

**MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA**  
**Excerpts from the Moweaqua News**  
**1906 - 1909**  
**VOLUME 6**  
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**HOW TO USE THIS BOOK**  
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**To The Reader:**

It is with great pleasure that I submit the next volume of '*Memories from Moweaqua, Excerpts from the Moweaqua News, Volume 6*'. Volume 6 consists of excerpts from the *Moweaqua News*, Moweaqua, Illinois, newspaper from 1906 through 1909. All extracts were taken from original copies of the *Moweaqua News*. This is due specifically through the efforts for the Moweaqua Public Library Librarian, Mrs. Barbara Collins. Her foresight in preserving the valuable, historical news contained in the fragile pages of the *Moweaqua News* was responsible for this project.

Due to the extremely fragile condition of the newspapers, great care has been taken to extract data relating to births, marriages, and deaths that were noted in the newspapers during this time. As an added feature of this volume, I have added additional information on wedding showers, birthday celebrations, family reunions, and marriage anniversary celebrations. If I was unsure of any information, found an obvious error, or did not copy an article in its entirety, I have included a '(Note:)' at the end of the information. These notes will be in parenthesis and will be italicized, outlining special notes, discrepancies, or items of interest.

This volume follows the same format as the previous volumes, and the same sections are included so that each volume will stand on its own.

a. Sketches:

This section includes photos or sketches of individuals found in different issues of the newspaper. Also included in this section are extracts of some of the local advertisements found in a particular year. This section may depict life styles, dress, shoes, wagons, buggies, farm equipment, any item of interest that would aid in preserving a bit of history from this era. These pages are not numbered, but a listing of individual pictures is given at the front of the section.

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 period, the cure of many of these then life-threatening diseases has been found. I have researched the most common illnesses mentioned and added a brief description to them for reference.

c. Newspapers Mentioned in the Moweaqua News:

Often articles were copied from other local newspapers and included as part of the news in the *Moweaqua News* article. When this happened, I have shown reference by adding the applicable newspaper in ( ). For reference only, I have compiled a list of the most frequently quoted newspapers during this era. In some instances, these newspapers are no longer in existence. 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 given current and historical information about each when known.

d. *Names and Places mentioned in the Moweaqua News:*

Some of the towns and villages mentioned may no longer appear on Illinois State maps, some have 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 have included that information as a brief narrative.

e. *Maps - Township, County, Locality and State of Illinois:*

For easy reference I have included the map section, which includes maps of various dates, as well as a recent Illinois road map. Also included are township maps, county maps, and plat book information.

f. *Extracts by specific year - Moweaqua News, Moweaqua, Illinois:*

As with previous volumes, this volume includes exact calendars for each given year. The calendar may be found at the beginning of each specific year. This section contains the extracts of births, marriages, and deaths, as well as birthday celebrations, anniversary celebrations, wedding shower information, and family reunions. All entries are made in chronological order and have a complete alphabetical index, which is found at the back of this book. For ease in using this book, I have cross-referenced any unusual spellings of names and highlighted the names in the actual text. Birthday celebrations and anniversary celebrations are included since these events may aid a genealogist in pinpointing exact dates, assist in verifying a person's age and/or the date and place of their marriage. Family reunion information is included because often times the article listed attendees which may have been entire family names and records. This will add genealogical value to this document.

Please note that sometimes a woman's maiden name is available, as in the case of a marriage, and sometimes only her married name is given (as in the case of her second or third marriage, or her death notice). When a woman is listed as 'Mrs. J. D. Doe', I could not tell if this pertained to her initials, or to her husband's initials. Therefore, in the index, I have listed the woman as: Doe, J D (Mrs.). To assist you in finding an individual, please consider both the maiden name, and married name(s) when researching a female.

Interesting facts about *Memories from Moweaqua - Volume 6*: Volume 6 contains 260 pages of extracted material for the 4 years researched. That's an average of 65 pages of single spaced, typewritten material extracted from each year's newspaper. There are approximately 7,287 names of Moweaqua folk indexed and referenced in this volume! There are only 4 copies of this document in existence, as well as two computer diskettes containing the information found herein. I have tried to be as accurate and as informative as possible. Many of the articles have been copied verbatim. I have extracted the information to the greatest extent possible; however, the actual papers were extremely fragile and sometimes the print was not as good as it could have been. Some of these volumes had pages missing or torn. There may be some duplication of the extracts (i.e.: A death notice may be listed on the front page and again in the township

news (Obed, Prairie Home, Yantisville, etc)). I chose to leave duplicate articles in 'as found' rather than to screen them and perhaps miss some important information about an event.

I found the first several issues and last several issues of each newspaper volume in very poor, torn condition. Extremely fragile is an understatement! Because many of the pages were torn, I also reviewed microfilm for each year, which was ordered through the Illinois State Historical Library, Springfield, Illinois. I compared my extracted data with the microfilm copy and incorporated any and all data found so that the articles are as complete as possible.

If you have any questions or comments, or would like to contact me, you may get my address from the Moweaqua Public Library Librarian. I hope that you find Volume 6 to be informative, useful and helpful.

*Mae L. Jacober*  
Mae L Jacober



**\* SKETCHES \***



*Addendum to Index*

*See 'Sketches' section:*

*From*

*The Moweaqua Mail*

*1906 - 1909*

*Pictures of individuals in*

*Sketches section:*

*Aydelott, J P*

*Bacon, Elmer D*

*Brookshier, W F*

*Capt Jingle*

*Corrington, Alfred N*

*Gregory, James E*

*Ludwig, Philip*

*Peabody, S N*

*Ponting, Tom C (Mr & Mrs)*

*Rice, Sarah*

*Snyder, Valentine*

*Wallace Boys*

Champaign, Illinois, Wednesday, July 5, 1905.

### MRS. WM. WHITWORTH DEAD

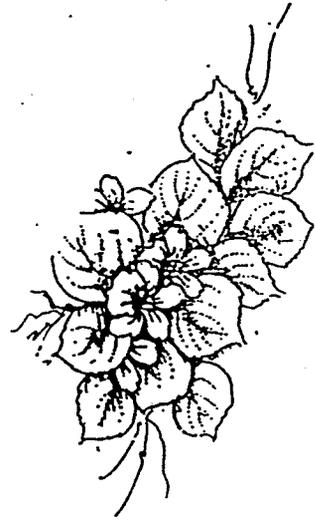
Former Editor of the *Marengo Republican* Over Which She Presided For About Ten Years.

At the hush of midnight hour, July 3rd at 12:07 a. m. the spirit of Mrs. Whitworth took its departure



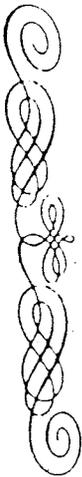
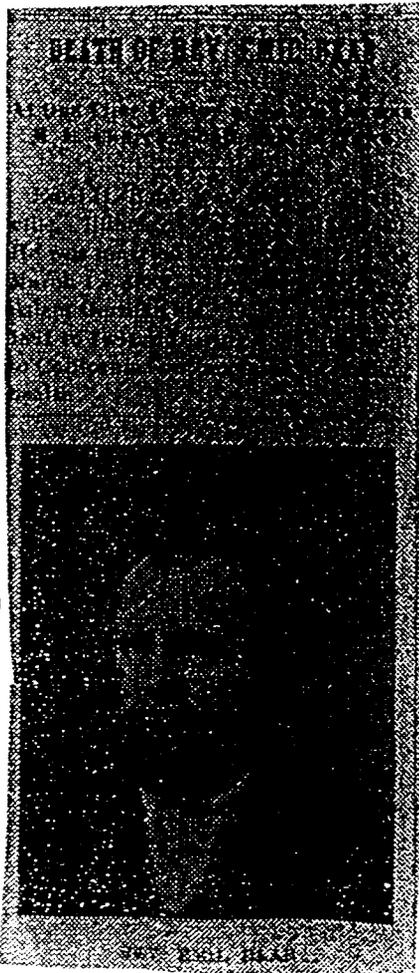
from the weary and worn house in which it had lived for over fifty eight years. The community was not surprised at the death of Mrs. Whitworth as it has been known for quite

a while that her career was drawing to a certain close. The funeral services was conducted at the residence



### A GOOD MAN GONE.

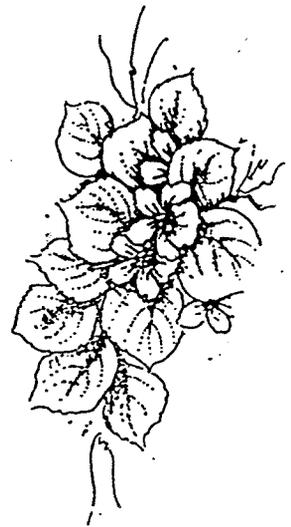
Philip P. Ludwig, One of The Oldest and Most Highly Esteemed Citizens in This Community Enters The Great Beyond.



The following are the facts of Father Duncan's life as prepared by those who knew him best:

#### OBITUARY.

Joseph Duncan, Sr., the subject of this sketch was born in Washington county, Tennessee, near Jonesborough, on February 27, 1817. He grew to manhood on the farm receiving a common school education.



\* 1906 \*

# GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. Tom C. Ponting Wedded Half a Century



**LONG LIFE ENDED.**  
**MOREAQA'S OLDEST RESIDENT.**  
After a Brief Illness Elmer D. Bacon Succumbs to the Relentless Enemy of the Race—Death

A small, dark, rectangular portrait of a man, identified as Elmer D. Bacon, wearing a suit and tie.

\* 1906 \*



**B. F. HUDSON**  
 VETERINARIAN

*Diseases of Domestic  
 Animals carefully  
 treated by the latest  
 methods of medicine  
 and surgery.*

OFFICE AT  
 PRATZ & RICE  
 DRUG STORE

PHONES  
 Residence 25

Office 9

**Webb & Pistorius**  
 LIVERY and FEED  
 STABLE

MOWAQUA, ILLINOIS



Best of Higs and Horses  
 for Livery use. Horses  
 Boarded and Cared for  
 Right Good Room for  
 the Farmers

Rates Reasonable

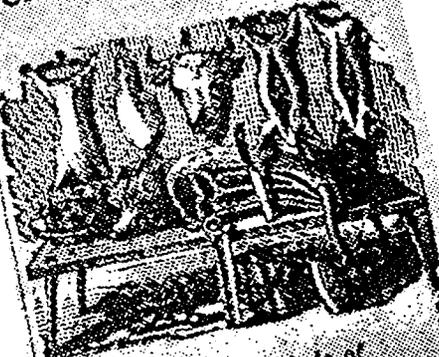
**WATERS**  
 FOR HARNESS

Have a Full Line of Hand Made  
 Up To Date Single and Double  
 Driving Harness, Mats, Cudg-  
 ers, Whips, Saddles, Collars  
 and Everything in the Horse  
 Furnishing Line

SEE MY GOODS FOR QUALITY  
 AND SAVE MONEY

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 MOWAQUA, ILLINOIS

CALL AND SEE  
 Crews & Richardson



dealer to all kinds of  
**FRESH and SMOKED  
 MEATS**

if you use meat, this is the  
 place you can always find a  
 fresh supply of home killed  
 meat, also pure home ren-  
 dered lard.

**Crews & Richardson**  
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 MOWAQUA, ILL.

**ST. JAMES HOTEL**

NEW BRICK BUILDING  
 215 N. 3rd St.  
 MOWAQUA, ILL.

Bill Telephone 386

District Illinois



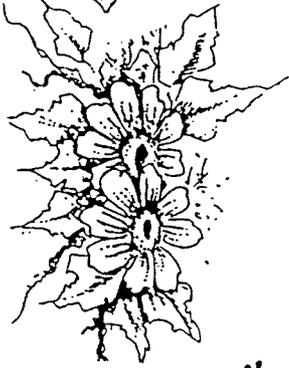
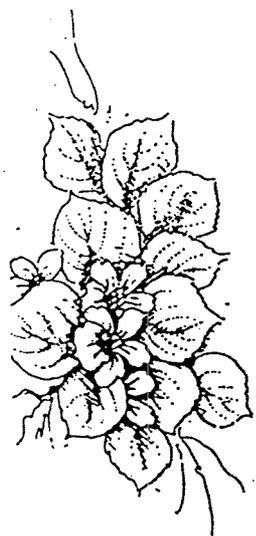


**J. L. KLUMP**  
 Moweaqua's Leading  
**BLACKSMITH AND WOODWORKMAN**

*Best Grade Work In All Lines Of Gen.  
 and Blacksmithing And Woodwork.*

I have employed a FIRST CLASS carriage painter. Come and  
 see his work. I am also prepared to put on Rubber Tires  
 on your wheels. Tires and Bands across them in the most reliable  
 manner with hand made plates by the best workman that  
 can be employed. All work guaranteed.  
 Yours for business.

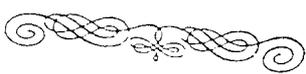
**JOHN L. KLUMP,** AT THE  
**OLD RED FRONT**



\* 1906 \*

*In these days men are judged by their appearance. The right  
 kind of clothes are a big help. That's the only kind we sell.  
 Come See.*

**Kilborn & Aydelott,**  
 NOT CHEAP CLOTHES, BUT GOOD CLOTHES CHEAP.



\* 1906 \*

THE **KING** OF CURES



**DR. KING'S**

**NEW DISCOVERY**

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS,  
FOR WEAK, SORE LUNGS, ASTHMA,  
BRONCHITIS, HEMORRHAGES  
AND ALL  
**THROAT AND LUNG**  
DISEASES.

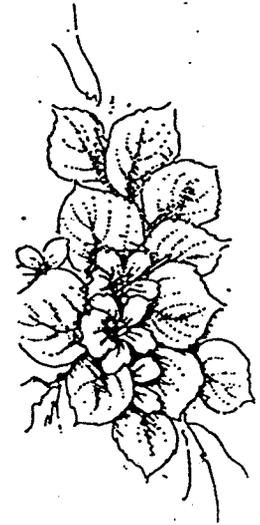
**PREVENTS PNEUMONIA**

I regard Dr. King's New Discovery as the greatest medicine of modern times. One bottle completely cured me of a very bad cough, which was steadily growing worse under other treatments.  
EARL SHANKS, Dool, Kan.

PRICE 50c AND \$1.00

SOLD AND GUARANTEED BY

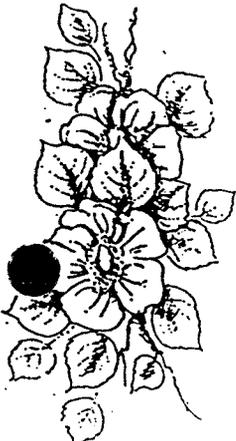
**BOWMAN & HUDSON**



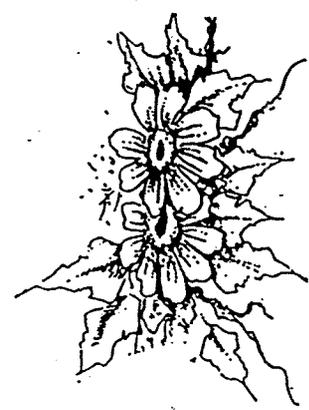
\*\*\*ANNOUNCEMENT\*\*\*  
*Autumn Millinery Opening*

I take pleasure in extending to you an invitation to be present at the Autumn Millinery Opening, Friday and Saturday, September 21-22, 1906.

*Belle McHenry.*







**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**FALL 1906.**

*On and after September Twentieth  
Will have on display a complete line of  
PATTERN, TAILORED AND TRIMMED HATS.  
Your inspection is cordially invited.*

**ETHEL JOHNSTON.**



\* 1906 \*





THE MOTHER AND FATHER WHO NEGLECT TO DRESS THEIR CHILDREN WELL SEEM UNWORTHY IN THE EYES OF THEIR NEIGHBORS AND THEY HAVN'T MANY FRIENDS. WHEN NATURE HAS BEEN KIND ENOUGH TO GIVE YOU BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL LITTLE ONES DO YOU NOT OWE IT TO THEM TO DO YOUR PART AND MAKE THEM APPEAR WELL? OF COURSE WE KNOW LITTLE BOYS ARE HARD ON CLOTHES. FOR EVERY-DAY WEAR WE WOULD HAVE STOCKINGS KNITTED OUT OF STEEL WIRE, SHIRT WAISTS MADE OF GALVANIZED IRON AND KNEE PANTS AND SUITS MANUFACTURED FROM BATTLE-SHIP ARMOR PLATE--IF WE COULD, BUT WE CAN'T. WE DO THE NEXT BEST THING AND IN ORDERING OUR STOCK OF BOYS' GOODS FOR EVERY DAY WEAR GET THE BEST WEARING STUFF POSSIBLE--AND CHEAP. WHEN SUNDAY COMES YOU WISH FOR YOUR LITTLE BUSTER BROWNS TO APPEAR WELL, DONT YOU

**JOE MILLER** The Clothier

Number 1

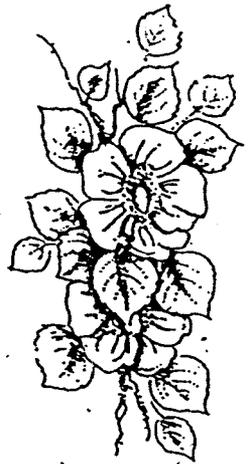
# THE BIGGEST SALE

Moweaqua ever knew, is  
still in progress. Won-  
derful bargains in good  
clean, up-to-date

Suits, O'coats, Hats  
Shoes, Shirts, Etc

We are giving to you—  
our customers—the ad-  
vantage of a large stock,  
rather than carry it over.  
Be sure to come in and  
see these bargains.

Kilborn & Aydelott



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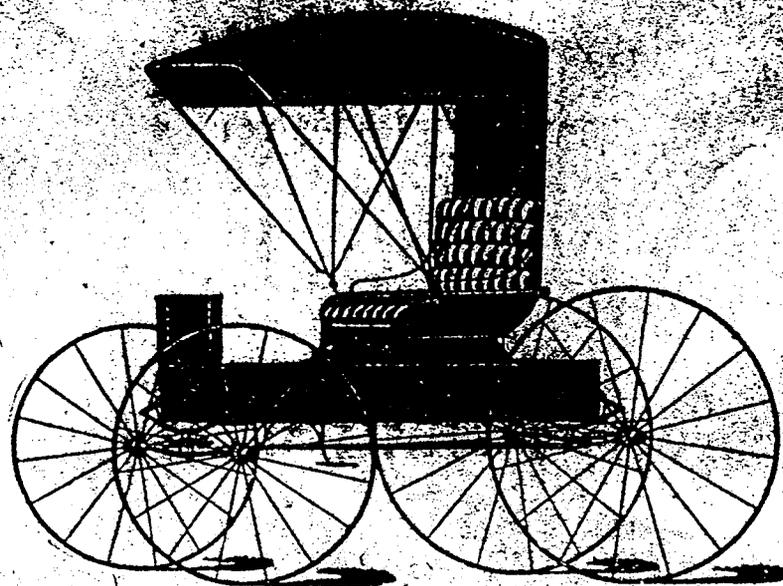
JOE MILLER  
**The Reliable Clothier**  
 To close  
 our entire line of boys shoes at cost.  
 All our shoes have advanced about 20 per cent on most  
 kinds. You can get them from me at 25 per cent less than  
 old prices. Come and get them while they last as they  
 will go.  
 We are receiving new goods almost every day. In men's shirts we  
 have the best line in town and you know they are better than most  
 places and cheaper by twenty per cent. You want your money to  
 go as far as you can. Then why not go to  
**JOE MILLER'S**  
 Where you get the most for your money.

DRIVING  
 HARNESS.  
 N. NALACH  
 SADDLE



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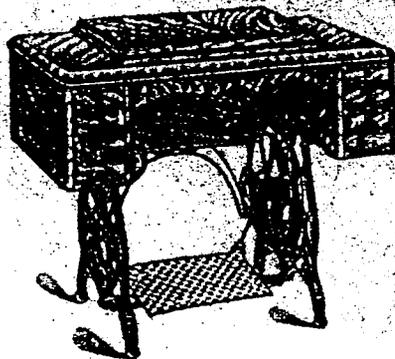




# MOWEAQUA'S

## Most Complete Housefurnishers

We have made some heavy purchases of vehicles which have recently advanced in prices, together with careful selections of styles, patterns and shapes, enables us to command trade at this time. Our line of vehicles is second to none in Sayer & Scovill (S & S) and Ratterman & Luth (R & L) lines you find all the good points of competitive lines combined in these two makes. For your information, will say that we sold last season to over 100 satisfied customers.



There is a large car load, rolling this way and forty buggies on hand to show, which we will be pleased to do.

Our Furniture and Stove lines are complete and are of the best, as is usual with us. We handle the Quick Meal gasoline ranges—the line with a reputation. Fishing tackle line has not been forgotten but have a well assorted stock on hand to accommodate all, and many more things too numerous to mention. Having everything displayed to good advantage we invite our many friends, customers and others to come and view the stock, which we will be pleased to show you, and thank you in advance.

# R. Gregory & Company.

# MOWEAQUA

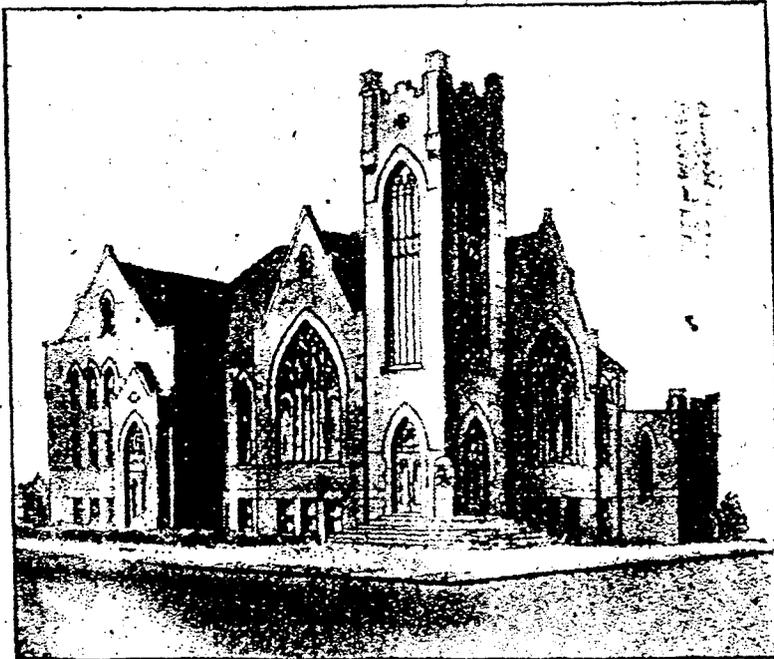
Moweaqua, Illinois, Wednesday, July 24, 1907.

## ROBBERY

**Burglars Enter Business Houses on Thursday Night—Arrests were Made Friday**

The general merchandise store of Mrs. H. F. Day and the restaurant of Jas. Crews of this city were entered by burglars about midnight Thursday night and all the money in the cash drawer, amounting to \$1.30 was taken from the store, while the thieves got something over \$15 from the restaurant. The robbery was discovered by Night Policeman Jas. Highley who saw the thieves in the store at the cash drawer. There were three in the party, two in the store and one on the outside. When the two in the store saw that they were discovered they ran out and policeman Highley gave chase, firing two shots at them, but was unable to stop the culprits. It is thought they entered the store through a cellar window and the restaurant by means of a key.

Jarman Snyder, Frank (Buff) Anderson and Estel Board were arrested Friday night charged with having committed the crime. The preliminary examination was set for 8 o'clock Saturday morning, the prisoners all giving bond for their appearance, but on a change of venue to Justice Reighley, the hearing was continued until Monday at eight o'clock. The case was called at the appointed hour, but Snyder and Board made themselves conspicuous by their absence. Justice Reighley



THE M. E. CHURCH OF MOWEAQUA AS IT WILL APPEAR WHEN COMPLETED

## LAY CORNER STONE THURSDAY.

Work on the New Methodist Church is Being Pushed Rapidly—Program.

The corner stone of the new Methodist church will be laid Thursday evening at 4:45 o'clock. The occasion will be made a memorable one in the history of the city and especially of Methodism in Moweaqua. The address will be made by Dr. W. J. Davidson, pastor of the first M. E. church of Decatur and the corner stone will be laid by Dr. B. F. Shipp, Presiding Elder of the Decatur District. If the weather is unfavorable the program will be carried out in the Hall.



Drugs  
Books  
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You Never

# MOWEAQUA

The community

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March 21, 1927

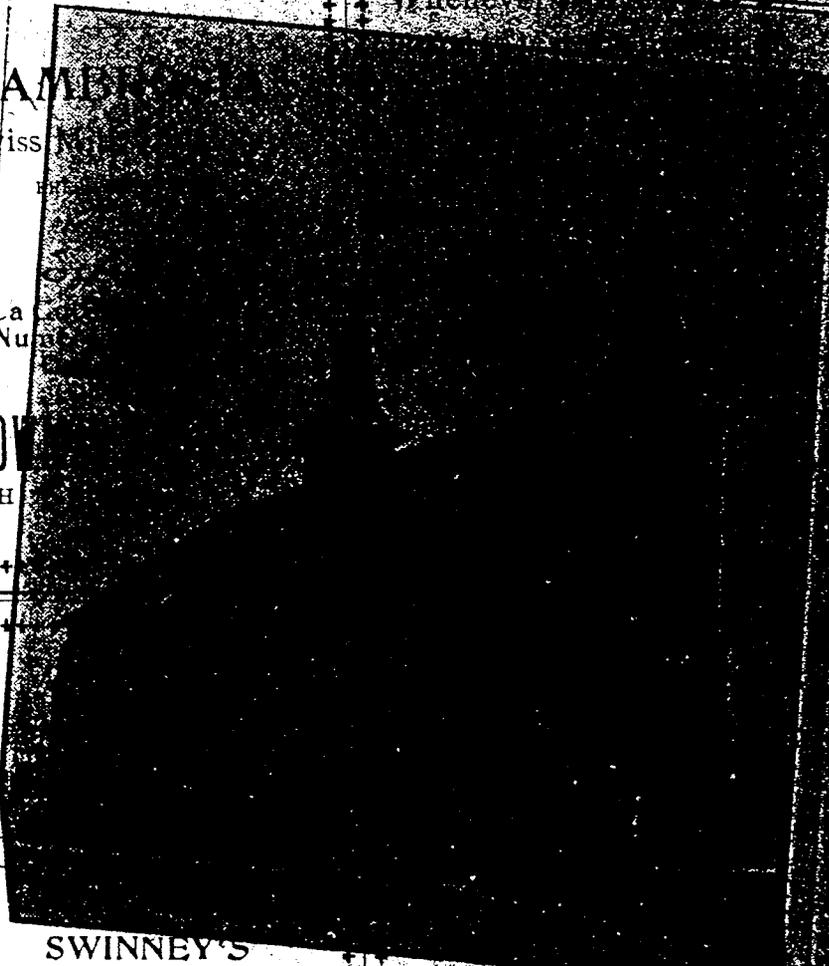
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## PIANO TUNER



SWINNEY'S  
CASH SUPPLY HOUSE

## THE OLD METHODIST CHURCH

COMMENCED WORK

work of removing the old

list church was commenced

under the supervision of

& Huffman

John Sunday were largely at

PIANO TUNER

the choir and a most elo

quent speaker by the

services of work

19 Years Experience

Phone No. 15

who assisted in the deliv

It was during the

Rev. Ira Emerson

the society for a new

ship and Galvass

his labor on the part

of a graduate of Jones

successfully conducted

MOWEAQUA, ILLINOIS

Thomas Porter Plated into the Great

Thomas Porter died at his home in

the city Saturday evening about 2

clock of pneumonia aged 75 years

He was a man of generous impulses

and gave liberally to the hospital

and other good causes

He was born in

and was educated

at the University of

where he received

Heat Your Houses for Less than Half the Cost You Can With Any Other Stove On Earth

# THE GREATEST HEATING STOVE OF THE AGE

Come and see the wonderful FLORENCE HEATER. This marvelous Heater will burn any fuel and will produce heat and warmth in any room.

**No Smoke! No Soot! No Dirt!**

Everything Consumed

No Clinkers From Hard or Soft Coal  
ASHES AS FINE AS POWDER

**The Most Economical Stove On Earth**

It is not the original cost of a stove, but it is what it costs to operate it that counts. THE FLORENCE is an investment; it pays for itself in a very short time. As a fire keeper it will be just as good 20 years from now. If the fire pot cracks inside of 5 years we will give you one free of charge.

**THE ONLY FLOOR HEATER**  
On The Market or that has Ever Been Made



THE HOT BLAST  
The Right Florence

If the Florence is Operated According to Directions:

The No. 31 will heat 1 small room all winter with a load of 100 lbs. of lump coal.  
The No. 32 will heat 2 small rooms all winter with a load of 100 lbs. of lump coal.

The No. 33 will heat 3 small rooms all winter with a load of 100 lbs. of lump coal.  
The No. 34 will heat 4 small rooms all winter with a load of 100 lbs. of lump coal.

The No. 35 will heat a large room or 2 small rooms all winter with a load of 100 lbs. of lump coal. This furnace heater will be required for a room of 1000 cu. ft. or more.

For a complete list of sizes and prices, send for our circular.

THE FLORENCE

Has twice the life of any other stove, because the Florence burns out the fuel; in all other stoves, the fuel burns out the stove. It is truly a marvel—the most wonderful stove ever invented!

**HUDSON & BROOKS**  
MOWEAQUA, ILLINOIS

\* 1907 \*

THIS IS A  
**Progressive Age**

*Where Cash is King. Money Talks, and  
 A LOW PRICE TELLS.*

1 bushel new white Navy Beans	\$2.40
5 lbs. new white Navy Beans	.25
15 lbs. good head Rice	1.00
3 lbs. good head Rice	.25
14 packages of Egg-o-see for	1.00
3 packages of Egg-o-see for	.25
5 gals. choice New Orleans Molasses	2.25
1 gal. of choice New Orleans Molasses	.50
12 cans of standard Peas	1.00
1 can of choice standard Peas	.10
12 cans 3 lbs. fancy standard Tomatoes	1.25
2 cans 3 lbs. fancy standard Tomatoes	.25
5 gallons choice Kraut	.80
1 gallon choice Kraut	.25
3 nice Mackerels for	.20
12 large and choice cans of Hominy for	1.00
3 cans of Hominy for	.25
Choice Cranberries, per quart,	.10
Pure Honey and made by bees per lb.	.20

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**CORRINGTON.**

AT  
**DAY'S STORE**

**Cutler's Meats**

ARE ALWAYS THE BEST

Choice quality of meats, fresh and cured. One hundred cents for every dollar. Experienced and efficient workmen. Honest dealing and courteous treatment. A complete supply of meats and lard always on hand.

*Fish and Game in season. Pickles and Sauerkraut*

**NO COLD STORAGE MEAT AT CUTLER'S**

**CUTLER BROS.**

Everything that's kept in a first-class market

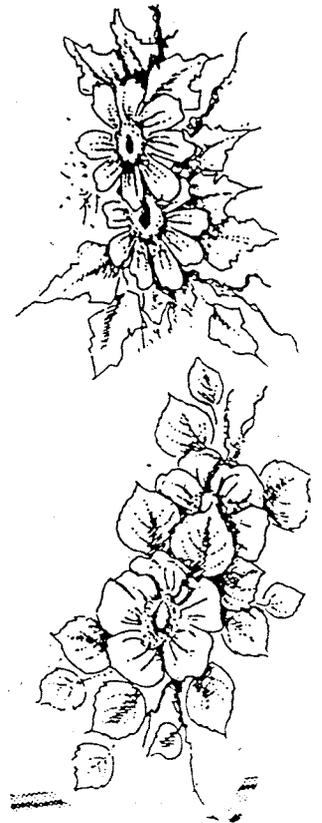
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**Call at the Bakery**

For Absolutely Pure

**HOME MADE CANDIES**

And Nice

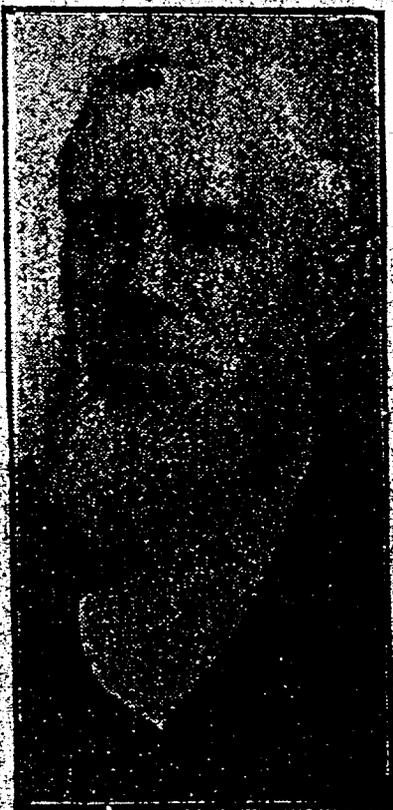
**FRESH OYSTERS**



\* 1907 \*

# MOWEAQUA

Moweaqua, Illinois, Wednesday, Feb. 6, 1907.



## S. N. PEABODY

Samuel N. Peabody, whose death occurred in Moweaqua Tuesday of last week, was one of the first company which emigrated to Illinois from north...

## BABY BURNED.

Dress Caught Fire From Stove—Will Hardly Recover.

Mrs. Mattie Spence, living about six miles east of Assumption, with her son, Edward Spence, suffered a disastrous accident Monday afternoon at about 5 o'clock, which considering its serious nature and her advanced age, it is feared will prove fatal.

Grandma Spence, as she is familiarly known by all her friends, was passing the stove in the dining room when in some manner her dress or apron caught fire. The stove is a good burner, with a mud brick top and it is supposed that Mrs. Spence went to the stove to close the door, the draft drawing her garments into the stove lighting.

Mrs. Spence attempted to smother out the flames, at the same time calling to her daughter-in-law who hurried to her assistance, but the fire had gained such hold on the garments that the old lady was almost immediately enveloped in fire. Mrs. Spence then hurried her mother, but on the back porch calling to Mr. Spence who was in the barn. He reached the house almost as soon as the two women reached the porch. Mr. Spence, catching his mother in

## MRS. VALENTINE WINTER

Mrs. Valentine Winter of the home of her son, Wesley, Friday evening February 2nd, died of pneumonia.

A funeral service was held Monday morning at 1:30 from the parlors and at 11 o'clock from the M. E. church. Rev. Ed. officiating. Interment was in the cemetery near by.

## OBITUARY

Rebecca Winter, born November 24, 1839, in Switzerland, and died February 2, 1907, at the home of her son, Wesley, in Moweaqua, Illinois. She was 67 years of age. She was a good parent, who did their best to teach me to live a Christian life. She also said she had good friends in Basel and received much consolation for Christ all her life. When she with her parents came to this country, they were on account of some business and she was the only one of the family who remained in Switzerland. She was a member of the M. E. church in Moweaqua, Illinois. She was a very kind and her mother...



# QUA NEWS

Friday, March 4, 1908

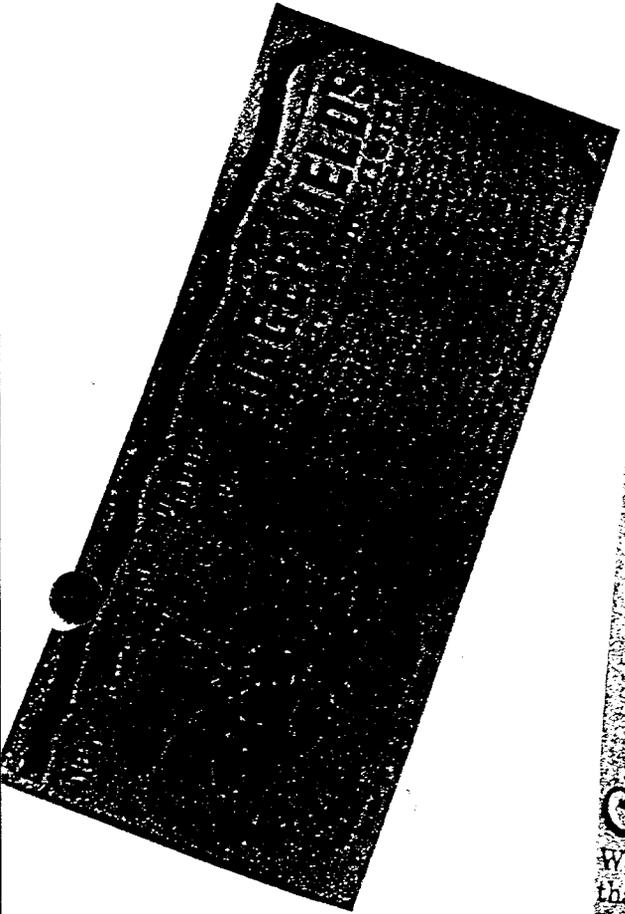
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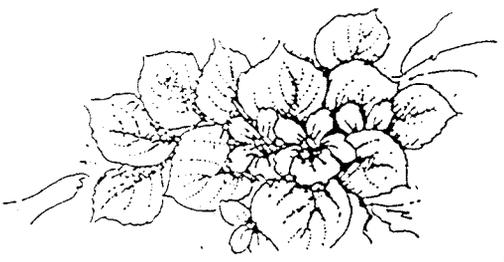
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# MOWEA

Moweaqua, Illinois, Wednesday



## J. P. AYDELOTT DEAD

Well Known Citizen Passed Away at His Home in This City Sunday Night - Many Years Prominent in the Business Life of Moweaqua

Many years ago there came to America from France three brothers named Aydelott. They were Hugue nots and they came seeking civil and religious liberty. It is supposed that they first settled in Pennsylvania and were the progenitors of all that name in this country. Some of their name are still living in Pennsylvania, some in Virginia, some in South Carolina and some in Illinois.

## PIONEER CALLED

Herman Slaughter Passes Away at His Home North east of Town After Lingering Illness - Funerals Monday Morning

Herman Slaughter, a pioneer citizen of Shelby county passed away at his home about four miles north east of Moweaqua on Sunday morning August 23, 1908 after a lingering illness from diseases consequent to old age. He was widely known throughout the county and enjoyed the good will and esteem of a wide circle of friends.

He was born in Firtel, Germany December 23, 1824 and was at the time of his death 84 years, 7 months and 30 days old. He grew to manhood in the fatherland and was quiet in marriage with Miss Hannah Brunchen about 1848 and soon after sailed for America which voyage took fourteen weeks. After landing in America he settled on a farm in Macoupin county, Ill. and remained there until 1881 when he moved to a farm north east of Moweaqua, and by hard work and frugal habits he was able to purchase the farm and pay for the same.

To Mr. and Mrs. Slaughter seven children were born four of whom (three sons and two daughters) are still living. They are: Charles, John, Henry, Charles, and Mary.



