throughout the entire community. Services were held on Friday afternoon from the Bethany church, southeast, Rev **C F Rogers** officiating, assisted by Rev **Jo B Rogers** of this city. The pallbearers were three sons, **William T**, **James P**, and **John A Breeding**, and a grandson, **George Breeding**, and **Elmer** and **Frank Snell**. Interment was in the Bethany Cemetery. Mrs. **Rachel Breeding** was born in Wayne county, Indiana, on 16 February 1828. When a small child, with her father and mother, **W R** and **Nancy Clark**, removed to Warren County, Ohio, where she made her home until the spring of 1854, when she again, with her father and mother and other members of the family, removed to Shelby county, Illinois. Here she resided until November 8, 1855, at which time she was united in marriage to **Seneca L Breeding**. She again returned to Warren County, Ohio, the home of her youth, there to live until November 1862, when she, with her husband and family returned to Shelby county, Illinois, and settled in the present home. Here she continued to reside until God called her to home to the great beyond at 9:45 AM, Wednesday, 2 October 1901, at the ripe age of 73 years, 7 months and 16 days. Her husband preceded her to the spirit world on 28 May 1899. She was the mother of three sons, **William T**, **James P**, and **John A**, all of whom survive her. She also leaves eight grandchildren and one awaited her coming. She was the second in a family of eleven children as follows: **Rebecca Fothergail** of St Louis, Missouri, **Rachel Breeding**, Assumption, Illinois, the deceased; **Mary Ann** who died in Warren County, Ohio in 1853

in young womanhood; **Matilda Certain** of LaFountaine, Kansas, **Eliza Snell**, **James W and Wm J Clark**, **Ruth E Smith**, **John Clark** of Moweaqua, Illinois, **Jasper N Clark** of Liberty, Kansas. **Emery Clark**, who died in Warren County, Ohio, in childhood. All the brothers and sisters are living, as well as the sister of the deceased's mother, Mrs. **Ruth Emery** of Kansas City, Missouri, who is past the age of 83 years, and were present during the illness of the deceased; and including Mrs. **Emery**, There were representatives of four generations of the family at her death. It is very remarkable that in a family of nine, the youngest of whom is 57 and the oldest 75, this should be the first death in nearly half a century. Having been in very delicate health since the death of her husband, Mrs. **Breeding** sought relief in treatment at the sanitarium at Indianapolis, where for a time, she felt benefited. But a severe and unexpected attack of her malady seized her, and at her request, an effort was made to remove her to her home. Upon arriving with her at Moweaqua, her son found it impossible to move her farther at that time. Thus it came that she was called to rest from the midst of loving relatives, who ministered to her in the home of a sister, instead of being called from her own home, which she loved so well, and where none knew her but to love her. It was at this time that her family was made aware of the nature of her affliction, which developed into malignant cancer of the stomach and bowels. She was a member of the Methodist church, but in February 1887, for convenience, she united with the Church of God. A kind and loving sister, a devoted wife and mother, a true Christian, a faithful friend, she always found her greatest happiness when doing the most for the good of others. On Sunday, preceding her death, when she fully realized that the sands of her life were almost run out, relatives and friends stood about the bedside and sang some of the old songs. Just before passing away, she spoke as though she saw her sainted husband and seemed conscious to the last. The end was as peaceful as a golden sunset, as hopeful as a radiant dawn, and it was the sunset of her beautiful earthly life, the sunrise of her immortal life with the redeemed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bunch**, 7 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Bilyeu**, 6 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jos Bilyeu**, 2 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Powell**, 1 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A R Spicer**, 1 October 1901, at Danville, Illinois, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Saloski**, 2 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin**, 7 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Jackson**, 7 October 1901, a daughter.

Sam Jacobs has had a very handsome monument erected at the grave of his wife.

Monday, 7 October 1901, being **Emma Armstrong's** 15th birthday, a number of her friends gathered Saturday evening and gave her a complete surprise. She was absent from home until about 8 o'clock, when she arrived to find the house filled with a number of young people. The evening was spent in games, music, and at a late hour, all departed, wished Miss **Emma** many more such birthdays. Present were **Lydia Winter**, **Amy Burgener**, **Anna and Lean Cheatham**, **Ada and Ona Cheatham**, **Mora and Lulu Merryman**, **Vadie Edwards**, **Bessie Smith**, **Addie Polk**, **Anna and Clara Hoewing**, **Lottie Wasson**, **Emma**, **Sadie**, and **Jennie Armstrong**, and Messrs **James Cheatham**, **Elza Bectral**, **John Braden**, **George Winter**, **Roy and Mannie Merryman**, **Mr. Wood**, **Charles and Obe Harris**; **Charles**, **Frank and George Hoewing**, **Art Scheller**, **Ebner**

and **Ira McGinley**, **Emmet Isom**, **Ken Polk**, **Jesse Workman**, **Frank Smith**, **Ben Edwards** and **Will Armstrong**.