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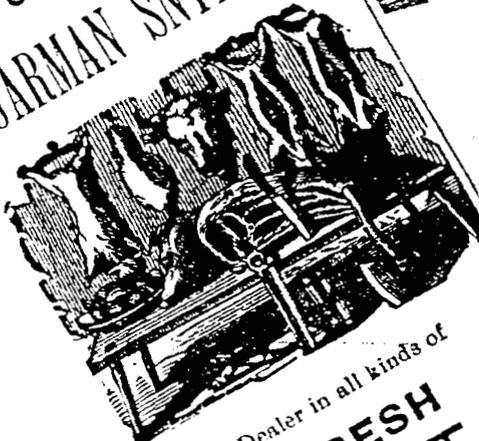
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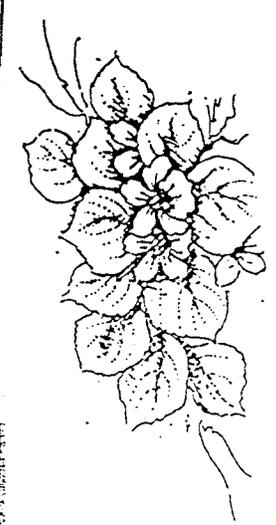
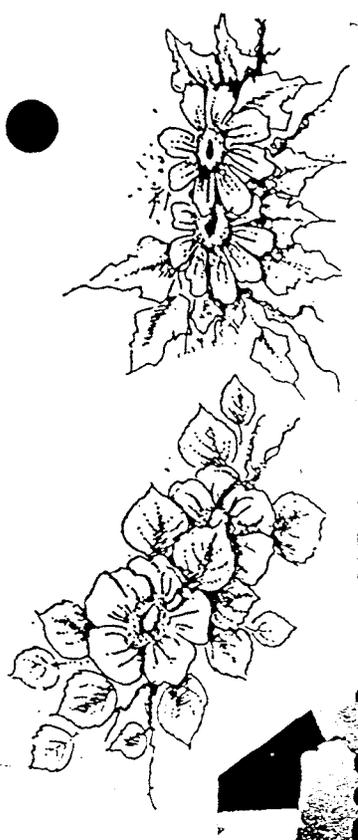
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**James E. Gregory.**

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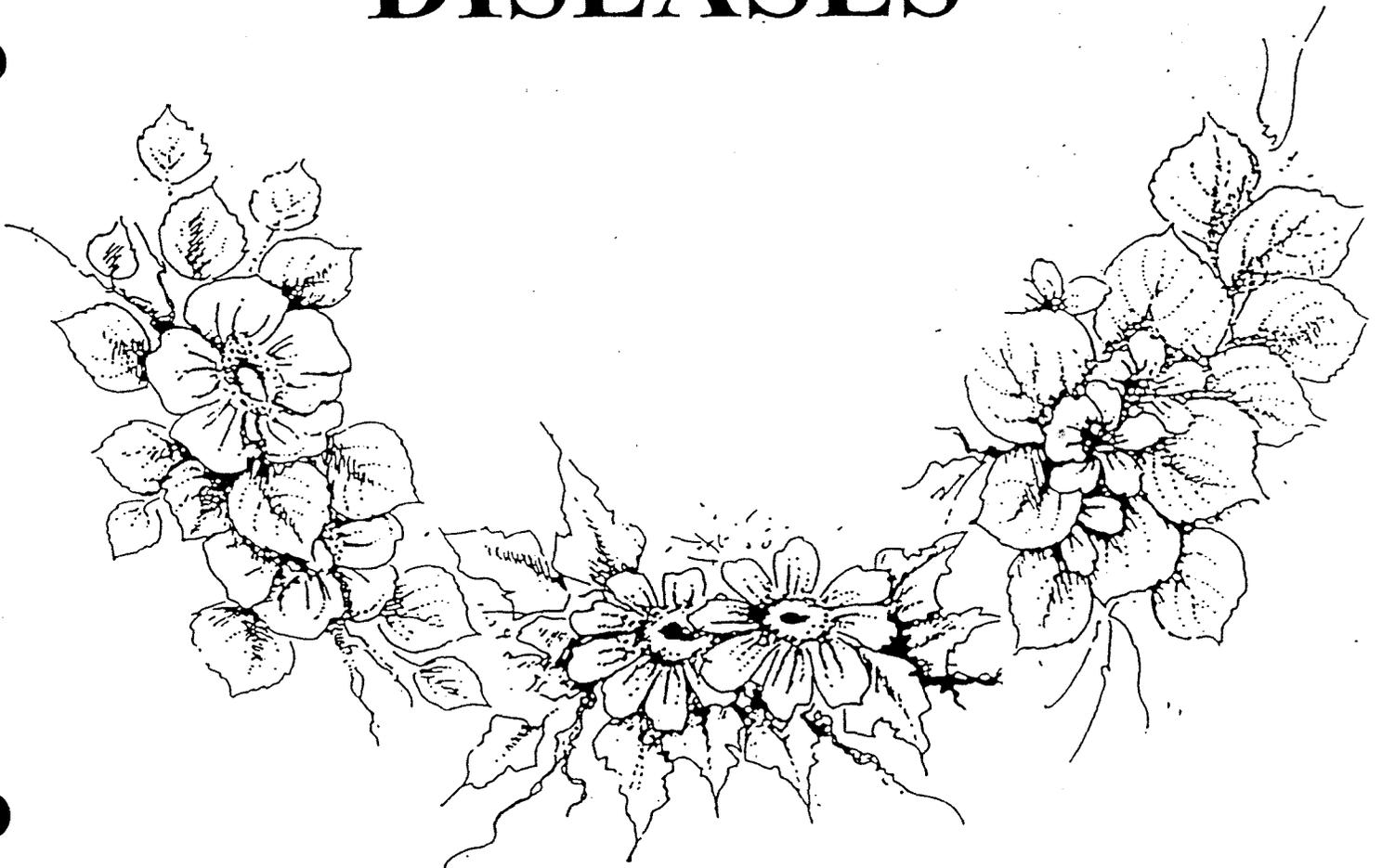
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\* **DISEASES** \*



## 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 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 field 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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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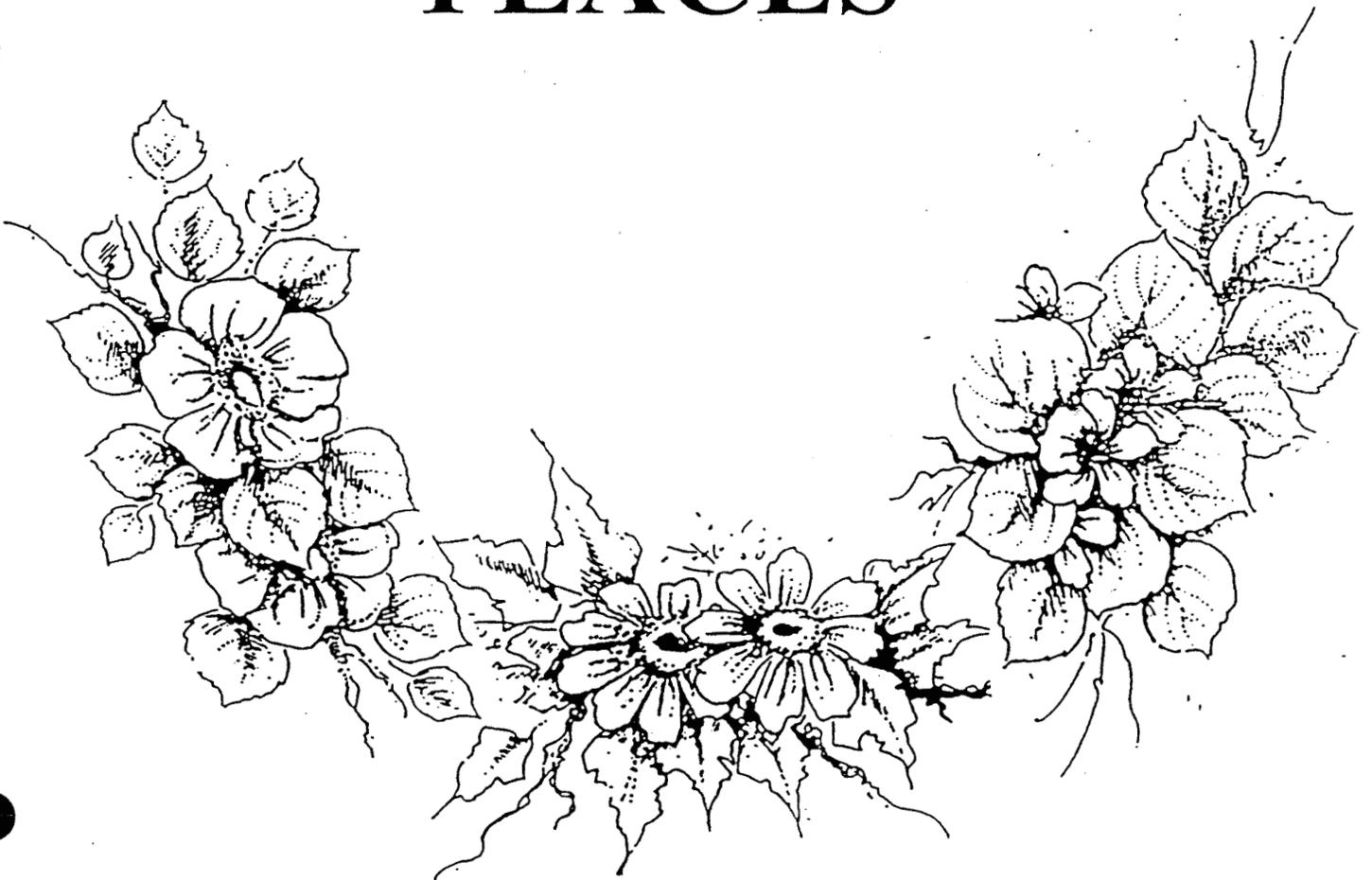
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The reference for the locations of the names and places for towns and villages in the Moweaqua area was taken from the following research documents:

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2. *Portrait and Biographical Records, Shelby and Moultrie Counties*, 1891, Chicago, Biographical Publishing Company.



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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 Osbernvill (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 5 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 Edinburg 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 Edinburg located along State Route 29 between Taylorville and Springfield, population in 1998 is given as 982.

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

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

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

**Fame** - Couldn't find Fame

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

**Findlay** - Shelby County. Post Office established 18 December 1884; active. RFD serves Findlay Junction and Yantisville. Incorporated as village 16 May 1892. Served by the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad. Population in the 1960 Census - 759. See Site #7 on Shelby County Map 'B', Todd's Point Township. Reference #5 shows Findlay east of US Highway 51, east of Assumption, very 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 Hampsire.

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 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.

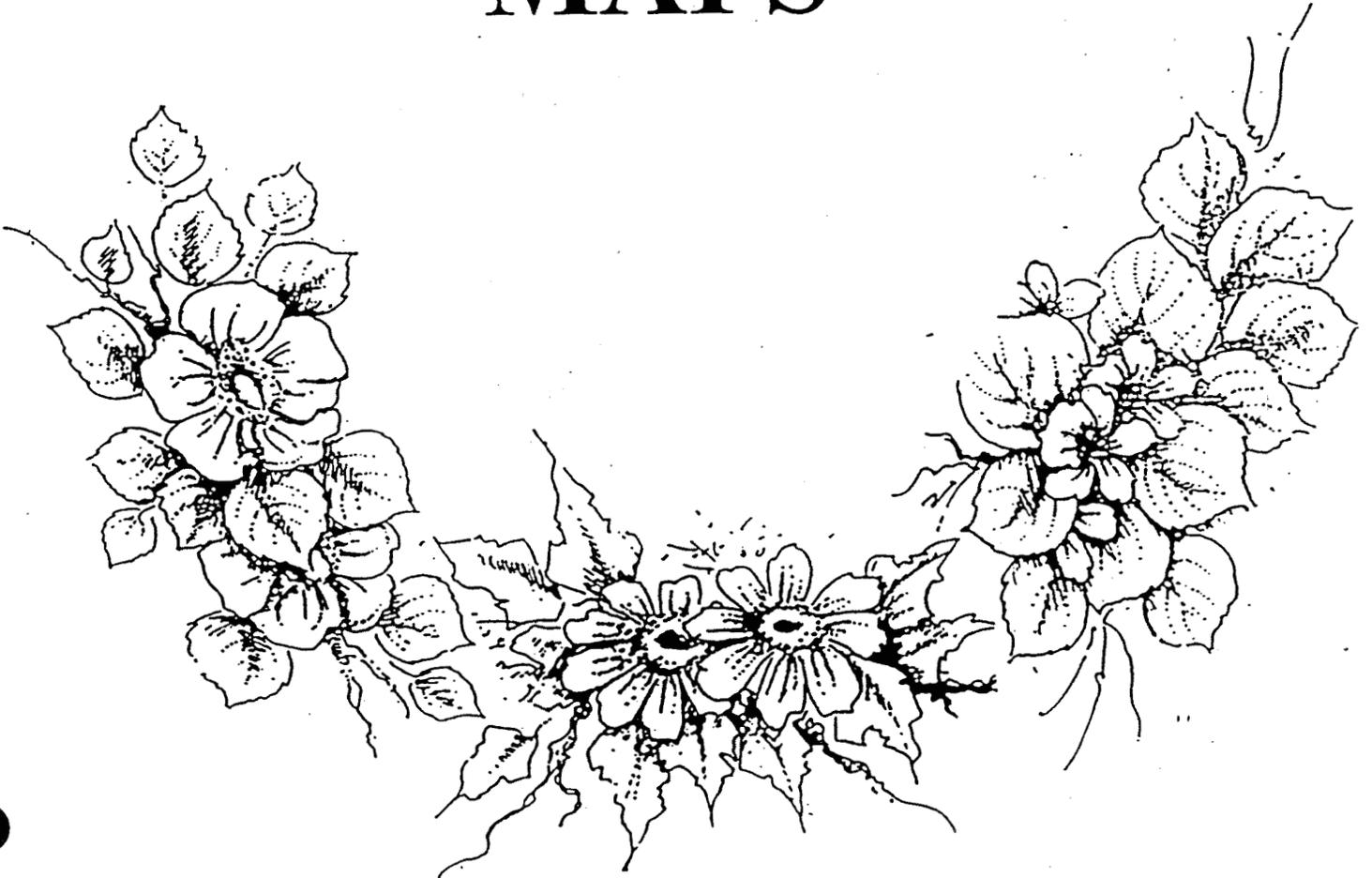
Windsor - Shelby County. Post Office established 8 July 1856. RFD serves Quigley and Sargents. Incorporated as city 16 February 1865. Served by the New York Central Railroad. Formerly known as Cochran's Grove, Illiopolis, changed from Cochran's Grove. Population on 1960 Census - 1,021. Reference #5 shows 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 two-lane county road about midway between Assumption and Findlay. No population given in Reference #5. See Site #4 Shelby County Map 'B', Pickaway Township.

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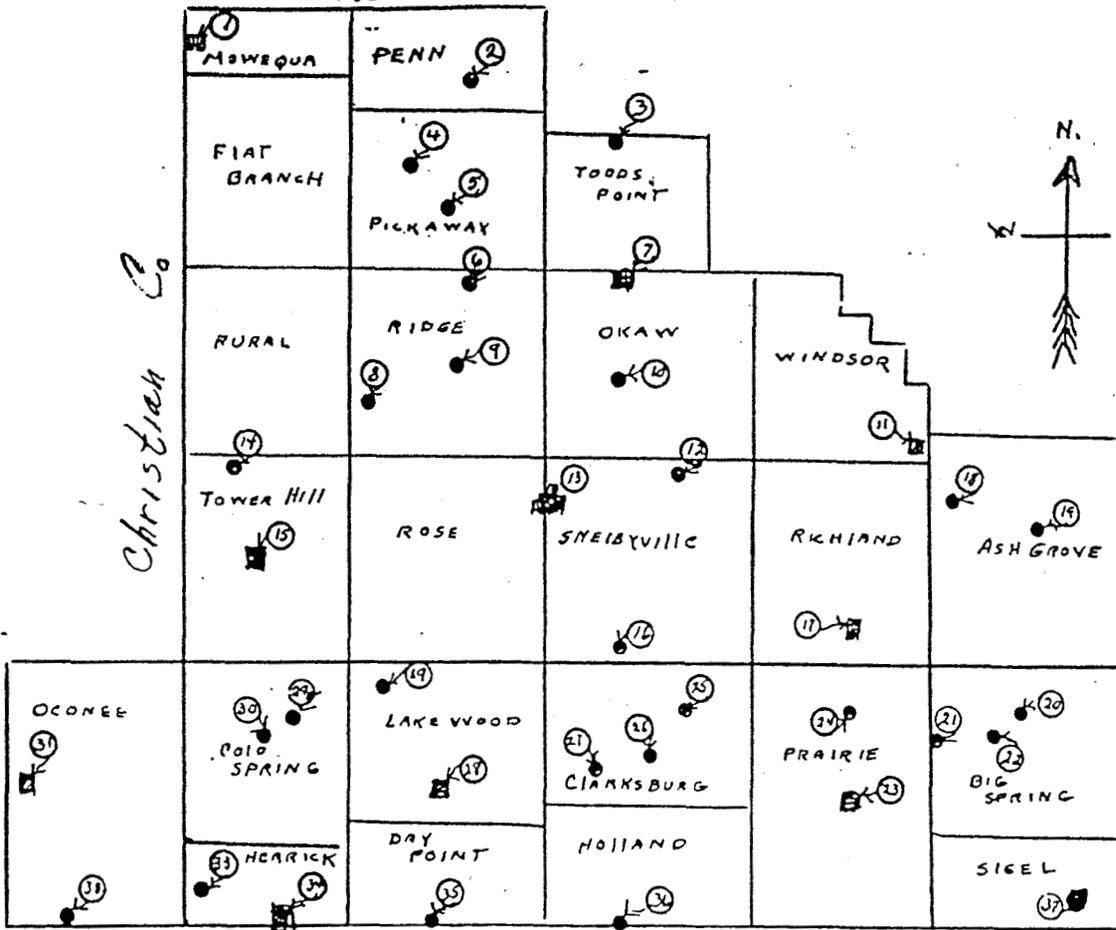
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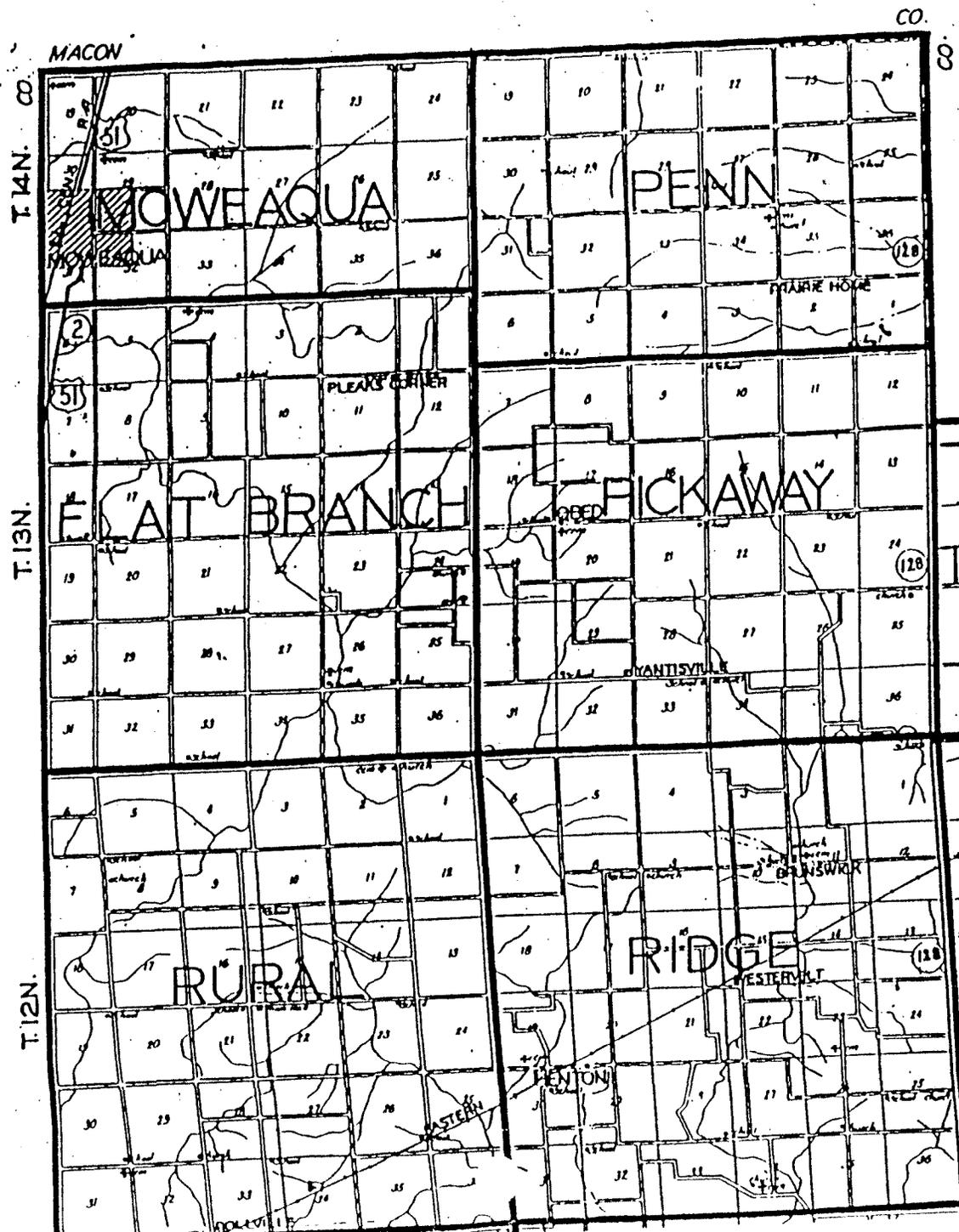
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| 14. Dollville              | 32. Hanson Station* |
| 15. Tower Hill             | 33. Beck's Creek*   |
| 16. Clarksburg             | 34. Herrick         |
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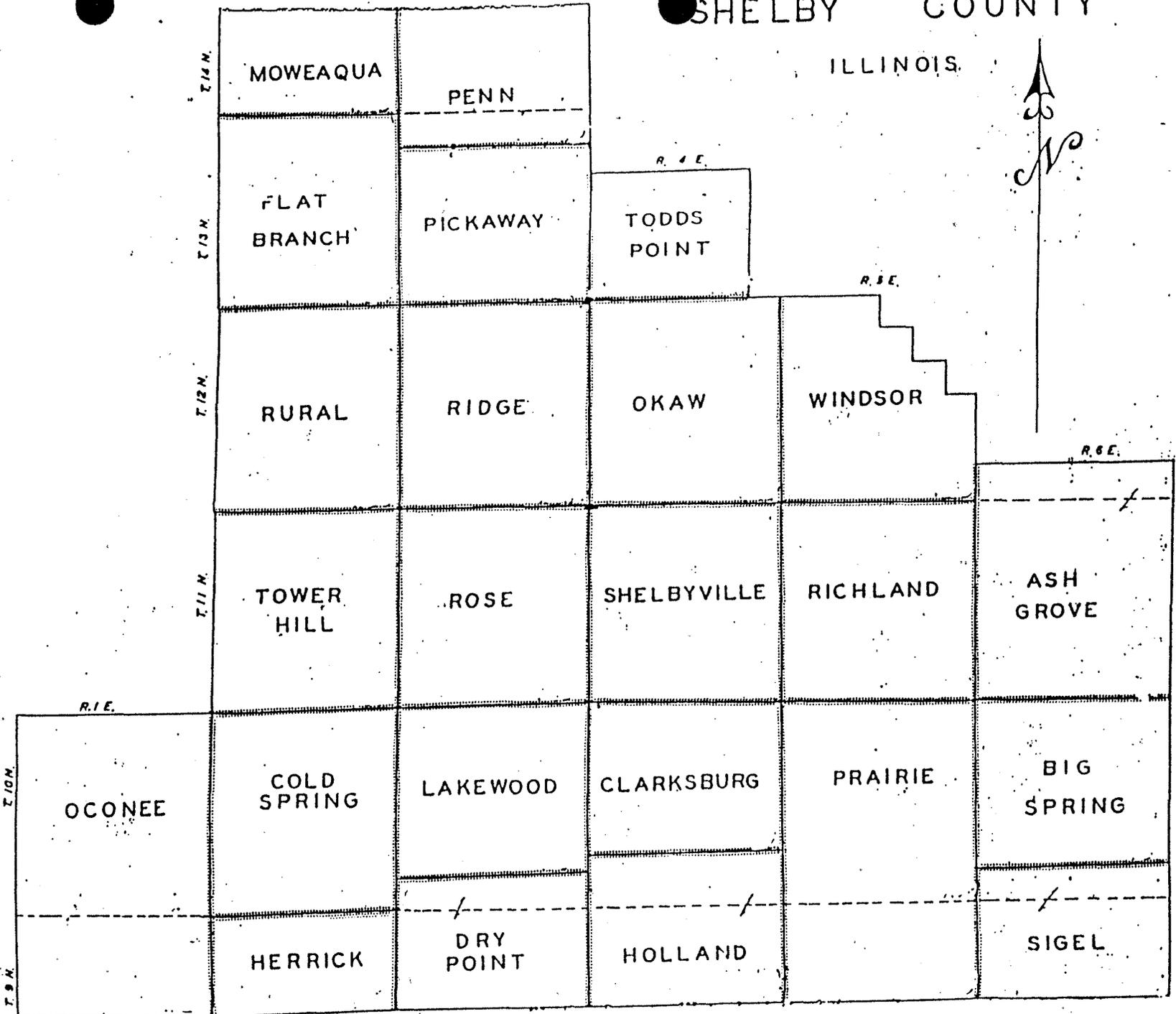
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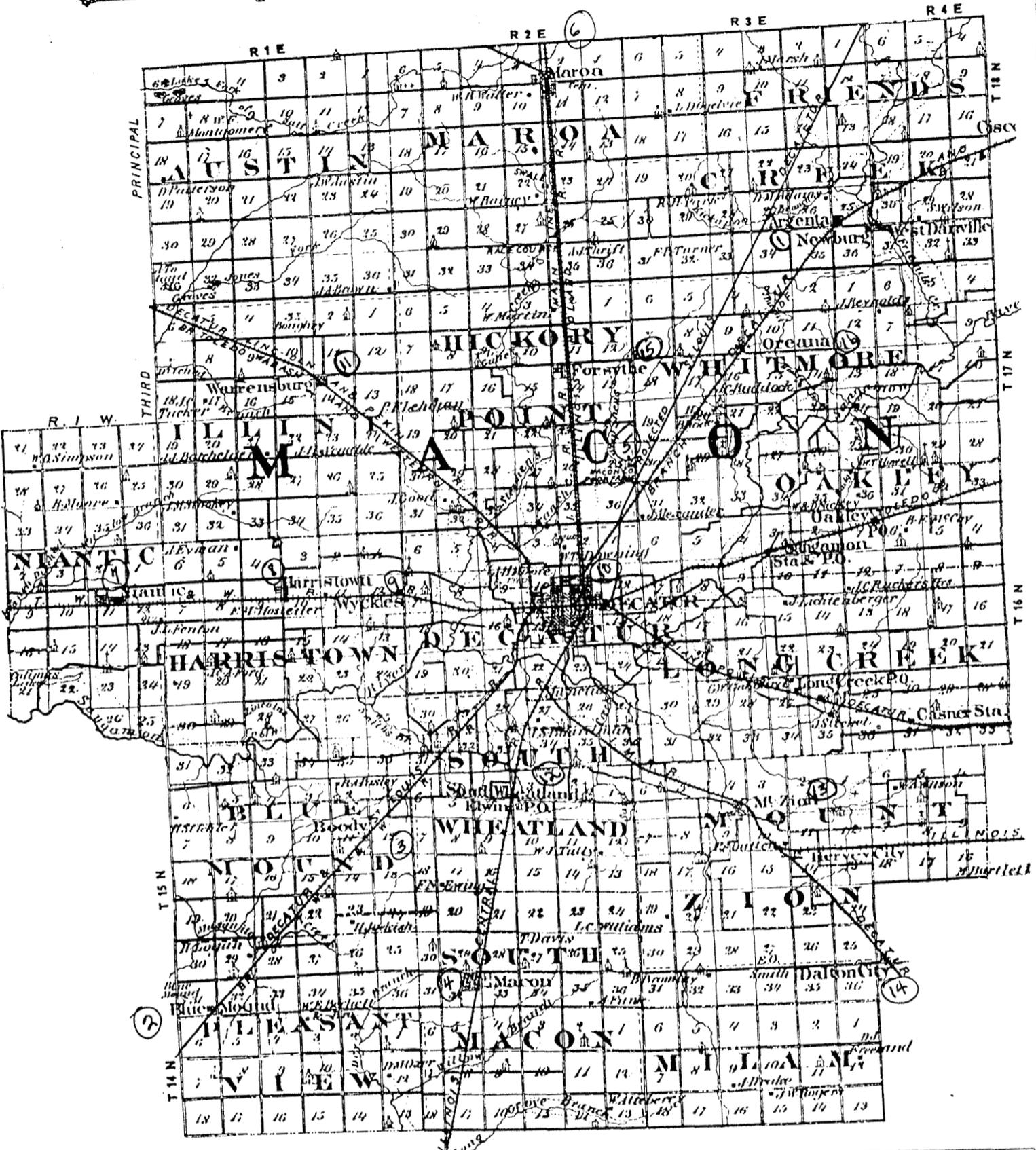
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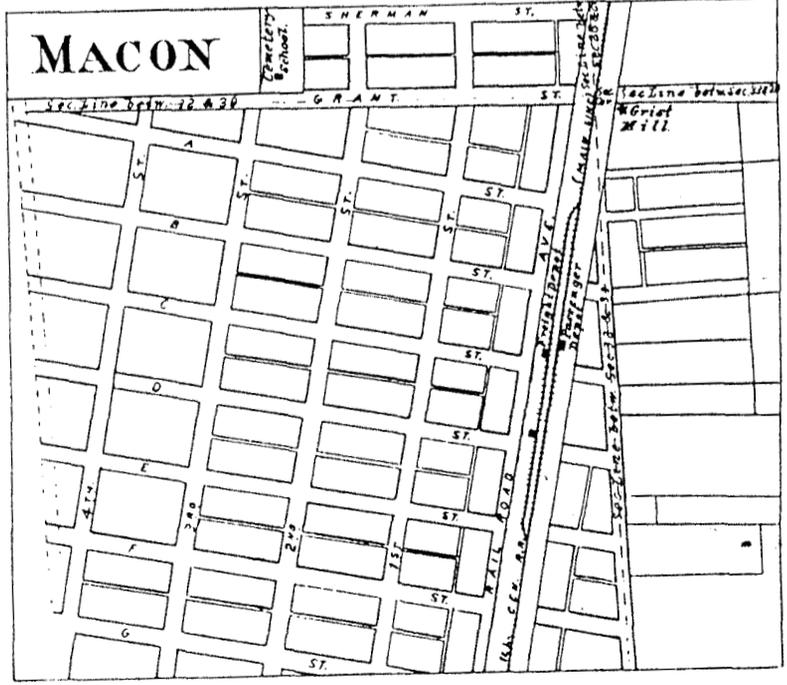
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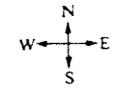
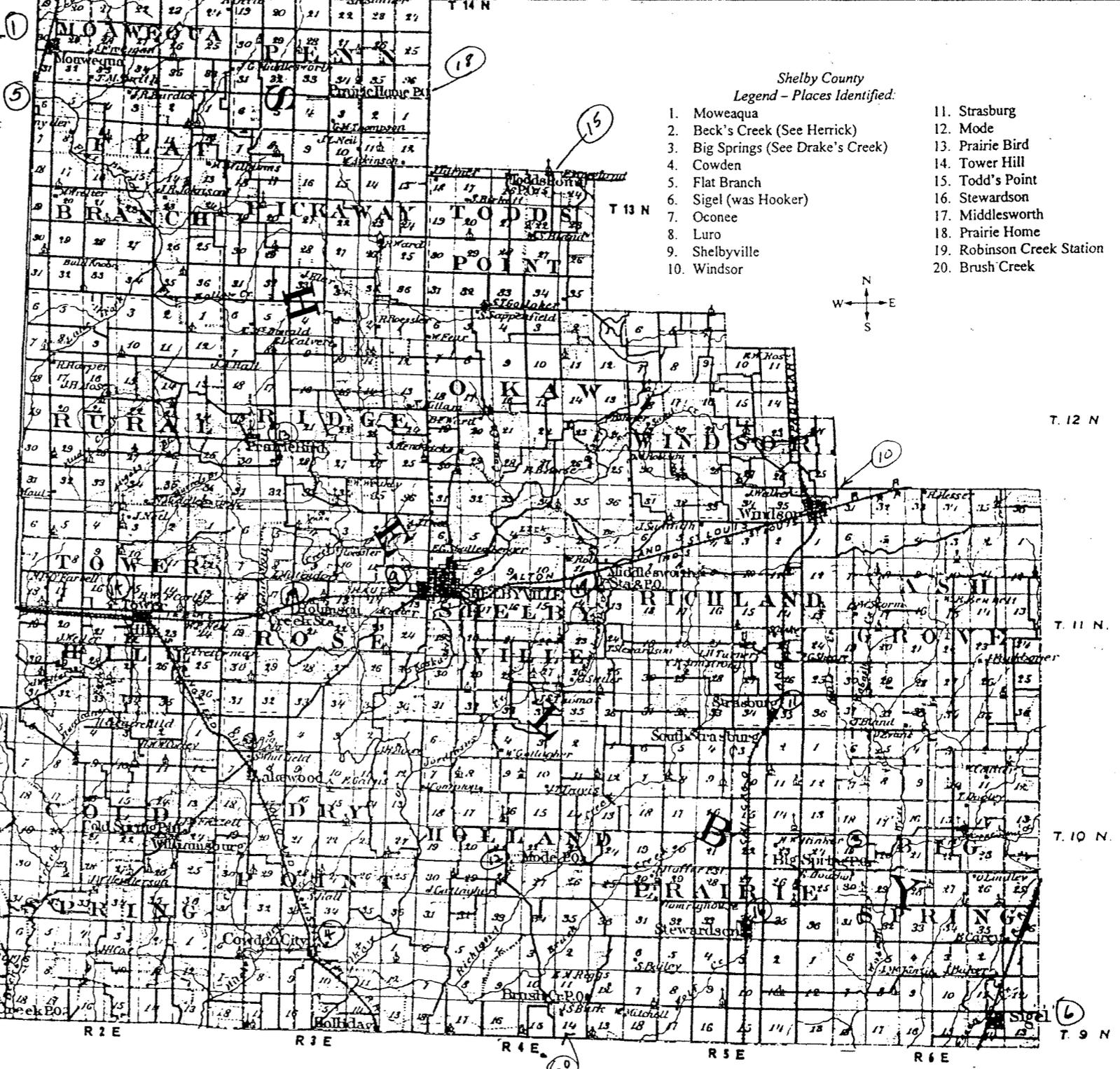
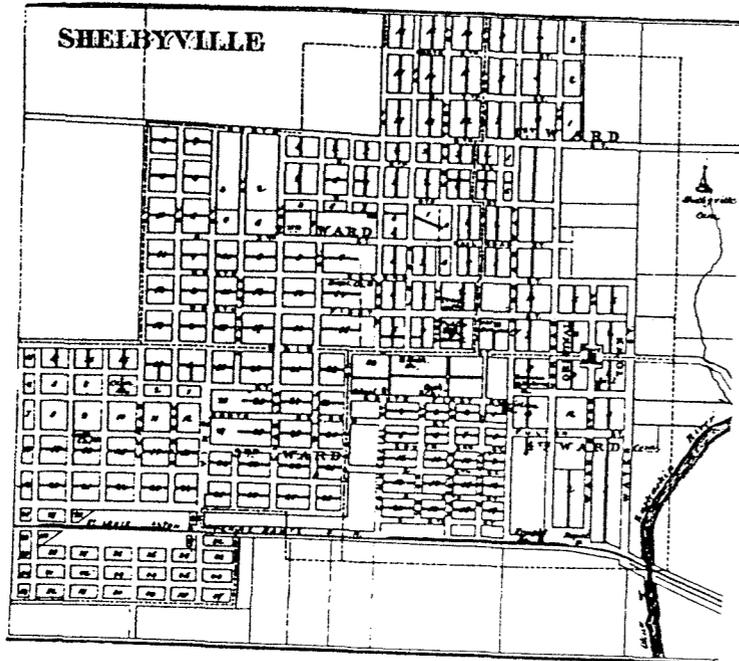
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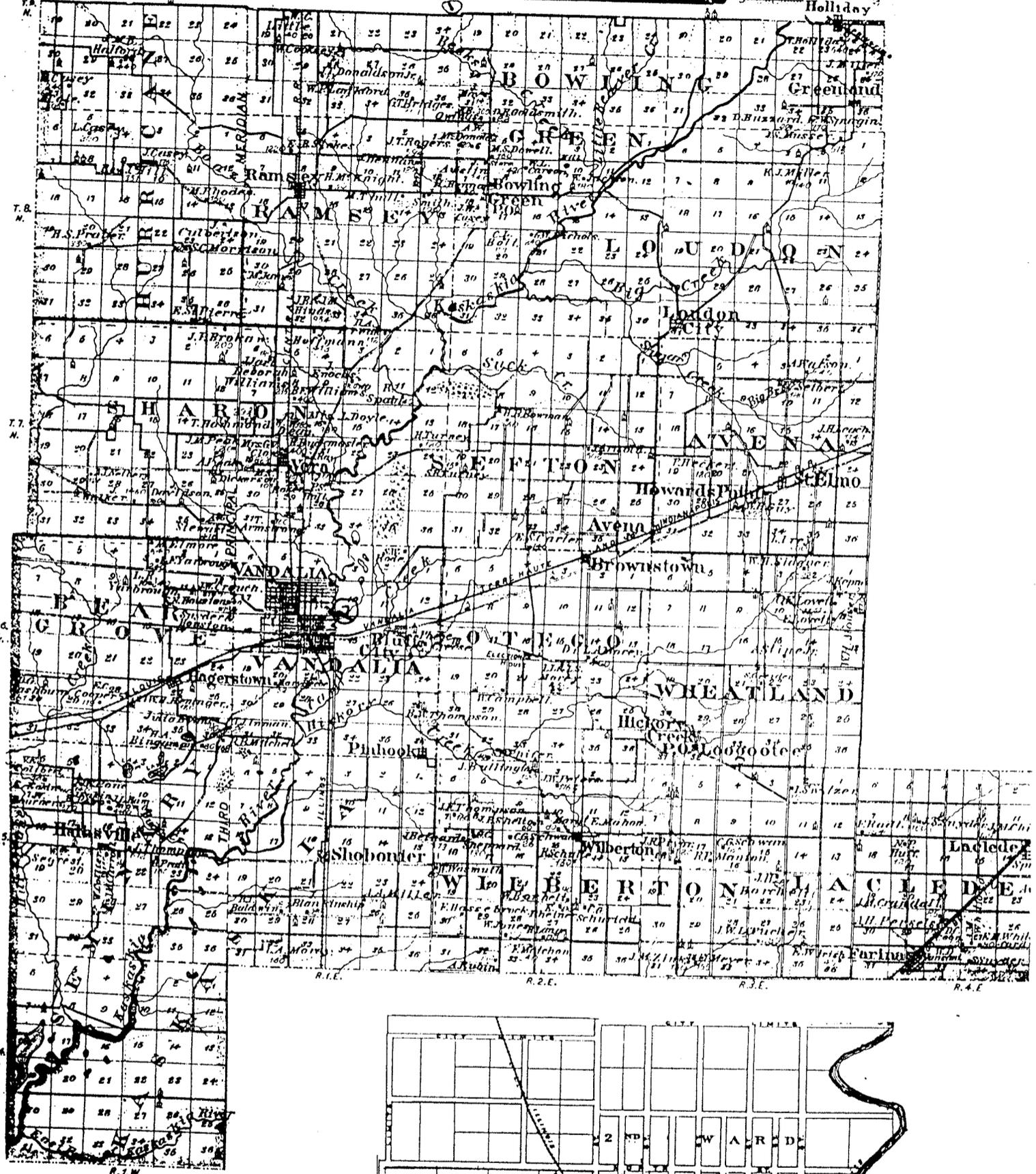
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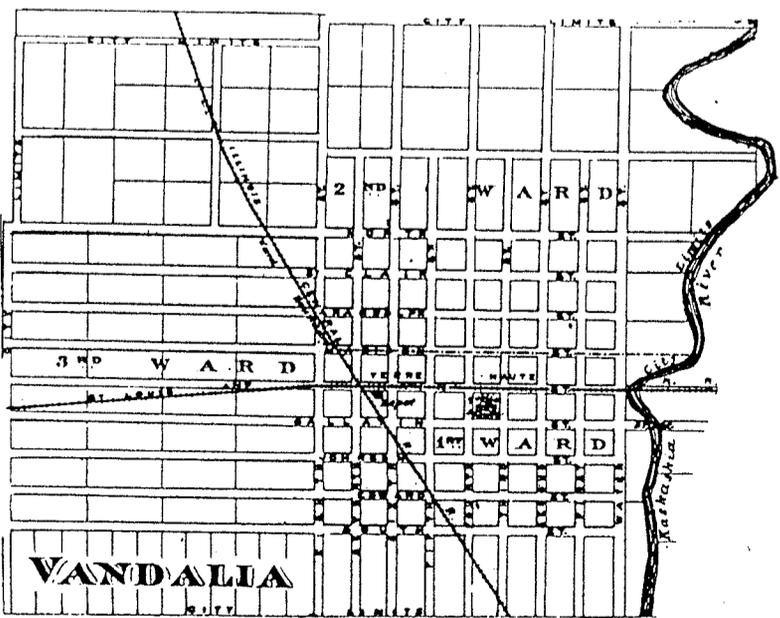
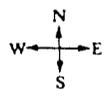


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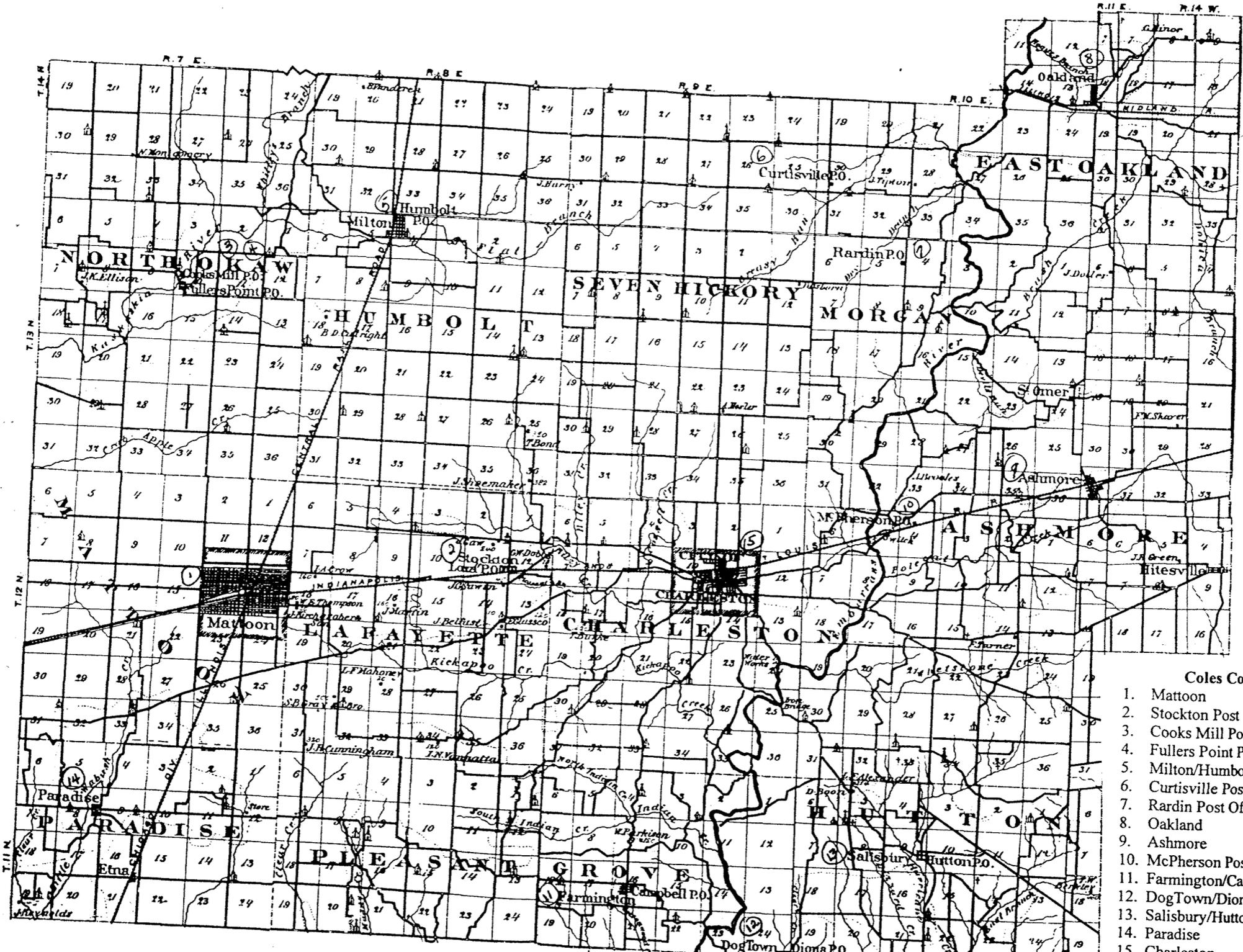
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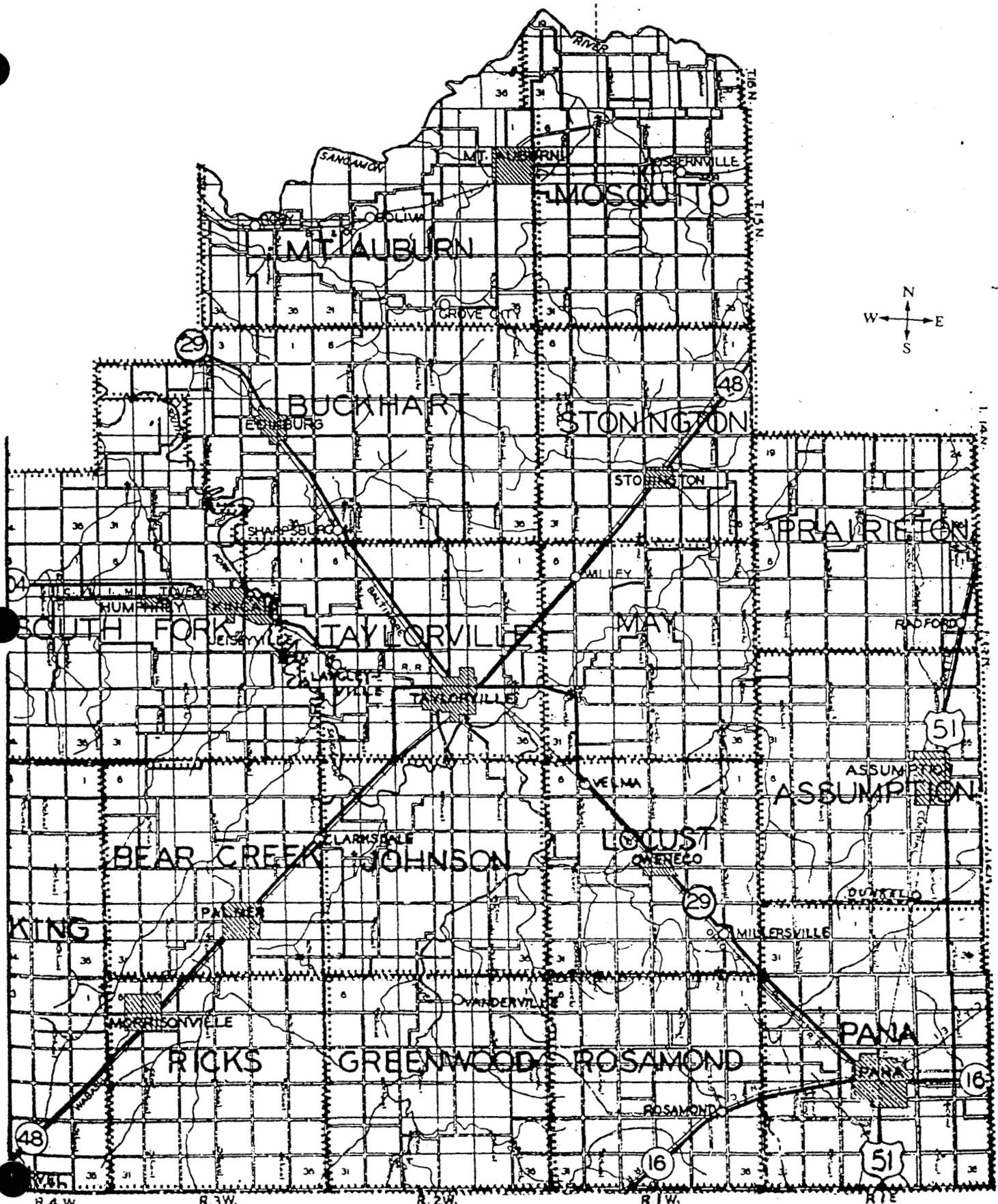
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**MAP OF COLES COUNTY**



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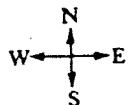


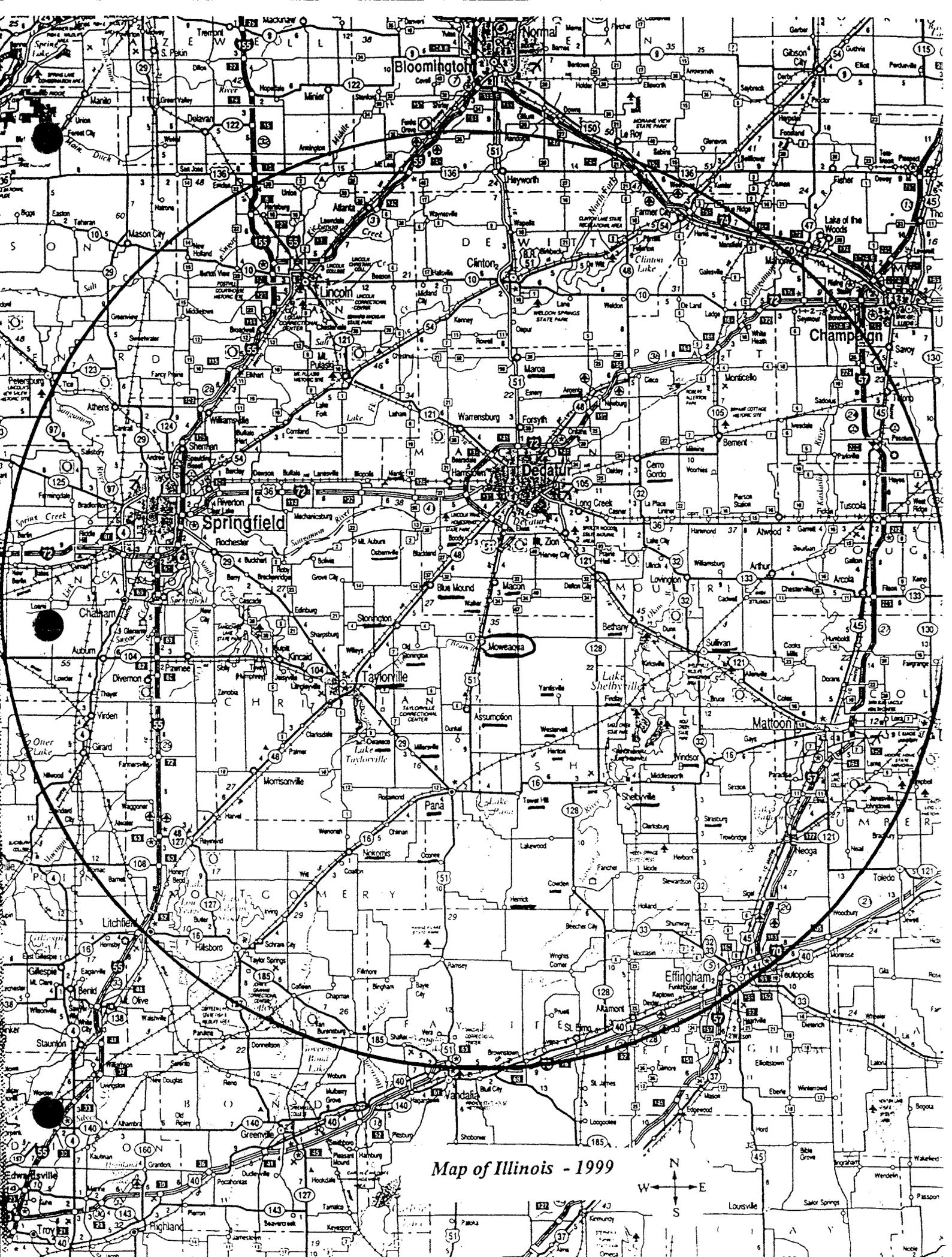
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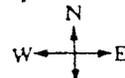


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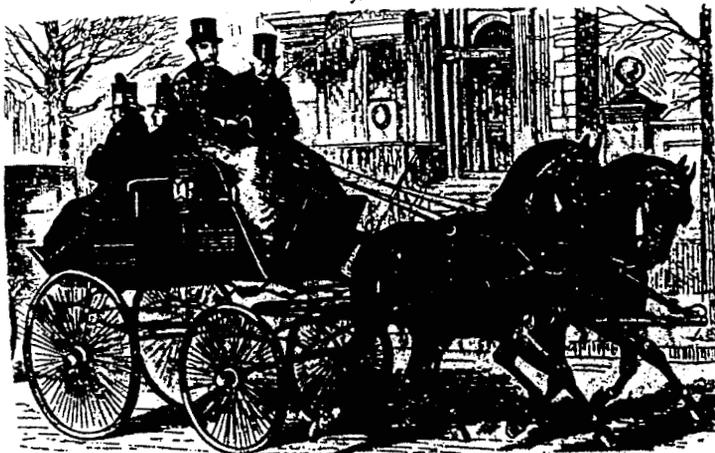
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**MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA  
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**Excerpts from *The Moweaqua News*  
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**\* 1906 \***

*(Note: The first few months of the Moweaqua News issues for 1906 were in very poor condition; some articles partially missing, some entire pages missing. Extra care was given to extract as much information as possible from these months.)*

**Wednesday, 3 January 1906 issue, *Moweaqua News*:**

Mr. and Mrs. **H E Travis** returned from St Joseph, Missouri, where they were called by the illness of **William H Travis**, a brother of **H F Travis**. Mr. and Mrs. **Travis** arrived in time to be at his bedside before death came. He had been under medical treatment for the past two years and had traveled extensively with the hope of recovery, but in vain. He had been connected with **Richardson Roberts Dry Goods Co.** as a traveling salesman for a number of years and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Obit - **Irene Hammil**: **Irene Hammil**, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **T J Hammil** was born in Bethalto, Illinois, on the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1866. She was led to an acceptance of Jesus as her savior when she was still a child. She was always a good girl. Miss Irene has lived near Moweaqua, Illinois, the greater part of her life and everyone of her very large circle of acquaintances is to her, a loyal friend. She was a member of the Moweaqua Presbyterian Church since April 1896. Everything that medical skill and loving hands could do was done for her, only to lengthen her life a short time. She departed this life on 1 January 1906, aged 39 years, one month and 13 days, and leaves to mourn her departure, her devoted mother, eight brothers and a very large circle of friends. Services held at the Presbyterian Church on 3 January 1906 by pastor Rev **Rob B Irwin**. Interment in the North Cemetery.

*(Note: Half a page of news was torn and missing from this book. Part of the news was the 'Walker' portion)*

Mrs. **E O Smith** and Mrs. **Spicer** attended the funeral of **Harry Collison** Thursday at Rantoul. Mr. **Thomas Donahue** and wife of Jacksonville arrived on Wednesday. Mrs. **Donahue** is a sister of Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, Mrs. **Geo Suppes**, Mr. **William Tankersley** and Mrs. **Dan Coultas**. They are here on their wedding tour.

The **Henry Portwood** estate property was sold Saturday. The farm of 80 acres brought the top notch of land values in this section, \$150.25 per acre. This is one of the farms in this section from viewpoint of improvements, quality of land and location. **V F Hilvety** was the purchaser. The residence formerly occupied by Mr. **Portwood** sold for \$1,600, Mrs. **Frank Clark** being the purchaser. She also got the property in the north part of town for \$360 odd dollars. Mr. **Thos Brown** purchased the property adjoining his residence at \$470. **George S Simpson** sold the south unimproved eighty of his 217-acre farm one and three-fourths miles south of town to **Jas Portwood** at a consideration of \$110 per acre.

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Church in Moweaqua. Mr. and Mrs. **Elmers** will become residents of Moweaqua about 1 March 1906.

Today about 7 AM at the farm home occurred the death of Mrs. **Valentine Snyder, Sr.** She had been quite poorly for some time. Her death was not unexpected to those who knew her condition best. The funeral will be held at the farm at 1:30 Friday afternoon, burial in the Trauber Cemetery. Rev **A B Peck** will conduct the services.

**Wm Durkee** attended the funeral of Miss **Kelly** in Shelbyville last Thursday.

We are informed that our old friend and former resident, **W Z Richhart**, has re-engaged in the matrimonial state. He is now a resident of Jennings, Louisiana, and is planning to farm on a large scale.

Mr. **Obe Harris** of Tobinsport, Indiana, and Miss **Emma Armstrong** of Moweaqua were united in marriage on 15 February 1906 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Both are well known here and are very highly respected young people. They went to Tobinsport where they will go to housekeeping on a farm owned by the groom.

The wedding of Miss **Mamie Workman** and Mr. **John Seifert** took place Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents a few miles southwest of town. Rev **Burke** of Old Stonington officiated. There were only a few intimate friends present to witness the ceremony which was beautiful and impressive. The house was appropriately decorated and the happy couple received many useful presents. They will reside on a farm near the bride's home.

A large number of the relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Sherman Weatherholt** gave them a surprise party one evening last week, the occasion being Mr. **Weatherholt's** thirty-sixth birthday. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and a pleasant time was had by all.

Mrs. **Rachel Raymond**, mother of **Albert Watson** of this city died from lung fever on Tuesday about noon at his home, aged about 74 years. The funeral services were held at the residence on Wednesday afternoon. Interment in the North Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. **Everette Ponting** of Stonington are the proud parents of a fine boy born on Saturday, 17 February 1906. Uncle **Tom Ponting** has a large silver spoon that has been handed down from **Ponting** to **Ponting** for more than a hundred years. He promised this to the first boy grandson. Everette's boy is the lucky little son.

Born to **L Sarver** and wife, 18 February 1906, a son.

**Jarman Snyder** and wife are the proud parents of twins, a boy and a girl, born 20 February 1906.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Everette Ponting** of Stonington, Saturday, 17 February 1906, a boy.

Born to **Jas H Vititoe** and wife on 15 February 1906, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Moss** on 19 February 1906, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L P Stevens** on 12 February 1906, a boy.

Obed news: **Douglas Armstrong** of Oklahoma dropped in on his brother, **Joe** on Tuesday.

They had not seen each other in nineteen years and the surprise and joy was unusual. Mr. **Armstrong** speaks in glowing terms of Oklahoma and its future.

#### Wednesday, 28 February 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

Friday, 21 February 1906, Mrs. **Valentine Snyder, Sr.**, the aged pilgrim was called to the realities of the unseen life. Her death was not unexpected by those who knew best, her condition. The funeral was held from the farm home and was conducted by Rev **A B Peck** of the Methodist Church. **Louisa Traughber** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 10 March 1834. She was married to **Valentine Snyder, Sr.** on 21 April 1853, almost

53 years ago. To them were born seven children—**Mary A**, deceased four years ago, **William L**, **George T**, near Assumption, **Edward J**, and **Emma E**, who live at the old homestead, Mrs. **Sarah M Orange**, and **Thomas M**, deceased in infancy. Besides the children, now grown to manhood and womanhood, she leaves an aged husband and one brother to mourn her loss. Mrs. **Snyder** was a devoted and faithful wife and mother, a kind and true friend and neighbor. She has been in failing health for years. No one will ever know how much pain and weariness she endured. She showed remarkable vitality and endurance and clung to life until the body was literally worn out. Finally, under the constant and watchful care of a loving daughter, her life went peacefully out, on

21 February 1906 at the ripe age of 71 years, 11 months and 11 days.

The *Decatur Review* gives the fact of the marriage of **Patrick Doud** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Long** both of Moweaqua at the office of Justice **J E Saxton** of Decatur on Friday, 23 February 1906. Both are residents of Moweaqua and enjoy the respect of their many friends who feel that it is perfectly proper inasmuch as neither are neophytes at the business. Mr. **Doud** is 73 while his bride is 71. Verily the poem is true—*“The birdies that fly and the pigs in the sty, the fishes that swim in the sea; the lad and the lass, they are all of one class. They are all getting married, and so are we.”*

On the evening of 22 February 1906 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **L P Bullock**, a quiet but very pretty wedding was solemnized. Mr. **Charles Casey** and Miss **Aura Bullock** were united in marriage by Rev **A D Cooper**. The couple came in by a wedding march played by Miss **Ida Casey**. The room was beautifully decorated. Miss **Aura Bullock** is well known in Moweaqua, her father, **L P Bullock** is the popular liveryman. Her mother is a member of the well-known **Parker** family. Mr. **Casey** is a prosperous well-respected young farmer, living four miles southeast of Moweaqua. The bride and groom received many beautiful presents such as chinaware, silverware, and linens of all sorts. Mr. and Mrs. **Bullock** presented them with a check for one hundred dollars. They will go to their home in the country and begin their happy life in an industrious way. Washington's birthday 1906, will long be remembered by the contracting parties and their many friends who were present for the occasion.

A birthday party honoring Miss **Etta Longenbach** was given last Saturday evening, in spite of the bad weather, quite a number of young folks met at **Jake Longenbach's** and pleasantly surprised Miss Etta on her seventeenth birthday. **Adrian Rawlings**, **Homer Reed** and **Roy Yantis** furnished music for the evening. About ten o'clock supper was served consisting of ice cream, cake, fruit and candy. All departed at a late hour wishing Miss **Etta** many more happy birthdays.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Nate Wise** died Friday night and was buried in the Macon Cemetery on Saturday. (Allenboro news)

Born to **R E Halbert** and wife on 24 February 1906, a girl.

Born to **Thos Donnelson** and wife on 24 February 1906, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **S A Olin** attended the funeral of **W A Davis**, Mrs. **Olin's** father, in Greenville, Illinois, last Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James F Kaid** and wife on 21 February 1906, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **F M Leaf** celebrated their twenty-first year of their marriage on 22 February 1906 by inviting in a number of friends who enjoyed a most hospitable dinner.

Dr **Pratz** and wife left Tuesday for Eureka where they go to witness the marriage of the doctor's youngest sister, Miss **Gertrude Pratz**. Miss Pratz visited here last summer for a week or so.

**David Coulter** returned from a four weeks' visit at his old home in Pennsylvania. Mr. **Coulter** had been out of the state for seventeen years and on his return found not only many new faces, but a new condition of material things. Industries have developed that were not dreamed of when he was there last, all of which has added to the values of real estate. Mr. and Mrs. **F W Plate** of Walker are the proud parents of a daughter born to them on 22 February 1906.

Wednesday, 7 March 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Tifton T Polk** is dead. The body of **Tifton T Polk** of Springfield, Illinois, was brought here Saturday for burial. Mr. Polk was a young man, twenty years of age, whose family resided here. He died of cancer of the throat. Rev **Jo B Rogers** accompanied the family. The burial took place at the German Church Cemetery south east of Moweaqua.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **Edith Foster** died on Wednesday morning and was buried at Todd's Point Cemetery on Thursday.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Craycroft** died at their home on Monday, 5 March 1906. The funeral services were held at the home on Tuesday at two o'clock conducted by Rev **A W Smith** of Fame. The remains were buried at the Bethany Cemetery.

Rev **Jo B Rogers** was in Moweaqua Saturday. He came with the **Polk** funeral party.

Dr **T L Catherwood**, who for twenty-two years was a practitioner in Moweaqua and well-known to all the older people, was stricken with paralysis at his home in Shelbyville. He is in a critical condition. Owing to his extreme age his friends despair of his recovery.

Wednesday, 14 March 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

The funeral of Miss **Daisie Kirkman** was held last Monday at 10:30 AM at the Baptist Church. A large concourse of sympathizing friends gathered to pay respect to her cherished memory.

The services were in keeping with her noble life, beautiful in their simplicity and sacredness.

Rev **A D Cooper** officiated at the services. The Loyal Americans and Royal Neighbors of which she was a member furnished the ushers for the occasion. The body was laid to rest in the West Cemetery. **Daisie D Kirkman**, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. **James H Kirkman** was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 22 June 1872. She departed this life in Decatur, 10 March 1906, aged 33 years, 8 months and

18 days. Her health had been failing for more than a year. She went to Texas last winter for her health, but not being improved, returned and made her home in Decatur. **Daisie** was a faithful and useful member of the Moweaqua Baptist Church, having been converted and baptized under the ministry of Rev **J W Hawkins**, 18 February 1888. She bore patiently here the long siege of suffering. Her faith was strong her hope was cheerful. She was devoted to the Bible. She leaves a mother, two brothers and a sister. *Card of thanks* signed: Mrs. **J H Kirkman** and family.

Yantisville news: **Homer Pinkston** and wife are proud parents of a son.

Prairie Home news: **William Wright** and son, **Arthur Wright**, attended the funeral of the former's brother-in-law at Lovington on Friday.

Obed news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Homer Pinkston** on Wednesday, 7 March 1906, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Bland** on 8 March 1906, a daughter.

Mrs. **Rachel Hoffhein** was born in Fairfield County, Ohio, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of October 1839. She died at the home of her son, **Otis Hoffhein** in Decatur, Illinois, on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 1906.

She had reached the age of 66 years, 4 months and 21 days at the time of her death. She has lived with her daughter, Mrs. **Doty**, in Moweaqua, Illinois, for about three years, and went to

Decatur only about one week ago. She has been a member of the Methodist Church since she was a small girl, and when she knew that she must go, said it was a joy to know that she was going to see Jesus. She leaves three children to mourn her loss, two sons and one daughter, one son, who lives in New Mexico, was not able to be at the funeral. The funeral was held at the home of **J T Warren**, 1603 North College Street, in Decatur. Rev **Robert B Irwin**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Moweaqua, officiated at the services which took place on 13 March 1906, and interment took place at Bement.

The following invitation will announce to the many friends of **Jerry McNeal** the fact of his marriage to Miss **Carrie Scherer** at the home of the bride at Harvel, Illinois. Mrs. **Harried Scherer** requests your presence at the marriage of her daughter **Carrie** to Mr. **J McNeal** on Wednesday, 14 March 1906, at 5 PM at her residence.

Notice of final settlement against all claims against the estate of **James Heriot**, deceased, at the Shelby County courthouse on 7 May 1906. Signed **Clara E J Heriot**, Administratrix, Shelbyville, Illinois, 14 March 1906.

Wednesday, 21 March 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

Very touching memorial to Miss **Daisie Kirkman** written by a friend, in memory of the loveliness and innocence of the lovely departed. To that happier abode, let us trust that a dear friend of our joys and cares has been called away, and our loss is her gain. Peace be to her memory, green be the grave where sleeps her mortal body, gentle the summer showers on the soil under which she rest, sacred be the recollection committed to our memories, and sweet the visions of a happy meeting in the bright beyond, when the Lord shall call us home. *Dear Daisie, Look down upon us from above, Ask God to lead us through the paths of life, That we some day may find our way to you.* Signed: **Drus E Gregory**, Cloverport, Kentucky

News of the death of Dr. **T L Catherwood** of Shelbyville was received in Moweaqua on Sunday. His death occurred at this home in that city at an early hour on Sunday morning. Dr. **Catherwood** was widely known and was prominent in Masonic circles. His death was caused by paralysis with which he was stricken about two weeks ago. He leaves a wife and three daughters, Mrs. **Margaret Hoxey**, Mrs. **Ada Steidley** and Miss **Belle Scarborough**, all of Shelbyville. Dr. **Catherwood** was born in Abingdon, Virginia, on 5 July 1827. He died at his home on Sunday, 18 March 1906, at the advanced age of 78 years, 8 months and 13 days. He took up the study of medicine at the age of sixteen in the office of Drs **Murphy** and **Helens** at Carlisle, Indiana. He attended the state university at Bloomington, Indiana, and later attended a course of medical lectures at Louisville, Kentucky. On 13 April 1847, Dr. **Catherwood** hung out his shingle as a full-fledged physician and surgeon at Middleton, Indiana, and for the past fifty-nine years, he has been in the harness and apace of the times. He moved to Moweaqua in 1854, and for the next 22 years, made Moweaqua his home, moving to Shelbyville in 1876 where he has been a resident since, some 30 years.

Last Monday about one o'clock occurred the death of Aunt **Sarah Stump**, one of the oldest residents of this County. She had been in poor health nearly all winter, but was able to be up most of the time. On Monday morning she took sick with a severe pain in her side. Dr. **Gregory** was called and rendered medical aid, and all that her kind hearts and loving hands could do, but about noon she grew worse until her spirit took its flight to God who gave it. She was born near Circleville, Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1827, and was about 80 years of age. She married **Jacob Stump** in 1849, with whom she came to this country and settled on the farm on which she has lived ever since. To this union were born twelve children, five of whom with her

husband have preceded her to the spirit world. Those who survive her are Mrs. **Frank Sloan**, Mrs. **S B Cole**, Mrs. **Kate Porter**, **Wayne, Charles, John** and **Carrie**, all of whom were present. These with a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn her departure. She has lived a consistent Christian life and has been a member of the United Brethren Church for many years. The funeral took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at Locust Grove. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** preached the funeral discourse. Interment took place in the Cemetery nearby.

A girl was born to **John Hatala** and wife on 6 March 1906.

**George Gabriel** and wife are the proud parents of a boy born on 12 March 1906.

A son was born to **John W Strickland** and wife on 12 March 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. **James Adams** are the parents of a girl born 13 March 1906.

**Wednesday, 28 March 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At their elegant new home three and one half miles south of Moweaqua, Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Ellrich** celebrated their first wedding anniversary—also their son, **Arthur's** twentieth birthday, Friday evening, 16 March 1906. About 40 of their neighbors and friends assembled and spent the evening in a most enjoyable manner with amusements of various kinds and in social conversation. The bride and groom of a year were the recipients of quite a number of many useful presents. Refreshments were served and at a late hour all returned to their homes, declaring it the happiest event of the season. A guest from a distance was Mrs. **George W Nance** of Bloomington, a friend of Mrs. **Ellrich's**.

**Bentley F Hudson** who graduated 2 March 1906 from the McKillip Veterinary College of Chicago has returned to his hometown to practice his profession. Dr. **Hudson** needs no introduction—as he was born and raised here, until his departure to Chicago to study his profession, he was engaged with his father, the late **John Hudson** in breeding of thoroughbred Devon cattle. **Ben** has handled stock all of his life and his practical experience and technical education fit him to stand in the front ranks of his profession.

**R M Reynold's** father arrived today to attend his son who is down with the mumps.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Moll** was the scene of a happy throng on Tuesday night, it being the occasion of Miss **Alice's** twelfth birthday. Quite a company of her friends came in and made the event memorable. Those from abroad were Misses **Eulah Corrington** and **Wanda Kirkman**, both of Decatur.

Have you noted that smile on **Charlie's** face? A girl—ten-pounder, Mr. and Mrs. **Howard** are quite proud of **Frankie**, the wee one.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas McConnell**, 27 March 1906, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W M Coulter** on 26 March 1906, a daughter.

Altamont news – Angered by the beating administered by her husband, Mrs. **Frank Grant** had him arrested as the murderer of '**Shep**' **Kirkpatrick**.

**Isaac Boys**, aged about 65 years, a farmer from Metamora, dropped dead while attending the convention of the Farmer's Grain Dealers association at the National hotel.

Obed news: **Ross Shride** and wife came up from Tower Hill to spend a few days with the former's parents. Miss **Carrie Stump** who came home to attend the funeral of her mother, **Sarah Stump**, returned to Chillicothe, Missouri, on Monday, taking the train at Westervelt.

**Daniel J Weakly** and **Carrie M Housh** of Moweaqua, Illinois, secured a marriage license at Clayton, Missouri, on Wednesday.

**Wednesday, 4 April 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Wm Henry** died at his home in Moweaqua this morning at 6:30. His death was quite sudden, only being ill about a week, he died of pneumonia. The funeral will be Thursday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev **H B Irwin**. Burial in West Side Cemetery.

**Albert Worsham** died at the hospital in Decatur about noon today. No announcements on funeral particulars as we go to press.

**Elmer Scehnet** and his bride-to-be quietly stole away, and he and his bride went to Shelbyville and were married along the latter part of January. **Elmer** returned to his duties at Jeff's place and **Hattie** returned to the parental roof at Macon. Only last Wednesday the boys discovered the presence of a trunk being unloaded at Elmer's home, later on they saw a strange lady, they put two and two together, and the conclusion was that Elmer had entered the list of the benedicts. Such was the case and they proceeded to remind him in the usual way, but Elmer says, "boys you are easy—you are slow' about two months you are behind time." **Elmer Eugene Scehnet**, one of Moweaqua's industrious, honorable young men and Miss **Hattie Thompson**, one of Macon's pleasing young women are now happy home keepers in our midst.

Radford news: A message was received Sunday announcing the death of **John Hunter, Sr.** formerly of this community, at his home in Oklahoma on Saturday, 31 March 1906, of asthma. Mr. **Hunter** has been a sufferer from this dreadful disease for many years.

*(Note: A large section and some pages were torn out of this issue.)*

**Wednesday, 11 April 1906 issue, Moweaqua News - Supplement:**

The children of Mr. and Mrs. **G M Hopkins** planned a surprise on them last Sunday, it being the fortieth anniversary of their marriage. A bountiful dinner was spread and a number of their friends were invited in. The children presented the parents with two comfortable rockers. Mrs. **Jas Hopkins** and children of Decatur were present.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder Jr.** entertained a number of young people last Monday night in honor of their little grandson, **Cecil Snyder Hudson**, who was ten years old. Present were **Alice and Anita Moll, Mayme and Katheryne Kyner, Grace Gilliland, Hazel Longenbaugh, Ruth Adams, Marie Rice, Eileen Hudson, Dan Moll, Verne Coffman, Halden Ayars, Glenn and Horace Clark, Williard Hedges, Sammie Miller and Cecil Hudson.**

**Wednesday, 11 April 1906 issue, Moweaqua News - Regular Edition:**

**William Henry** was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1864. He died after a brief illness in Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1906, aged about 42 years of age. He was married on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December 1891 to Miss **Annie Hudson**, and to this union were born 5 children, three of them preceded him to the spirit world. Mr. **Henry** was upright in all of his dealings with his fellowmen, attending very closely to his business, and he was trusted and respected by all who knew him. He was a kind, affectionate husband and loving father. He spent his life of his family. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen. He leaves to mourn his loss, his devoted wife and two little girls, two sisters and one brother and a large circle of friends. He went away with the hope that he was saved by trusting in Jesus. Services were conducted at the home by Rev **Robt B Irwin** in 5 April 1906. The body was laid to rest in the West Cemetery. Services at the grave were under the directions of the order of the Modern woodmen of which Mr. **Henry** was a member.

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of **A R Spicer** occurred the marriage of **Isaac D Botts** and Miss **Lucy Love**, both of Moweaqua. The ceremony services was of a quiet, modest

nature and was witnessed by only a few. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. **Botts** were driven to their newly furnished home where everything was in readiness for occupancy. Mr. **Botts** is a member of the well and favorably known firm of **Wilson and Botts** contractors and builders. Miss **Love** is the amiable daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A A Love**. Miss **Lucy** has a host of friends that her quiet noble nature has drawn around her.

For several months **Albert Worsham** has been a great sufferer with his limb which was finally amputated at the hospital at Decatur. The operation was a success, but pneumonia set in and its work was quick. Mr. **Worsham's** death was a great surprise as those who knew his condition best thought he was getting along exceptionally well. Mr. **Worsham** has lived in this vicinity all his life and was known as an industrious, honorable man. **Albert J Worsham** was born at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 27 December 1867 and departed this life at Decatur, Illinois, on 4 April 1906, aged 38 years, 3 months and 7 days. He was married to Miss **Mattie Hays** on 4 July 1892. To this union were born five children, one girl and four boys. The wife, three children, his mother and three sisters survive him. He was united with the Methodist Church when 17 years of age. The funeral was conducted on Thursday morning at 10:30 at the Christian Church by **A R Spicer**. The body was laid to rest in the Hays Cemetery.

**Earl Hardin**, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Benjamin Hardin** died on pneumonia at his home in Moweaqua on 7 April 1906 at 11:00 o'clock AM. Earl was born in Washington County, Kentucky, on 25 March 1899. He had been sick about a week. The funeral service was conducted at the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2:00 PM by Rev **A D Cooper**. The body was laid to rest in the north Cemetery. Mrs. **Pettijohn** and Mrs. **Frank Casteel** of Clinton, sisters of Mr. **Hardin**, were present at the funeral. The family has two other sick boys and are being well cared for by neighbors and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. **J G Corrington** are the proud parents of a fine girl born on Wednesday.

**Wednesday, 18 April 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

\$400,000 to the good – to be divided among the **farm owners** within a radius of six miles of Moweaqua. This good news will be a surprise to these fortunate landowners but such is the fact. We are in possession of all the facts that substantiate this unusual windfall of prosperity. We will be glad to verify the above statement to individuals privately, but next week, we will publish the entire history of this generous good fortune that has befallen our landowners.

**Harriet Orris**, the seven-year-old daughter of **Robert Orris** and wife, died on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April 1906, from measles at their home in Monte Vista, Colorado, where they had moved but six weeks ago. The family had previously lived at Prairie Home.

Prairieton news: The neighbors of **Harve Miller** flocked in Sunday with well filled baskets and tendered him quite a surprise, it being his forty-third birthday.

**Wednesday, 25 April 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Beverly Armstrong**, one of the oldest pioneer settlers in this state demonstrated the fact last Thursday that he has been a man of great physical strength and full of energy, and that he is good for many years yet, by walking the entire distance of six miles from his home to town. If Mr. **Armstrong** lives until next October he will be 79 years old. Very few men of his age would attempt such a walk. Yet, we may say very few young men would do it. In his younger days, Mr. **Armstrong** thought nothing of walking 10 to 12 miles in a day.

**James Howard** and Miss **Birdie Sorrell** both of this city were quietly married in Vandalia last Thursday. They belong to highly respected families and will take up their abode near Vera.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry R Jones** on 11 April 1906, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis O Beck** on 23 April 1906, a son.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Arthur W Smith** on 19 April 1906, a son.

**George Eversole** and wife are the parents of a son born at Yantisville last week.

Mrs. **Preston Hunter** gave a surprise party on Friday night in honor of Miss **Maude Yantis'** birthday.

*San Francisco, California – 18 April 1906 - Earthquake ruins San Francisco!* Hundreds of persons are dead. The heart of San Francisco is in ruins and only a miracle can save the city from almost total destruction. A stupendous earthquake shattered the city. Fire followed nature's upheaval and increased the damage a thousand fold. All day and into the night men have fought a losing battle with the flames. The first shock which lasted almost five minutes and which started wrecking of the city came just after daybreak and through the day of terror, the people have fought, aided by soldiers to check flames that have burned over ten square miles of the heart of the city, destroying more than 130 city blocks besides small fires that rage in different parts of the town. Some believe the number of deaths will reach an appalling figure of 5,000.

Radford news: Born on 19 April 1906, to Rev and Mrs. **A W Smith**, a son.

Radford news: Mr. and Mrs. **George** and family, Mrs. **Clara Casey**, **B F Winter** and family, **A C Ney** and family, **John Winter** and wife and Rev **Kasiske** went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Winter** on Sunday with well filled baskets to remind Mrs. **Winter** that it was her forty-fourth birthday anniversary. The table was loaded to its utmost capacity to which all did ample justice. All departed wishing Mrs. **Winter** many more happy birthdays.