The '*Diamond Special*' on the Illinois Central struck a buggy near Farmersville, in which **Alvey Fox** and **John Graham** were riding, while going at a high rate of speed. **Graham** was instantly killed and **Fox** died several hours later. Both men were asleep in the buggy and the horse stopped on the track

Wednesday, 16 October 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

After a brief but very severe illness, **Ed F Mathias**, a well-known Odd Fellow and Woodman, died at his home southeast on Monday evening, 14 October 1901. His funeral was held yesterday. Quite a number of brother Odd Fellows from this city were in attendance at his funeral. The deceased was a member of the Shelby Lodge No. 274, I. O. O. F. of Moweaqua.

Two score years ago, dating from last Sunday, on 13 October 1861, in Bond County, Illinois, **Sam M Adams** and Miss **Susan McLain** were united in marriage. On the same day, nine years ago, on 13 October 1892, Miss **Alma Adams** and **George H Kirkman** were joined in holy wedlock. Commemorative of these events, Mr. and Mrs. **Adams** gave a dinner Sunday to their children and grandchildren at the Commercial hotel and Landlord **Wellman** spread a most bountiful feast. Mr. and Mrs. **Adams** after having journeyed along life's pathway for 40 years, must certainly feel highly gratified to be able to dine once again surrounded by all their children. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, Mr. and Mrs. **Geo E Kirkman**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stroud** and children of Maroa. **Albert Adams** was unable to be present, being at home only a block distant, and yet, he was there in heart and spirit. And now as Mr. and Mrs. **Adams** and their children continue their journey along life's pathway, may they receive and enjoy the highest degree of prosperity and happiness is the wish of the *Call-Mail*.

Wednesday evening at half past six at the home of the bride, Mr. **O J Lamb** and Miss **E May French** were joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Elder **Levi Corley** in the presence of a number of invited guests. They received many useful presents among which were: Bedspread: Mr. and Mrs. **J Lamb**; table cloth, Mr. and Mrs. **E Thomas**; set Silver knives and forks, **Henry Hemer**; large fancy lamp, **Lulu Lamb**; set silver teaspoons, **Guy Lamb**; berry dish, **Ethel** and **Edith Thomas**; cake stand, **Chloe Chadwick**; cow, Mr. **W H French**; ten dollars in money, Mrs. **French**. At a late hour, all returned home, wishing Mr. and Mrs. **Lamb** many happy years of bliss.

Cornelius Tolly died of dropsy at this home near here on Friday, 11 October 1901. He was well known and beloved by the pioneer settlers, having been reared in this vicinity and always made this his habitation. He leaves many relatives and friends who greatly mourn his demise. Interment took place Saturday at the Tolly Cemetery. (Pleak news)

E F Mathias succumbed to the final summons (Death) on Monday morning after a brief illness. (Pleak news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Pope** on Thursday, 10 October 1901, a girl. Mother and child doing well.

Uncle **Nealy Tolly** died Friday and was buried on Saturday at the Tolly graveyard. (Obed news)

Ollie Lamb and Miss **Mae French** were quietly married at the house of the bride'

S parents on Wednesday evening. Only the immediate relatives were present. They will go to housekeeping at once. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alex Mathews** on 14 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Pratt** on 11 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Seth Carr** on 13 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Smith**, 14 October 1901, a daughter.

Karl Hight, assistant cashier in the Illinois State Bank at Assumption, was on 15 October 1901, married to Miss **Edith Hillabrant** at Washington, Kansas. The couple will be at home at Assumption after 29 October 1901. The bride and her family are well known about Assumption.

The remains of Mrs. **Lola G Lovell** (nee **Lola Hutchins**) who died Friday night at a hospital in Decatur, were brought down on the train Saturday afternoon to the home of her parents just south of Radford. Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon and the interment was in the Cemetery north of this city. It is said that Mrs. **Lovell** died from the result of an operation performed for appendicitis. Mrs. **Lola Geneva Hutchins-Lovell** was born in Augusta county, Virginia, on 29 September 1874. In 1875 she moved with her parents, Mr. and Mr. **S J E Hutchins** to Illinois, and lived in Christian county until she was 16 years old, at which time she was married to Mr. **Rice Radford**. One child was born to this union, **Eunice Radford**. On 1 January 1900, she was again married to Mr. **E Lovell**, and since that time has lived in Decatur until her death on Friday, 11 October 1901. After an illness of nine months, she gave up earth and expired in the St Mary's Hospital at Decatur. She was 27 years and 12 days old. She leaves an affectionate husband, one child, father, mother and brothers, and a host of friends to mourn her loss. Her mother and one brother in Kansas City could not attend her funeral. While she never united with any church, she held to and attended the Christian church.

Wednesday, 23 October 1901 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

After a brief but very severe illness, little **Leo Washam**, aged 4 years, 9 months and three days, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Al Washam**, west of town, on Saturday, 19 October 1901, about one o'clock of membranous croup. Funeral services were held from the family residence on Sunday afternoon, Rev **Joseph Thomas** officiating. Interment was at the Hays Cemetery. The bereaved family have the sympathy of a wide circle of friends.

Wednesday evening, 16 October 1901, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Jennie Patterson** and **Michael Walters** were united in marriage. Rev **J F Van Evers** of Fame church officiating.