Wednesday, 2 May 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

Arrangements have been made whereby subscriptions will be received at each of our three banks for those who lost their all in the greatest of our calamities, the **San Francisco earthquake**. Leave your cheerful gift at the First National Bank, **Ayars Brothers Bank**, or **V Snyder & Co.'s Bank**.

**Martha Pope**, wife of **Charles Pope**, died on 26 April at 952 North Morgan Street in Decatur, Illinois, aged 44 years 8 months and 28 days. Mrs. **Pope** had measles and with asthma and heart trouble in addition, she was called from the home of husband and eight living children with one sister, two brothers and aged mother to the home where there is no parting, to join three children and many loved ones who preceded her to the great beyond. Her remains were brought to Moweaqua and taken from here to Little Flock, and after funeral services were held, was laid to rest awaiting the resurrection from the dead.

Mrs. **Leah Beck**, daughter of **Thomas** and **Anna Margaret Furst** was born on 30 June 1818 in Clinton County, Pennsylvania. She grew to young womanhood there and was married to **Joseph Beck** on 2 February 1841. Her husband was then engaged in the tailoring business. They soon afterward moved to Milroy, Mifflin County, where Mr. **Beck** engaged in the mercantile business. In 1864, Mr. **Beck** disposed of his business there and with his family moved to Prairie Home, Illinois, arriving here on 15 April of that year. Mr. and Mrs. **Beck** lived here the remainder of their lives, Mr. **Beck** dying on 14 May 1898, and she dying on 25 April 1906. She had attained the age of 87 years, 9 months and 25 days. To them were born 4 children, **Wells M Beck** of Prairie Home, **O C Beck** of Miles City, Montana, **Agnes Beck** of Nittany, Pennsylvania, and **Luther Beck** of Sabetha, Kansas. The children are all living—two, **Wells M** and **Luther Beck** being present at

the time of her death. Besides the children, she left fifteen grandchildren, twenty-two great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Since the death of her son, she has lived with her son, **Wells M Beck** of Prairie Home. At the age of 20 years she joined the Lutheran Church of Salona, Pennsylvania. Upon coming to this state she joined the Presbyterian Church and remained a devoted member up to the time of her death, although being unable to attend very regularly the last few years owing to her advanced age and feeble health. With the death of Mrs. Beck, the last one of the early settlers of our community is gone. It is useless for the writer to enumerate the deeds of good and the acts of kindness that she did for those who came in contact with her. It suffices to say that her life was such that it exemplified the test—"To live is Christ, to die is gain."

**Oscar Frazee** returns to Moweaqua after a stay of several months in California. Mr. **Frazee** was not near San Francisco at the time of the earthquake as had been first feared.

The number of inquiries have come to the office in regard to the **\$400,000 for Moweaqua land owners**. The facts are: I sold a number of farms last fall and in showing the buyers who came from Champaign, Piatt and North Macon counties, this remark was often made, "Your land is good, your crops excellent, but your roads are not kept up. You could add \$5 per acre to value of your lands by work on the public highways. I took up my pencil and began to figure on a basis of six miles each way from town as to what \$5 per acre would add to our values and found I had a nice margin over \$400,000 which land owners could almost unconsciously add to their values. Now is the time when these spring and summer rains are falling to make use of the split log drag and you can, with ease, get \$5 per acre extra on your land if the roads are generally put in first class condition."

Mr. **Leonard Coultas** attended the marriage of his cousin, Miss **Minnie Tankersley** of Litchfield on 25 April 1906. Mr. **Coultas** acted as groomsman. There were about one hundred guests present.

Mrs. **Elias Snell** entertained a number of her friends on 19 April 1906, to a pleasant evening. Refreshments were served; the occasion was her fifty-fourth birthday.

The Fraternal Insurance Society made adjustment of the claim of Miss **Daisie Kirkman**, late of this city. Miss **Kirkman** joined the order on 4 January 1900, taking a \$2,000 in expectancy policy on herself. She died in March 1906, having paid premiums of \$74.10. On 20 April 1906, the warrants were sent to her beneficiaries for \$1,525.52.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Amos Burgener** on 19 April 1906, a daughter.

Mr. **Clark Hedges** received a telegram word one day last week that his aged father was seriously ill. Monday he received a telegram stating that he is dead and the funeral would be held on Tuesday. He had resided at Courtland, Kansas, and was about eighty-two years of age.

### Wednesday, 9 May 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

*An aged pilgrim gone.* '**Grandma**' **Barding**, a former resident, well-known and highly respected, departed this life at the home of her son, **J A Barding**, northeast of Pana on Friday, about noon. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon at the Baptist Church at Pana with Rev **A H Rhodes** officiating.

Mrs. **Anna Barding** whose maiden name was Miss **Edwards** was born in Robinson County, Tennessee, on 23 December 1820. In 1837, she was united in marriage to **W C Grimes** and moved to McCracken County, Kentucky, in 1849. Mr. **Grimes** passed away, leaving a widow and six children, two boys and four girls. In 1853 she married **James W Barding**, and removed to Moweaqua, Illinois, where she united with the First Baptist Church at that place. In 1860

**James Barding** passed away from this life leaving her a widow again. In all, Mrs. **Barding** was the mother of ten children. Out of that number, two sons, **J A Barding** and **J C Grimes** survive her. Mrs. **Barding** has always been a good Christian worker and at her death was a member of the First Baptist Church of Pana. She was a loving mother, and friendly neighbor. The deceased was 86 years,

5 months and one day old at the time of her death.

**E Prescott** received a picture of his grandson, **Ezekiel Prescott, Jr.**, thirteen months old, son of **John Prescott** of Flemington, Missouri.

The **Wm** and **Belle Whitworth** estate sold Tuesday to **Dudley Porter**, highest bidder, who got lots 1, 2 and 3, for \$2,825. **John Harding** got lot 6 and 7 at \$1,150. Village of Moweaqua got lot 8 now used as Street, **J R Rodman** purchased lots 9, 10, and 11 at \$3,830. Total sale was \$7,876. It was knocked off to the above purchasers, there being no one to raise the bids as a total. The **Belle Whitworth** estate was bought in bulk by **Ponting** and **Snyder** for \$1,752.50. **J N Rodman** later sold his interest at a handsome profit.

Born to **Robert Middleton** and wife on Friday, a son.

Affidavit of the residence of the unknown heirs of **E E Malhoit**, deceased was not known as defendants. Affidavit having been filed in the office of the Clerk of the said Circuit Court of Shelby County, on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 1906, that a summons was issued against said unknown defendants, returnable on Monday, 4 June 1906, unless you, said unknown heirs of **E E Malhoit** shall appear before said court and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the same and the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you. Signed: **W E McCormick**, Clerk, Shelbyville, Illinois, 24 April 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. **W J Palmer** of Assumption entertained friends Saturday night and Sunday in honor of their son, **C W Palmer's** birthday. The evening was spent in music given by Mr. **Loie Patton** accompanied by Miss **Goldie Palmer**. Refreshments were served and all had an enjoyable time.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **I W Longenbaugh** on 4 May 1906, a boy.

#### Wednesday, 16 May 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Rettig** on 9 May 1906, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Pea** on 15 May 1906, a son.

**Silas White**, who died at his home in Urbana on Saturday, was the oldest lawyer in Champaign County, Illinois. Mr. **White** was alone in the world except for his friends and they were legion. No wife, no children, no brother, no sister, no blood kinsman is left to mourn his death. He was the last one to go. He had one special friend and that was one with a shaggy head—his canine friend. When his friend was taken away from his, his life grew less bright for the aged man, and he felt more lonesome than ever before. Several years ago Mr. **White** made a will in which he left the sum of \$1,000 to provide a home for his dog, should the latter outlive his master. Mr. **White's** death occurred three months after that of his pet. The latter was buried with honors and its funeral attracted attention all over the country.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Heitmeyer** on 14 May 1906, a boy.

#### Wednesday, 23 May 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

The home of Mr. and Mrs. **Klump** was the scene of a happy throng, Saturday afternoon, it being the occasion of little **Rex's** sixth birthday. About thirty of his little friends came in and made the

event memorable. Delicious refreshments were served after which all departed wishing him many more birthdays.

On Sunday, 20 May 1906, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Adams, Sr.**, four miles northwest of Moweaqua occurred a very pleasant social gathering and family reunion. The children of Mr. and Mrs. **Adams**, together with their families gathered at the home of their parents with well-filled baskets. A sumptuous dinner was served upon the beautiful lawn and about ninety people did it ample justice. Mr. **Adams** is one of the early settlers of this community and is now past the three score and ten limit. His wife is nearing her seventieth birthday and both are hale and hearty.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Bryson** on Saturday, 19 May 1906, a girl.

Wednesday, 9 May 1906, being **Ross Jordan's** birthday, a number of admiring friends gathered at his home and gave him a pleasant surprise. The evening was spent in games and passed all too quickly for the young revelers. At about 11:30 o'clock all departed wishing Ross many happy returns of the day. There were twenty-seven present.

Wednesday, 30 May 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Margaret Marie Rettig**, the one-year old daughter of **L F** and **Agnes Rettig** died last Sunday of measles. The little one had been very delicate from birth. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **A B Peck** on Monday from the M E Church. Interment took place in the West Cemetery. **Robert Harper** of Mulberry Grove, brother-in-law of our fellow townsman, **Samuel Riley, Sr.** committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn last Saturday between twelve and three o'clock PM. Mr. **Harper** had been in poor health for some time. Eczema had annoyed him very much recently, and while his wife and son had gone to town he fastened a rope in the stall out of which the horse had been taken, and there took his own life. He was seventy-three years old and well-fixed financially. Mr. **Riley** took the first train to Mulberry Grove on Monday morning, but the funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

With the death of Mrs. **O D McDaniel**, of Assumption, lost one of its best women. A large assembly of sympathizing friends gathered to pay their tribute of respect to her memories. The funeral was held from the Christian Church, conducted by Rev. **A R Spicer**. **Clarissa Elizabeth Sinnard** was born on 11 April 1861 and departed this life on 25 May 1906, being at the time of her death, 45 years, 1 month and 14 days old. She was married to **O D McDaniel** on 22 January 1885, and to them were born four children, the two sons died in infancy. The husband, two daughters, **Lena** and **Myrtle**, an aged father, and two brothers survive her. Mrs. **McDaniel** united with the Christian Church in Assumption in February 1885.

Miss **Dorothy Kautz** left today for Dwight, Illinois, to attend the wedding of a friend and will visit there a couple of months.

**Edgar D Harber**, president of the wholesale firm of **Harber Bros and Co** and one of the leading business men of Bloomington met a tragic death at Kenilworth, a suburb of Chicago, about 7:30 PM on Saturday evening while out walking in that place near a sanitarium in which he had been a patient. Mr. **Harber** got onto the tracks in front of a fast train on the Chicago and Northwestern Road and was instantly killed, being hit by the pilot of the engine and hurled quite a distance. The deceased was well known here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J A Carroll** on 29 May 1906, a girl.

**Wednesday, 6 June 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. **E C Steidley** died at his home in the north part of town on Saturday morning. The funeral services were held from the residence of **David Adamson** on Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev **Kirby** officiating. The interment took place in the West Cemetery. **Edgar Cornelius Steidley** was born in Greenfield, Green County, Illinois, on 1 August 1853. He was the eldest of five children. When about twenty years of age he was married to **Mary Johnston**. To them were born four children, two boys and two girls. His wife having died in 1881. He was again married to **Mary Ashcraft**. To this union were born four girls, one dying when about two years old. This wife died, leaving him with three little girls alone in the world to fight the hardships of this life. Mr. **Steidley** was a good father and cared for his children until the last, when on Sunday, 27 May 1906, he was taken suddenly ill, and on Saturday, 2 June 1906 at 1:30 o'clock AM, he passed away leaving to mourn his death, four daughters: Mrs. **David Adamson**, Mrs. **Geo Hays**, **Allie** and **Grace Steidley**, also two brothers, **Will A** and **Tom Steidley**.

**James Landers** had been in very poor health for several months, and death relieved his suffering on Friday morning, 1 June 1906. His funeral was held from the M E Church under the auspices of the G. A. R. of which the deceased was a member. The funeral sermon was delivered by Rev **A B Peck**, and the interment took place in the Masonic Cemetery. The cause of his death was cancer of the stomach. **James Landers** was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, 12 October 1839, and he died on 1 June 1906, at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois. In October 1883, he was married to **Addie Long**. To this union was born one child, a daughter, Mrs. **Etta L Winter**. Mr. **Landers** enlisted in the war of 1861-1865 and was a soldier for four years. He has made his home in and around Moweaqua for the past twenty-five years. He leaves a wife and daughter to mourn his loss.

The death of **Oscar Moore** occurred last Wednesday night about 9 o'clock at the home of his brother, **Robert Moore**. His health had been failing for some time, but he was not considered in a serious condition until Wednesday evening when he became worse very suddenly and expired about 9 o'clock. The fatal disease was quick consumption. His funeral was held on Friday from his brother's residence and interment took place in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

Miss **Carrie Steidley** came down from Maroa on Monday to attend the funeral of her uncle, **Ed Steidley** of this place.

**A J Combs** and wife celebrated their son, **Dale's** 7<sup>th</sup> birthday at their home on Wednesday evening, 30 May 1906. Several young friends of their son were in attendance at the birthday supper. Ice cream and cake were served, the flower decorations were pink and white and about 24 of his young friends attended.

On Tuesday of last week occurred the marriage of **W H Cundiff** and Mrs. **Eva Webb** both of Penn Township in the office of Justice of the Peace, **C Enterline**, in Sullivan, Illinois.

**Wednesday, 13 June 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:**

A beautiful wedding took place at the home of Mrs. **Rebecca Elsum** at 9 o'clock this morning in the presence of about 50 guests when **Charles Ahl** of this city and Miss **Minnie Elsum** accepted the solemn vows which made them husband and wife. The room was tastefully decorated with smilax, ferns, and roses, until is presented a veritable garden of exquisite verdure. Rev **A B Peck** of this city officiated at the ring ceremony. The bride was gowned in a beautiful dress of Persian Lawn and carried bridal roses; the groom appeared in the usual conventional black. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the guests showered sincere congratulations upon the happy couple, after which a wedding breakfast was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Clark Hedges**.

The bridal party sat at the dining table and the guests at small tables. The flower decorations for the tables were white and green. The bridal presents coming from various parts of the United States were not only beautiful but of a practical and useful character. The bride is one of the most charming and popular young ladies in the community, a girl whose nobility of character has greatly endured her to a large circle of friends. The groom has the name of being an honorable and upright businessman, fully capable of caring for the one whom he has chosen for a life companion. The newly married couple took the 11:43 train from Chicago where they will take a trip on the Lake and visit the city about ten days.

A linen shower was held for Miss **Elsum** on Wednesday evening, 6 June 1906. It was a complete surprise to the bride-elect.

The death of **William Schumaker** occurred on 1 June 1906 at his home near Rolla, Missouri. Mr. **Schumaker** and his wife and two children were riding in a wagon going toward home. A storm was coming up, and the horses became frightened at a sharp flash of lightning and became unmanageable and threw the occupants out of the wagon. Mr. **Schumaker** was picked up unconscious and had several ribs broken, he lingered several days, but suffered internal injuries which caused his death. Mrs. **Schumaker** sustained a broken lower limb. The little girl was rendered unconscious and the boy was badly bruised but not seriously hurt. Mr. **Schumaker** was buried temporarily in the Cemetery at Rolla, but will be brought back as soon as the family is able to come with his body. It will be remembered that **Wm Schumaker** was one of our businessmen here for several years. After closing out his stock of goods and selling his property he moved to Missouri, and bought one hundred and twenty acres of land and was doing well. Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Riley Thomas** are entertaining a little boy who has just arrived to make their home happy.

**Charles Stuhlman** was in Chicago the first of the week attending the wedding of his sister. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edmond Manes** and wife on 30 May 1906, a son.  
Born to **J H Rose** and wife, 4 June 1906, a son.

Wednesday, 20 June 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of **George W Ferguson** of Downs, Illinois, and Miss **Maude Standley** of Moweaqua occurred last Thursday at 2:30 o'clock in Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Judge **O W Smith** in the County court room. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Standley** and is an accomplished young lady. Since her residence here she has formed acquaintances and friendships that will be lasting. She is a lady of pleasing disposition and happy social qualities. The groom is one of the efficient employees in **J L Klump's** blacksmith shop. They will make their future home in Moweaqua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** on 18 June 1906, a girl.

Wednesday, 27 June 1906 issue, Moweaqua News:

**K R Snyder** was seen stepping unusually high on Saturday morning, on inquiry as to the cause we were informed that a pair of twin boys had taken up their abode at Karl's house. These boys will have full control of domestic affairs while Karl devotes his entire time to the banking business. We take the liberty of naming the boys **Fred** and **Vollie** after their grandfathers, and trust that they may live to be just as honorable men as they. The mother and the round faced little fellows are getting along nicely.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Rev **Jacob A Haehlen** of Tenney, Minnesota, to Miss **Lida Ludwig**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Ludwig**, south of town, on Wednesday evening, 4 July 1906, at six o'clock at the home of the bride's parents.

Last Monday, 18 June 1906, occurred the marriage of **Berton Robertson** and **Effie Long** in Springfield, Illinois. Judge **O W Smith** officiating. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Long** and has every accomplishment for a good housewife. The groom is an enterprising young man who has control of one of the electrical machines in the coal mine and receives one of the highest salaries paid at the shaft.

At their home four miles south of town, Mr. and Mrs. **Lloyd Snell** entertained about forty of their friends in a most charming manner, in honor of their fifth marriage anniversary. Games were the special features of the evening and prizes were won by Miss **Julia Haslam**, Mrs. **Wm McGinley**, and **O L Scribner**, after which the hostess served a very delicious three-course luncheon. First course consisted of fried chicken, tomatoes and potatoe chips, second course was sandwiches and coffee, third course – ice cream and cake.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Jesse Adams** gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. **Adams'** birthday. Mrs. **Adams** presented him with a twenty dollar gold piece.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Kyle Skinner** of Griggsville, Illinois, on 18 June 1906, a son. Mrs. **Skinner**, formerly Miss **Edith Armentrout** was once a resident of Moweaqua.

#### Wednesday, 4 July 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Miss **Lida Evelyn Ludwig** and Rev **Jacob Haehlen** were married at the home of the bride's parents yesterday evening. The porches and rooms were elaborately decorated with flags and bunting. In the parlor where the ceremony was performed, ferns and other potted plants were used. Promptly at six o'clock the bridal party came down the stairs. Mr. **Haehlen** walked with his father, then came the bride on the arm of her father. In front of a large flag, underneath which was the monogram 'L H', the couple turned and as they faced the group of friends, Rev **Haehlen**, assisted by Rev **A W Smith**, pronounced the ceremony. After congratulations, an elegant three course dinner was served by Mrs. **Betty Thompson** of Decatur. The bride's table was decorated in white roses with red and blue ribbons suspended from the chandeliers while nasturtiums were used on the other table. The bride wore a gown of white and silk tissue trimmed in Valenciennes lace tucks and insertion, and she looked very lovely. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **P G Ludwig**, a young lady whose sweet demeanor has made her one of the truly beloved. Guests from out of town were Rev and Mrs. **Haehlen**, father and mother of the groom, two sons and two daughters of Charles City, Iowa. When seventeen years old Mr. **Haehlen** was licensed to preach and appointed to a Church close to the Western Union College at LeMars, Iowa, where he graduated this spring. Mr. and Mrs. **Haehlen** leave today for Tenney, Minnesota, where Mr. **Haehlen** has a charge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Weatherholt** on 2 July 1906, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn** entertained a number of their intimate friends last Thursday evening in their usual happy fashion. This was their seventh annual party celebrating their seventh wedding anniversary and several articles of iron were presented by the guests in commemoration of the date. Mr. and Mrs. **George Jacobs** of Radford were among the guests.

#### Wednesday, 11 July 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

The death of **John B Hyde** occurred last Friday evening about six o'clock at the home of **George Alward**, for whom he had been working. Mr. **Hyde** had not been feeling well for

several days but had worked right along every day and was sitting in a chair on the porch Friday evening when Mrs. **Alward** noticed his acting as if he here sleepy, his head falling back. She called Mr. **Alward** who came to him and found that he was dead. Death was caused by paralysis of the heart. He was sixty-three years old and quiet, unassuming old bachelor, a member of the Baptist Church and a good citizen. His body was sent to Indiana for burial on Monday. The deceased was a cousin of our fellow townsman, **Ira Hyde**.

Toledo, Illinois – **Robert Cather** died at his home about six miles southwest of here, aged about 60 years. Mr. **Cather** served in the Civil War in the One Hundred and Fiftieth Illinois Regiment. Pittsfield, Illinois - **Mark V Shive**, aged about 90 years, a prominent farmer of Pleasant Hill was found dead in his tobacco patch. An inquest was held and a verdict of death by heart failure was returned.

**Jacob Knox** of Decatur, proprietor of the Franklin saloon in Decatur, committed suicide in the City Cemetery here by shooting himself in the head. The tragedy was enacted over the grave of his first wife. Domestic troubles is said to be the cause of the man's action.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Hight** on 4 July 1906 a ten pound girl.

**L Sarver** and family attended the funeral of **Earl Sarver**, a nephew of the former at Henton, Illinois, on Friday. The boy fell from a tree on Wednesday, causing internal injuries which resulted in his death on Wednesday morning.

Last Thursday, Miss **Emma Shroll** was called to the bedside of her aunt, Mrs. **Jacob Wilder** at Gallion, Ohio with whom Miss **Emma** lived for several years. Word comes to us later that Mrs. **Wilder** is dead and the funeral was held on Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Cameron** on 1 July 1906, a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Stanger** on 6 July 1906, twins – a boy and a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Rutherford**, 7 July 1906, a girl.

### Wednesday, 18 July 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

*Loyal Patriotic Citizen Gone* – Capt **E B Cutler** is dead. As we go to press the news of the death of Capt **E B Cutler** come to us. His death occurred at the home of his son, **H J Cutler**, near Taylorville last night at 12:30 o'clock. The cause of his death with Bright's disease. He had been in poor health for several years, and about a year ago he suffered a severe attack of the same disease but recovered. About three weeks ago he was again attacked by the same disease to which he succumbed. Capt **Cutler** was a loyal patriotic citizen and served his country through the great struggle of the 1860s and lived to reach the age of 84 years. The body will be taken to the home of his son-in-law, **George Alward** this evening, and the funeral will be held tomorrow at the Locust Grove Church at 2:30 o'clock PM. Rev **A R Spicer** will conduct the funeral services and interment will take place in the Cemetery nearby.

At the home of his father, occurred the death of **Erven Primmer** on Saturday morning, 14 July 1906. Consumption being the cause. He was the oldest son of **Simon** and **Martha J Primmer**, having been born 7 February 1877, aged 29 years, 5 months and 20 days. **Erven** was well educated and a member of the Masonic Lodge of Findlay, Illinois. He was unselfish in this disposition and very kind, especially to the little children. He was a noble young man, ambitious in his aims and industrious in service. Last winter he exposed himself to the weather a great deal. He took a severe cold in January which only hurried the disease which had been at work on him for some time. He traveled in Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa about two months but there being no improvement in his health, and realizing that the end was near, he returned to his home in May at his father's request. He was at home about six weeks before his

departure to join his angel mother. Two brothers also preceded him to the spirit land. He leaves a father, one brother, three sisters, step mother, three half-sisters and one half brother to mourn his loss, all of whom were present at the funeral except the brother, **Herman Primmer** who is in Nebraska. Services were conducted by Rev **I W Longenbaugh** at the Locust Grove Church on Sunday at 2 o'clock and interment in the Cemetery near by. The funeral was one of the largest ever held at Locust Grove.

**George Schaeffer** died at the home of **Nathan Skiff** about 11 o'clock AM on Monday at the age of 50 years and 12 days. He was born and raised at Perry, Pike County, Illinois, and moved with his parents to Bushnell, Illinois, where he lived a number of years. He was married to Miss **Lucinda B Doweller** of Bushnell in 1885, who survives him. He moved to this place about fifteen years ago and has been engaged in the restaurant business most of the time since. His body was taken on the ten o'clock train last night to Bushnell for burial.

Word was received here today that **A C Armentrout** died at his home at Griggsville yesterday at 11:15 AM. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 4 o'clock PM. Rev **Armentrout** was well known here, having served as Pastor of the M E Church from 1887 to 1892.

A young ten-pound lawyer took up his abode in the home of Mr. and Mrs. **A J Steidley** in Shelbyville about a week ago. A J says he has every characteristic for a good attorney, and he will commence giving him instructions at once.

Mr. and Mrs. **J P Aydelott** gave a birthday party Tuesday from 3 to 5:30 PM to their son, **Harold** in honor of his thirteenth birthday. Twenty-two guests were present and all report a fine time. Many presents were received, among them was a signet ring given by the girls of the party. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served.

Yantisville news: A message of the death of **Erven Primmer** reached here on Saturday morning. He was a merchant here for eighteen months, leaving here one year ago.

Prairie Home. Quite a number from here attended the funeral of **Erven Primmer** at Locust Grove on Sunday. (Note: Spelling variation in 'Erven' and 'Ervin' - as copied)

Many Allenboro people attended the funeral of **Ervin Primmer** at Locust Grove on Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Estel Board** on 16 July 1906, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Conner** on 15 July 1906, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **DeLos Scarlette** on 12 July 1906 a boy.

### Wednesday, 25 July 1906 issue, Moweaqua News, Moweaqua, Illinois

Mrs. **Samuel Pritchard** died at her home in Chicago on Tuesday, 24 July 1906, the cause being acute kidney trouble. Mrs. **Pritchard** was afflicted several years ago with kidney trouble but during the past year she has enjoyed unusually good health. She was taken suddenly ill about 11 o'clock AM with convulsions. Three physicians were called and did all that medical skill could do for her but about three o'clock she died. She and her husband had planned a visit at the home of her mother, Mrs. **Jennie Harris**, intending to arrive here Thursday evening and had written a letter stating they would be here on that day. She remarked to her husband sometime before this event that this would be his only visit down since their marriage, as all other trips here were to attend funerals of relatives. The corpse arrived here Thursday night and the funeral was held from the family residence at 11 o'clock Friday, Rev **A B Peck** officiating. She was a loving companion, a kind, devoted mother. The interment was in the West Cemetery. **Mamie Harris**, daughter of **Nathaniel** and **Jennie Harris** was born near Cannelton, Perry County, Indiana, on the 11<sup>th</sup> of March 1868, and was married to **Samuel J Pritchard** on 6 August 1893. They went to Chicago to make their home where Mr. **Pritchard** was employed as a street car conductor and

have lived there ever since. She is survived by her husband and one son, **Ira T Pritchard**, aged eleven years. Two children, a son and a daughter, died in infancy. She is also survived by her mother and three sisters, Misses **Frances** and **Grace Harris** and Mrs. **Wilbur W Dawson** of Decatur. She died at her home in Chicago on 24 July 1906 at the age of 38 years, 4 months and 13 days. She was only ill a few hours before her death. Her life was always one of devotion to her home and loved ones.

About twenty children and grandchildren gathered at the home Monday evening of **E Prescott** to celebrate the seventh-eighth anniversary of his birth. It was a complete surprise to Mr. **Prescott** and an event greatly enjoyed by all present. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Dowd** entertained thirty of their young friends on Wednesday in honor of their daughter, **Julia Dowd's** thirteenth birthday. Refreshments were served and at a late hour all departed wishing Miss Julia many more happy birthdays.

*Death of our Patriotic Captain E B Cutler.* Captain **Edward B Cutler** was born in the town of Jay, Essex County, New York, on 11 July 1822. He was the youngest of a family of five children. His ancestors were people of prominence in public and private life in the early New England times. His father was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. The family had been noted for its patriotic record in the wars for the purchase, preservation and perpetuation of our Republic. His record as a citizen and a soldier given in '*The Biographical Record of Shelby County*' is as follows: **Edward Cutler** was seventeen years old when his parents removed to Indiana. He assisted his father in clearing the land until the latter's death and then he and his brother, Thomas continued the improvements began by their father, and they farmed in partnership until **Edward's** marriage to **Lucy Lincoln**. To this union were born five children, **Eugene, Thomas, Mary, Jane** and **Millard**. Of these, **Mary, Thomas** and **Millard Cutler** survive. He dissolved partnership with the brother, and afterward, engaged in agriculture and boating on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, beginning in the latter business in 1842. He would build a flat-boat, load it with farm produce or coal, take it to New Orleans, and then sell boat and cargo and return home by steamer. He thus made eighty-four trips to the Crescent City. The breaking out of the Rebellion found our subject busy in the management of his interests, and as soon as he could arrange his affairs he volunteered to help fight his country's battle, enlisting 20 October 1861 in Company E, Forty-Ninth Indiana Infantry. He was mustered in as Captain of his company at Camp Joe Holt on 21 November 1861, and in the trying years that followed he showed himself to be possessed of good soldierly metal, and his military record is one of which he and his family may well be proud. He took part in the battle at Cumberland Gap, and when he and his brave men started with others in pursuit of Gen **Bragg's** forces, their knapsacks were empty as they had run out of provisions, and they had to forage for a living. They used their bayonets to punch holes in their canteens that they might use them as graters to reduce the dry corn to meal, and in various other ways did they show their fertility of resource in any emergency. From Kentucky, the Captain accompanied his regiment to West Virginia, where it was stationed three months, and then dispatched on transports down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers to Memphis, from there the Forty-ninth Indiana was sent to Vicksburg to help carry on the siege of that city, and it also took an active part in the battles of Gibson, Thompson's Hill, Big Black River, Chickasaw Bayou and Arkansas Post. At Vicksburg, our subject led a successful charge on the works of the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. After that he went to Grand Gulf with his command and did some hard fighting at Thompson's Hill, which resulted in the enemy being driven back. He next assisted in the reduction of Jackson, Mississippi, and went from there to Vicksburg, afterward facing the rebels in two hotly contested battles at Edward's Station and

Champion Hill. We next hear of his services at the battle of Big Black River, and after the surrender of Vicksburg, he accompanied his regiment to New Orleans, going thence to Matagorda Bay, Texas, and returned to New Orleans, he then went on the Red River Expedition and did some hard fighting at Shreveport. After that the Captain and his men fought the rebels at Kane Creek whence they returned to Shreveport, where they laid a dam to let the gunboats pass the falls. From there Capt **Cutler** marched with his command to Morganza Bend and thence to Lexington, Kentucky. He was appointed to provost duty in that city, and was thus engaged until his resignation from the Army on 4 July 1863. After his honorable career as an officer in the Union service, Capt **Cutler** returned to his old home from the seat of war, bearing with him a high reputation for coolness and courage in the heat of battle, and for fidelity in the performance of his duty. He quietly resumed farming on the old homestead in Indiana and dwelt there until he took up his residence in this County in 1872. He then bought the farm in Penn Township which is known as the *Cutler Homestead* and which at the time of purchase, was merely a tract of wild prairie. He has transformed it into one of the most valuable farms in the township, ranking with the best in the County, as regards its many fine improvements, its high state of tillage, and its productiveness. He has erected upon it a fine set of buildings, commodious and roomy, and neat in their appointments. In the management of his farm the Captain has shown himself to be an expert farmer, of progressive views, with a good understanding of the best modern methods of carrying on agriculture, and on every hand are evidences of his successful prosecution of that calling, which **Horace Greeley** denominated, "*the noblest of professions.*" Capt **Cutler's** marriage with Miss **Mary Hyde** was solemnized in 1860. She was a native of Perry County, Indiana, and a daughter of **William** and **Nancy Hyde**. To this union were born seven children—**Enos, Grant, Vannie, William, Heber, Florence,** and **Verton Cutler**; of these four survive – **Grant, Heber, Florence** and **Verton**. Mrs. **Cutler's** death in February 1891 was a sad bereavement not only to those of her own household, but to others to whom she had endeared herself. Mr. **Cutler** was an intelligent thinker and observer, was fond of reading, having had an excellent literary taste, and kept himself well informed on all topics of general and public interest. He had decided opinions of his own, especially is this true in regard to politics, and he was found firmly arrayed on the side of the Republican party, voting as he fought for what he considered to be the best interests of the country. Socially he was a member of the Masonic fraternity and of John Clement Post No 363, G. A. R. The worth of his loyal citizenship was appreciated by his fellow townsmen, who have entrusted responsible offices to his care, and at one time he represented Penn Township as a member of the County Board of Supervisors. He departed this life at the home of his son, **Heber Cutler** near Taylorville on 18 July 1906 at 11:20 AM, being at the time of his death, 84 years and 8 days old. He inspired the confidence and respect of his children to an unusual degree. Their devotion to him in his sufferings and respect for his opinions was evidence of their high regard. Capt **Cutler's** funeral was held at the Locust Grove Church on Thursday at 2:30 PM; Rev **A R Spicer** officiating. The Masons and G. A. R. attended the services in a body, the former performed the funeral rites at the grave. The marriage of **Samuel Riley** and Miss **Alma Stone** both of Decatur took place in Peoria on Thursday after noon at 3:30 o'clock with Judge **W I Slummons** officiating. The parents of the bride and Mrs. **Robert Comerford** of Decatur witnessed the ceremony. The groom is a barber employed at **M E Wilson's** shop on Lincoln square. He formerly lived at Moweaqua and is well known and popular both in Moweaqua and Decatur. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Stone** of Decatur. She is a native of Pittsfield, coming here with her parents nine years ago. She was in the employ of the rating department of the Decatur Retail Grocers' association for

two years resigning her position there about six months ago. She also has an extended acquaintance. The couple returned home Friday night and will make their home on East Prairie Street, Decatur.

Mrs. **Jennie Harris** received a telegram yesterday afternoon stating that her daughter, Mrs. **Sam Pritchard** was seriously ill in Chicago. About two hours later she received another telegram announcing her death. Misses **Fannie** and **Grace Harris** left on the ten o'clock train last night for Chicago. The body will be brought here for burial, no arrangements have been made for the funeral as we go to press.

Friends gathered at the home of **J M Portwood** on Tuesday evening where a pleasant surprise had been planned on their son, **Norman**, who was celebrating his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. The surprise was planned by his sister, Miss **Bertha Portwood**.

**John Harpold**, the seventeen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Harpold** of Assumption, died Saturday afternoon. His death was caused by rather an extraordinary accident. The boy had been sent for a bottle of carbolic acid by his father, a carpenter who had use of it. Instead of returning with it at once, he stopped for a ride on the merry-go-round. While riding he became involved in a scuffle and the bottle of acid which was put in his hip pocket was broken. Two ounces of the concentrated caustic fluid ran down the boy's leg. His screams of anguish were the first indications of the suffering he was undergoing as he ran to his home. He was immediately taken to Dr. **Williamson's** office where he expired in a short time. Physicians think the cause of his death was due to heart trouble rather than to the absorption of the acid. The burns, though severe, were hardly of the sort to kill of themselves. The accident, because of its unusual nature, caused a great deal of interest.

Rev **A C Armentrout**, who departed this life Tuesday, 17 July 1906, at 11:15 AM, aged 71 years was one of the veteran ministers of the Illinois Conference. Before retiring from the active ranks in 1902, he rounded out nearly 46 years of continuous effective ministerial service for the Church of his choice. He was thrice stationed in this vicinity; at Griggsville in 1862, at Perry in 1876-1877 and again at Griggsville in 1903-1906. Services were held Thursday afternoon at four o'clock; Elder **Robert Stephens** officiated at the service; interment was in the Griggsville Cemetery.

#### Wednesday, 1 August 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

**Capt E B Cutler's will:** He gives to the children of his dead son, **Thos E Cutler**, the sum of \$500; he devised unto the children of his daughter, **Martha J Primmer**, as a class, the sum of \$500. His son, **Millard F Cutler** \$ 500, to his daughter, **Martha Jones**, \$500, then gives all the balance of his estate to his children, **Grant, Florence, Heber J and Verton Cutler**, to be divided equally. If any of the legatees contest the will he or she shall forfeit all rights and claims. The will is dated 18 April 1891 and is witnessed by **Anthony Thornton** and **Thomas M Thornton**.

#### **Obit of John H Portwood - John H Portwood dies in Missouri.**

**John H Portwood** was born in Macon County, Illinois, on 21 April 1856, and died at his home in DeKalb County, near Cameron, Missouri, on 26 July 1906, being 50 years, 4 months and 5 days old. He was the son of **William** and **Elizabeth Portwood**, he being the eldest of his father's second marriage, having three half sisters and one half brother and two own brothers—one of each dying while young, one half sister, Mrs. **Nancy A Attebery** of Davis City, Iowa, and his only brother, **J M Portwood** of Moweaqua were at his bedside as was his second wife and their three youngest children, **Ruth, Charles** and **Cleo**, and a few kind friends to watch his spirit depart. He told his wife and children how to arrange his funeral and what to do with his

property, also to attend religious service, and meet him in Heaven, as though he were going to his farm work. He was married twice—his first marriage occurring on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September 1877 to **Elizabeth Culver** in Macon County, Illinois. To this union were born five children—**Florence, Everett, Lois, Ruth and Charles**. The mother dying near Edgar, Nebraska, on 6 February 1894, and the eldest daughter, **Florence** dying a little over one year later. **Everett** is in the U S Army in the Philippines, **Lois** is Mrs. **C O Holden** of Edgar, Nebraska, and **Ruth, Charles and Cleo** are at home. He was married a second time on 6 January 1898 in Macon County, Illinois, to **Emma E Ward**, who is left to mourn the loss of a kind husband and to care of their younger children. He was converted in Christ in 1876 under the preaching of **Jas Crowder** and Elder **Morgan** of the Methodist Episcopal Church and obeyed his Lord in Baptism by being immersed. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Star of Hope Lodge, and was also a member of the A. O. U. W. and the M. W. A. A short funeral service was rendered by Rev **C O Mills** of the M E Church of Cameron, assisted by the Odd Fellows on Saturday evening and escorted to the train at Cameron from whence he was shipped to Edgar, Nebraska, for burial which was to take place on Sunday morning, 29 July 1906 at ten o'clock, accompanied by his wife and three youngest children, and her brother, **Charles Ward** of Decatur, Illinois.

*Dies in Birmingham, England.* Mrs. **Julia Hudson-Watton** died suddenly at her home in Birmingham, England, on 20 June 1906 of heart failure. She leaves two brothers, Messrs **Frank Hudson** of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and **Joshua Hudson** of Moweaqua, Illinois, to mourn her loss. Mrs. **Watton** was one of our *Moweaqua News* far away subscribers. The *News* has been going to her home in England for several years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Redding** on 31 July 1906, a boy.

Despondent because he lost his position as clerk at the St James Hotel in Pana, **Edward Daniels** concealed himself in an outhouse at his home and fired a bullet from a 32 caliber revolver through his heart. Physicians say he cannot recover. His good parents are prostrate with grief. Assumption news – Death relieved **John Harpold**, 16 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Harpold** of 20 minutes of excruciating pain, caused by the accidental breaking of a bottle of carbolic acid in his pocket. The contents of the bottle were absorbed by his body and not a drop touching his lips.

Vandalia, Illinois news: **John Isbell**, who has long been mourned by his family as being dead, returned after an absence from them of 43 years. He enlisted in the Army in 1863, when all trace of him was lost by his relatives. He is now 77 years of age and sought out his family. He declines to assign any reason for his strange conduct.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Dove** on 22 July 1906, a girl.

A son was born to **John Myers** and wife on Wednesday, 18 July 1906.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Scehnet** on 30 July 1906, a nice ten-pound daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Hayes** on 22 July 1906, a son.

Born to **Morton Gregory** and wife on 28 July 1906, a son.

The eighth annual **Thomas-Casey** re-union will be held at Longenbaugh's Grove on Thursday, 23 August 1906.

#### Wednesday, 8 August 1906 issue, *Moweaqua News*

A surprise dinner was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Tolly** on Friday, the occasion being in honor of Mrs. **Tolly's** fifty-seventh birthday anniversary. The event was planned and executed by her daughter, Mrs. **Dorithy** and her sister, Mrs. **Mike Wolf**. Two tables were loaded with all the good things that go to make a delicious dinner which was served to the

delectation of all present. Mrs. **Tolly** was the recipient of many beautiful and useful presents which were given as mementos of the event. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark**, Mr. and Mrs. **Mike Wolf**, Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Coultas**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Moll**, Mr. and Mrs. **James T Tolly**, Mrs. **Will Coultas**, Mrs. **Sam Miller**, Mrs. **Frank Mose**, Mrs. **M A Carsell**, Mrs. **J V Casey**, **Bob Mulligan**, **Horace and Glen Clark**, **Ethel M Wolf**, **Lillie, Alace, Katie and Goldie Coultas**, **Essie Mose**, **Addie Carsell**, **Sammie Miller**, **Ida and Hattie Casey**, and **Goldie and Dannie Tolly**. From out of town were Mrs. **A J Dorithy** and son, **J Harold Beaumont** and **Paul Howse** of Decatur, and Mrs. **Allie Burgener** and son **Collens Burgener** of near Assumption.

*Death of J O Housh.* About six o'clock Monday morning occurred the death of **J O Housh** at his home from heart failure. Mr. Housh had been ill for almost a year, although he had been up and around most of the time. He was found lying on the floor in a semi-conscious condition and Dr. **Pratz** was called but it was too late to do him any good and he expired in a few minutes. The funeral was held this afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of **W C Mauzy**. Rev **A R Spicer** officiated. Interment in the West Cemetery. **James Oliver Housh**, son of **John and Elizabeth Housh** was born on 20 January 1843 in Illinois, Flat Branch township, and died on 6 August 1906, aged 63 years, 7 months and 7 days. He married in 1860 to **Jane Baker** in Knox County, Illinois, and to this union two children were born, **Uphena Matheny** of Bethany and **Zona Housh** of Leon, Iowa. His wife died in December 1869. He was again married to Miss **Anna C Smith** in 1871 in Flat Branch township and to this union two children were born, Mrs. **Kitty Mauzy** of Moweaqua and **John W Housh** of Chicago. All the children with an aged mother, one sister, three brothers and one step daughter, Mrs. **Harvey T Woodman** of Chicago are left to mourn his loss. **Alec Housh** of Leon, Iowa, attended the funeral of his brother, **J O Housh** of this place.

The **Wempen estate** land sale in the hands of Master in Chancery **John W Yantis** was attended by a large crowd yesterday and resulted in sales as follows: One hundred and sixty acres, eighty of which contained the improvements known as the home place was bought by **Grant Cutler** for \$23,500. The west 80 by **Peter Bohlen** for \$11,000, the south 80 by **August \_\_\_\_\_** for \$10,400; the five acre timber tract bought by **Henry Wempen** for \$500 and Mrs. **J G Corrington** purchased the town property for \$1,000. Total amount of the sale was \$46,400. This is one of the largest land sales in the history of our city and was attended with a great deal of interest and enthusiasm.

Pleak news: **Otto Bryson** and wife are the proud parents of a new little baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Orley Little**, a son born on 5 August 1906.

Born to **Otto Bryson** and wife a girl on 2 August 1906.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Anderson**, 7 August 1906, a daughter.

**J H Armstrong** attended the funeral of his niece, Miss **Millie Denton** at Decatur on Saturday.

**Samuel Pritchard** returned to his home in Chicago last Thursday. Little **Ira Pritchard** will make his home for the present at least with his grandma, Mrs. **Jennie Harris**. **Ira's** mother was Mrs. **Harris'** daughter, who recently died.

A surprise party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W R Penny** northwest of Moweaqua on Tuesday evening, 31 July 1906, in honor of their daughter, **Fanny Penny's** fifteenth birthday. There were 29 guests present.

Mrs. **Henry Heitmeyer** was given a pleasant surprise at her home south of town by a party consisting of fifty of her friends on Monday evening. The surprise was given in honor of her

forty-fifty anniversary of her birth. Among the numerous presents received was a beautiful davenport given to her by her husband.

**Wednesday, 15 August 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

*Rev Adam Clark Armentrout dies.* Rev. **Adam Clark Armentrout**, born in Pendleton County, Virginia, on 20 February 1835, and died at his home in Griggsville, Illinois, on 17 July 1906. He was united in marriage on 3 October 1858 to Miss **Sue Wright** who survives him. Eight children were born to that union, six of whom are living. He was converted in 1855 and entered the Illinois conference in 1856 at the session at Quincy, Illinois. In 1858 he was received into full connection at Griggsville, Illinois. His manner of preaching was largely expository for which he was richly gifted as he also was when he took some special theme in hand. (Note: List of his appointments during his career given; not copied in this book)

Elm Grove news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S L Hieter** on 29 August 1906, a son.

Elm Grove: **W S Pearson** and family attended the funeral of Mrs. **Pearson's** nephew, **Ernest Swartz** on Monday in Tower Hill, Illinois. **Ernest** is the son of **Wm Swartz** who used to live in Yantisville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Hawley** on 2 August 1906, a son.

**Zona Housh** returned to his home at Leon, Iowa, on Friday after attending the funeral of his father, **J O Housh**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Bohl** and daughter of Peoria, Illinois, came Thursday to visit for several days at the home of **P P Ludwig**. Mr. **Bohl** is eighty-five years of age and is a brother to Mrs.

**Ludwig**.

The following named men met at **B H McHenry's** Drug Store Friday morning to chat, all are in fair health. **W R Smith**, aged 90 years; Mr. **Lyon**, aged 85 years; **B Armstrong**, aged 79 years; **L Parker** aged 79 year; **S Riley** aged 72 years; **D Jacobs**, aged 72 years; **D H McHenry**, aged 79 years. Their ages totaled 558 years.

**Wednesday, 22 August 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

*A double funeral.* Two sisters succumb to the same ailment – consumption -- within 24 hours of each other. The death of **Myrtle**, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Barbre**, aged 19 years of age, occurred about 8 o'clock Thursday morning at the home of her grandfather, **P J Barbre** in the east part of town where she had gone to spend a few days. It was her intention to return to her home on Thursday morning, but Wednesday night her condition became worse and she gradually grew weaker until the end came on Thursday morning, 16 August 1906. The death of **Mary**, the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Barbre** occurred on Friday morning about 7 o'clock on 17 August 1906, at the home of her father about nine miles east of town. Both girls had been ill about a year with that dreaded of all diseases consumption. For the past few weeks their decline in health has been very rapid and the end was not unexpected. At times their suffering was intense yet through it all they were very patient and were anxious to recover. They were girls possessing kind, lovable dispositions and their demise has caused a feeling of deepest regret throughout the entire community. Services were held on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Little Flock Church, Rev **L Corley** officiated. One of the largest crowds that ever assembled at that place on a funeral occasion was there to pay their respects to the deceased and to sympathize with the bereaved family. Pallbearers of **Myrtle** were **Myrtle Pontius, Olive Mathias, Etta Rittgers, Mabel Gregory, Lola Primmer** and **Jessie Wagner**. Those of **Mary** were **Sallie Simpson, Nema Primmer, Odessa Mathias, Elvia Pearson, Nora Hister** and

**Nellie Marshall.** Interment was in the Cemetery nearby, both being buried in one large grave. The death of these two girls in the early bloom of life seems to us to be the saddest that has ever occurred in this community, but the story of their filial devotion to home, their suffering and patience and their angelic passing into rest has inspired many an unreckoned friend.

The horrible scene of two coffins in the home containing dear ones at the same time is so heart rending and so unusual that the Liberty Camp deems it fitting to extend unto our esteemed neighbor **John Barbre** and family, our sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. **Robert Manley** and Miss **Pearl Osborne** surprised their friends by being married at Decatur on Monday, 20 August 1906, by Rev **W J Davidson**. The bride is a beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborne**. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Manley**. They will go to housekeeping at once in Bloomington where 'Bob' has work. Fifty six relatives of the **Snyder and Traugbber families** assembled in a grove by the Flat Branch creek last Friday and held the Third Annual reunion and fish fry. The morning was spent in fishing and preparing dinner. At one o'clock all were satisfying their appetites with luscious salads, pies, cakes, chicken, fish, ice cream and lemonade, and all that goes to make a good picnic dinner. After spending the afternoon in gossip and entertainment in which the Misses **Emma Snyder** and **Eva Traugbber** rendered two beautiful duets, the party lined up in their rigs and the happy procession of thirteen rigs bore away one of the happiest crowds that ever assembled on the banks of the Flat Branch.

Yesterday about 11 o'clock the marriage of Miss **Mary Amos** of this city and Mr. **Donald Cassil** of Columbus, Ohio, took place at the M E Parsonage in the presence of a few friends, Rev **A B Peck** officiating. The bride is a sister of Mrs. **A Fleshman** and a highly esteemed lady. The groom is a traveling salesman. They left last night for Columbus, Ohio, where they will make their home.

**J C Swinney** are all smiles these days over the arrival of twin girls born on 16 August 1906. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Mathias** on 8 August 1906, a girl.

**John Mathias** and wife are the proud parents of a boy born on 16 August 1906. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Milo Shride** on 13 August 1906, a girl.

### Wednesday, 29 August 1906 issue, *Moweaqua News*

The **Thomas-Casey Reunion** was held last Thursday. The day was ideal for such a gathering and the people exerted every effort to enjoy themselves in the best possible manner. Although the crowd was large the quantity of good things to eat was larger—the table which held the food was about eighty feet long and loaded with everything one could wish for. The reunion is one of those events which is looked forward to with much pleasure by those who are permitted to attend. It is held alternately here and in Indiana. The **Casey** and **Thomas** families formerly lived in Indiana, and in fact, the greater number of the relatives lives there at the present time. Those attending from Indiana were **John Poge** and wife and son, **E C Pogue**; **Edgar McClanahan** and two daughters, **J R Thomas**, **Elisha Thomas** and family of Vera, Illinois, **Joseph Thomas** and daughter, **Lydia** from Gays, Illinois, Miss **Lulu Goben**, Miss **Piety**, Mr. **Horton** and wife, Mrs. **Ella Graves** and **Jas Marts**.

*Slain in Chicago!* **Noah Yantis** was attacked by **Felix Black** on Wednesday evening in front of 130 South Water Street, Chicago, and suffered a fracture of his skull which caused his death. **Noah** was employed by the United States Express Company as a wagon conductor and had backed his wagon in front of the commission firm of **T O'Hern & Co.** leaving the wagon in charge of a boy while he went into the building to get a barrel. **Black**, who was employed by the

firm ordered the boy away. The boy obeyed and when **Noah** came out, he asked the boy why he drove away. The boy said because **Black** told me to do so. **Noah** told **Black** he only wanted to get a barrel and a few words were passed between them when **Black** struck him four or five times on the head with some instrument causing his death before a physician could get to him. An examination showed that his skull was fractured and his head and face was badly bruised. **Black** was arrested and taken to the police headquarters and in a signed statement he admitted having struck **Yantis** without any provocation. Witnesses to the murder said 'The attack was brutal and cowardly, and that **Yantis** tried to get away from him'. The coroner's inquest was held on Thursday at 10 o'clock, but for some reason the decision was withheld. It is thought that there was ill feeling against **Noah** because he did not belong to the union and was looked upon as rather a leader among the non-unionists. **Noah's** body was taken to **Ralston's** undertaking rooms and prepared for shipping to **Findlay, Illinois**, from which it was taken to his father's home near **Yantisville**. The funeral occurred on Saturday evening from the family residence, with **Rev Jones** officiating. The attendance was large. The employees of the express company where he was employed sent a very beautiful design—a broken wheel. Interment was in the **Union Cemetery**. All the brothers and sisters were present except two — **Henry** of **Colorado Springs** and **Mary** of **Circleville, Ohio**. This is the second death in the family of eleven children. One brother having preceded **Noah** in death in infancy in the year 1885. **Noah Yantis**, son of **Soloman** and **May Yantis** was born near **Yantisville, Illinois**, on 26 November 1874 and died on 22 August 1906 in **Chicago, Illinois**. He was aged 31 years, 8 months at the time of his death. He leaves a father, mother, four sisters and five brothers to mourn his loss. He had been working in **Chicago** about three years and had a wife acquaintance there. He was a quiet, sober and industrious young man never known to be quarrelsome and was universally respected by his associates for his integrity and his moral and temperate habits.

**Taylorville, Illinois**: **Maud Kyler**, 14 years old, died of a revolver wound inflicted by her mother who mistook her daughter for a man who had been annoying the family and shot the girl at two o'clock AM.

**S H Roberts** and wife of **Keokuk, Iowa**, visited **A F Brooks** and family last week. Mr. **Roberts** was formerly a resident of this place, moving away about 40 years ago.

Mrs. **Cyrus Weakly** delightfully entertained a number of young people at her home near **Obed** on Friday afternoon for her daughter, **Hazel Weakly** who was nine years of age that day. The little folks spent the afternoon playing various games and refreshments were served.

### Wednesday, 5 September 1906 issue, *Moweaqua News*

The home of Mr. and Mrs. **G W Rollins** was the scene of a happy throng on Monday evening, it being the occasion of little **Paul's** seventh birthday. About thirty-five of the little friends came in and made the event memorable.

With three bullets in her body from a gun in the hands of her mother, **Maud**, the beautiful 16 year-old daughter of Mrs. **U L Kyler** died at **St Vincent's** hospital. The tragedy is the result of Mrs. **Kyler** mistaking her daughter for a burglar when the young woman was returning from an entertainment.

**Yantisville news**: The funeral cortege of Mrs. **Macon** who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Batty**, north east, passed through her Friday to **Assumption** where the remains were put to rest in the silent city of the dead.

Prairieton news: Mr. and Mrs. **H C Miller** gave a party Saturday evening in honor of their daughter **Zeva's** fifteenth birthday. Refreshments were served and all departed at a late hour wishing **Zeva** many happy returns of the day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Clipston** on Tuesday, 4 September 1906, a 10 pound boy.

*Help us!* The sale of **Oscar Moore**, deceased, will be Thursday of this week. Would like very much for his property (of which there is only a small amount) to bring all the money it will. By his death, his two children became orphans, the mother having died before the father. It is for these orphans we are trying to get all we can. *Help the Orphans!* **Ralph Ayars**, Administrator. Auctioneer and administrator make no charge for services in the settlement of this estate.

**Wednesday, 12 September 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

*Death of Little Valentine.* The death of **Robert Valentine**, the infant twin son of Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Snyder** occurred Sunday evening about five o'clock, aged 11 weeks. It had always been very delicate from birth, no food seemed to agree with him and notwithstanding the tender care he received, he gradually grew weaker until the end came. Services were held on Monday from the family residence at four o'clock PM. Rev **A B Peck** officiated at the service. The pallbearers were four young boys, **Harry Ahl, Harold Leaf, Paul Rollins** and **Harold Rice**, friends of the baby's older brothers, **Clark** and **Kenneth Snyder**, who tenderly bore the casket from the home. Interment was in the Cemetery north of town. Especially is the loss deeply felt by the grandparents as the twins seemed to be the very life and light of their declining years. Cards have been issued announcing the celebration of the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting** at the "*Homestead*" at 7 o'clock on 25 September 1906.

Born to **J A Lambdin** and wife on 29 August 1906, a girl.

A son was born to **Pat Farney** and wife on 1 September 1906.

**Wednesday, 19 September 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

*Moweaqua's oldest resident succumbs.* Thursday morning about six o'clock our well-known and aged citizen, **Elmer D Bacon** passed from the scenes of time to those of eternity. The immediate cause of his death being gastralgia. He became very ill about eight o'clock Wednesday night and died at an early hour the following morning. Mr. **Bacon** was Moweaqua's oldest resident, being almost 91 years of age, and he had been in good health for a man of his age up to Wednesday night. His death was very sudden and even his most intimate friends did not know of his illness until the end had come. He was an honorable man and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. He has lived in this town for over thirty-five years. During this time he has lived an honorable, upright life, always keeping in view that old motto, '*Honesty is the best policy*'. He was born in Tiago County, Pennsylvania, on 1 October 1815, and grew to manhood in the Keystone state. In 1836 at the age of twenty-one, he journeyed on foot to Michigan and settled near Janesville, covering the distance in thirty days. In the winter of 1839 he returned to Pennsylvania and moved with his father's family to Indiana from which place he went to Hillsdale County, Michigan, in the early summer of the same year. There he bought forty acres of land and engaged in agriculture for a number of years. In 1840 he was united in marriage to Miss **Ladealia Mason**. To this union four children were born, one son and three daughters, two of whom died in infancy and the death of the other two occurred a few years ago. In 1852 Mr. and Mrs. **Bacon** moved to Illinois and settled in DeKalb County where he bought 160 acres of government land which he improved and tilled for seventeen years, coming from there to Moweaqua in 1871. Mrs. **Ladealia Bacon** died in 1880 and during the next year,

Mr. **Bacon** married Miss **Margaret Lookingbill** of Ramsey, Illinois, who survives to mourn his departure. To this union, no children were born. After he came to Moweaqua his occupation was that of boring wells and he accumulated quite a little wealth for his declining years. When eighteen years of age he was converted and joined the Baptist Church and attended services every Sunday when his health and the weather would permit. In politics Mr. **Bacon** was a staunch Republican having affiliated with that party since its organization in 1856. It was both amusing and interesting to hear him relate incidents that occurred in the early days. One could sit for hours and listen to his anecdotes, which he delighted to tell. Besides his wife, three sisters, one brother, two grand children and two great grand children are left to mourn his death. Services were held from the Baptist Church on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 PM, conducted by Rev **Kirby**. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery.

Last Thursday night about twelve o'clock, occurred the death of **Henry A Pratt** at his home in the south part of town. Mr. **Pratt** had been suffering with prostatitis for nearly four years, but the immediate cause of his death was cystitis. During the eight years of his residence here, Mr. **Pratt** was highly esteemed by all who knew him. He was a quiet, industrious man and honorable in all his business relations with his fellowmen. For many years he has been a faithful member of the Baptist Church and, until stricken with disease, he was faithful in his attendance in the House of God. **Henry A Pratt** was born on 22 March 1838, in Addison County, Vermont, and died on 13 September 1906, aged 68 years, 5 months and 21 days. He grew to manhood in Vermont, but in 1859 he came to Illinois, settling in Morgan County. After working on a farm by the month for several years, he began farming for himself. On 26 February 1863, he was married to **Angelina L Foster**. To this union eleven children were born of whom three, **William** of Matlock, Iowa, **Charles** of Sheldon, Iowa, and **Albert** of this township survive him to revere his memory and to mourn his departure. In 1870, he moved to Moweaqua township where he purchased 110 acres of land south of town which he owned at the time of his death. Mrs. **Angelina Pratt** died 6 April 1897, and on 2 February 1898, Mr. **Pratt** married Mrs. **Nancy E Bilyeu**, who survives to mourn his death. About eight years ago he moved to Moweaqua where he has since lived. Services were held Saturday afternoon from the family residence. Rev **C P Kirby** of the Baptist Church officiating. Interment in the Masonic Cemetery southeast of town. **Chas Pratt** of Sheldon, Iowa, called on the *News* office on Monday. He was called here to attend the funeral of his father, **H A Pratt**.

The death of **David Hays** occurred at his home two miles south of town on Sunday morning, 16 September 1906, the cause of his death being cancer of the stomach. He had been in poor health for two or three years, failing very fast during the last six months. Mr. **Hays** had a cheerful disposition. He was kind to everyone and during his sickness he bore his suffering with great patience. He was a man of sterling integrity, true to his word and faithful to the trust. Services held at the family residence on Monday afternoon by Rev **A B Peck**. Interment was in the Hays Cemetery near the home. **David Hays** was born 23 February 1846 in Sangamon County, Illinois, and died at his home near Moweaqua on Sunday morning, 16 September 1906, aged 60 years and 6 months. In 1849, Mr. **Hays** moved to Christian County where he made his home for more than half a century. On 13 October 1864 he was married to **Luisa J Workman**. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hays**, one son and five daughters, of these, all but one survive the death of the father. These are **Thomas S Hays**, **Millie J Boyer**, **Iona Weatherhold**, **Sarah E** and **N E Hays**, all living near Moweaqua. Besides the members of his family he leaves five brothers, **A T Hays** of Winfield, Kansas, **Henry Hays** of Missouri, **A J Hays** of Vera, Illinois, and **G W** and **N**

**G Hays** of Moweaqua. Mr. **Hays** has been in failing health for about three years and grew gradually worse until death relieved him from his suffering. Our sympathies to the family.

**A J Hays** of Vera made the *News* a pleasant call yesterday. He was called here to attend the funeral of his brother, **David Hays**, which occurred on Monday.

**James Robbins** and Mrs. **Mary Colwell**, both of Ford County, near Bloomington, and each aged 80 years, were married by Justice **John Robbins**. They are the oldest applicants for a marriage license in Central Illinois records.

**George Trimmer** met death while at work in the plant of **Nelson Morris & Co** in Decatur. He was on the lower floor of the building when the second floor gave way and 100 tons of ice with debris fell on his. He was probably killed instantly.

**Harry White**, aged 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry White**, employed in the Litchfield mine as a miner, was severely and perhaps fatally injured while acting as a driver in the place of the regular commissioned men. He fell from the car and it passed over his legs. He is in St Francis Hospital in a precarious condition. (Litchfield news)

Public notice: **Claude E Burgener**, Conservator of **S A Bryson**, distracted person, to sell real estate. Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decretal order in above case, rendered the 7<sup>th</sup> of September 1906, I, **Claude E Burgener**, Conservator of the said **S A Bryson**, a distracted person, shall on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1906, at

2 o'clock PM, in front of the Post Office in the Village of Moweaqua, Illinois, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate: The south west quarter of the south west quarter of the south east quarter of section one, town thirteen north, range two east of the 3<sup>rd</sup> PM in Shelby County, subject to a five hundred dollar mortgaged indebtedness. Terms of sale, the purchase price is to be paid cash in hand on day of sale. Signed: **Claude E Burgener**, conservator of **S A Bryson**, a distracted person, dated this 10<sup>th</sup> day of September 1906 A.D.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Cundiff** a boy on 15 September 1906.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Woodwring** on 16 September 1906, a son.

Mrs. **Mercy Hudson** who has been visiting relatives in Indiana during the past two weeks was called home on account of the death of her brother, **E D Bacon**.

Word was received here on Monday that a ten pound girl had arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W K Andrews** near Iota, Louisiana.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of **George Adamson** and Miss **Pearl Fatout** which will occur at the home of the bride in Indianapolis next Saturday evening, 22 September 1906, at 8 o'clock. The wedding will be entirely informal, only a limited number of invitations having been issued. The parents of the groom and brother, **Oscar Adamson**, will attend. Miss **Fatout** is an accomplished young lady of Indianapolis and **George** is one of Moweaqua's practical and industrious young men who possess the respect and confidence of the entire community. He is now holding a responsible position of bookkeeper with a telephone company in that place. The happy couple will leave the same evening for a week or ten days' visit in Chicago.

Word was received here Saturday that another daughter had arrived at the home of Prof and Mrs. **Clarence Snyder** at Wilmette, Illinois. Prof **Snyder's** two children, **Helen** and **Mignonne** of Wilmette, Illinois, are visiting Grandpa and Grandma **Snyder** and other relatives here.

### Wednesday, 26 September 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting** celebrated their fiftieth anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday at the old homeplace west of town, now the home of their daughter, Mrs. **Wheeler Adams**.

Seventy-five relatives and friends assembled to do honor to the occasion and show their love and respect for the aged couple who have rounded out fifty years of married life, and have held the esteem of all who have known them during this time. The guests began arriving at the **Ponting** home at 9 o'clock AM and continued to arrive until 12. The bride and groom awaited in the parlor where they received hearty congratulations. Some coming from friends in New Mexico and a cablegram from friends in England. On either side of the walk were the words welcome in gilded letters and on the walk were the dates 1856 and 1906. Suspended from the porch pillars was a long golden chain from which hung a large golden bell beneath that also were the words 'Welcome' in big letters. The spacious porch was decorated with large bunches of goldenrod and house plants. The interior of the house was profusely decorated—the reception hall, dining room and stairway. The entire decorations were very artistic indeed. The favors for the guests were yellow roses. About one o'clock an elaborate three-course dinner was served on small tables, the guests all being seated at once. Eight young ladies, Misses **Marie Allison, Jessie Stine, Mabel Frazee, Grace Angel, Margaret, Grace** and **Lena Snyder** serving. After which a pleasing program of a musical and literary nature was rendered. Prof **Williams** of England rendered several beautiful selections on his harp, and his wife sang several appropriate solos which undoubtedly brought sweet memories of the past to the bride and groom. Several informal addresses were made by old friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Ponting**. One of the pleasant features of the entertainment was a poem given by Mrs. **Imboden** of Decatur. A large number of beautiful presents were received all of which were appropriate for the occasion. Some that deserve special mention were an elegant gold clock given by the brothers of Mrs. **Ponting**, an English half sovereign by **R J Stone** and wife of Stonington, and a string of gold beads given by the children. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. **Tremont Vickery** of Dwight, Illinois, Maj **Vandever**, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Peabody**, Mrs. **Emma Powell**, Messrs **J M Taylor, Josiah Hall** and **A W Stewart** all of Taylorville, Mr. and Mrs. **J G Imboden** of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Dalton** of Dalton City, Rev and Mrs. **McBride of Stonington**. Regrets were received from **F Laton**, head of the Laton Packing Co, Milwaukee, **George T Williams of Kansas City** and **Walter Sherman** of Chicago. Mr. **Ponting** is one of the most noted cattle raisers in Illinois. He knew **Philip Armour, Nelson Morris** and **Gustavus Swift** when they were young men and sold cattle to them when they were doing the buying themselves, fifty years or more ago. Mr. **Ponting** has lived near Moweaqua for many years. He raised all his children on the farm where the wedding celebration was held. His cattle business is now carried on chiefly by his sons and son-in-law. He formerly has spoken many times at farmer's institutions and was always listened to with attention. He writes for live stock papers, and whatever he says or whatever he writes is always of interest and marked by sound wisdom. He was an extensive landowner, having at one time, a 1,000 acres near Stonington, 200 acres near Moweaqua and two sections of land in Texas. His old home place, just west of Moweaqua, he sold to his son-in-law and comprised 240 acres. The body of **Harry Stanton**, a cigar maker of this place, was found lying beside the railroad track a few miles north of Macon on Friday morning. He had evidently been struck by a train during the night and killed. The body was discovered by passengers on the north bound train and identified by Father **Lyons** of Macon, who was going to Decatur. The body was left and when the train arrived at Decatur, Father **Lyons** notified Coroner **Buxton** who went at once to the scene of the accident and took the body to **Moran's Undertaking** establishment in Decatur to await an inquest. It is supposed he either was stuck by a train or fell off. The only mark or injury seen on the body was a hole on the left side of his skull. The inquest jury ruled that the deceased came to his death by an unknown cause. Services were held Sunday afternoon from

Moran's Chapel in Decatur, Rev **J L Thompson** officiated. The deceased was a member of the Cigarmaker's Union, and they were in charge of the interment which took place at Greenwood Cemetery in Decatur. **Harry Stanton** was about 50 years old. He grew to manhood in New York where he learned the trade of cigar making. He went to Chicago and worked there a number of years from which place he went to Decatur about 1880 and from there he went to Bloomington, and came to Moweaqua a few years ago where he has since lived. He had a brother in Chicago and one in Syracuse New York, but neither of them could be found. **Harry Stanton** was a bright fellow, but he had an uncontrollable appetite for strong drink. When he was not drinking he had a wonderful memory. He could give accurately the date of the passage of all the important laws passed in national Congress, giving the author of the bills and various persons who voted for them. He could tell almost to the figure the vote of the various states. A pretty wedding took place last evening at the home of Mr. **Hervey B Fatout** of North Capitol Avenue, the bride being his daughter, Miss **Pearl Rosamonde Fatout**, and the bridegroom being Mr. **George Thomas Adamson**. The guests included a small group of relatives and intimate friends for the ceremony which was pronounced by the Rev **Joshua Stansfield**. The house was a bower of flowers and greenery. The ceremony room was beautifully adorned in green and white. The other rooms were arranged with ferns and great bouquets of Golden Rod. In the dining room for the center of the table there was a French Basket of pink roses and ferns and the buffet was trimmed with pink and green. Mr. **Fatout** was assisted in receiving the guests by his sisters, Mrs. **A Thompson** and Mrs. **D H Fatout**. The attendants were cousins of the bride, Miss **Ruth Fatout** and Miss **Mary Thompson**. The bride came in with her father who gave her away. She was gowned in a dainty white French lawn fashioned over white silk and trimmed in Valenciennes lace. The bridal bouquet was an armful of pink roses. Miss **Fatout** wore a pretty gown of white mull trimmed in lace and carried a shower bouquet of white roses, and Miss **Thompson's** gown was of white combined with lace and she carried yellow flowers. Mr. and Mrs. **Adamson** left last evening for a wedding journey North and on their return will be at home with Mr. **Fatout** at 721 North Capitol Avenue. Among the guests who came from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **E Adamson** and son, **Oscar**, parents and brother of the groom. (*Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana*)

Yantisville news: Uncle **Joe Reed** and wife and Mr. and Mrs. **Harris** of Sullivan, Illinois, and **J Pierce** and family attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **A G Pierce** of Assumption on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 1906.

Prairie Home news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Coventry** on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst, a daughter.

Fame news: Mrs. **Valentine Winter** received a telegram stating that her son, **Arthur** of White Hall, Illinois, was not expected to live and she and her son, **John** and wife started for his bedside immediately. (*Note: last names not given on the sons, assuming they are 'Winter'*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Ludwig** on 20 September 1906, a son.

### Wednesday, 3 October 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

*Fifty years ago – an incident as told by Mr. T C Ponting.* This incident occurred with his wedding, fifty years ago. The first fat cattle that were ever shipped from Moweaqua were shipped in April 1856. They were fed by **Wm Hall** of Taylorville and shipped by myself. They landed at the old Merrick yards on the lake shore and stayed there three days. Not a buyer came to look at them. When I found that I could not sell them, I shipped them on to Toronto, Canada, as they were short of beef there. These were the first western cattle they had ever received there. I made six shipments to Canada after that. We made arrangements to get married on the 25<sup>th</sup> of

September and after getting through my summer's trade on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September, I made up my mind that I would not do any more business until after I was married. However, on Saturday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, after the train came in, there was a man looking for me, when I met him, he handed me a letter from his son stating that he had four hundred five and six-year old cattle near Monmouth, Illinois, to sell. I told the gentleman that I could not possibly go to see the cattle as I was going to get married on the following Wednesday. He urged me very strongly to look at them. I was satisfied they were a bargain as I had seen part of the same brand in Chicago in June. After much urging I said that I would go and consult the little girl (my present wife) and see what she had to say in regard to the matter. She told me to go ahead and buy the cattle if I wanted them as we could not travel in those days as now I told her something might happen that I would not get back. She said if I did not get back we could marry some other time. By managing, I got home the night before I married at eight o'clock. Some few friends had arrived from a distance and all arrangements for the wedding were progressing. Before bed time someone asked me if I had the license, but I had forgotten all about them. I called my wife's oldest brother and put him on a good horse and started him to Taylorville to get the license. When he got there he called up Mr. **Wm Goodrich**, the clerk, and told him his business, he asked if his sister was eighteen and as she was not, the clerk said he could not issue the license. There was no telegraph or telephone in those days so he went to see Judge **Vandever**, as he knew that the judge was an old friend of his father. The judge went with him to the clerk and told him to issue the license and told him that he would stand between him and all trouble in the matter. With our fifty years of married life, we have had ups and downs and a good deal of sunshine with the shade. He says the cattle trade proved to be a good one. Since the noted event of last week, Mr. and Mrs. **Ponting** have received many beautiful presents. He requests us to day that when they celebrate their diamond wedding, they will not receive presents. To correct an error in our write up of the celebration, we wish to state that the old home place comprised 440 acres instead of 240 and it was given to his son, **Wayne Ponting**, who sold it to Mrs. **Wheeler Adams**. Unintentionally, Miss **Florine Pitt**'s name was omitted in the list of waiters.

The poem written by Mrs. **J G Imboden** of Decatur, Illinois, especially for the golden wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting**, September 1906:

*In eighteen hundred and fifty six,  
Things seemed to be in a dreadful mix,  
So they formed a Union, or one they called such,  
Between the English and the Dutch.*

*Well, Tom, he argues something like this,  
I'd better marry a little Dutch Miss,  
So he fell in love with Maggie—so handy,  
And no one blamed Maggie for liking candy.*

*So the Knot was tied, I think, good and stout,  
For in fifty years, it hasn't worn out.  
It goes to show that English and Dutch  
Is a pretty good Mixture, if we do call it such.*

*Fifty years you have traveled along together,*

*In sunshine and storm, and all kinds of weather,  
But the Fried that has led you, has proved the best,  
And He'll still lead you on to the haven of rest.*

*What has these fifty years brought to you?  
Numerous blessings and troubles a few.  
Here is the Daughter to cheer your last days—  
Here are the Sons your good deeds to praise.*

*As we gather around this festal board,  
With our hearts full of love and good cheer,  
Let us drink to the health of the Bride and Groom,  
And to the ones that cannot be here.*

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Born to **Ed Whitehead** and wife on 28 September 1906, a boy.

Born to **J D Stubblefield** and wife on 27 September 1906, a boy.

Mt Vernon – **James Moore**, a farmer was run over and killed by a train at Pinckneyville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M Austin** on 28 September 1906, a son.

#### Wednesday, 10 October 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Mr. **Arthur Gregory** of Moweaqua and Miss **Margaret Portwood** of Boody, Illinois, was married Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Rev **Jo B Rogers** in Springfield. Rev **Rogers** officiated. Miss **Portwood** is well known here, having been at one time an efficient operator in the telephone exchange. She is an accomplished young lady and during her residence here formed acquaintances that will be lasting. Mr. **Gregory** is a practical young man of sterling integrity and good business qualities. He has for several years been in the undertaking business with his uncle, **Scott Gregory** and is fully capable of caring for the one whom he has chosen for a life companion.

**Lawrence Protsman** and Miss **Bessie Weakly**, both of Pickaway township, were married on Tuesday afternoon last week by Judge **T H Righter**. The ceremony was witnessed by the groom's sister, **Laura** and brother, **William**. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Cyrus Weakly** of Obed and is an accomplished young lady, gifted with a pleasing disposition that has won her a host of friends. She is highly respected and will make an admirable helpmate for Mr. **Protsman**. The groom is an industrious young farmer with a future before him. He is possessed of good character and will without doubt, make a model husband. The young couple will reside on a farm near Prairie Home.

Prairie Home news: A charivari party called on Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence Protsman** at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Cyrus Weakley** on Thursday night.

**H M Day** assisted the Macon Band Boys at the funeral of **Thos Walsh** in Decatur on Thursday. The jury in the **Hampton murder case** at Greenville returned a verdict of not guilty and **Louis Hampton**, aged 22 years, who had been on trial eight days, charged with the murder of his father, **George Hampton** in the city of Coffeen last January, walked out of the courtroom a free man.

As soon as the marriage ceremony had been finished, **Charles F Schmittler**, the groom, beat his wife because she displayed too much hilarity while the ceremony was being performed and threw ink over the justice of the peace who tied the knot. The ceremony took place at Carmi.

Litchfield news – **Thomas C Kirkland**, generally known as ‘**Uncle Tom**’, vice president of the First National Bank and a very wealthy citizen, died aged 83 years.

Our old friend and former townsman, **Frank West** of Blue Mound, was a caller at the *News* office on Friday. Mr. **West** was for about thirty years, a resident of Moweaqua. Being a blacksmith by trade he was regarded as one of the best mechanics Moweaqua has ever had. He recently opened a shop in Blue Mound, and we predict him success in his new venture.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E F Snyder** on Monday, 8 October 1906, a 11 pound boy at Beaumont, Texas.

**Wednesday, 17 October 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

**Wm Pogue** of Findlay and Miss **Elizabeth Askins** of Lakewood were married at the home of the bride on Thursday of last week. The groom is one of Findlay’s prominent and most influential business men. The bride was one of Shelby’s most popular school teachers. After a trip though the west they will reside at Findlay.

**W E McCormick**, Clerk of Shelby County, published a Chancery Notice to the unknown heirs of **Henley Epling**, deceased, that if the place of residence of the unknown heirs of **Henly Epling**, deceased, cannot be found, notice is given that on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of November 1906, action will be taken as confessed against you and decree rendered according to the prayer thereof. (*Note: Name copied as spelled in the notice*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **I N Corrington, Jr.** on 11 October 1906, a eleven-pound girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Cartlidge** announce the birth of a son, **Alva Ray Cartlidge**, on 26 September 1906, Shelburn, Indiana.

Final settlement of the estate of **Henry Portwood**, deceased, will be 5 November 1906 at the Shelby County courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois. *Signed: Frank L Clark*, Administrator.

**Wednesday, 24 October 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

**David Hays** gives life estate to wife. The will of **David Hays** of Prairieton township, deceased, has been filed for probate in the County court. The estate is valued at \$10,000. A life interest in all the property of the testator is bequeathed to his wife, and upon her death it is to be divided equally among their six children. The will was made 12 April 1906.

Obed news: **O H Brinker** received word by telephone of the death of his aunt, Mrs. **Mary Klar** of Pana, Monday morning. The interment took place at Pana on Tuesday afternoon.

Yantisville news: **Joe Macklin** and wife are the proud parents of another son, born Saturday, 13 October 1906.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Wm Rawlings** attended the reunion at Chattanooga, Tennessee, the past week. She was accompanied by her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. **John Yencer** of Shelbyville.

Elm Grove news: Mrs. **J E Wagner** spent last Wednesday with her father, it being his seventieth birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jasper Jacobs** on 17 October 1906, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Rettig** on 17 October 1906, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Boyer**, 22 October 1906, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder, Jr.** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Henson** in Decatur on Monday.

**Wednesday, 31 October 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

**John W Smith** was born in Macon County, Illinois, on 4 February 1867. He died in Jefferson Park Hospital, Chicago, Illinois, on 24 October 1906. He was married to Miss **Emma Vording** on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1892, and to them was born one daughter who died in infancy. Mr. **Smith** has been away from home since he was twenty-two years old, and has always been very prompt in writing to dear ones at home. Being an electrician by trade he had returned to Chicago to the work having recovered as he thought, from a light stroke of paralysis which he had last April. His quiet, pleasant disposition had won him a large circle of friends—he also had a large circle of friends in the Knights of Pythias. At the age of eighteen years he was very much moved under the preaching of Rev **M Bankson**, at Blue Mound, but never publicly acknowledged Jesus as his Savior. He enlisted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September 1893 and for two years was in the United States Service as a private in the 45<sup>th</sup> United States Volunteer Regiment of Infantry and served one year, seven months and nine days, and was honorably discharged on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 1901 at Manila, Philippine Islands. He left San Francisco enroute for Manila on board the Transport Senator on 16 November 1899, and arrived at Manila via Honolulu on 21 December of the same year. He participated in several engagements while in the service, returning to America via Vagasaki, Japan, arriving at San Francisco after a rough voyage on 28 July 1901. The remains were brought to the home of his sister, Mrs. **John Powell** in Moweaqua, Illinois, and the funeral was conducted by the Rev **Robt B Irwin**. Interment took place in the Cemetery at Boody, Illinois. He leaves to mourn his departure his aged father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm V Smith**, four brothers and four sisters and a large circle of friends.

Tomorrow evening at seven o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **L P Bullock** will occur the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Mabel** and Mr. **Roy Merryman**. The ceremony will be performed by Rev **C P Kirby** of the Baptist Church and a sumptuous feast will follow.