Wednesday evening of last week, in the parlors of the Brunswick hotel in Decatur, Justice **O'Mara** officiating, **J E Jordan** and Miss **Pauline Gass** were united in marriage. The young lady is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Burrell Gass** and is held in high esteem by a large circle of friends. The groom is an honest and capable young man. They will make their home in this vicinity.

Dr **Thomas T Hoxsey** and Miss **Alice N Connabeer** were married at the home of the bride's mother in St Louis, Missouri, on 9 October 1901, and will be at home, 1119 Hamilton Avenue, St Louis, Missouri, after 1 November 1901. At the same hour in Mason City, Dr **Hoxsey's** cousin, **Bert Steidley**, became the husband of Miss **Lamereaux** of Mason City. The **Hoxsey** and **Steidley** families will live at the same flat. Dr **Hoxsey** is

a prosperous young physician and Mr. **Steidley** is a trusted employee of the famous Simmons Hardware Company. Both are excellent young men and the *Democrat* extends heartiest. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Miss **Essie Spencer**, daughter of **George Spencer**, died of tuberculosis at 2:15 AM, Wednesday, 16 October 1901, at the family home, 139 South Church Street, Decatur, aged 17 years old. The body was taken to Bethany Thursday for burial. (*Decatur Review*)

Last Thursday evening at the home of **Elisha Thomas**, a number of relatives and friends congregated to spend an evening of enjoyment and merry-making, the occasion being Miss **Ethel Thomas**' birthday. Guests were Misses **Evan** and **Emma Shride**, **Nora** and **Emma McDonald**, **Nora** and **Blanche Syfert**; **Edith**, **Laura**, **Myrtle** and **Kate Pontius**, **Mabel** and **Alta Gregory**, **Mabel Longenbach**, **Emma Doyle**, **Nelle Bridgman**, **Myrtle Christman**, **May Smith**, **Nellie Housh**, **Ollie Pinkston**, **Edna Carroll**, Messrs **Arthur**, **Walter** and **Ray Gregory**, **John** and **Walter McDonald**, **Claud** and **Jerry Smith**, **Fred**, **Homer** and **Jesse Pinkston**, **Elson Corley**, **Homer Reed**, **Ed Thomas**, **Harley Christman**, **Otis Doyle**, **Orval Shride**, **Ed Cole**, **A J Steidley**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bridgman**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Ollie Lamb**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will McCasslan** on 19 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Coventry**, 19 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to **E M Rawlings** and wife on 14 October 1901, a son.

Ed F Mathias, a respected and worthy member of the Shelby Lodge No. 274, I. O. O. F, Moweaqua, died suddenly on 14 October 1901. He was an affectionate father, husband, and a friend to all. He received his last summons and the unseen hand of the Almighty has conducted the departed spirit through the darkness to the gates of Heaven.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sidney Cheatham** on 13 October 1901, a daughter.

Jos Duncan, Sr left yesterday to attend his brother's funeral who died quite suddenly at Palmyra, Illinois.

The Administratrix notice of Mrs. **Susan Scrogin** of the estate of Mrs. **Ellen Carwile** is found in this paper.

S Linn Beidler, for years the publisher of the *Mt Pulaski News*, and a warm personal friend of the editor of this paper, committed suicide by hanging himself. He has been an invalid and a great sufferer for years.

Wednesday, 30 October 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday night Wabash freight engine 710, pulling train 92, exploded while in motion seven miles south of Decatur. The accident happened half way between Boody and Knights. The fireman, **Tom Evers** and brakeman **Thomas Holland** were both instantly killed. The engineer, **Frank M Donnelly** was blown sixty feet, but only injured. The bodies of Fireman **Evers** and brakeman **Holland** were both directly beneath the fire box of the engine. The body of **Holland** was on the ground and that of **Evers** was lying on top of him. The remains of the latter were taken out with little difficulty, but it was necessary for the section men to dig beneath the body of **Holland** before it could be removed from the weight which pinned it to the ground. No cause is assigned for the explosion.

Sincere congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas H Sheffler**, and a wish for them in life of unalloyed happiness and prosperity. They are two of Prairie Home's most estimable young people, and the couple were quietly married a year ago. The groom, **C H Sheffler**, being the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sheffler**, and the bride, Miss **Fannie Sanner**. is the

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Shields Sanner**. A halo of romance surrounds the marriage of these young people, inasmuch as the wedding occurred over a year ago, but until a few days since, was absolutely unknown to anyone, save the contracting parties. They are now keeping house on the farm of Mr. **S H Sanner**.

Mrs. **Carrie Ney-Walters** died at her home in Lake Charles, Louisiana, on Saturday, 19 October 1901. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Ney, Sr** and a sister of **Chas Ney**, south of town. The deceased was well known in this vicinity where her parents at one time resided.

At the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stout**, west, Sunday, evening, 27 October 1901, Justice **J Benson Simpson** officiating, **John J Stout** and Miss **Mary Miller** were united in marriage.

Quite a little surprise was manifested Tuesday afternoon when it became known that Prof **James A Montgomery** and Miss **Georgia Carpenter** had stolen a march on their numerous friends and were quietly married. Prof. **J A Montgomery** is well known here, being the present county superintendent of schools. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Mart S Ayars** most fittingly observed the seventh anniversary of their marriage Friday evening by entertaining a number of their intimate friends at six o'clock dinner. Those present being Dr and Mrs. **Sparling**, Rev and Mrs. **W F Stevenson**, and son, Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, Mrs. **C A Buck** and Mrs. **Wm J Rodman**. The evening was spent very enjoyably. Guests in departing wished their host and hostess many happy returns of the day. The elderly couple were married in 1831.

Born to **Frank Stich** and wife on Wednesday, 23 October 1901, a daughter. (*Macon Record*)

Mr. and Mrs. **John W Webb** and children were called to Jacksonville last week by the death of Mrs. **Webb's** mother.

Uncle **Beverly Armstrong** tells us that yesterday, 29 October 1901, was the fifty-fourth anniversary of his marriage (married in 1847); that he is seventy-four years old (born 1827), and his wife is seventy-one years old (born 1830), that both were born in Shelby county, and since their birth have continuously resided here. The *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations is of the opinion that this record is not surpassed in old Shelby.

Miss **Alta Jacobs**, daughter of **Sam Jacobs**, west of Radford, was most pleasantly surprised Friday evening by the wholly unexpected coming of a host of her young friends to assist her in observing her 16th birthday. An oyster supper was served and the young folks had a gloriously good time.

Notice is given that **W J Clark**, administrator of the estate of **Chas S Clark**, deceased has filed in office of Shelby County Clerk, final report as administrator will come up for approval on the 18th day of November 1901 at 10 AM. Signed: **W J Clark**, Administrator.

A surprise was arranged for **Carlos Sims** at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J F Sims**, Monday evening, the occasion being his 21st birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stich** of Allenboro, 23 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Ahl**, 28 October 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Jeffers** on 23 October 1901, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert McCray** on 21 October 1901, a daughter.

Wednesday, 6 November 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Saturday, 2 November 1901, represented the twenty-seventh annual milestone along life's journey for **W Tom Bowman**, and his good wife, assisted by several of the neighbors, planned and executed a most complete and happy surprise for him on the evening of that day. Games were played and enjoyed and light refreshments were served. The occasion was one of thorough social pleasure. Attendees were Dr and Mrs. **Godfrey**, Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gregory** and **Leo**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas E Beard**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm L Morris**, Mr. and Mrs. **Harry M Day**, Mrs. **Zealy Snell**, Misses **Mattie** and **Ida Snell** and **Mae Bowman**. **John H Johnson**, of Decatur, depressed by the death of his 14 months-old baby a few weeks ago, went to a gun store, bought a revolver and a box of cartridges, and 15 minutes later he put a bullet in his brain, falling across the grave of the dead infant. He died from the effects of the wound. The suicide victim was a brother of **Charles T Johnson**, a prominent dry goods merchant.

For 20 years, **John Caldwell**, a farmer and stock raiser of Etna has thought his wife dead. Twenty years ago, the **Caldwell's** lived at Cave-in-Rock in southern Illinois. They were happy and had a little son and daughter. A difference arising, **Caldwell** and his wife separated. Last Friday a stylishly gowned woman drove up to the home on **John Caldwell's** farm, and the farmer recognized his wife. She told a strange tale of adventure in the Klondike. Relatives are seeking to induce the couple to remarry.

Mrs. **Emma Roberts** of Charleston was given a verdict for \$2,000 in the Coles county circuit court as a balm for her wounded affections. She is a widow of 50 years and by evidence before the jury made it appear that **Andrew Montz**, a rich farmer, had made love to her and asked her to be his wife, and on her consenting, he asked for a 60-day option. At the end of that time, he begged to be released and offered her \$50. This she spurned and sued for \$10,000. **Montz** is a widower aged about 70 years and reputed to be worth \$50,000.

Because the parents of Miss **Ollie Reno**, 16 years old, at Bunker Hill, insisted that she attend school, which she did not want to do, she secured a revolver and fired a ball into her chest just above the heart. As a result, she is dying from the wound. The attending physicians entertain no hope for her recovery. Miss **Reno** had some trouble with her playmates, and for that reason did not wish to resume attendance.

Hannah Sprinkle of Assumption has commenced divorce proceedings against her husband, **Simon Sprinkle**. Cruelty and other charges are made. She also asks that an injunction be granted restraining him from disposing of his property. Mr. **Sprinkle** owns 280 acres of land, \$6,000 worth of mortgages, and \$26,000 worth of personal property. (*Decatur Review*)

The property of the estate of **Jas H Carwile** will be sold Saturday at public auction. Saturday next, at one o'clock the property of Mrs. **Anna Bays** will be sold at public auction.

Ed Stuart and **Nona Edwards** were married at Decatur last Wednesday and were given a charivari at night (Obed news).

Miss **Nora Edwards** and **Clarence E Stuart** were united in marriage in Decatur last Wednesday. (*Pleasant View news*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Moore** on 1 November 1901, a son.

A marriage license was issued in Taylorville last week to Miss **Eva Workman** and **Henry Bilyeu** both of **Prairieton**.