Last Sunday was an eventful day at the **Day** home. Everyone of Mrs. **H F Day's** eight children were at home, and her sixty-eighth birthday was celebrated in a very happy manner. She received some handsome and useful gifts. Those who partook of the birthday feast were Mrs. **H F Day**, Mr. **Wm L Day** of Kansas City, Mr. and Mrs. **Harry Day** and children, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Homrighous** of Assumption, Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn**, Miss **Mary C Day** of Chicago, Dr. **Harriet Day** and Misses **Edna** and **Aileen Day**.

Born to **Homer Reed** and wife on Tuesday, 23 October 1906, a daughter. (Yantisville news)  
Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Seyler** announce the birth of a girl at their home in St Louis, Missouri, on 16 October 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. **E E Doody** are the proud parents of a baby girl born on 27 October 1906 at Wellsville, Ohio.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Decker** on Tuesday, 30 October 1906, a daughter.

**Wednesday, 7 November 1906 issue, Moweaqua News**

*Mr. John Nelson of Oakesdale, Washington, takes a Moweaqua Bride.* A quiet and pretty wedding took place in the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey** in this city Wednesday evening at five o'clock. The contracting parties were their daughter, Miss **Catherine Humphrey** and Mr. **John Nelson** of Oakesdale, Washington. Rev **A B Peck** officiated. The wedding was a very simple. Unostentatious affair, only a few intimate friends and relatives being present. It was a great surprise to the people of Moweaqua, even to the bride's most intimate friends. At the end of the ceremony, an elaborate supper was served. The

bride is a young lady of modest and unassuming manner, kind and lovable by nature, and has been an active member of the Methodist Sunday School and Church. In this community, her lifelong home, she stands high in the esteem of all her acquaintances. The groom is a promising young farmer residing near Oakesdale, Washington, which vocation he has followed all his life. He owns a large farm there near the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. **Wm Bolton**. The couple left Friday morning for Washington where a beautiful home was in waiting for them.

Thursday, 1 November 1906 is a day never to be forgotten in the lives of Mr. **Roy R Merryman** and Miss **Lula Mabel Bullock**. It is their wedding day. On this day they pledged their love one to the other. Rev **C P Kirby** pronounced them man and wife. These young people are both highly respected by all the community. Here they are born and grew to maturity. **Mabel** is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **L P Bullock** and is loved for her sweet life and in heart. Mr. **Merryman** is a young man of energy and integrity and commands the esteem of all who know him. The home of the bride was very tastefully arrayed for the occasion. The bride was prettily dressed in white silk, trimmed with lace and wore a bouquet of white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black and a face adorned with smiles. After the ceremony the company, consisting of relatives and the contracting parties, sat down to the table which was literally groaning with good things to eat. Many beautiful and useful presents were received. Prairieton news: The boys say since **John Myers** got married he has gotten awfully proud. He wears silk socks every day.

A surprise was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Milo Shride** near Yantisville on Saturday evening, 3 November 1906. The occasion was in honor of the thirty-third birthday anniversary of Mrs. **Shride**. She was busily engaged in her household duties when to her surprise, about one hundred guests arrived with well-filled baskets. The evening was spent in music and games and all did ample justice to the contents of the baskets.

#### Wednesday, 14 November 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Mr. **Arthur Deach** was married last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in Peoria, Illinois, to Miss **Carrie M Bufur**. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few intimate friends being present. The bride is said to be most highly accomplished lady and the *News* extends to her a most gracious welcome to Moweaqua. Their return is expected at any time.

*Married in Decatur.* The marriage of Mr. **Henry Charlton** of Columbus, Ohio, and Miss **Ollie Mathias** occurred on Saturday in Decatur. Judge **A W Smith** officiating. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C H Mathias** near Elm Grove. She is widely acquainted among the young people of that community and has a charming disposition which with other redeeming traits of character speak well for her station in life. She will make a loving companion and helpmate. The groom is an energetic young man and has a good position on the railroad. The happy couple left this morning for Columbus, Ohio, which will be their future home.

The four-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Jake Bilyeu** died at their home southwest of Moweaqua this morning of diphtheria. The little one took sick on Sunday afternoon and numbers of persons in that vicinity have been exposed to the disease. At this time no other members of the family have taken ill. A short funeral service will be held on Thursday at eleven o'clock at the Bilyeu Cemetery.

The death of **Orville Harpold** occurred on Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock at the home of his father, Mr. **Henry Harpold** near Assumption, the cause being rheumatism and paralysis. The funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at ten o'clock from the Presbyterian Church in Assumption. The interment will be in the Cemetery near by.

Executrix Notice – The undersigned will attend before the County court of Shelby County, Illinois, on Monday, the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907 for the purpose of settling and adjusting all claims against the estate of **Elmer D Bacon**, deceased. Signed: **Margaret E Bacon**, dated 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1906.

Elm Grove news: This community was surprised by the marriage of Miss **Olive Mathias** to Mr. **Henry Charleton** of Columbus, Ohio. We wish them success and a long and happy life. They will reside in Columbus.

Elm Grove news: **Jim Thompson** and daughter, **Seila**, attended the funeral of Miss **May Milligan** at Shelbyville last Thursday morning. The body was brought from Crowley, Louisiana, for burial.

Prairie Home news: **Ed Murphy** received a telegram stating that his sister had died in Missouri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Armstrong** on 31 October 1906, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Collier** on 5 November 1906, a son.

### Wednesday, 21 November 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell** opened wide the doors of their lovely home on Thursday evening and had a select number of friends in to assist in celebrating the former's fiftieth birthday. An elaborate six o'clock dinner was served and an enjoyable evening was had by all. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar Frazee**, Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, Mr. and Mrs. **W F Corrington**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Angel**, Dr. **W H** and Mrs. **Sparling** and Mrs. **T Stine**.

Master **Halden Ayars** celebrated his eleventh birthday in a most delightful manner Thursday evening at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. **C Buck**. About 30 of his little friends were present and a happier bunch of little folks was never seen. The evening was spent in playing games and a good time had by all.

Prairieton news: Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Bilyeu** are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy. Mother and babe are doing nicely, Papa **Isaac** is better.

Prairieton news: Death entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Bilyeu** on Wednesday morning at took their bright baby boy, **Clarence**, aged four years of age. The little one was stricken on Sunday with diphtheria. Another little boy is sick with the same disease. They have the sympathy of the entire community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alvin Pistorius** on 20 November 1906, a girl.

### Wednesday, 28 November 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Mrs. **R M Stine** was honored on her birthday, Monday, 26 November 1906, at her home. An elaborate seven o'clock dinner was served and the evening was spent in social conversation and parlor games.

*A Good Man Gone.* **Philip P Ludwig**, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens in the community enters the great beyond. (*Picture of Mr. Ludwig – see Sketches portion of this book*). On Thursday, 22 November 1906, at 11 AM, **Philip P Ludwig**, a well-known and aged citizen of this community passed from the scenes of time to those of eternity. While his death was not unexpected, yet it was sad. To one who held with such tenacious firmness to life's affairs, it was truly pathetic to see the hour of surrender come. He was an honorable and an honored man. Mr. **Ludwig** had been sick about four weeks. His illness commencing with a severe cold, which later developed into bronchial-pneumonia. From the first his recovery was considered doubtful because of his age and feeble condition, but he showed remarkable endurance and seemed to be improving up to a short time before the end. Early Thursday morning he insisted upon talking

about business affairs with his family and became greatly excited in his efforts to talk and control the cough which had been the most exhausting featured of his illness. The strain was too great and he sank rapidly. At the bedside were his wife and five of their children. Two services were held – one in German at his home on Sunday at 10 o'clock AM. Rev **Elger** of Decatur officiating. The other in English at the Salem Church at 11 o'clock, Rev **Weiffenbach** of Warrenton, Missouri, delivering the funeral sermon. The honorary pall bearers were **George Winter** and **John Rahler** as representatives of the Church, **M E Snyder, Jr.** and **John Suppes** of his friends, **George Storey** and **Jacob McGinley** of the citizens. At the conclusion of the services at the Church the remains were laid to rest in the Cemetery near by, the six sons carrying the casket from the Cemetery gate to the grave. Friends from a distance were **Henry Michel** and daughter of Dale, Indiana, who are the only living relatives of the deceased except his own family. All the children were present except one daughter in California. **Philip Peter Ludwig** was born in Nassau, Germany, on 19 February 1832. At the age of eighteen years he emigrated to America, landing at Cincinnati with a debt of eighteen dollars. He paid this debt by working on a farm for four dollars per month. After this he worked at Brown County, Ohio, then two years in a foundry near Elizabethtown, Illinois. Again returning to Ohio, he met and was married to **Elizabeth Bohl**, 14 June 1857. To this union were born 13 children, namely: **Philip G, Elizabeth, Josephine, William, Albert, Lydia, Louisa, Amelia, Theodore, Matilda, Emma, Otto, and Edwin.** **Elizabeth, Louisa, Matilda** and **Lydia**, have preceded the father to the better land. Three of his sons are in the ministry – **William** of Mount Pleasant, Iowa, **Albert** of Sigourney, Iowa, **Theodore**, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and **Philip** as local minister, **Josephine** of Los Angeles, California, is wife of Rev **Emil Baab**, recently deceased. The rest of the children have all been saved and are active in Christian work. One grandchild, **Lida** is wife of Rev **J Haehlen** of Tenney, Minnesota. His life at home was consistent with his profession. He was loyal to his Church, true to his God and faithful to his family. He was a noble example for his children to follow. He was never known to use improper language and was very conscientious about doing any thing that was questionable. He never was too busy for family worship nor was any sacrifice too great to keep him from public worship. His home was always open to the Ministers of the Gospel of any denominations, and the first German revival in this community was held at his home. He gave his heart to God at a revival held in Decatur, Illinois, in 1867 and united with the Methodist Church at Fame school house which was a part of the Moweaqua circuit to which he belonged for several years. He then united with the German M E Church, and with **Fred Ney, Sr.** and **Fred Hartman**, he organized the Salem Society which held its services in the old log school house near this Church until the year 1878 when the Church was built. He was a regular attendant at all the services. When his eyesight failed he requested to be led to prayer meetings. He was never late in all these years except a few times when preparing for service. He took the book of books, the Bible, for his guide in life. In business life he obeyed the golden rule and was very prompt in keeping his promises. No one ever doubted his integrity. In temporal matters he was economical, in spiritual matters, liberal. He was a friend to the poor and supporter of all worthy institutions of charity. He always did his own business, signing his last check on-half hour before he died. He always held important offices in the Church and also school and township offices, which he considered a sacred trust and filled them with proficiency. He told his son, **Philip**, that death is not as bad as some people may think it is. His son then asked him, "Does the gospel that you taught to others now console you?" He answered, "Oh, yes". When asked what to write to the absent children, he said, "Tell them to

*live right and in peace*". Having served his day and generation, he departed this life at eleven o'clock AM on 22 November 1906, aged 74 years, 9 months and three days. By his departure the children lose a careful counselor, the wife a true companion, the Church a loyal supporter, and the community an exemplary citizen. (*Several more paragraphs stating what the neighbors thought of him, his beliefs and convictions, not copied in this book*).

A very sad death occurred at the home of **W H Vandeventer** on Wednesday from membranous croup. Little **Mildred Manley**, the four-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Elihu Manley** who were visiting at the **Vandeventer** home had been threatened with the croup for several days and became suddenly ill on Wednesday morning. A physician was called and pronounced the malady membranous croup from which the little one died Wednesday afternoon. Interment was in the North Cemetery on Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock where a short funeral service was held. Rev **C P Kirby** officiated.

### Wednesday, 5 December 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

The appellate court at Springfield has recently handed down a long list of opinions regarding cases appealed from Christian County, the most important one to the people of Moweaqua is a suit on an indemnifying bond brought by Mrs. **Matilda Stringer** whose husband was killed by his brother-in-law, **Sanford Wolfe** on 6 August 1906. **Wolfe** was intoxicated when he committed the crime, and the plaintiff had little trouble in showing that the liquor was purchased from **Louis and Joseph Jurica** of Moweaqua, who were handling Reish beer and had the brewing company on their bond. The saloon men were not in court but the case was hotly contested by the brewing company. Mrs. **Stringer** sued for \$3,000 and recovered \$1,500 by the verdict of the jury and the decision was affirmed by the appellate court.

The funeral of **Jacob L Baker**, one of the old settlers of Shelby County was held at the Christian Church at Henton on Thursday. Rev **O P Right** of Shelbyville officiated. Interment was in the Cemetery nearby. **Jacob L Baker** was born in Megs County, Ohio, on 14 August 1836. He was married to **Hannah V Moore** in 1858. To this union were born twelve children, three of whom preceded him to the better world, two dying in infancy and **Fannie**, the eldest, dying 3 November 1905. Mr. **Baker** emigrated with the family to Shelby County, Illinois, in the fall of 1864 and has resided near Henton until his death, which occurred on 27 November 1906, at the age of 70 years, 3 months and 13 days. He leaves to mourn his departure his wife, four sons and five daughters, namely: **Mollie, Dora, Bella, Selinda, Lon, Charles, Isaac, Lawson** and **Eddie**, all of whom were present but **Belle** and **Isaac** of El Campo, Texas, and **Selinda** of Vandalia, Illinois. His father, mother, five brothers and two sisters have gone on before and one brother, **Lawson** and two sisters, **Miriam Cunningham** of Windsor, Illinois and **Mary Rificorn** of Iowa are still living. Mr. **Baker** united with the Christian Church at Henton about 30 years ago. He was a true Christian and a kind and loving husband and father.

Mr. **A R Spicer** was seen stepping unusually high last Friday morning. In fact, all pedestrians were compelled to give him the sidewalk. On inquiring as to the cause of his actions, we were informed that a fine nine pound boy had taken up his abode in the **Spicer** home, arriving lat Thanksgiving evening. The young man will bear the distinguished name of **Frederick Rosser Spicer**. The latter (**Rosser**) is an old family name, being the name of Mr. **Spicer**, also his father, his grand father and his great grandfather. Mr. **Spicer** thinks his son is destined to be a minister, a real estate agent or a platform orator. The little fellow has already demonstrated the fact that

he has a natural ability for the latter, and his papa is spending the greater part of the night training him.

Sunday morning at 4 o'clock at the home of **Dave Brown**, occurred the death of little **Ralph Brown** the four-year old son of **Corda Brown** from membranous croup. The little fellow had been complaining for several days and became suddenly ill Friday afternoon. A physician was called who pronounced the disease membranous croup, from which the boy died Sunday morning. Funeral services were held from the family residence on Monday at eleven o'clock. Rev **C P Kirby** officiating. The interment was in the north Cemetery.

Miss **Maude Carsell** entertained about 40 of her friends at her home on Wednesday evening in honor of her fourteenth birthday. The evening was spent in playing games of various kinds. Refreshments consisting of popcorn, apples and bananas were served.

**Homer Hunter** and Mrs. **E M Rawlings** attended the funeral of **Fred Bare's** baby at Westervelt on Friday at 11 AM. Mrs. **Bare** was formerly Miss **Anna Eversole**. The family had just moved from Westervelt to Lakewood the first of the week. The child had been badly afflicted with liver troubles for some time. **Jacob Longenbaugh** and wife also attended the funeral. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Philip Hoffman** on 1 December 1906, a son.

Mrs. **Fred Anderson** returned Thursday morning from Pana where she had been attending the funeral services of her uncle, **Austin Reed** which occurred on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. **John Skiff** received word from her daughter, Mrs. **Wm Lybarger** in Indian Territory, that her oldest daughter, **Clara Lybarger**, died on 30 November 1906 of diphtheria. A second child is also sick.

Decatur news – Surviving his wife only three days, **Joseph Klement**, an old German resident of Decatur, died at his home at 701 West Eldorado Street. Friends say the old man's heart was broken by the death of his wife.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W F Parker** on 30 November 1906, a girl.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Ernest G Porter** of Newark, New Jersey, and Miss **Grace Berner** of New York and have been received here. The marriage will take place on Wednesday, 12 December 1906. Mr. **Porter** is a grandson of Mrs. **Rebecca Elsum** of here and has many friends here.

Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. **Jeremiah Littleton** of Macon and Miss **Flora Harper** from near Moweaqua. Rev **S H Bowyer** officiating.

Mr. and Mrs. **H G Price** had a baby girl come to their home on 4 December 1906.

#### Wednesday, 12 December 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

The funeral of Mrs. **F M Ruby** who died at the home of her son-in-law, **S C Hamblin** in Decatur, on Thursday morning, was held Saturday morning at Macon from the Presbyterian Church. Rev **Penhallegon** of Decatur officiated at the services. Mrs. **O F Spaulding** and Mrs. **Gus Wilmeth**, old friends of Mrs. **Ruby**, sang several appropriate selections. Mrs. **Ruby** was about 77 years old, and her death was due to the infirmities of age. She had been a member of the Presbyterian Church for forty years. Mrs. **Ruby** was a grandmother of Mrs. **A D Kyner** and Miss **Frances Cole** of this city.

Captain **George Wright** died at his home in Decatur on Sunday morning at 6 o'clock from the infirmities of old age. He had been in poor health for several years and his death was not unexpected. His age was 82 years and 1 month. Capt **Wright** came to America from England when 23 years old and settled in Ohio, but later moved to Shelby County where he bought

240 acres in Pickaway Township. He became one of the largest stock raisers in that community, and as a man, was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him. A few years ago he moved to Decatur. The funeral was held from the residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Geo Hoster**, Rector of St John's Episcopal Church officiating. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery, Decatur.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Beth Crain** to Mr. **John C Workman** on Tuesday, 18 December 1906, at twelve o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Crain**, east of Moweaqua.

Miss **Helen Aydelott** was the guest of honor at a novel bridal shower given on last Wednesday afternoon by Mrs. **E J Kilborn**. Holders of all kinds and sizes were made by nimble fingers and presented to the bride-to be with many appropriate suggestions for their future use.

Miss **Aileen Day** entertained a few friends in honor of Miss **Helen Aydelott** at a fruit jar shower. Each guest was requested to bring a jar of preserved fruit. Original poems and cards of advice were pasted upon each jar. Miss **Frances Hudson** hosted a thimble party on Friday for Miss **Aydelott**. When guests arrived, they were each presented with dust cloths, which they proceeded to hem with gaily colored stitches for they were to be used to polish a new home. Miss **Aydelott** was well 'showered' with the dainty, useful articles before the party broke up with the serving of a tempting luncheon.

Dr **Wm R Boggs** departed on Thursday morning for Salem, Indiana, where he will make his home. The doctor was one of the widest known and most active practitioners in this part of Illinois. So entirely has he given himself to the demands of his profession, answering all calls, giving his services and skills as readily to those who were not able to pay as to those who were, that his excellent health and strong constitution could no longer stand the constant strain to which it was subject and he was forced into retirement. He will devote his time to the management of some business interests which he holds in Salem. Mrs. **Boggs** and Miss **Ona** expect to leave in a few days for Salem, Indiana. (*Macon Tribune*)

*Letter from a former Moweaqua resident:* Through the kindness of Mrs. **H F Day** we are enabled to print a part of a letter from her brother, **Chas W March**, a former resident of Moweaqua. On the 24<sup>th</sup> day of October 1906, I passed by seventy-third milestone. Twenty-three years ago 4 November 1883, we crossed the river at Yuma entering California, and 5 November 1883, we arrived in Los Angeles, California, and went to housekeeping in east Los Angeles in a house secured for us by **Jacob Miller**. In the summer of 1888, we moved to Long Beach and soon after, I united with the M E Church, now the First M E Church of Long Beach and was pressed into service as financial secretary and treasurer. I made my first record in treasurer's book on 10 November 1889, total collection that day was \$ 7.92. I have continued in that service all of these seventeen years without compensation, but I began my eighteenth year on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November and this year will receive a salary of \$150. During the seventeen years I have never missed but one service, and that was in August 1891. I spent the day with Sister **Emma March** and **Harry Day** at San Diego. About six years ago we left the old tabernacle and went into our own new Church at 5<sup>th</sup> Street and Pine Avenue – a Church so large that people wondered what we would do with so much room. Since then we have enlarged twice, adding all we could and during that time we have 'swarmed' twice...two prosperous Churches going out from ours, and now we cannot take care of our Sunday school and congregation comfortably so have to build again. We have secured a block 150 x 150 feet one block west of the Church for \$34,000 and the whole block is excavated for basement and foundation now going in. We sold our Church, parsonage and the block it was on for \$75,000 and raised by subscription \$30,000,

retaining our Church furniture and organ. Speaking of my work for the Church, it takes me about two days or more each week. Last Sunday the collection was \$132.40. We pay our Pastor \$2,500, our assistant Pastor \$600, organist \$8 per week, chorister \$6 per week, janitor, \$30 per month. I pay by check.

Mrs. **Elzie Travis** entertained a number of her friends at a six o'clock dinner on Thursday, which was given in honor of the seventieth birthday of her father, **G M Keiser**.

Fame news: Mrs. **Geo Walter** and children attended a birthday dinner on Wednesday in honor of her mother, Mrs. **Watson** in Macon.

Allenboro news: Mrs. **E B Sanner** returned from Bunker Hill last week where she attended the funeral of her sister

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Waters**, a daughter on 12 December 1906.

Postmaster John Clark and wife were in Springfield Sunday at the bedside of the former's sister, Mrs. **Rebecca Fothergail**, who was stricken with paralysis about ten days ago. She died Sunday night. The funeral was held in Taylorville on Tuesday. Mr. **Clark** and his nephew, **W T Breeding**, were in attendance from here. Mrs. **Fred Snell**, a sister, was unable to go because she is still suffering as the result of a severe fall, which she had several weeks ago.

*Will of Philip Ludwig*: He directs that all rents from his farm be collected by his son, **Philip Ludwig** and disposed of in the following manner. One third of the entire amount before any expenses of any kind are deducted is to be given to his wife. From the balance all improvements are to be paid for and taxes are to be paid after which the remainder is to be divided equally among his children annually. When all his children and his wife agree to a sale of the real estate it may be sold. Should a sale of the land or any part thereof be made, one third goes to the wife and the remainder is to be divided among the surviving children. Should any of this heirs attempt to have the will set aside, then that heir's share shall be reduced one-half. His heirs are as follows: **Philip Ludwig, Josephine Baab, Wm P Ludwig, Albert F Ludwig, Amelia Brink, Theodore Ludwig, Emma P Ludwig, Otto Ludwig** and **Edwin J Ludwig**. He appoints his son, **Philip G Ludwig** as Executor of the will, he to serve without bond. The will bears the date of 15 May 1906, and is subscribed before **W J Snyder** and **J M Workman**.

#### Wednesday, 19 December 1906 issue, Moweaqua News

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Hattie F Highley** of Moweaqua to **Jessie J Major** of Macon. The marriage will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Highley** on Christmas Day 1906 at 12 o'clock noon. The ceremony will be performed by Rev **Kirby**.

In Decatur last Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock occurred the marriage of **Isaac Workman** of Moweaqua and Miss **Bessie Hood** of Domestic, Iowa. Judge **A W Smith** officiating at the ceremony. The bride recently came here from Iowa and is an accomplished young lady. The groom is an energetic young man who is at present conducting a butcher shop in this city.

Mrs. **J W Conn** died very suddenly at her home in Shelbyville on Saturday morning, the cause being paralysis. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. **Conn** was one of the most highly esteemed women in Shelbyville and was an active worker in the Baptist Church of which she was a member. She was well known to many of our readers who will join with the *News* in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

**John C Workman** and Miss **Beth Crain**, two of our best-known and highly respected young people are wed. At the farm residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Crain**, six miles east of Moweaqua at high noon on Tuesday, 18 December 1906, occurred the marriage of their eldest

daughter, **Beth Crain** to Mr. **John C Workman**. Promptly at twelve o'clock the wedding march, executed by Miss **Susie Crain**, was the signal for the appearance of the bride and groom. Rev **A R Spicer** led the way to the cozy bower where under the spell of the sacred and solemn hush of subdued music the words were said that joined them as one. The bride and groom were adorned in faultless taste and the ceremony was performed with usual simplicity and grace. Immediately following the ceremony, the friends were ushered to the dining room where an elegant wedding feast was tendered. The hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. **Crain** reached a climax in the splendid dinner spread before their friends. The presents were bountiful, beautiful, and useful. Coming from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **John F Bopp** of Argenta, Miss **Grace Dixon** of Decatur, Mrs. **Henry Arnold** of Macon, Mr. and Mrs. **Ozro Neal** and daughter, **Marjorie** of Macon, and Misses **Carlie** and **Dessie Macklin** of Yantisville. Miss **Crain** was one of Moweaqua's gifted, cultured and sweet spirited young women. Mr. **Workman** is a bright, energetic, exemplary young man. They will make their home at the beautiful 'Engleside Farm' one and one half miles south of town.

The annual custom of celebrating the anniversary of **Isaac Longenbaugh's** birthday at his home near Obed was participated in by about eighty relatives and friends on Monday, 17 December 1906. The event this year was to commemorate the eighty-fifth year of his birth, Mr. **Longenbaugh** being born in 1821. The relatives and friends assembled about noon and a dinner, which was sufficient to tempt various appetites, was served and all indulged in the luxuries with appetites difficult to satisfy. All of the children were present except Mrs. **Mat Stivison** who lives in Louisiana. Grandpa **Longenbaugh**, though somewhat enfeebled, continues to enjoy these events even with more interest and joy than on preceding anniversaries. He arranged a nice treat for every one present as was his usual custom, and after the social intercourse was over, it was distributed and good-byes said, hoping to meet on many other occasions.

**Fred V Hall** of Homer, Illinois and Miss **Bernice Riley** formerly of Moweaqua, were married at noon on Saturday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Shuck**, 507 West Illinois Street in Urbana. Rev **Oliver K Doney** officiating. Following the ceremony, Mrs. **Shuck** served an elaborate wedding dinner. Mr. and Mrs. **Hall** will reside in Homer until spring. The bride is a daughter of **J B Riley** of this city and has been engaged in the millinery business for several years in Decatur in the employ of Mrs. **F O'Dell**.

Obed news: Uncle **Isaac Longenbach** celebrated his 85<sup>th</sup> Birthday on Monday. The children and grand-children and a large number of friends were present.

The wedding bells rang merrily in our village (Obed) last Wednesday morning, it being the wedding day of Miss **Merne Welty** and Mr. **Ora Simpson**.

Final settlement in the estate of **Jos Duncan**, deceased has been set for 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1907. **N Francis**, Executor.

Dr and Mrs. **Duckwall** and Mrs. **P L Drew** attended the **Narramore-McGee Wedding** at Blue Mound on Thursday night, 26 December 1906.

Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** has been in a very critical condition for several days and her death has been expected at any time. As we go to press she is reported to be resting.

*(Note: This issue and the remaining issues of the Moweaqua News for 1906 are in extremely fragile and poor condition since they are at the back of a bound book. So fragile is the paper that several large chunks are missing from the paper, the pages are frayed and in some instances missing entirely. Great care was taken in extracting this information, however, due to the condition, some information may be missing.)*

**Wednesday, 26 December 1906 issue, Moweaqua News.**

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*(Note: I presumed that this was in the 26 December 1906 issue of the News, but that cannot be since this child was born on 27 December. The first page is missing so I don't have the date of the News but this was found in the '1906 book'.)* Born to **Chas Casey** and wife on 27 December 1906, a girl.

Born to **Alfred Faulkner** and wife on 26 December 1906, a boy.

**Mrs. E C Wilson** died at her home in Macon on Saturday evening at 5:30. Funeral Monday – largest ever held in Macon. The death of **Mrs. Rose Cutler-Wilson**, which occurred at her home near Macon Saturday evening, 28 December 1907 *(Note: Says 1907, but it cannot be – absolutely sure the correct year is 1906)*. Her death cast a gloom over the entire community at Moweaqua, as well as Macon, for it was here that most of her life was spent, here she played as a child and developed into beautiful womanhood and every heart was touched with sympathy for the stricken ones from whose fireside the light has fled. Seldom has it been our duty to record so sad a death as this. She was of an affectionate disposition, bright and winning in her ways, so that friendship's circle was to her, a large one. Indeed, it may be said of her that none knew her but to love her. Her sickness was of short duration, lasting from eight o'clock in the morning until 5:30 PM of the same day. **Rosa Lee Wilson** was the daughter of **Hiram Alonzo** and **Sarah A Cutler**. She was born near Taylorville, Illinois, on 25 September 1881, and was, at the time of her death, 26 years, 2 months and 28 days old. She was the third of a family of five. At the age of eight she moved with her parents to Moweaqua where she attended the public school until the age of 18 years when she accepted a position as clerk in the post office which position she held for four years then she was appointed assistant post master, which she held for three years. She joined the Baptist Church at the age of

15 years and remained an active member until called to her reward. She was married to **Emanuel C Wilson** on 6 January 1907 *(Note: Again, it states 1907, however, other dates in the paper, same page, all say 1906, therefore, I consider this a typo-graphical error)*. The couple were married at Springfield, Illinois. She was seized with a convulsion at 8 o'clock Saturday morning from which she never recovered, dying in childbirth. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband, father, mother and two brothers, **Roy** and **Roscoe Cutler** and a host of friends. Among us all she ranked always as a woman of culture, refinement, sympathy, a kind neighbor and a true friend. The mother and infant babe for which she gave her life were placed in the same casket and the funeral services were held at the Macon M E Church at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon, conducted by Rev **Jo B Rogers** of Quincy, Illinois, and assisted by ministers from Moweaqua. Pallbearers were **John Myers**, **Harley Gregory**, **Posey L Drew**, all of Moweaqua, **Ora Daggett**, **Karl Hoover** and **Fred Towson** of Macon. Interment was in Macon Cemetery. It was the largest funeral ever held in Macon, there being over 700 people in the Church. *Card of thanks:* To those who have been with us in our bereavement and by kind words and kindly acts have tried to lessen our sorrow and to those who so deftly wove together the beautiful flowers, we extend our sincere thanks. *Signed:* **E C Wilson**, **Cutler** and **Wilson** families. Mr. **Wilson** will make his home with his parents, and the **News** is

authorized by Mr. and Mrs. **Wilson** to say that friends at Moweaqua or elsewhere will always be welcome at the **Wilson** home.

Cards were issued last week announcing the coming wedding of Clifford B Parker to Miss **Ona Mae Cheatham**, both of this city, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **T G Cheatham** at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, 8 January 1907.

*(Note: Part of this obituary is missing. I copied verbatim and extracted what I could. Most of it I could figure out, however, where it was unreadable or missing, I have inserted '....')* **Robert A Patton** died at his home in Decatur at 11 o'clock Thursday night after a brief illness from pneumonia and complications. In Big Valley, Pennsylvania, 65 years ago, **Robert A Patton** was born, and his boyhood days were spent there. He was given excellent advantages to obtain a good practical education and gained his first knowledge of books at home and in the local district schools. Later he became a student at Kishaco.... Quillas Seminary where he pursued.... thorough course of study which gave him a good training as a teacher. He entered the ranks of that profession in 1861, and the ensuing 12 years devoted the greater part of his time to that vocation. In 1870 Mr. **Patton** made a new departure, leaving his native state to settle in Illinois, giving his attention to farming in Flat Branch township where he bought forty acres of land. He did not wholly abandon the profession of teaching, however, but was part of the time employed in teaching as well as in cultivating soil. For several years he taught school in Moweaqua, but in 1873 he quit teaching and entered the drug business with **B H McHenry**. After a few years he sold his interest and went into business for himself. Later he formed a partnership with Dr. **Godfrey**, and after several years, he sold his interest to his brother, **George**. In 1886 he removed to Prairie Home where he engaged in the mercantile business in connection with his farm until the summer of .... When he removed to Decatur, Illinois, to engage in the grocery business, conducting the Oakland Avenue store until a short time ago. Mr. **Patton** was first married to **Sa.... J Stine** of Mifflin Co, Pennsylvania, on November.... 1867. To this union were born seven children, four of which survive him, two having died in infancy and one daughter, Mrs. **Cora L Beck** died after reaching maturity. Mr. **Patton** was married the second time to Miss **Minnie Parker** at Nokomis, Illinois, on 14 November 1882. To these were born three children, two boys and one girl. He leaves to mourn his departure a wife, seven children, vis. Mrs. **May Sheffler** of Assumption, Mrs. **Lulu Beck** of Bethany, Mrs. **Edith Compton** of Findlay, **Robert S, Grover** and **Dada** of Decatur and **William** of Peoria, two step children, Mrs. **Nellie Van Horn** of Bunker Hill and **Clarence Parker** of Chicago. Also one sister, Mrs. **Dollie Knepp** of Belleville, Pennsylvania, and four brothers, **Will** of Belleville, Pennsylvania, **George** of California, **James** of New Lexington, Ohio, and **Allen** of Prairie Home, Illinois. He united with the Presbyterian Church many years ago and during his life was much devoted to his Church work. For many years he was superintendent of the Presbyterian Sunday School at Moweaqua and was a good, conscientious man, one whose education, character and business ability made him a decided acquisition of the citizenship of Shelby County. For many years, in him, the Democratic party of this County had one of the firmest and most sensible followers. In 1897 he was appointed postmaster at Prairie Home and no Post office in the County was better managed than the one under his charge. A short funeral service was held at the family residence on Saturday morning by Rev **Penhallegon**, after which the body was brought to Moweaqua where the funeral service proper was conducted at the Presbyterian Church. Rev **Mason** of Prairie Home officiated. The services were under the auspices of the Masonic order of which the deceased was an honored member. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery.

One of the prettiest social events of the season was the marriage of Mr. **Harry A Fleck** of Chicago and Miss **Helen Aydelott** of Moweaqua which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J P Aydelott** at 9:30 o'clock on Thursday morning in the presence of fifty guests—most of them intimate associates of the bride. A beautiful ring ceremony was performed by Rev **A B Peck** assisted by Rev **Walter Whallon** of Altoona, Pennsylvania. The couple stood under a decorated arch in the parlor, and the house was tastefully decorated in Christmas greens and scarlet. The color scheme produced a very pleasing effect and the arrangements and decorations were complete in every detail. Before Mrs. **Kilborn** announced the time of the ceremony by the time honored Lohengrin's wedding march, Mrs. **R W Snyder** gave several piano selections and Mrs. **W L Whallon** sang a few songs that were old favorites of the bride. The bride's gown was a very simple one of Persian lawn with trimmings of exquisite embroidery. She carried a very graceful shower bouquet of white hyacinths and asparagus ferns. The groom wore the conventional black. After the ceremony an elegant wedding breakfast was served in the spacious dining room and the room and tables were tastefully decorated. The bride is one of Moweaqua's charming girls who has developed from childhood into mature and noble womanhood here in our midst, and whose many excellent traits and characteristics are fully recognized and appreciated by a large circle of loving friends. She is a graduate of the Cincinnati and St Louis conservatories of music and has for years been one of Moweaqua's society leaders. The groom is a bright young man, well known to the people of this community and is a graduate of a Chicago law school and has recently been admitted to the bar for the practice of law. At present he has a splendid position as bookkeeper for **Fuller and Fuller**, wholesale druggists in Chicago. The happy couple left on the 11:38 train for Chicago where a cozy little home, all fitted up, awaits their arrival.

A pretty home wedding occurred at the home of **Jacob Longenbaugh** near Yantisville on Monday evening, 24 December 1906, at 5:30 o'clock. The contracting parties were their daughter, Miss **Mabel Longenbaugh** and Mr. **Edward Cole**. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** of the Locust Grove U B Church officiated. The house was tastefully and appropriately decorated with potted plants, holly and carnations, the evening was all the most fastidious could desire and the forty relatives and friends added their cheer to the occasion and their most sincere congratulations. Immediately following the ceremony the friends were ushered to the dining room where an elegant wedding feast was served. Mrs. **Josephine Cole** gave them a reception dinner on Tuesday. These young people have taken upon themselves the responsibilities and obligations of married life, were born and have always lived in the vicinity of Yantisville. The groom is a thoughtful, unassuming and industrious young farmer. The bride is a modest and amiable young lady and they are both esteemed and respected by all who know them.

**Leonard T Coultas** and **Eva Cassidy** both living southeast of Moweaqua were united in marriage on Wednesday at 11 o'clock AM at the Christian Church in the presence of a large company of relatives and friends. Rev **A R Spicer** spoke the words that joined together the young couple. The wedding party entered the Church to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin's and passed out to the music of Mendelssohn's march played by Miss **Pearl Kirk**. They left on the 11:38 train for Winchester, Illinois, where a reception will be given them by the groom's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. **T W Tankersley**. After a three week's visit with relatives and friends at Jacksonville and Litchfield, they will return to a nice little home which has been fitted up for them south east of town. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, and is an industrious young man. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **T D Cassidy** and is an accomplished young lady. They are two of our best young people and are fine

Christian characters. Christmas will ever after have a double joy for Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse J Major** for them it will be the anniversary of their wedding day. In the presence of a small company of friends and relatives at the home of the bride's parents, Rev **C P Kirby** sealed the nuptial bonds, which made **Jesse J Major** and **Hattie F Highley**, husband and wife.

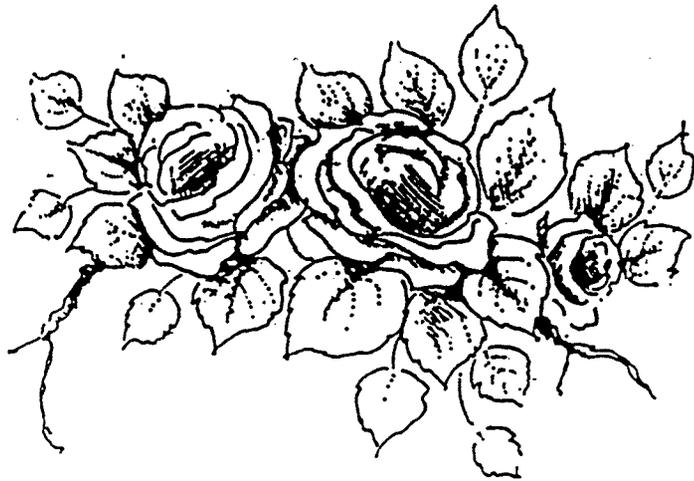
Immediately after the ceremony the company repaired to the dining room where amid much merriment all partook of a bounteous Christmas wedding dinner. The contracting young people are highly respected by all who know them. Nearly the whole of their lives have been spent in Moweaqua and the near vicinity. The happy young people will make their future home in Decatur.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Smock** on 23 December 1906, a daughter.

Fame news: Wedding invitations are out announcing the marriage of **Arthur Ellrich** and Miss **Cora Osborn** on Thursday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn**.

Mrs. **Homer Hott** died at Findlay on Tuesday of typhoid fever. She had been married about a year and a half. She leaves a husband and a baby less than a month old. The funeral took place at Findlay on Thursday. Interment was in the Wright Cemetery.

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## MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA

### VOLUME 6

Excerpts from *The Moweaqua News*:  
(formerly the Moweaqua Call-Mail)

\* 1907 \*

#### Wednesday, 2 January 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Note: This issue was missing. The first several weeks of this year were either missing or in extremely bad condition. The dates were only provided at the top of the page and if that portion was missing, there was no way to identify the issue. I have extracted all types of news I could gather from these partial pages.*

#### Wednesday, 9 January 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Note: This issue was missing in part. Some of the dates were missing from the newspaper because portions were missing. This issue was in extremely fragile condition. Extra care was given in the extraction of any information I could find for these weeks. Miss **Clara Farner** entertained about twenty-eight of her friends at her home Friday evening in honor of her fifteenth birthday. The evening was spent in playing games of various types.*

The funeral of **Dominic Cioni** was held here Monday afternoon under the auspices of the Miners Union and the Red Men. The interment was in the North Cemetery. Mr. **Cioni** came to this country when only a lad, and a few years ago came to Moweaqua where he worked in the mine. Not long ago, he moved to Blue Mound and was seriously hurt last Thursday while working in the mine there. He was taken to St Mary's Hospital in Decatur where he died. He was about thirty years of age.