Lawrence Ries a farmer living south of **Blue Mound**, who is known to many persons in this vicinity, especially over in **Prairieton** township, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head early Saturday morning. He had grown very morose of late, the alleged cause being drinking and gambling. He ran a huxter (as spelled. *Could they mean 'huckster'?*) wagon through the country and did quite a large business in that line.

Mrs. Henry Walters of **Lake Arthur, Louisiana**, died Sunday morning at 5 o'clock. Her funeral was held at 10 AM today conducted by **Rev A W Turner**, the remains being interred in **Lake Arthur**. **Mrs. Walters** leaves her husband and five children to mourn her death. Deceased was a daughter of **F Ney** of **Lake Arthur**, and was also the sister of **Mrs. C Hagius** and a cousin of the **Boehm** brothers of **Jennings**. (*Jennings Record, Jennings, Louisiana*)

Wednesday, 13 November 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Chas Evans**, west, 7 November 1901, a son.

Henry J Bilyeu and **Miss Eva Workman**, well known young people of **Prairieton** were married in **Taylorville** on Wednesday evening, 30 October 1901, by **County Judge Potts** in his office. (*Taylorville Courier*)

The family of **S T Miliken** received the sad news of his brother, **John Miliken's** death which occurred at **Crowley, Louisiana**, on last Monday. His remains were brought to **Macon** on Thursday for interment.

Wm Lux was called to **Missouri** last week by the death of his father. (*Allenboro news*)

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hill** on 4 November 1901, a daughter.

Administrator's Sale of Real estate for the estate of **Herman F Hempel**, deceased, will sell real estate on 4 November 1901, land located on **Lot No. 12, block 4, Ezekiel Prescott's** fifth addition to village of **Moweaqua**.

Wednesday, 20 November 1901 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, 27 November 1901, at the residence of the bride's mother, **Mrs.**

Mary E Adams, in **Prairieton** township, the hour being 8:30 o'clock, **Miss Jessie N Adams** and **Mr. W E Perrine** will be united in marriage.

Chas Kimmerly and bride arrived here Monday from **Louisiana** for a three weeks' visit with relatives. (*Allenboro news*)

Charley E Kimmerly and **Miss Edna B Shreve** were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Monday evening at 8:30, six miles southwest of **Crowley**, only the immediate relatives being present. **Rev Life**, pastor of the **Central M E Church** officiated. **Miss Shreve** is the estimable young lady so popular with all in the community. **Mr.**

Kimmerly is an industrious and popular young man. He is the youngest son of **J Kimmerly** of **Macon, Illinois**, and has been in the south since last January. **Miss Shreve** is the daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. O P Shreve** who moved to the south last January from **Lake City, Illinois**. **Mr. Kimmerly** and bride will leave Wednesday for the north on their honeymoon and will be gone several weeks. On their return, they will at once go to housekeeping on the groom's farm several miles south of **Crowley**. (*Crowley Signal, Crowley, Louisiana*)

After living within hearing distance of her twin sister during most of their life of 87 years, Mrs. **Julia Ann Carter Hignell** died recently of pneumonia at the home of her daughter at Austin. Her home was at Plano, Illinois, in the house adjoining that of her sister, Mrs. **Eliza Ann Gibbons**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Moll** on 18 November 1901, a son.

Dennis Dailey and Miss **Odell Beuleau** were united in marriage on Monday by Judge **W E Handel** in Taylorville. The young couple will make Assumption their home.

(Assumption news)

Wednesday, 27 November 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Syberd A Hays of this city and Miss **Lena Watson** of Assumption were married at 7 o'clock Tuesday evening in Decatur by Justice **James O'Mara** at the home of the groom's mother, 419 East William street. The couple will reside here.

Luther Cox and family attended the golden wedding of the former's uncle in Decatur on Tuesday.

Archie Sinnard, the 9 month old son of Mr. and Mrs. **W A Sinnard**, died at the home of his parents on Tuesday, 19 November 1901, at 9 o'clock from the effects of diphtheria. He was buried in Assumption on Wednesday, and the services were conducted by Rev **Martin**, pastor of the M E Church of that city.

The wedding of **Warren Perrine** and Miss **Jessie Adams** occurs this evening.

A nine-months-old child of **Wm Sinnard** who lives three and one half miles north of Assumption died of diphtheria on Wednesday morning. One or two others of the children who have been down with the same disease are on the road to recovery. (*Assumption Independent*)

Andrew Ryan, a bachelor farmer, residing seven miles north of Taylorville, committed suicide Monday night of last week by shooting himself in the abdomen with a shotgun. The deed was prompted by fear of arrest for the attempted killing of **Thomas Ryan**, his cousin. Both the **Ryans** had been keeping company with Miss **Mollie Doyle**, and jealousy is supposed to have caused **Andrew Ryan** to attempt his cousin's life.

Wednesday, 4 December 1901 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Miss **Frances Birley** who formerly resided here, and Mr. **Thomas Jackson**, son of **Edward Jackson** of this city were united in marriage at Decatur on Wednesday, 27 November 1901. The young couple came to Moweaqua the same afternoon and will permanently reside here.

After a brief but severe illness of about two weeks' duration, the venerable Uncle **Edward Gregory**, aged 84 years, 2 months and one day, died at the home of his son, **Frank Gregory**, east, Wednesday morning, 27 November 1901. He had resided continuously on the farm where he died for over thirty-six years, and he was a man whose many estimable qualities greatly endeared him to all who knew him. For sixty years he was a faithful member of the Baptist church and is survived by one brother, **George Gregory**, aged 82 years of Cloverport, Kentucky, and six sons, **James E, Richard, John L, Frank, T Jeff, and Wallace Gregory**. The funeral services were held Thanksgiving day from Little Flock church, Rev **Jo. B. Rogers** of this city officiating. Six Grandsons, **Edward, Morton, Arthur, Wilbur, Walter and Ray Gregory**, acted as pallbearers. **Edward Gregory, Sr** was born in Henry county, Kentucky, 26 September 1817. He moved near

Tobinsport, Indiana, at the age of 16 years. In a few years afterwards, his father died, leaving the care of a large family in his charge. He was married to **Elizabeth Winchell**, daughter of **Smith** and **Annie M Winchell** in 1843. Both were members of the Gilliad Baptist Church. The children born to them were **James E, John L, Laura R Thomas, T Jeff, Wallace, Frank** and **Richard Gregory**. He moved from near Tobinsport, Indiana, to Shelby County, Illinois, in October 1865, and to the farm where he lived until he passed away. His beloved wife and daughter passed away in April 1880. The rest of the children are still left to fight the battles of life.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Abe Baird**, west, 30 November 1901, a son.

Wednesday evening of last week, a very pretty wedding occurred at the home of Mrs. **M E Adams**, west, the contracting parties being her charming daughter, Miss **Jessie Adams** and Mr. **Warren E Perrine**. The house had been exquisitely decorated for the occasion, and at the hour appointed Rev **Crank** of Blue Mound pronounced the solemn words which made these estimable young people husband and wife. Sincerest congratulations followed the ceremony by the relatives and guests assembled, after which a sumptuous wedding supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. **Perrine** will reside on the **Milt Warren** farm near Allenboro. As they start upon the journey of life they carry with them the best wishes of a host of friends including the *Call-Mail*.

Mr. **J C Patterson** of Marion, Illinois, and Mrs. **M D Casey** of Spillertown, Illinois, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by County Judge **Slatter**, Monday evening, 11 November 1901, at the home of the groom on South Market Street, Marion, Illinois, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

Carolina Emma Ney was born 7 November 1866, and departed this life on the 19th of October 1901, aged 34 years, 11 months, 12 days. She was converted in 1878 and became a member of the Methodist church of which she remained a faithful member until death, transferring her membership to the church of this place when she came south with the family. She was united in marriage with **Henry E Walter** on 31 May 1893. To this union five children were born, four girls and one boy, the latter being fifteen days old. These children, with their father, remain to mourn her loss, with her father, mother, six brothers and four sisters, and her husband's parents, brothers and sisters. It is an incomprehensible loss to the husband and small children. **Carry** was ready personally to go, but expressed herself again and again as exceedingly desirous of regaining her health for the sake of her small children to whom she was devoted, and for whom her life was given. It is also an exceedingly heavy loss to her parents and brothers and sisters, she being the first of the family of eleven children to enter the great future. *Lake Arthur, Louisiana, 21 October 1901.*

Obed news: Uncle **Ed Gregory** died Wednesday and the remains were placed in the Little Flock Cemetery on Thursday. The funeral was preached by Rev **Jo B Rogers**.

Wednesday, 11 December 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A shadow of gloom enshrouded our little city Saturday when it became generally known that Mrs. **E O Smith** had died at an early hour that morning. Death was not unexpected for Mrs. **Smith** had been declining rapidly since her return to Moweaqua. Several years ago Mrs. **Smith's** health began to fail, and her husband took his entire family to Colorado hoping the climate would prove beneficial to her. Her health improved, yet again declined and last winter, Mrs. **Smith** spent in California, but the results in each case only proved

temporary. All that could be done by a loving and devoted husband to spare her to her dear family seemed without avail. Services held Tuesday morning from the Christian Church, Elder **A R Spicer** officiated. Remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery north of town. **Julia Rice** was born in Christian County, Illinois, on 27 February 1859, and died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 7 December 1901, at the age of 42 years, 9 months and 10 days. She is survived by two brothers, **George** and **David Rice**, the half brothers and sisters surviving being Mrs. **Rachel Yantis**, Mrs. **Belle Wash**, Mrs. **Mary Clark**, Mrs. **Edna Pratz**, Mrs. **Sue Spicer** and **Chas W Rice**. She was married to **Edward O Smith** on 1 November 1882. Five children and a husband surviving – **Hattie**, **Hester**, **DeLos**, **Walter** and **Owen**. She united with the Christian church under the preaching of Elder **A D Northcutt** more than 25 years ago. Her life as a Christian was an example of modest, loyal, loving service. Prior to her death she made every arrangement for her funeral, selected the pallbearers from among her own loved ones (**Dr F D Pratz**, **Thos Knowles**, **Frank Clark**, **C W Rice**, **George** and **David Rice**), requested that Mr. **Spicer** preach the funeral, and chose the Cemetery where she was to be entered. Every request was carried out in detail.