**E C Wilson** of Macon and Miss **Rose Cutler** of Moweaqua were united in marriage Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Central Baptist Church in Springfield in the presence of a large audience. Rev **Jo B Rogers** in his usual, pleasant manner, spoke the words that joined together the young couple. The wedding party entered the Church to the strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin's and passed out to the music of Mendelssohn's march. The happy couple returned to Macon Sunday evening where a pretty home, located one-half mile south of that place awaited their arrival. The bride is one of Moweaqua's popular young ladies, modest kind and amiable by nature and an active member in the Baptist Church. In Moweaqua her life long home, she stands high in the esteem of all her acquaintances. She was for a number of years, associated with the post office and has proven herself to be a business lady. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Wilson** of Macon and is an energetic young farmer.

Attorney **James B Abrams**, formerly of Taylorville, was arrested a couple of weeks ago at his home in Bellingham, Washington, for subornation of perjury. He is charged with trying to induce a witness in a case in which he is interested to swear falsely, and was held under a \$500 bond to answer to the charge. Mr. **Abrams** was the founder of the Fraternal Army of America, and was its head officer at the time it merged with the Royal circle. He is a gifted lawyer, being especially noted for his success in criminal cases and was one of the most brilliant speakers in

the recent campaign. He was nominated by the Republican Party at the direct primary election and was recently elected a member of the Washington legislature.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar O'Dell** on 3 January 1907, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John La Fief**, 3 January 1907, a boy.

Born to **Jack Robison** and wife on 1 January 1907, a girl at Prairie Home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Gregory**, a girl on 9 January 1907.

**Wednesday, 16 January 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

"**Grandmother Crowley**" as she was affectionately known to a wide circle of friends, passed peacefully away at twenty minutes after one o'clock Monday morning at her the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. **Ed Kuntz**, where she had been making her home for some time. Mrs. **Crowley** was 88 years of age and had spent all her long life in this neighborhood having been born in Coshocton County, Ohio. She was a woman venerated by all who knew her. Her death was caused by the infirmities of age but was undoubtedly hastened only a broken leg which she suffered as the result of a fall a few weeks ago. The funeral services will be held from Mrs. **Kuntz'** home Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment will be made in Oak Ridge Cemetery. Rev **Irvin** will be the officiating minister. **Walter Humphrey**, a brother of the deceased will be here from Illinois to attend the funeral as will Mrs. **Amelia Lane** of Zanesville, a sister of Mrs. **Crowley's**. Another sister is Mrs. **Emma Price** of Michigan. (*Coshocton Daily Age, Coshocton County, Ohio*)

Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of Mr. **P L Drew** and Miss **Frances Cole**, which will take place at their new home, Thursday evening, 24 January 1907 at eight o'clock.

Last Monday about 11 o'clock in Decatur, occurred the marriage of Mr. **Harry Shellhaas** and Miss **Junie Allison**, Rev **J H Smart** of the Central Christian Church officiating. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Allison**, living about five miles southwest of town. She is a bright and intelligent young lady. The groom is an industrious young blacksmith who has been in the employ of Mr. **John Buchen** during the past year. They will make this city their future home.

Executor's notice on the settlement of the estate of **Philip P Ludwig**, deceased, which will be held 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in March next at the Shelby County Court House. Signed: **Philip G Ludwig**, Executor. Mr. **Ludwig** passed away on 22 November 1906.

**O H Brinker** received word last Wednesday of the death of his sister-in-law, Mrs. **Wm Brinker** of Goodland, Kansas.

Fame news: **James** and **Luther Osborn** went to Princeton, Illinois, on Sunday to attend the funeral of their niece, Mrs. **Minnie Kasbere**, a daughter of Rev and Mrs. **I T Haverfield**. She died of consumption at the home of her parents, having been afflicted since last July. She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband and one son, a babe just two months old, father, mother and five sisters.

Allenboro news: Miss **Ida Christopher** and **George Rarick** were married in St Louis on Wednesday.

Walker news: **Chas Hennes** attended the wedding of his cousin, Miss **Brown** at Hanson, Illinois, last week. Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Miller** attended the funeral of Mr. **Peters** at Macon on Sunday.

Rev **A R Spicer** officiated last week at the funeral of **H A Tapp**, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Oconee.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Bilyeu**, a son on 14 January 1907.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Johnson** on 14 January 1907, a son.

**Wednesday, 23 January 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**W T Davis** died Saturday afternoon about two o'clock at his home on East William Street, Decatur, after an illness of several months with uraemic poisoning. Mr. **Davis** moved from Indianapolis to Decatur about nineteen years ago. During the first six years of his residence in Decatur, he was an engineer in the I. D. & W. railroad. A few years ago he was employed as engineer at the electric light plant in Moweaqua. After serving in that capacity for a short time, he gave up the position and went back to Decatur and during the past two years has been employed by the Wabash Railroad Company. He was a member of the Order of Locomotive Engineers, of the Knights of Pythias, and the First Baptist Church of Decatur. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. **Mattie Davis**, and three daughters, Mrs. **W T Bowman** of this city, Mrs. **J J Weitz** and Mrs. **Mamie Davis** of Decatur. His age was 58 years, 8 mo and 19 days. The funeral was held Monday afternoon from the residence. Rev **S H Bowyer** of the First Baptist Church officiated. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **John Corba** died Monday afternoon. A short funeral service was held yesterday afternoon at the North Cemetery. Rev **F T Miller** of Pana officiating. A particularly sad death occurred at the home of Dr. **G E Lyon** at Obed, Saturday night about midnight, when, after a brief but very serious illness, the doctor's wife, Mrs. **Myra Lyon** succumbed to the relentless enemy of the race – death. She gave birth to a child on Friday morning and her condition was considered quite serious, but Saturday she seemed to be improving, and Saturday night she urged her attendants to take some rest. They were aroused about midnight by the noise she was making and found her in a convulsion and soon she expired. Dr. and Mrs. **Lyon** had recently moved into their new home at Obed, and she was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Her age was 24 years,

10 months and 17 days. The remains were taken to Findlay on Monday and from there to Toledo, Illinois, formerly the home of the deceased. The funeral was held on Tuesday, Rev **Berryhill** of the Presbyterian Church officiating. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** and **G H Jordan** accompanied the doctor and the corpse to Toledo.

Death of Mrs. **Lillie Wise** occurred at the home of Mr. **A Garrett** Friday evening about 4 o'clock, the cause being a cancer. She was the oldest daughter of **N T Campbell** of this city and was born 22 January 1873. She died at the age of 33 years, 11 months, and 26 days, passing away on Friday, 18 January 1873, just four days shy of her 34<sup>th</sup> birthday. In 1888, she was married to Mr. **Floyd French** and moved to Missouri. Mr. **French** was killed by a train in the year 1904, and in 1905, she was married to Mr. **Ira Wise**. The marriage did not prove to be a happy one, and she had not been living with him for some time. She leaves a father, one sister and one brother to mourn her departure. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon from Mr. **Garrett's** residence. Rev **C P Kirby** officiated. Interment was in the north Cemetery. Card of thanks for kind expressions of sympathy, which was so tenderly extended to us during the sickness of our daughter and sister, *Signed: N T Campbell, Ella Berry.*

Prairieon news: Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bilyeu** are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hemer** have a new boy, born 17 January 1907.

Mr. **Ned Tolson** received a telegram Saturday announcing that his brother, **A Tolson** died that morning at Shawneetown, Oklahoma. Mr. **Tolson** was a resident of Moweaqua about 25 years ago.

Estate holdings of **James O Housh**, deceased, will be held on 28 February 1907, at the front door of the Post Office in Moweaqua, Illinois. (*Property for sale listed, not copied in this book*). **J M Housh**, Executor.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hemer**, 17 January 1907, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **N Nalbach** have a new daughter born 16 January 1907.

Deputy Sheriff **J M Housh** and Constable **John Hudson** went to Decatur on Saturday after **John Russell** who was held there by the authorities awaiting their arrival. Mr. **Russell** was wanted here for wife desertion and was taken to Shelbyville and placed in the country jail to await the action of the court. We are informed that his family is in a very serious condition and are badly in need of help.

Wednesday, 30 January 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The death of Miss **Erma L Evans** occurred at the home of her father in Tower Hill, Illinois, Friday, 25 January. The cause of death was consumption. Her age was 24 years, 1 month and 23 days. The funeral services were held in this city from the Baptist Church on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **C P Kirby**, Pastor of the Church officiated. Interment was in the Jacobs Cemetery, northwest of town. Relatives out of town who attended the funeral were **John Barding** of Pana and Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Mitchell** of Blue Mound. Friends attending from Pana were Miss **Maude Kerr**, Miss **Pearl Whitesell**, Miss **Rolow**, Mr. **Ramire**, and Mr. **Coe**, Miss **Lulu Cameron** and Mrs. **M C Carter** of Tower Hill. **Erma L Evans** was born on 2 December 1882 at Tower Hill, Illinois, and she died at the same place on 25 January 1907. For several years she lived with her parents on their farm northwest of Moweaqua. In the year 1900 she was baptized into the fellowship of the Moweaqua Baptist Church and was a faithful member of the same at the time of her death. For over a year she has been suffering from that dreaded disease – consumption. Amid it all she endured patiently, and when at last she knew her departure was near, she calmly waited her Master's call, having the full assurance she was going to be with him. She leaves to mourn her departure, her father, Mr. **Henry Evans**, three sisters, Mrs. **Nellie Turnbull**, Mrs. **Leona Parish** and Mrs. **Jeanette Eagan**, and one brother, Mr. **Charles Evans**.

One of the most beautiful and unique weddings ever solemnized in this city was that which occurred last Thursday evening at 8 o'clock when in the presence of about sixty-five guests at their new home, Mr. **Posy L Drew** and Miss **Frances A Cole** accepted the solemn vows with made them husband and wife. The room was tastefully decorated with ferns, cut flowers and roses, and the color scheme was red and pink. The bride was beautifully attired in a dress of Persian Lawn and carried a bouquet of bridal roses. The groom wore the usual conventional black. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the guests showered sincere congratulations upon the happy couple after which refreshments were served by Misses **Della West**, **Jessie Stine**, **Louise Hudson** and **Lena Snyder**. The bride is a young lady of sterling worth and character and is loved by all who know her for her amiable disposition and industrious habits. She is very popular socially and enjoys the acquaintance of a wide circle of friends. The groom is one of the hustling young business men of this city who has won the respect and esteem of all with whom he has had any business connection. The bride and groom are both active workers in the Church and Sunday school. Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. **Hamlin**, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Drew**,

Mrs. **Combs**, Miss **Lucy Hopkins**, all of Decatur, Miss **Mildred Scovil** of Pana, Mr. and Mrs. **E C Wilson** and Miss **Lena Draper** of Macon.

**Samuel N Peabody** died at the home of **C M Brooks** Tuesday morning about 11 o'clock. Death was consequent to old age. He had been very feeble for some time past and his demise was not unexpected. He was eighty-seven years old last Monday. Short funeral services will be held at the residence on Thursday morning at 8 o'clock. Rev **C P Kirby** officiating. Services will be held at the Old Stonington Baptist Church Thursday at 11 o'clock.

**Arthur W McKee**, the well-known ballplayer, formerly of Moweaqua was united in marriage with Miss **Clara Sanders** in Galena, at the bride's home on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Matlock** of that city. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends of the couple were present. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J L Sanders** of Galena, and is prominent in social circles in that city. She met Mr. **McKee** while he was playing ball in Galena three years ago. Mr. **McKee** is a Moweaqua boy and is well known in central Illinois having played for several years both amateur and professional baseball in many cities throughout the state. He has signed with the Dubuque team for the coming season. He has not fully decided whether he will report for duty. Mr. and Mrs. **McKee** are now at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. **Sarah Hempel** in Decatur.

**Joshua Hudson, Sr.** died very suddenly at his home in the north part of town on Monday evening about 4 o'clock of heart failure. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church. Rev **R B Irwin** will officiate. The interment will be in the West Side Cemetery. **Joshua Hudson** was born on 8 April 1843 in Birmingham, England, and departed this life on 28 January 1907. He was aged 63 years, 9 months and 20 days at the time of his departure. He was a member of the English Episcopal Church and was baptized at Handsworth at Staffordshire, England. On the 21<sup>st</sup> day of May he was united in marriage with Miss **Ann Marie Bradshaw**. To this union seven children were born, all of whom are living. They are: **Joshua**, Mrs. **Wm (Anna) Henry** and **Frank** of this city, Mrs. **Jas (Elizabeth) Carwile** of Christopher, Illinois, **John** of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. **Clara Stout** in Minnesota, and **Charles H Hudson** at Devils Lake, North Dakota. He sailed for America in July 1886, but did not arrive here until March 1887, having been quarantined at Quebec. His family arrived here in May following his arrival in March. His wife died on 15 December 1889, and on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1893, he was united in marriage with Mrs. **Christian A Roane**. To this union one son, was born, who still survives. He is also survived by one brother, **Frank Hudson** in Philadelphia.

Judge **Calvin Green** made, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1907, notice given that **John Moll**, administrator of the estate of **Daniel Moll**, deceased, will report final settlement of the estate on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of February 1907.

The funeral of **Boston B Vance**, a well-known Stock Yards commission man, who died at his home in Chicago on last Friday, after a long illness, was held on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Golden Rule Lodge No 726, A F and A M. Mr. **Vance** was 76 years of age and was born in Martinsburg, Knox County, Ohio. He was a resident of Illinois for the past sixty-nine years and was a resident of Chicago since 1876. He had been a Mason for the past forty-five years, being a member of Temperance Lodge No. 16 of Vandalia, Illinois, as their oldest past master. Interment was at Mount Greenwood. Mr. **Vance** was well known to many of the older citizens where as a great stock raiser, being a

special friend of Mr. **Tom C Ponting** of Moweaqua. He never was known by an other name that as '**Vance**' here.

**Wednesday, 6 February 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Samuel N Peabody** whose death occurred in Moweaqua on Tuesday of last week was one of the second company which emigrated to Illinois from north Stonington, Connecticut, in 1839 and settled at Old Stonington, a few miles from the present town of Stonington. The party and that which preceded it in 1837 have become noted in the history of Christian, Macon and surrounding counties because many of the well to do families are descended from them. Mr. **Peabody** was one of the younger emigrants. Born in 1830, he was the youngest of a family of thirteen children. His father was Deacon **Samuel Peabody** of the Baptist Church and of the Peabody family, which was the prime mover in the Stonington colonization idea. Ten years after his arrival **Samuel N Peabody** became a deacon in the Old Stonington Baptist Church. In that capacity he served until his death. His funeral was held Thursday from the Church of which he was so long a member. Mr. **Peabody** joined the Church on his arrival at Old Stonington in 1839. Mr. **Peabody** married twice. His first wife was **Jane Marie Burnham**, whom he married in 1847. She died in 1856. In 1857 Mr. **Peabody** married **Marie A Parkus**, who survives him. No children are living. By diligent, hard work, Mr. **Peabody** accumulated a considerable amount of property. He leaves three hundred acres of excellent farm land near Stonington. Mr. **Peabody's** passing is especially regretted by members of the Old Stonington Church. He was one of its foremost workers and he stood an example of Christian manhood. In the existence of the Church more than one thousand members have been identified with it, a majority of them while Mr. **Peabody** was a leading spirit. He moved to Moweaqua in October 1904 and built a cozy little home on South Shelby Street where he has since lived. Mr. **Peabody** was a quiet, unassuming gentleman and was held in the highest esteem by all who knew him.

The body of Wm **Schumaker** was brought here for interment in the north Cemetery this morning. It will be remembered that Mr. **Schumaker** was killed in a runaway near Rolla, Missouri, last June. The family will make Moweaqua their future home.

Mrs. **Mattie Spence**, living about six miles east of Assumption with her son, **Edward Spence**, suffered a disastrous accident on Monday afternoon at about 5 o'clock, which considering its serious nature and her advanced age, it is feared will prove fatal. **Grandma Spence**, as she is familiarly known by all her friends, was passing the stove in the sitting room, when in some manner, her dress or apron caught fire. The stove is a wood burner, with a front draft door, and it is supposed that Mrs. **Spence** went to the stove to close the door, the draft drawing her garment into the stove, lighting it. Mrs. **Spence** attempted to smother out the flames, at the same time calling to her daughter-in-law, who hurried to her assistance, but the fire had gained such hold of the garments that the old lady was almost immediately enveloped in fire. Mrs. **Spence** then hurried her mother-in-law out on the back porch calling to Mr. **Spence** who was at the barn. He reached the house almost as soon as the two women reached the porch. Mr. **Spence**, catching his mother in his arms, flung her to the floor and smothered out the fire, but not before the old lady was fearfully burned. She was taken to the house in unconscious condition and a physician called. An examination showed that over half of the body was frightfully burned, the flesh in places being literally cooked. Everything that medical skill and careful nursing can do has since been done to relieve her sufferings, but she is in a critical condition and her death is expected at any moment. Mrs. **Spence** is about 70 years old. (*Assumption Tribune*)

*Later:* Mrs. **Spence** died Monday evening, 4 February 1907 at about 9:30 o'clock. The funeral was held from the Bethany Church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Love** officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery nearby. Mrs. **Spence** was a sister to our esteemed townsman, Mr. **Fred Snell** and was well known to many of our readers.

Mrs. **Valentine Winter** died at the home of her son, **Wesley Winter**, on Friday evening, 1 February 1907, of pneumonia. A funeral service was held on Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock from the residence and at 11 o'clock from the German M E Church. Rev **Engelbrecht** officiated. Interment was in the Cemetery near by. *Obit.* **Rosina Barbara Winter** was born 9 November 1839 in Basal, Switzerland, and she died 1 February 1907 at the age of 68 years, 2 months and 22 days. She came to America with her parents in the spring of 1853 and settled in Greene County, Illinois, at the age of 14 years. Speaking of her parents, she said, "*I had good parents who did their best to teach me to live a Christian life.*" She also said, "*I had good teachers in Basal and received much instruction for which I am very thankful.*" When she with her parents first came to this country, they felt lost on account of not being able to understand the English preaching until in 1856, Rev **Holtkamp** came from Calhoun County and preached in German. At the first German quarterly meeting, lead by Rev **Kuhl**, she and her mother joined the German M E Church. In August 1857, she said, "*We went to a camp meeting near Brighton where my parents and I were converted and father joined the Church.*" On the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1858, she married Mr. **Valentine Winter**. To this union were born nine children, five boys and four girls. One daughter preceded her parents at the age of 2 years. They lived in happy bonds of matrimony for forty-seven years, her husband dying on 2 September 1905. She was a Christian ever since her conversion. Her every day life proved her character to be in harmony with her testimonies and her faith in the living Son of God never wavered. She was always an active Church member and a living example of a follower of Jesus Christ. Knowing that she was to die, she left for her funeral service, a text which is found in *Rev. 7:16-17*, and five selected songs which were sung during the funeral service at her request. She leaves to mourn her departure, eight children five sons and three daughters, a number of grandchildren and a host of friends.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Minnie E Daniel** and **L LeRoy Smith**, both of McLeansboro, Illinois. Miss **Daniel** was employed in the millinery business here several years ago and has many friends here.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Valentine Winters** died at the home of her son on Friday evening of pneumonia and was buried on Sunday. Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss **Grace Gorden** and Mr. **Waters** on Tuesday, 12 February 1907, at high noon.

Fame news: **John Roach** of Ainsworth, Nebraska, was called to Taylorville last week to attend the funeral of his mother.

**Samuel Peabody's** will: The will of the late **Samuel Peabody** has been filed and **H A Peabody**, a nephew of the deceased was named Executor. The will was made on 15 October 1887 and gives all his possessions to his wife to be used and enjoyed by her during her natural life. At her death all real estate is to be sold and the net proceeds is to be given to the American Baptist Home Missionary Society and the American Baptist Home Missionary Union.

**Wm Mauzy** was called by telegram on Tuesday to the bedside of his uncle, **J H Henderson** at Petersburg who was thought to be dying.

**Wednesday, 13 February 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Albert Kautz**, Rear Admiral, U S Navy retired, is dead at Florence, Italy, according to a cablegram received yesterday by Professor **Eugene Wambaugh** of Harvard University, a brother-in-law of the officer. Rear Admiral **Kautz** was in the Navy forty years. (*Record Herald*). Mr. **Kautz** is a brother of our esteemed townsman, **George A Kautz**. At this time he has not received any word concerning the death of his brother.

At 8 o'clock Monday morning at Macon in the presence of a few friends occurred the marriage of **John Negrej** and Mrs. **Nellie Potsic**, both of Moweaqua. The ceremony was performed by Father **Lyons**. The happy couple returned on the 10 o'clock train and after visiting the photograph gallery they went to their home in the south part of town where an elaborate wedding feast was served.

It is with sorrow and regret that the friends of **John Hyde** learn of his death which occurred at his home near Villisca, Iowa, last Thursday, 7 February 1907. The cause of his death has not yet been learned. Mr. **Hyde** was well known here, having at one time owned and controlled a nice farm southeast of town, and a few years before, he moved to Iowa he was a citizen of Moweaqua.

The pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. **I E Gordon**, six miles northwest of Moweaqua, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Tuesday, 12 February at high noon. The contracting parties being their daughter, Miss **Grace Gordon** and **John Waters**. About 75 guests were present to witness the service and partake of the elegant wedding feast. Promptly at the appointed hour Miss **Hord** of Taylorville began playing the sweet strains of Gold Medal March as the young couple took their stand in the parlor where the mystic rites that made them man and wife were performed by Rev **A R Spicer**. Rev **Spicer** was assisted by Rev **Roughton**, the new Pastor of the Christian Church. The bride and groom were adorned in faultless taste and the ceremony was performed with usual simplicity and grace. After congratulations they were ushered into the dining room where an elaborate wedding feast was served. The rooms were tastefully and appropriately decorated with potted plants and cut flowers, the day and the event was all that the most fastidious could desire. No young lady in that vicinity is held in higher esteem than the bride. Of a generous, loving disposition, she perpetually casts rays of happy sunshine among the shadows of life wherever she goes. The groom is an earnest and practical young farmer. He is an exemplary and industrious young man whose success in life is practically assured. Both are highly esteemed by a large number of friends who wish them the best that life can offer. They will reside on a farm near Pawnee, Illinois. Those present from a distance were Miss **Hord** of Taylorville, Mr. and Mrs. **O J Austin** of Pana, **Chas Woodrum** of Louisburg, Kansas, and **Randal Gorden** of Decatur.

Mrs. **Martha Harriet Spence** was born on 19 June 1833 in Warren County, Ohio, and died on 4 February 1907 at her home six and one half miles northeast of Assumption. She was married to **William C Spence** in November 1853. Two children were born to them, **Edwin G Spence** and **Sallie B Spence**, the latter dying some twelve years ago, leaving one daughter. The deceased leaves to mourn her departure, her son and his wife, four grandchildren, two brothers, **Fred P Snell** of Moweaqua and **Daniel B Snell** of Kansas, also three sisters, Miss **Sarah Snell** and Mrs. **Mary Prall**, of Kansas and Mrs. **Euphenia Armstrong** of Assumption. She became a member of the M E Church when about fourteen years of age and lived a devoted member of that organization until she joined the Bethany Presbyterian Church, of which her husband was a member. She was an earnest Christian, a devoted wife and mother, and a good neighbor. Her husband preceded her to the better world ten years ago. Funeral services were held at the

Bethany Church Tuesday conducted by Rev **Love** after which the remains were laid to rest in the Church Cemetery.

The death of Mrs. **Joseph Lehman**, 535 Hendee Street, Elgin, marks the first fatality caused in Elgin by scarlet fever. Mrs. **Lehman** became ill through caring for her eldest son, **Joseph**. There are ten children in the family, eight of whom are still ill with the scarlet fever.

Dr **John M Skaggs**, a pioneer resident of Danvers, celebrated his eighty-first birthday by inviting his relatives to dinner. When the guests were all seated around the festive board each of ten children was surprised to find under his plate, \$50 in gold.

Frenzied by the sight of her baby girl drowning, Mrs. **Henry Walters** of Bloomington, plunged into a cistern to rescue the child and was unable to get out again. A neighbor happened to discover her and the imprisoned woman was released.

Yantisville: **J W Reed** and family attended the funeral of **Grandma Spence** on Tuesday.

Fame: A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Osborn** on 10 February 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clarence Snell** on 7 February 1907, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm E Brown** on 1 February 1907, a boy.

Obed: Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Tolly** are the proud parents of a fine boy who arrived on Tuesday, 5 February 1907.

Elm Grove news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Keilman** on Friday morning, a fine boy.

**Wm Mauzy** attended the funeral of his uncle **J H Henderson** at Petersburg, Illinois, last Wednesday. Mr. **Henderson** was 85 years old and was for 32 years, Deputy Sheriff of Menard County.

### Wednesday, 20 February 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The funeral of **I N Corrington Sr.**, whose death occurred in Jacksonville last Wednesday evening was held from the family residence last Saturday at 10:30 o'clock. Rev **A B Peck** preached the funeral sermon. There was a large concourse of relatives and friends present to witness the last solemn services over the remains of a true and tried neighbor friend and citizen. The funeral services were under the auspices of the Masonic order of which the deceased was a member. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery. Mr. **Corrington** had been in poor health for several years and his death was due to infirmities of old age. He was a man ever devoted to his family, a loving father and husband, a man always kind and cordial, with a cheerful smile and a warm grasp for all. "God touched him and he slept", the poet wrote. So may we say of his life, 'he sleeps'. **Isaac Newton Corrington, Sr.** was born in Green Co, Illinois, on 2 June 1836, and he died at Jacksonville, Illinois on 13 February 1907, aged 70 years, 8 months and 11 days. He was married to Miss **Sarah Moore** on 1 March 1858. Three children were born to them, two of whom are now living, **W E Corrington** of Moweaqua and **J E Corrington** of Decatur, the other having died in infancy. The mother of these children being dead, Mr. **Corrington** was again married to Mrs. **Mary Dunn** on 3 December 1865. To this union were born five children, four of whom are now living, **J G Corrington** of Moweaqua, **A F Corrington** of Coffeerville, Kansas, **N E Corrington** of Blue Mound and **Charles Corrington** of Moweaqua. In 1869 Mr. **Corrington** united with the M E Church and has ever since remained a member. He was a careful reader of his Bible and read it through several times. He served his country in the 61<sup>st</sup> Regiment of volunteers during the war of the rebellion. In Mr. **Corrington**, his family found an affectionate and indulgent husband and father, his neighbors a hospitable, jovial and kind friend. He never considered anything he might do to lighten ones burdens or cares as irksome to himself. He loved to do good. He was a big hearted man. In the fall of 1880 he came to

Moweaqua with his family and has since had his home in our midst. When Mr. **Corrington's** health failed a few years ago, Moweaqua lost one of her active businessmen as he had been engaged almost continuously in various enterprises of the town and vicinity. He was a man of executive ability, a man of honor and integrity.

**Myron Curtis** died Tuesday morning at 4:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Homer Tolly** on South Water Street, Decatur. Mr. **Curtis** had been suffering from a complication of diseases but the immediate cause of his death was heart trouble. He was seventy years of age. The funeral will be held at the residence at 8 o'clock Thursday morning after which the body will be brought to Moweaqua for interment in the West Side Cemetery, arriving here on the 10 o'clock train. A short funeral service will be held at the grave.

A pretty home wedding took place Thursday, 14 February 1907, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hoffman** at Hoyleton. Their daughter, Miss **Susie Hoffman** and **Edwin J Ludwig** of Moweaqua, being the contracting parties. At three o'clock while the melodious strains of Lohengrin's bridal march played by Miss **Ruth Ludwig**, a niece of the groom, floated through the home, the bridal party slowly marched to the decorated parlor and took their place under a beautiful canopy, standing beneath a bridal bell. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Theo Ludwig** of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, a brother of the groom, and Rev **F D Rademacher**, who impressively solemnized the event that binds together while life shall last, two most esteemed young people. The bride was attired in white and carried a lovely bouquet of ferns and carnations. She is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hoffman** of Hoyleton, Illinois, and has been an earnest and faithful Church worker for many years, and by her loving and kind disposition has won a host of friends who will regret to see her leave. The groom is the youngest son of Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and is an energetic and prosperous young farmer. He is from one of the best families in this community and is considered one of the substantial and coming young men of the County, who will make his mark as a worthy son of honorable parents. After the congratulations of their many relatives and friends a delicious wedding supper was served to the guests, numbering about sixty-five. Those attending from a distance were: Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and daughter, **Emma**, Misses **Ruth Ludwig**, **Bertha Fieker**, **Pearl Heitmeyer** and **Minnie Shuer** of Moweaqua, Illinois. The presents were many and lovely. On Friday evening, fifty friends of the bride and groom gave them a complete surprise at the home of the bride's parents. After the minister, Rev Rademacher gave a short address, suitable for the occasion, games were indulged in and much merriment reigned throughout the evening, after which refreshments were served. At a late hour the guests departed wishing the bridal couple a happy and blessed journey through life. Mr. and Mrs. **Ludwig** returned to Moweaqua on Monday. A reception is held today at the home of Mrs. **P P Ludwig**. They will reside on the home place south east of town. Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the U B parsonage of Locust Grove, Rev **I W Longenbaugh** united Mr. **Wesley Warner** and Miss **Myrtle Pontius** in the holy bond of matrimony. The only guests present were **Standley Pontius**, a brother of the bride, and Miss **Cora Donnel**. While the wedding was not wholly unexpected, yet so quiet had the affair been kept, that the most intimate friends of the young couple knew absolutely nothing of the event until the ceremony had been performed. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Pontius** and is a young lady of sterling worth and character. From a little girl she has grown up in our community and is honored by old and young alike. She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she will go to reign as queen in her own home. The groom is a stranger to us, but judging from what the bride is worthy of, he is a good and noble young man. The young couple will reside on a farm near Westervelt.

Flat Branch: **Leonard Coultas** and wife have returned from their wedding trip and will shortly settle down to prosaic (?) wedded life. (Note: Copied as written)

Flat Branch: Several of the neighbors of **Elmer Funk** visited him Sunday and reminded him that people never get too old to have birthdays.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wesley Winter** of Fame have a new son, born 14 February 1907.

**C B Friedley** returned Friday evening from Attica, Ohio, where they had been attending the funeral of two of his aunts, Mrs. **Hunt** and Mrs. **Link**.

**John E Hyde**, a veteran of the Civil War and a man well-known and highly respected in this community, died at his home in Vallisca last Thursday morning at half past ten o'clock, death being due to a stroke of paralysis which the deceased incurred about a week before. He was sixty years and three months old. Mr. **John Hyde** was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 7 November 1846. In 1866 he was married to Miss **Harriet Hurst**, a Perry County girl, and to that union ten children were born, four of whom died in infancy. In 1870, Mr. and Mrs. **Hyde** moved to Illinois, coming to Montgomery County in 1891, settling two miles northwest of this city. Later they moved to Vallisca where they continued to make their home. Mr. **Hyde** enlisted for service in the War of the Rebellion with Company D of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Regiment of Indiana Volunteers Infantry, being injured shortly afterwards in an attack made upon the train in which his company was being transferred and taken to the hospital at Nashville, Tennessee, where he was under treatment six months. After his recovery he re-enlisted with the Eleventh Indiana Cavalry serving until the close of the war. He united with the Baptist Church in Perry County when twelve years of age, but after coming to this locality changed his membership into the Methodist. Rev **Redburn** being Pastor of the M E Church at that time, 29 April 1894. Mr. **Hyde** had been in poor health for several years prior to his demise, but his last serious illness was comparatively short. He had often expressed the wish to his family that he might die without much suffering and his wish was granted for he slept most of the time that he was confined to his bed. His death is the source of much sorrow among friends and relatives who loved and respected him and will cherish his memory for as long as they live. Those of the immediate family who survive him are: His wife, four sons, **Volney** of New Market, **Elmer**, **Robert** and **Stanley** of Vallisca, and two daughters, Mrs. **Harry Hall** and Miss **Daisy Hyde** of Vallisca. Besides these, he has one brother and two sisters living: **Ira B Hyde** of Decatur, Illinois, and Mrs. **Kate Corry** of Cedar, Kansas, and Mrs. **Sallie Landman** of Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. **Curry** and son **James** and grandson **Lester** and **Volney Hyde** were present at the funeral which was held on Sunday afternoon from the Methodist Church under the administration of Rev **Vedder**. Interment was in the Vallisca Cemetery. (*Vallisca Review*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Ahl** in Richmond, Indiana, a son born 15 February 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Pratt** have a new son born 17 February 1907.

**C F Rice** attended the funeral of his cousin, Miss **Edith Odell** at Enfield last Thursday. Miss **Odell** died in Springfield of typhoid fever.

### Wednesday, 27 February 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Myron Curtis** was born in Madina County, Ohio, on 20 February 1837 and died in Decatur, Illinois, on 19 February 1907, aged 70 years, passing beyond just one day before his birthday.

He was a son of **Enos** and **Mary Curtis**, natives of Vermont. From the age of twelve years he encountered the difficulties of life alone and unaided, being the support of his mother. Mr.

**Curtis** came to Moweaqua in 1852. He enlisted in the Civil War in October 1864 in Co E of the 41<sup>st</sup> Ohio Infantry, Col **Pugh** in command. He was afterward placed under the command of

General **Culbert** and had active service in the battles of Ft Donnelson, Shiloh, Vicksburg, Nashville, and Atlanta, serving for three years. He entered as a Private and was offered a First Lieutenant's commission, but he declined the offer. He was fortunate to escape without a wound and received an honorable discharge at Chattanooga, Tennessee, in October 1864, and was very proud of his war record. He was united in marriage to Miss **Sarah Daughtry**, October 1865. To this union were born three children, **James** of Moweaqua, **Fred** and Mrs. **Homer Tolly** of Decatur, all of whom survive him. He is also survived by one sister, Mrs. **Permelia Kirkman** of Decatur. He was a member of the Christian Church west of town. Mr. **Curtis** was a devoted husband and a kind and indulgent father, to his sister, a tender brother, to his friends, the soul of fellowship. But the greatest of all, he was a man. And as a man it is that those who knew him best most love to contemplate him. He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. The body was brought here from Decatur on the 10 o'clock train and was followed to the West Side Cemetery where a short funeral service was held. Rev **R B Irwin** officiated and paying a beautiful tribute to the memory of the deceased. The casket was covered with beautiful floral designs, all of which spoke of peace, purity and immortality.

The marriage of Miss **Maude Combs** and Mr. **Orin Herbert** will occur at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **E B Combs** near Macon this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The bride is an accomplished young lady and has a wide circle of friends in the community in which she lives. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Oliver Herbert**, who live northeast of Moweaqua, and is an industrious young farmer. He has a nice home prepared for his bride to which they will remove immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. **A J Combs** and son, **Dale**, of this city will attend the wedding.

*Active at 76.* While making a professional call at the home of **Isom Adams, Jr.**, southeast of Blue Mound, one day last week, Dr. **Matthew** met **Isom Adams, Sr.** and gives us the following information about this successful farmer. Mr. **Adams** is 76 years of age and settled on the farm he now lives on fifty-seven years ago. He is the father of fourteen children, and has sixty-five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He owns 800 acres of land and has had a busy, active life. Three years ago, Mr. **Adams** suffered the loss of a foot, but even that and his advanced years did not stop his activity, and perched upon a gang plow, he plowed many acres of land last year. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Mrs. **T J Gorden** of Prairieton Township sold \$209.67 worth of chickens to **W H Silver** one day last week. During the winter previous to this time she has sold \$121 worth of chickens besides \$10 or \$12 worth of turkeys, making a total of \$330.67 for chickens alone. Mrs. **Gorden** has one of the finest poultry yards in Central Illinois and raises the light brama. She keeps nothing but the pure breed and has recently received five choice cockerels from Iowa.

Elm Grove: Last Tuesday being **J E Wagner's** birthday, a few of the relatives came in and spent the day in social conversation. An elegant dinner was served.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E C Conard** on 25 February 1907, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Smith** of Memphis, Tennessee, a son on 14 February 1907. Mrs. **Smith** was formerly Miss **Louisa Day**, daughter of Capt **Thos Day** who was well-known here.

Prairieton: Mrs. **Clark Bowersock** died at her home on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. She leaves to mourn her departure a husband and three children, a babe a few days old. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Smith**, a son, born 22 February 1907.

A charivari party called on Mr. and Mrs. **Leonard Coultas** last Tuesday night at their new home southeast of town. The crowd was invited in and a pleasant evening was spent.

Administrators notice of final settlement: Estate of **William Wempen, Sr.**, deceased, notice was made that on 15 March 1907, at the courthouse in Shelbyville, the administrators, **Eddie Wempen** and **Frank Wooters**, Administrators of the estate, will make final settlement. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred Burgener**, a son on 26 February 1907.

**Wednesday, 6 March 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Jas Murray** died at her home ten miles southeast of Moweaqua on Tuesday about 11 o'clock AM of pneumonia, aged 28 years. She had been sick only a few days and leaves to mourn her departure, a husband, five small children and a host of friends. All the care and love that skilled physicians and kind friends could devise and apply for her comfort and assistance were brought in to play, but the decree of Him who rules our incomings and outgoings had been issued and after a brief struggle, despite the prayers and entreaties of all who knew and loved her, their appeals were ruled and the sufferer's spirit took its flight to that home the Christian believes is the fulfillment of his everlasting. The funeral services are being held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Little Flock Church. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** officiated; interment will be in the Cemetery near by.

**Grandma Angel** came over from Jacksonville to attend the funeral of little **Alvin Pinkston** and spend a few days with relatives here.

The death of **Alvin Ernest Pinkston**, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. **A F Pinkston** occurred at the home of the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** on Friday night, 1 March 1907, at 11:40 o'clock after a brief illness of lung fever. His age was one year and eight days. Little **Alvin's** life in the home was so calm and sweet, bearing in it the glory of a dear Savior whose words have proved a consolation to many a wounded heart when he said, "*Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven.*" In the loss of this darling babe, Earth has lost some of its cheer, but Heaven has gained a jewel. The prattle of his little feet and the merry sound of his voice will be heard no more in the home, but the still, sweet voice from above, calling us to a purer and nobler life may be heard so that when our work for the Master is complete, we shall enjoy a blessed eternity in Heaven. Services were held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Locust Grove Church. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** conducted the services. Pallbearers were **Guy** and **Howard Bridgman, Claude Shride** and **Guy**

**Longenbaugh**, cousins of the babe. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful, a beautiful design coming from the Standard Oil Co by whom Mr. **Pinkston** is employed, one from friends in Jacksonville, one from the Royal Neighbors and one from the U B Sunday School where the little one was enrolled as a member. Interment was in the Cemetery nearby. **Fred Foster** of Joliet, after weeping over the grave of his sweetheart, **Estelle Costello** at Mount Olive Cemetery, committed suicide by taking poison. **Foster** had placed a picture of Miss **Costello** on the grave. The young woman died about a month ago from blood poisoning. **Foster** formerly resided at Rockford.

Virginia news: **Harold Webster**, 18 years of age and Miss **Cora Fiedler**, 16 years of age were married at the bride's home here. They are the youngest couple to be married here in 40 years. The public auction of the seventeen acres of land laying west of town belonging to the **J O Housh** estate was sold to the highest bidder, **E Prescott** for the consideration of \$1,275.

Mrs. **Thos McDonald** of Shelbyville, Illinois, was agreeably surprised on Sunday last when a number of relatives called at her home to remind her that she had a birthday to celebrate, it being her 66<sup>th</sup> birthday. Those present from here were Mr. and Mrs. **N E Smith** and daughter, **Grace**. After a luxurious spread, which was prepared and brought by her children, and a pleasant chat,

each departed to their respective homes wishing their mother and relative many more pleasant birthdays.

Mrs. **Wm Morris** entertained a few friends at dinner Thursday in honor of Mrs. **Rebecca Hudson**, it being her birthday.

Fame news: **Adam Ellrich** went to Boody Friday to attend the funeral of his niece, Miss **Stella Hiemstead** who died of consumption.