Mrs. **Jerome LaDow** received a widow's pension last week, the back pay of which amounted to \$1,210, and future payments are to be \$8.00 a month.

The **Frank Hempel** lot, lying just east and adjoining the residence property of **W P Beaumont** was sold by **W L Morris**, administrator of the estate of deceased **Frank Hempel**, to **James T Duncan** for \$121.

Mrs. **Eliza Mathias**, widow, called to extend sincere thanks to Yantisville Camp No. 1442, M. W. A. for prompt payment of the insurance policy of \$2,000 held by her late husband, **E F Mathias**.

J W Greaves and Mrs. **Tolson** were called to Peoria on Monday by a telegram announcing the death of their nephew, **Arthur Wilde**, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **George Wilde**. The young man was well known in Moweaqua.

Mrs. **D R Cutler** gave a surprise birthday party for her husband at Prairie Home on Saturday, it being his birthday.

Mr. **O Piper** and Miss **Lizzie Hartman** were married at Decatur on Wednesday. (Obed news)

If all reports are true, there were three weddings in the Pleasant View area the past week: Miss **Lizzie Hartman** and Mr. **Lon Piper**, Miss **Anna Getis** and Mr. **Will Suppes**, and Miss **Lottie Wasson** and Mr. **Enoch McCarty**.

Mrs. **Mary Fear**, wife of **Absolom Fear**, died at the family home at Assumption at 5:30 AM, Sunday morning.

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching wedding of Miss **Elnora Smith**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Smith** to **Orlin M Abrams**, at the residence of the bride's parents in the city, Thursday evening, 19 December 1901, at 7:30 o'clock.

Wednesday, 18 December 1901 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Hon **D P Keller**, one of Moweaqua's truly representative citizen, died at his home in this city on Thursday morning, 12th of December 1901, about five o'clock after a brief, but very severe illness with pneumonia. Mr. **Keller** had been failing in health and strength for several years, and he was not in a physical condition to withstand an attack of pneumonia. At the time of his death his age was 67 years, 5 months and 2 days. The funeral services

were held Saturday about noon from the M E church, and that edifice was filled to its fullest seating capacity by the friends of the deceased. Rev **W F Stevenson** preached the funeral sermon. At the conclusion of the services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery north of town. **David P Keller** was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on 10 July 1834, and there grew to manhood. In 1865 he came to Illinois, settling first in Shelby county, but afterwards coming to Macon county and settling near the town of Macon. He invested in a farm of 240 acres for which he paid \$31 per acre and for many years he was engaged in developing the land. He brought it to a high state of cultivation and when he retired from the active pursuits of agriculture, he had one of the finest farms in the county. Mr. **Keller** was first married to Miss **Mary Hampson** in 1856, but she died within a year. In 1859 he was married to Miss **Rebecca McFarland** who, with five children survive him. The children are **W S Keller** of Des Moines, Iowa; **A R Keller**, a farmer near Walker; Mrs. **C A Hight** of Dalton City; Mrs. **Harry Bartlett** of Milwaukee, and Mrs. **George Daughtry** of Moweaqua. Mr. **Keller** was president of the commercial bank of this city; was also a partner in the Dalton City Bank, was a member of the firm of Keller and Hight, grain buyers of Hight's Station, and was president of the Board of Education of this district. He took an active interest in all public matters, and was a citizen who will be sorely missed in this community. He held many offices in Macon county, serving his township and county and each time with credit to himself and his party. He was elected to the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh general assemblies by the Republican party, and in that capacity proved himself a capable and intelligent legislator. He united with the M E Church about two years ago under the ministerial work of Miss **Cartright**. The Board of Education attended the services in a body, as did also the teachers of the public schools, the deceased being president of the Board, and a firm and active exponent of all educational work. The Commercial bank opened for business Monday morning and will continue precisely the same as though Mr. **Keller** was alive. The following notice being posted on the door. "This bank will be continued exactly as before, **Rebecca Keller**, by the will of **David P Keller**, is the sole and absolute owner of all his property." *Later:* Mrs. **D P Keller** has been very ill with pneumonia since Thursday of last week, and for a time her condition was considered serious, but the *Call-Mail* is glad to state that she is much improved and in a fair way to complete recovery.

Invitations have been issued announcing the marriage of Miss **Pearl Gardner** of Stonington to **Elmer Blanchard** of Blue Mound to take place Tuesday evening, 24 December 1901, at the Palace Hotel in Stonington.

Cards are issued announcing the approaching marriage of Miss **Stella Jacobs**, daughter of **Sam'l Jacobs** of Radford to Mr. **William C Durkee** to take place at the home of the bride on Tuesday noon, 24 December 1901.

Wednesday, 11 December 1901, being **Robert Manley's** sixteenth birthday about fifty young people gathered in and spent the evening in music and games. Music was furnished by **Jim Long, Art Sheller, Quin Coffman, Dick Kitch, Jude Roff, and Tom Pounds**. They departed at a late hour wishing Bob many happy birthdays.

Miss **Mary McCarty** and **Wm Phelps** were quietly united in marriage at the home of the bride near Radford, last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, only a few friends and relatives being present.

Miss **Luella Arnold** and **Oscar O'Neal** were married in Decatur on 14 December 1901. (Allenboro news)

Yesterday afternoon, Esq. **Colbert** united in marriage, Miss **Lydia Rettig** and **Edward Perryman**.

Wednesday, 25 December 1901 issue, *Moweagua Call-Mail*:

The late **David P Keller**, deceased, carried a life insurance policy of \$3,000.

The Capers of Cupid! Wednesday afternoon of last week at the residence of **John Prescott** in Prairieton township, the Rev **W F Stevenson** of this city officiating, Mr. **Lawson Keeler** and Miss **May Simpson** were united in the hold bonds of matrimony. Tuesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Moll**, southeast, their daughter, Miss **Emma Moll** was united in marriage to Mr. **Andrew Bates**. They are estimable young people, and the *Call-Mail* extends heartiest congratulations. This Wednesday evening at seven o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Ira B Hyde**, east, their daughter, Miss **Dana Hyde** and Dr **S Morton Pleak** will be united in marriage.

James Cheatam of Decatur and Miss **Laura McNeal** of Moweagua were married at 6 o'clock Tuesday night by Rev **William Brandon** at his home on East Eldorado street. A party of friends and relatives witnessed the ceremony. Afterward a supper was served the wedding party at the Brunswick. Mr. and Mrs. **Cheatham** will make their home at 328 Condit Street, Decatur. (*Decatur Review*) (Note: In same article, '**Cheatham**' was spelled as '**Cheatam**' and '**Cheatham**' Also found as '**Ceathum**'..)

Sunday afternoon, 22 December 1901, at the Locust Grove parsonage, Rev **Carter** officiating, **B A Richhart** and Mrs. **Ada Bridgman Cox** were united in marriage in the presence of a few relatives and intimate friends. Mr. and Mrs. **Richhart** will shortly leave for Louisiana where Mr. **Richhart** is extensively engaged in rice farming. These estimable people are too well known in this community to require words of special commendation in these columns. They carry with them the best wishes of a multitude of friends. Mr. **Richhart** is a former resident of this city and has relatives still in the area.

A pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. **Samuel Jacobs**, west of Radford, yesterday at noon, the contracting parties being his charming daughter, Miss **Stella Jacobs** and Mr. **William C Durkee**. The officiating clergyman was Rev **J F VanEvers**, pastor of Fame Church. Following the congratulations of the numerous guests, a sumptuous wedding dinner was served. The young people are widely known and bear the highest esteem of a host of friends with whom the *Call-Mail* unites in extending sincerest congratulations.

Wednesday, 18 December 1901, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **C Charlesworth** at Seabrook, Texas, **Alfred C Workman** and Miss **Zelma Wehrle** were united in marriage. Rev **George VanPelt**, the Christian minister officiating. After the wedding the newly married couple returned to LaPorte, Texas, to Mr. **Workman's** home on Holmes Avenue which he had provided and furnished for his young bride.

Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Smith**, the marriage of Mrs. **E Elnore M Smith** and Mr. **Orlin M Abrams** was beautifully solemnized by the Rev **W F Stevenson** of the M E Church. At the hour appointed the bridal party assembled in the front parlor to the dulcet strains of a prettily executed wedding march by Miss **Madah Snell** of Decatur. The bride and groom being attended by Miss **Maude Green** and Mr. **Frank Bright** of Decatur. A lovely supper followed the ceremony, after which the newly married couple received the hearty

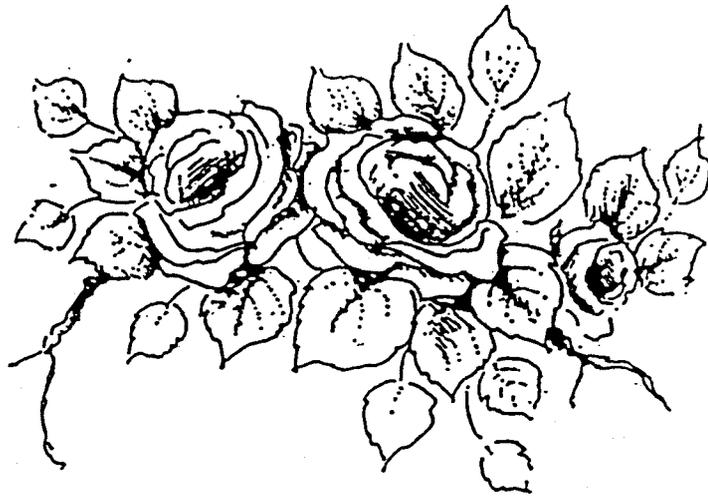
congratulations of those present. The bridal presents were numerous and very pretty. Mr. and Mrs. **Abrams** will reside here this winter, and will go to Oregon in the spring for future residence.

William Morrison, a Cass county pioneer died near Virginia, Illinois, aged 70 years.

Daniel Williams, aged 65 years, died at Jacksonville, Illinois. He served in the Nineteenth Illinois infantry under Colonel **John B Turchin** during the civil war.

Frank Compton and **Edith Patton** were married in Shelbyville on Tuesday by Rev **Douthit**. (Prairie Home news)

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