**James Osborn** and family attended the funeral of **Frank Wright** of Bozeman, Montana, on Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church in Assumption. He died of cancer of the stomach at the home of his brother, **Charles Wright**, east of Assumption.

Yantisville news: Wednesday was **Adrian Rawlings'** birthday and several of his friends gave him a pleasant surprise.

**Thos Porter Sr.** is seriously ill at his home with lung fever. Owing to his advanced age and physical condition the chances for his recovery are not good.

Mrs. **H T Richardson** left this morning from Rockport, Indiana, where she was called on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. **McAdams**.

**Wednesday, 13 March 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The funeral of **John Alexander Dowie**, the great Zion Apostle whose death occurred Saturday morning at the Shiloh House, will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock in the Shiloh Tabernacle. The interment will be in Lake Mound Cemetery in the center of Zion where the First Apostle will find a resting place beside his daughter, **Esther** who died two years ago. All stores, factories and schools in Zion will be closed and the inhabitants, laying aside their factional differences for a few hours, will unite in final tribute to the man who was the founder of the Zion Church.

Mr. and Mrs. **J H Kirker** entertained twelve quests at an informal dinner on Saturday evening at seven o'clock, the occasion being the twenty-fifty anniversary of their marriage. Although it was not the intention that the silver wedding should be especially observed, the friends had remembered the date and surprised Mr. and Mrs. **Kirker** by bringing some beautiful silver gifts. The evening will long be remembered by those present as a wealth of good cheer and friendship as well as of tempting viands, prevailed.

The death of **Linnie Cross**, the little eight-year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. **John Cross**, occurred at their home east of Moweaqua on Tuesday about 1 o'clock PM, the cause being a congestive chill. The word of her death flew over the community as on the wings of wind. Where it touched it left sorrow and the expressions of sympathy for the bereaved ones are many and from the heart. **Linnie** was a bright, happy and cheerful little girl who carried sunshine wherever she went. Her death comes as a dark shadow to her friends and relatives who loved her dearly.

Death is a hard master. Services were held this morning at Macon, Rev **Robert Carson**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church officiating.

*A pioneer gone.* **Thomas Porter** died at his home in this city on Saturday evening, about 6 o'clock of pneumonia, at the age of 75 years. He was a man of generous impulses and never forgot the hospitable ways of the pioneers. He had born adversity bravely and enjoyed prosperity quietly. He had filled the various relations of life, a son, husband, father, brother and friend, and filled them well. Services were held at the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **A R Spicer** officiated. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were numerous and beautiful. Interment was in the Traugher Cemetery north west of Moweaqua. **Thomas Porter** was born in one of the early pioneer homes of Central Illinois on a farm fifteen miles southwest of Springfield on 14 April 1831. He departed this life at his home

in Moweaqua on 9 March 1907, being at the time of his death, 75 years, 10 months and 20 days old. He was next to the youngest of a family of twelve children, of whom three alone survive him. His father, **Henry Porter**, and his mother, **Nancy Bowles**, were natives of Maryland and came to this country in 1836 and resided on Lick Creek. He later removed to Christian County. **Thos Porter** the subject of this sketch was three years of age when he came to Christian County. He was married on 1 January 1857 to **Julia Ann Stombaugh**, and to this union, five children were born – **Mary Catharine**, wife of **John T Haslam**; **Eliza A**, wife of **George B Corrington**, **Sarah Isabelle**, wife of **Wesley Snell, Dudley**, who married **May Prescott** and **Ida G**, wife of **Eugene Harper**, all of whom survive him. Mr. **Porter** moved to the farm in Flat Branch Township where he resided sixteen years. He later purchased the farm near Moweaqua, which he has held to the present time. His wife proved to be a worthy helpmate, but on 15 March 1891, she was called to her Eternal home. She was a Christian in word and deed, being a devoted member of the Methodist Protestant Church. After a lapse of more than four years, Mr. **Porter** was again married to his present wife, **Sarah C Workman**, who has been to him a devoted and true companion. To this union two children were born, **Talmage** and **Maudie Pearle**, both children and his wife survive him. Mr. **Porter** was a life long member of the Methodist Protestant Church. About ten years ago he united with the Christian Church and took a very great interest in the Church work and loved the old Book and in its exceeding great and precious promises, found much comfort and inspiration. His faith grew stronger every day and it was with a calm and steadfast trust that he looked for the Master's coming.

**Thomas Baldwin**, who assaulted **Cora Eiseman** and killed the girl and her mother and two of their friends, near Bloomington, Illinois, has been pronounced hopelessly insane.

A contest is expected over the will of Mrs. **Isabelle Beecher Hooker**, sister of **Henry Ward Beecher**. Mrs. **Katherine Burton Powers** of Brookline, Massachusetts, granddaughter of Mrs. **Hooker** is expected to contest the will. The bulk of the estate which is estimated at about \$70,000 is given to the son of Mrs. **Hooker**, Dr. **Edward B Hooker** of Hartford, Mrs. **John C Day** of New York, daughter of Mrs. **Hooker**, receives "nothing" "because", according to the will, "she and her daughter are so amply provided for by the estate of her late husband."

Cards have been received in Fame by a number of the relatives and friends of Miss **Addie Osborn**, announcing her marriage to Mr. **Waldo Ramey**. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **R F Osborn** at Ainsworth, Nebraska, on 13 March 1907 at 7 o'clock.

**James Curtis** has been appointed administrator of the estate of **Myron Curtis** who died in Decatur on 19 February 1907.

**W G Colbert** attended the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. **George Colbert** last Thursday whose death occurred at her home near Sexton last Wednesday at the age of 88 years.

**A S Kazar** was called to Bloomington on Monday on account of the death of his mother, whose age was 81 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Kinney**, a boy on 7 March 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles S Rodman**, 13 March 1907, a son.

Word was received that **Grandpa Durham** died at the home of his sister at Rutlegedale, Pennsylvania, last Thursday. Mr. **Durham** was well-known here, having lived here for several years at the home of his son, Rev **E J Durham** while the latter was Pastor of the M E Church here.

**Wednesday, 20 March 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Samuel Workman**, an aged and highly respected citizen, died at his home six miles west of Moweaqua last Tuesday, the cause being paralysis. He had a stroke about two years ago and had been in a very helpless condition ever since, yet he bore his affliction without a word of complaint and when the end came, he was as peaceful as the close of a beautiful summer day, when daylight fades into night with increasing loveliness. His age was 74 years and 26 days. A short funeral service was held at the grave in the Hays Cemetery southwest of town. Mr. Workman was born in Weston County, Tennessee, 9 February 1833. He was united in marriage with **Isabel Kitchen**, on 17 September 1852. To this union were born seven children, two of whom preceded him to the better world. Those who survive him are **Isaac Workman** of Decatur, **J D Workman** and Mrs. **Sarah Adams** of Christian County, Mrs. **Nannie Ellrich** of Macon and Mrs. **Mary Austin** of Trowbridge, Michigan. He is also survived by sixteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, three half brothers and one half sister, Mrs. **John Millington** of this city, his wife dying on 23 November 1897. Mr. **Workman** had been a resident of Christian County for thirty-two years and was a great factor in that community for the betterment of humanity and the building up of the country. He joined Church at the age of twenty and was a devoted Christian at the time of his death.

Mr. **Henry Hays** was very pleasantly surprised when a number of his relatives and friends came in bringing their dinners to celebrate his sixty-sixth birthday, and as one who was there expressed it, 'They all got full!' About 11 o'clock Mr. **Hays** had been induced to go up town and when he returned he found the house filled with people and a sumptuous dinner awaiting his return. The dinner was greatly enjoyed and the afternoon was pleasantly spent in social conversation.

Mr. and Mrs. **H E Travis** gave a six o'clock dinner Thursday evening in honor of Mr. **Jas Shepherd's** birthday. The company numbered twelve and was very informal and merry. After a delicious turkey dinner had been enjoyed a birthday cake covered with lighted candles was placed before Mr. **Shepherd**, who took quick measures to prevent a count being made of the candles, but generously divided the cake among the guests. Mr. and Mrs. **Clure Turner** from Macon were present.

Allenboro news: This community was shocked by the sudden death of little **Linnie Cross** last week.

Prairie Home: The 16<sup>th</sup> being **Frank Coventry's** birthday, his wife planned a surprise for him, and about seventeen of his friends spent a pleasant evening with him.

Fame: Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Ellrich** celebrated their second wedding anniversary Saturday evening at their home on Walnut Row farm. Various amusements were indulged in. Dainty refreshments were served and at a late hour the guests departed wishing that Mr. and Mrs. **Ellrich** may have the pleasure of celebrating many more such occasions.

Elm Grove: The infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Tolly** was buried last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder** entertained at dinner Thursday, the families of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson**, Mrs. **Samuel Miller** and Mr. and Mrs. **A Gilliland** in honor of the latter's birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Anderson**, a son. (Note: As written - no date given)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S Segloski** on 18 March 1907, a daughter.

**Wednesday, 27 March 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Master **Roy Proctor** very happily observed his eighth birthday Saturday afternoon at his home in the east part of town. About a dozen of his young friends were invited to participate in the enjoyment of the occasion and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves as only children can. **Roy**

received many presents as mementos of the occasion. The guests departed wishing **Roy** many happy returns of the day.

The death of **Jas Murray** occurred at the home of **Wm Crossen** near Allenboro Saturday morning about 5 o'clock. For about three weeks, Mr. **Murray** had been afflicted with erysipelas of the throat and last Saturday he took a congestive chill, which caused his death. He was about 55 years old. He was born in Ireland and grew to manhood there, coming to America when he was twenty-one years of age. He lived the life of a bachelor and was one of nature's noblemen in the truest sense, brave, generous and manly. He leaves to mourn his departure, three sisters, Mrs. **Mulligan** east of town, Mrs. **Bantner** of Assumption, **Anna Murray** of Decatur, and one brother, **John** who resides in Kansas. Services were held on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the Catholic Church, Father **Lyons** officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery nearby.

Pleak: **Wm Bradley** and family and Miss **Tressie Witt** attended the funeral of **James Murray** at Macon on Sunday.

Mrs. **R M Keller** went to Dalton city today to attend the funeral of Mr. **Harvey Taylor** who was a special friend of the Keller family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Portwood**, a son on 23 March 1907.

#### Wednesday, 3 April 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

It is our painful duty to chronicle the death of Mrs. **Sarah M Orange** which took place on last Friday morning at the home one and one half miles north of town. Mrs. **Orange** was sick only twelve days from the time she took to her bed with what seemed at first to be a mild attack of the grippe, which, however, soon developed into a bad form of typhoid pneumonia. All that medical skill could suggest and everything that tender care could do was done for her. On Monday before she died, the disease began to assume a serious state in its development and from that time she rapidly failed until death ensued. **Sarah Margaret Snyder** was the daughter of **Valentine Sr.** and **Louisa Snyder**, born to them on 11 October 1864. She passed from this life on 29 March 1907, aged 42 years, 5 months and 18 days of age. In the year 1885 on 12 March, she was married to **Alonzo B Orange**. To Mr. and Mrs. **Orange** were born two children, **Leila L** and **Ralph S**, who with the father, survive the deceased. Besides these members of the family, Mrs. **Orange** leaves to mourn her loss three brothers, **George F Snyder** of Assumption, **William L** and **J E** of Moweaqua, one sister, **Emma E** and her father. The funeral services were held at the home Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **A B Peck** officiating at the services. Interment was in the Snyder Cemetery.

**Tobias Hatfield** and Miss **Lillian Truax**, both of this place, were quietly married at the Baptist Parsonage Sunday evening at 5 o'clock, Rev **C P Kirby** officiating. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C D Truax** of this city and is an estimable young lady with a large circle of friends. The groom is an employee at **B F Bramblett's** barn and is an energetic young man. Immediately after the ceremony the happy couple went to their home, the **Myers property**, which was already prepared for them.

Mr. **A H Dotson** was greatly surprised Sunday at his home west of town by a few of his friends who came to remind him of his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday. Mr. **John Tweedy** took him away from home and when he returned, his friends awaited him. An elaborate dinner was served, after which the afternoon was spent in music, singing and conversation.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Rosenbarger** on 28 March 1907, a son.

**L S Kilborn** and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Monday evening at their home on South Clinton Street, Marshall, Illinois. The home was decorated throughout in white and gold. In the dining room long festoons of yellow crepe paper hung in graceful curves from the center of the ceiling to the four corners of the room and the four corners of a table just beneath. The sitting room and parlor were decorated with like festoons and with potted plants. In the latter room a large wedding bell made of yellow crepe paper with a tulip for a clapper was suspended from the ceiling near the west window, which was banked around with potted plants. By a singular coincidence just 50 guests were present. At nine o'clock, Miss **Mable Lambdin** took her seat at the piano and began the wedding march from Lohengrin. Mr. and Mrs. **Kilborn** came down the stairway, dressed as bride and groom and took their places under the wedding bell. Their oldest son, Elder **J W Kilborn** then stepped in front of them and after a brief and touching introductory talk on the sacred character of the marriage relation and its inception in the Garden of Eden, followed by a few words concerning the long and pleasant life, the couple before him had led together, the united them again with the beautiful ring ceremony. Then after an uplifting prayer from Elder **Jones**, congratulations, numerous and hearty followed. To carry out the illusion of a real wedding, the grandchildren and grand nieces of Mr. and Mrs. **Kilborn**, to the number of seven, gave them a regular charivari, and then invited in, was treated to candy by the groom. Soon after, the guests were seated in the dining room and served with a two-course lunch. The last course was ice cream and cake, the cream bricks being large white hearts with small yellow hearts in the center. By the time lunch was over the midnight hour was drawing near, and the guests departed wishing the happy couple many more years. Mr. and Mrs. **Kilborn** received many lovely presents among them several gold pieces. Not the least valued was a solid gold ring and a massive silver basin from General **John T Wilder** and wife of Knoxville, Tennessee. Mr. and Mrs. **Kilborn** are parents of our former townsman, **E J Kilborn** and are well-known here.

Prairie-ton news: Mrs. **Joe Larsh** was called to Decatur Monday on account of the death of her brother-in-law.

Obed: Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Andricks** are the proud parents of a big boy born Sunday, 31 March 1907.

**J T Walker** received a telegram Saturday stating that his daughter-in-law, Mrs. **Lawson Walker** at Albany, Oregon, was dead. The particulars concerning her death have not yet been learned. Her maiden name was **Harriet Vickery** and she was well-known here.

Wednesday, 10 April 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

On Monday afternoon, 8 April 1907, at the home of Dr. **F D Pratz**, **Verne Yantis** entertained about thirty-five of his little friends at a party from two to four o'clock. The occasion being in honor of his sixth birthday. The time was spent in games after which dainty refreshments were served, and the little ones departed declaring it a delightful affair.

**Goldie Wempen** entertained about twenty-four of her little friends Friday evening, the occasion being her tenth birthday. Ice cream and cake were served. All returned home wishing Goldie many more happy birthdays.

*An Oregon Letter.* **J T Walker** received the following letter from his son, **L L Walker** of Albany, Oregon written by Rev McDougall, Pastor of the M E Church at that place concerning the death of **Harriet Vickery Walker**. We sent a message to you this morning announcing the death of **Harriet**. The immediate cause of her death was typhoid fever. She was sick only eight days and suffered greatly most of the time, yet at no time during her sickness did we expect but

that she would recover. The end came very peaceful indeed. The baby is doing nicely. The birth of the child in no way had anything to do immediately with the cause of **Harriet's** death. She did well for quite a little time afterwards, but for some cause unknown as yet, she was taken with a severe attack of typhoid fever which soon resulted in her death. The grief is almost more than **Bro Walker** can bear. Only the grace of God can sustain him. The friends are kind and many are doing all they can for them in the sad affliction. *Signed: Rev McDougall.*

Prairie Home news: Mr. and Mrs. **J H Baird** were pleasantly surprised Friday evening when about forty of their friends went to their home to remind them of the twenty-fourth anniversary of their marriage. Refreshments were served and a pleasant evening was spent.

Genoa: Twins, 80 years of age celebrated their birthday in Genoa on 29 March 1907 at one of the most unique parties in the history of the state. All of the guests were more than 60 years of age and not one was suffering from any of the disabilities that come with age. Several were older than the twins themselves, one of them being in her ninetieth year. The celebrants were Mrs. **Mary Mettler** and Mrs. **Susan Churchill**. Among the guests were Mrs. **Martha McDowell**, 85 years of age, Belvidere, Illinois, and Mrs. **Nancy Churchill**, 90 years of age, Fairdale, Illinois, who are sisters of the twins.

Mrs. **Gertrude Smith**, who fought to recover for the death of her husband, **George Smith**, received a verdict for \$10,000 damages, one of the largest ever entered in a similar proceeding in Sangamon County, Springfield. **George Smith** was employed as an engineer on the C. P. and St. L. Line. He was killed in a wreck near Alton in October 1905. Her attorneys alleged that the men in charge of the train that collided with the one that Smith was running were incompetent. The verdict is the maximum the State of Illinois will allow by law.

**W H Taylor**, a well-known resident of Dalton City, died at his home from blood poisoning following the removal of a tooth. For 25 years, Mr. **Taylor** has been in the lumber and implement business in Dalton City. He was a prominent member of both the Modern Woodmen and of the Odd Fellows.

Metropolis: Capt **Millard McCawley**, for years a prominent river man, was shot and killed at Brookport by **Daly Crouch**, his stepson. **McCawley** had whipped his wife and went to **Crouch's** house and entered it forcibly, afterwards making trouble when **Crouch** shot him. **Snyder and Hurst** will open a meat market next Saturday in the building just north of **J L Buchen's** blacksmith shop.

#### Wednesday, 17 April 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Maria Peabody**, widow of the late **Samuel N Peabody** who died in this city about two months ago, leaving a large amount of property to the Baptist Missionary Societies, has renounced the will made by her husband and has asked for her legal share of the estate. Under the provisions of Mr. **Peabody's** will, all of his possessions were left to his wife, but she was not to sell any of the property. At the death of Mrs. **Peabody**, the will stipulates that the American Baptist Missionary Union shall come into possession of the entire estate, share and share alike. The estate is valued at \$25,000.

Mrs. **Clyde Hight** entertained a few friends at her home about four miles southeast of Moweaqua on Thursday, 11 April 1907, in honor of her husband's twenty-fifty birthday. A very sumptuous dinner was served and all had a delightful time. The guests present were Mr. and Mrs. **T C Ponting**, Mr. and Mrs. **J Wheeler Adams**, Mr. and Mrs. **C F Johnson**, Mr. and Mrs. **R W Snyder** and Mr. and Mrs. **W R Snyder**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ross Richhart** entertained a party of twenty-two friends at dinner Sunday at their home on 852 North Pine Street, Decatur. The occasion was the twenty-fourth birthday of Mr. **Richhart**.

Yantisville. Mrs. **Jacob Longenbaugh** and Mrs. **W H Downs** of Shelbyville left one day last week for Lancaster, Ohio, to visit their sister, Mrs. **Bruner** who is very ill and not expected to long survive. Mrs. **Bruner** is about 78 years old, being the oldest sister.

Fame: Mrs. **W Fathauer** and Mrs. **Fred Schnackle** planned a surprise birthday dinner on their mother, Mrs. **Jostes**, Sunday it being her 69<sup>th</sup> anniversary. At the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Schnackle**, an elegant dinner was served. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Joster** of Macon, **C H Mauzy** and wife, Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and daughter, **Emma**, **W Fathauer** and family and **Herman Fathauer**. A splendid time was had by all.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Sims**, a daughter, born 13 April 1907.

After being divorced for eight years, **James F Boone** aged 60 years, and Mrs. **Juliette Boone**, aged 45 years; both of Decatur were remarried in Havana.

The funeral of Judge **Wilkin** was held Saturday morning at ten o'clock. The body was taken to Marshall, Illinois, for interment.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bridgman** on 15 April 1907, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 24 April 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of Miss **May Tolson** of Moweaqua and **Wm T Durham** of Chicago will be solemnized this afternoon at 4 o'clock at Mont Clare, Chicago, where Mr. **Durham** is employed in a manufacturing establishment as a carpenter. Miss **Tolson** is one of Moweaqua's most highly respected and accomplished young ladies. She taught for several years in the public school here and has, for the last five years, been an efficient clerk and cashier for **J T Haslam & Co**. Mr. **Durham** is a young man of sterling integrity and is well able to take care of the one whom he has chosen for his bride. They have a wide circle of friends here who wish them the best that life can give. They will make their home in Chicago. Mrs. **Wm F Corrington** entertained about forty ladies at her home in the north part of town on Monday evening to a miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss **May Tolson** who will soon become a bride. About 8 o'clock Miss **Tolson** went to Mrs. **Corrington's** home to spend the evening and on entering the parlor when the lights were turned on, she found the room filled with guests. The search of hearts commenced in which Miss **Rosella Thomas** was successful in finding the double heart. Recipes were written for the bride-elect, delicious refreshments were served and the affair closed very happily by giving the bride to be a wheelbarrow ride around the block. Miss **Tolson** was handsomely remembered by her friends, receiving many beautiful and useful presents.

Mrs. **R E Wetzel** delightfully entertained several friends and relatives at a 12 o'clock dinner Sunday in honor of her husband's forty-second birthday. It was a complete surprise to Mr. **Wetzel** but he soon recovered sufficiently to welcome his guests in his usual hearty manner. At noon a delicious two-course dinner was served, prepared by Mrs. **Wetzel's** skilled hands. The afternoon passed all too quickly with music and conversation. The guests declared it had been a delightful day and wished him many more such anniversaries. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. **T E Crist** of New Orleans, **Stephen Brooks** and family of Shelbyville, **Warren Perrine** and family of Blue Mound, **C A Dickey** and family of Assumption, Mr. **Porter** of Decatur and **J R Davis** and family.

The marriage of Dr. **B F Hudson** and Mrs. **Gertrude Washington** occurred in Chicago Saturday evening, 20 April 1907, at the home of **H A Fleck**. The bride and groom returned home Sunday

night and have settled down to housekeeping in a cozy little home which was already prepared in the north part of town.

A pretty romance of the aged developed in Knox County when Rev **Calvin Gibbs**, aged 70, and Mrs. **Almira McTaggart**, aged 69, were married. Fifty years ago the groom married the sister of the bride, the latter acting as bridesmaid on that occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. **D H Fickess** went to Forsythe Friday to attend the funeral of the latter's sister, Miss **Emma Gonterman**.

Pleak news: Mr. **Wylie Foor** and Miss **Mollie Bryson** were married at Shelbyville on Monday, 22 April 1907.

**Wednesday, 01 May 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

A farmer living five miles east of Moweaqua succumbs to pneumonia after two weeks siege. The death of **Charles Frailey** occurred at his home five miles east of Moweaqua Saturday about one o'clock. Mr. **Frailey** was sick about two weeks. He at first thought he was suffering from la grippe, and no physician was called for several days when it was found he was seriously sick with pneumonia. All medical skill could suggest and everything that tender care could, was done for him. On Tuesday before he died the disease began to assume a serious stage in its development, and from that time he rapidly failed until death ensued. The deceased was 56 years of age and grew to manhood near Herrick, Illinois. For several years he was engaged as a farm hand near Yantisville, and in 1895 he was united in marriage to Miss **Mollie Kost** of Herrick. To this union were born two children, both girls, who are now about eleven and eight years of age. The mother of these children being dead, he was again married to **Clara A Frost** on 8 August 1906, who, with the two children, father, mother and two brothers and one sister survive him. He was a man of excellent habits, and fine moral character. Among his neighbors he ranked always as a man of sympathy a kind neighbor, devoted father and a true friend and withal a man of heroic mould in bravery meeting the stern requirements and often the disappointments of life. His absence in the home will be a severe trial to the bereft ones, his solicitude for their welfare being ever foremost in his mind. He was a member of the M W A camp of Herrick, carrying a policy for \$2,000 with his two children as beneficiaries. A short funeral service was held at the family residence on Sunday afternoon. Rev **Clark**, Pastor of the Sanner Chapel Church officiated after which the body was taken to Herrick where the funeral service proper was held at 10 o'clock Monday morning. Interment was in the Antioch Cemetery near Herrick.

**Geo E Stocks**, a farmer near Dalton City was found dead in bed at his home early Sunday morning. He had been at Dalton City Saturday night, returning home about 10 o'clock. He was taken suddenly ill a short time after arriving at home, and a physician was called to attend him. He appeared to be greatly improved about 3 o'clock Sunday morning and went to sleep. His wife also went to sleep and when she awoke two hours later, she found her husband was dead. It is supposed his death was due to appendicitis as he has suffered considerably from that disease. His death was a great shock to his family and friends. Mr. **Stocks** was a son of Mr. and Mrs. **J R Stocks** of Decatur. He was born on 30 May 1880 near Dalton City, and but a short distance from the house in which he died. On 4 May 1902, he was united in marriage with Miss **Stella Craven**, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Craven** of Moweaqua. Besides his parents he is survived by his wife and four children, four sisters and five brothers. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the family residence.

The services were conducted by Rev **Kosht**, Pastor of the U B Church at Dalton City. Interment was in Macon Cemetery.

Mrs. **Wm Schumacher** died at her home in the south part of town Monday afternoon, 8 May 1907, about 2 o'clock of consumption. She sustained serious injuries in an accident at Rolla, Missouri, about a year ago and the close confinement, incident upon that illness, hastened her progress of the disease, which had already undermined her health. Her age at the time of her death was 41 years, 9 months and 27 days. **Clara Schumaker** was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **August Myer**, born to them on 11 July 1865, at Danzig, Germany, and came to this country with her parents in 1882 and lived for a few years in Decatur, Illinois. In the year 1891 on 2 November, she was married to **Wm Schumacher** and moved with him to a farm south east of Moweaqua. After a few years they moved to the city of Moweaqua and conducted a general merchandise store for about ten years after which they closed out their stock of goods and moved on a farm near Rolla, Missouri, where her husband was killed in a runaway and Mrs. **Schumaker** was seriously injured. As soon as she had sufficiently recovered from her injuries she was moved with her family to Moweaqua where she died. She leaves to mourn her departure three children, a father and two sisters, Mrs. **Henry Dryer** of Decatur and Mrs. **A Crawford** of Boston, Massachusetts. The deceased was a member of the Court of Honor, Royal Neighbors and Loyal American orders. Services were held from the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, Rev **R B Irwin** officiating. Interment was in North Cemetery.

Mrs. **Alton Thompson** died at her home in Shelbyville on Thursday evening after three months suffering from abscess of the liver. She was sixty years of age and spent most of her life near Prairie Home. She was a tender, loving wife, a devoted mother and a sympathizing neighbor. She was a life long and devoted member of the Presbyterian Church. She is survived by her husband, four children and eight brothers and sisters. The funeral was held from the Presbyterian Church in Shelbyville Sunday afternoon and was largely attended not only by Shelbyville people but by her former neighbors and friends near Prairie Home. Services were conducted by Rev **John A Tracy**. Remains were laid to rest at Glenwood Cemetery.

Master **Harry Ahl** entertained a few of his little friends at a party on Monday afternoon in honor of his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had.

Several from here attended the funeral of Mrs. **Alton Thompson** at Shelbyville on Sunday afternoon. (Elm Grove.)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clem Scribner**, a boy on 26 April 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Hays**, a girl on 26 April 1907.

Prairieton: Mr. and Mrs. **A Lawrence** visited their daughter, Mrs. **Clem Scribner**. The **Scribners'** have a new baby boy born 26 April 1907.

Administratrix notice of final settlement of the estate of **James Heriot**, deceased, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1907, Shelby County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Illinois. Signed: **Clara E J Heriot**, Administratrix.

### Wednesday, 08 May 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

Wednesday, 1 May 1907, Rev and Mrs. **I W Longenbaugh** celebrated their seventeenth wedding anniversary. Members of his Church went to their home and surprised them with an elegant supper and a donation. The table fairly groaned under its load of good things and about ninety feasted there from. The evening was spent pleasantly in social converse by the elders and music and games by the young folks. They received several handsome presents and some money. All departed about 10 o'clock wishing them many happy returns of the day.

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. **Emanuel Stombaugh** last Sunday at her home about three miles north east of Moweaqua in honor of her 44<sup>th</sup> birthday. The affair was planned and executed by her daughters, **Lela** and **Mabel**. She had not an inkling of the event and was genuinely surprised when about 40 guests appeared with well filled baskets and began congratulating her on her birthday. An elegant dinner was served.

At 12 o'clock on Wednesday, 1 May 1907, at Fame parsonage, Mr. **Lanson M Baker** and Miss **Addie M Burke** both of Tower Hill were quietly united in marriage, the ceremony being performed by Rev **F W Nickle**. The groom is a carpenter of Tower Hill, and the bride is a daughter of the late **Clark Burke**. They will make their home east of the center Church in Rural Township.

**E O McGee** died at his home one half mile east of Blue Mound on Saturday morning about 11 o'clock, age 54 years. His death was caused from heart trouble. He had been confined to his home for several months and his death was not unexpected. He leaves to mourn his departure, a wife and five children, one of which is Mrs. **Homer Duckwall** of this city. A short funeral service was held from the family residence on Monday at 10 o'clock and the body was taken to Macon where a funeral service was held at 1:30 o'clock from the M E Church. Rev **Beadles** officiating. The deceased was a member of the M. W. A. and the Masonic Order. The latter performed the funeral rites at the grave. Mr. and Mrs. **A D Kyner** and Mrs. **P L Drew** attended the funeral from here.

On Wednesday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Rev **O P Wright** in Decatur in the presence of a number of relatives and friends occurred the marriage of Miss **Jessie C Sanders** and **S J Burkitt**, both of near Moweaqua, Rev. **Wright** officiating. The bride was beautifully gowned in white silk and carried bride's roses. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frances M Sanders**, east of Moweaqua and is a highly cultured young lady who has endeared herself to a wide circle of friends. She has been very popular in musical circles, and has taught music the past two years. The groom is a young man of sterling worth and character and one of whom Moweaqua may be proud. He has been in the real estate business in Moweaqua for a number of years and also farms on a large scale near here. He is held in high esteem by one and all. The couple left on the 4:10 train for a trip through the South. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's father on their return.

**Jacob Jones** died at his home in the South part of town on Tuesday evening after a short illness from neuralgia of the heart. He was 70 years of age and is survived by a wife, four grandchildren and three sisters. Mr. **Jones** became ill on Tuesday afternoon and about four o'clock, he went up to town to consult a physician after getting some medicine he started home, but became quite ill and stopped at **Frank Bramblett's** barn. After a short time he was taken to his home and died about six o'clock. He has been a resident of Shelby County for about thirty years, and during the past fourteen years he has resided in this city, most of the time he was engaged in the restaurant and mercantile business. He was a member of the G. A. R. and was highly respected as a citizen. Arrangements have not yet been made for the service.

**Henry Nicholson**, a farmer, 75 years old, living one and one half miles east of Pana, was burned to death about 1:30 o'clock Sunday morning at his home. He lived alone, his wife having died about a month ago. His house was discovered on fire and the roof was ready to fall in when help arrived. A feather bed was taken from the ruins and on it was lying the charred remains of the aged man. Since the death of his wife, he had been in a despondent condition and had been drinking a great deal. It is thought the building caught fire from his pipe as he had a habit of lying and smoking in bed.

Born to Mrs. **John Russell** on 24 April 1907, a daughter. Her husband was arrested for wife desertion in January of this year.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew Bates**, a son on 3 May 1907.

A **Philadelphia man** is said to have died of grief over the death of his mother-in-law. (But joy, too, sometimes kills) (*Note: As copied from the paper*)

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Homrighous** at Assumption on 5 May 1907.

Fame: Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Ellrich** and sons, **Arthur** and **Harry**, were called to Decatur last week to St Mary's hospital at the bedside of Mrs. **Himstead** and **John Ritter**, Mr. **Ellrich's** sister and brother-in-law, who are very sick. Their deaths are expected at any time.

Wednesday, 15 May 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The funeral of **Jacob Jones** was held from the family residence Friday at 10 o'clock, Elder **Levi Corley** officiating in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. A quartette composed of Messrs **Haslam, Corrington, Gaskill** and **Longenbaugh** rendered several appropriate selections. The funeral was under the direction of the G. A. R. of which the deceased was a member. The body was taken to Bloomington for interment. **Jacob W Jones** was born 4 February 1837 in Muskingdom County, Ohio. He enlisted in the 116<sup>th</sup> Infantry of Illinois and served his country three years and six months during the Civil War. On the 19<sup>th</sup> of April 1876 he was united in marriage to **Samantha E Dow**, who with three sisters and three grandchildren are left to mourn his departure.

*Stephen Ellsworth Atteberry passes away.* **Stephen Ellsworth Atteberry** was born near Long Grove in Macon County, Illinois, on 21 July 1872, and died of consumption at the home of his sister, Mrs. **H Slaughter**, near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 12 May 1907, at the age of 34 years, 10 months and 9 day, after an illness of more than a year. He was the youngest child of **William Thomas** and **Millie Atteberry**. His father died when he was seven years of age, his mother died about seven years ago. He was united in marriage on 31 March 1897 to Miss **Rosa L Sims**. To this union were born three children, **Homer, Velma** and **Lurille**. In August 1897, he united with the Christian Church. He leaves besides his wife and children, three brothers and three sisters to mourn their loss, **Harden T** of Waverly, Washington, **Edward T** of Winona, Washington, **William C** of Peck, Idaho, Mrs. **W W Malory**, and Mrs. **A D Brown** of Edgar, Nebraska, and Mrs. **Henry Slaughter** of Moweaqua, Illinois, one sister, Mrs. **R S Brown** of Straug, Nebraska, preceding him in death about a year ago. He was a man of excellent habits and a fine moral character. A few minutes before his death he said he was so sleepy and if he went to sleep he would never waken. He has been a member of South Macon Masonic Lodge for about twelve years and a social member of the M. W. and A. Camp of Pleak, a little more than a year. Services were conducted under the direction of the South Macon Masonic Lodge of Macon, Illinois, and M. W. and A. of Pleak at the Christian Church in Moweaqua on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev **Roughton** officiating and Rev **A R Spicer** preached the sermon. Interment was in North Cemetery. A large concourse of friends show their respects of a most worthy life. He carried an insurance policy for \$6,000 in the Banker's Life and \$1,500 in the John Hancock Insurance Companies.

A quiet and pretty wedding was solemnized in the presence of a few relatives and friends at the parsonage of the Catholic Church at Assumption on Saturday evening at 8 o'clock. The contracting parties were Miss **Mary Harding** of Moweaqua and **Vinton Michael** of Assumption with Father **DeChene** as the officiating clergyman. The bride is the oldest daughter of **John Harding** of this city and is a bright and highly esteemed young lady, about sixteen years of age.

The groom is a hustling young business man of Assumption. The happy couple were showered with rice and congratulations almost every street corner as they made their way to the 10 o'clock train on which they went to spend a few days at the home of the groom's sister in Springfield, after which they will return to Assumption for future residence.

A novelty shower: Mrs. **James Beard** threw open the doors of her home on Friday evening and gave a novelty shower in honor of Miss **Mary Harding** who became the bride of **Vinton Michael** of Assumption on Saturday evening. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The event was concluded by giving the bride and groom-elect a cart ride to the depot.

**Ralph Clifford Kinney**, the little eighteen-months old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Kinney** died at their home in the north part of town about 12 o'clock Thursday night. The cause of its death was measles which developed into a case of pneumonia. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. Rev **A B Peck** officiating. Interment in the Church Cemetery. There are four other members of the family quite sick with the measles and one seriously ill with pneumonia.

Allenboro news: **S E Atteberry**, a former resident of this place died at the home of his sister, Mrs. **Henry Slaughter**, west of Moweaqua, on Sunday of consumption.

Elm Grove: **Joe Smith** and **Sherman Pearson** were called to **Henry Slaughter's** home Sunday evening on account of the death of **Stephen Atteberry**.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. **J S Bays** on 5 May 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **W W Mallory** of Edgar, Nebraska, arrived here on Tuesday to attend the funeral of **S E Atteberry**.

Wednesday, 22 May 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The will of **Stephen E Attebery** was filed for probate on Friday. The hearing is set for 11 June 1907. All of the estate of every description is left to the widow during her life time. At her death the estate will be divided as follows: To my son, **Homer Floyd Atteberry**, the s  $\frac{1}{2}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 13, 14, 2 east; to daughter **Velma L Atteberry** gets the n  $\frac{1}{2}$ , sw  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the n  $\frac{1}{2}$ , n  $\frac{1}{2}$ , sw  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sw  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 13, 14, 2 east, another daughter, **Lucile C Atteberry** gets the e  $\frac{1}{2}$ , se  $\frac{1}{4}$  and one acre off the end of e  $\frac{1}{2}$ , ne  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 2, 13, 2 east. The land divided amounts to 251 acres. Should the widow remarry she is to pay the children an annual rental of \$3 an acre, less the taxes. The widow is named as Executor without bond.

**Maude Fought**, the daughter of **Dallas Fought** of Winfield, Kansas, died last Saturday of lung trouble at the home of her brother-in-law, **Eugene McDonald** in Ridge Township. The funeral and burial was at Antioch on Tuesday at 10 o'clock AM. Rev **O P Wright** of Decatur officiated.

*Stork visits:* The stork called on Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Bilyeu** early Tuesday morning and left his card in the form of a baby girl. Called at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W Keith** on Sunday, 19 May 1907, a baby girl. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Trainor** on 16 May 1907, a boy. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **B F Pontius**, 18 May 1907, a baby girl was born.

*Obit:* **Martha E Calvert** was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, on 29 May 1832. She moved with her parents, **Chamberlain** and **Emily Marts** to Illinois, in the year 1850. On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1852, she was married to **Wm Calvert** and has resided in Shelby Co until her death. Her husband preceded her departure on 15 February 1888. Deceased had been sorely afflicted for the past fourteen months and was released from her sufferings by death at the home of her son, **J C Calvert** in Ridge Township on 17 May 1907, surrounded by her children and grand

children. She leaves two sons, **J C** and **W R** of Brunswick, Illinois and one daughter, **Sarah A Scott** of Mulberry Grove, Illinois. She leaves eight grand children, two great grandchildren, seven brothers, and two sisters, three brothers live near Stella, Nebraska, one brother and sister at Brunswick, Illinois, one brother and sister at Arapahoe, Nebraska, and one brother at Charlton, Iowa, when last heard from. '**Aunt Martha**' as she was called and known by all who knew her, was one of earth's noblest women. A true helpmate, an affectionate mother, and a friend to the needs of her long and large acquaintance. Funeral services were held at Antioch Church on Sunday, 19 May 1907, conducted by Elder **J Corley**. The body was buried beside her companion awaiting the resurrection of the dead.

*Family gathering:* Last Friday a very pleasant family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **C W Bethards** one half mile west of town. The affair was in honor of Mr. **Bethards'** mother, aunt and sister, Mrs. **I J Bethards** of Vandalia, Illinois, Mrs. **M E Chandler** of Carthage, Missouri, and Mrs. **Mary Shelton** of Hagarstown, Illinois. At noon, an excellent country dinner was served to which all did ample justice. About twenty-five persons were present representing the four generations. The oldest grandchild present was Mrs. **W H Bean** of Blue Mound and the oldest great grandchild was her little daughter, **Agnes Bean**. Photographer **Clarence Snell** called in the afternoon and secured several excellent pictures, including one of the two aged sisters, Mrs. **Bethards** and Mrs. **Chandler**, the four generations, Mrs. **I J Bethards**, **C W Bethards**, **Ed Bethards** and Baby **Thelma Bethards**, and the family group.

Wednesday, 29 May 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

After three days of unconsciousness caused by a stroke of paralysis, Mrs. **William McKinley** died peacefully at her home in Canton, Ohio, about 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, 26 May 1907, age 60 years. Ever since that fateful September day at Buffalo when her husband and the nation's chief executive was struck down, Mrs. **McKinley** has prayed that she might die, so that she again would be beside the man she loved. Of late however, she had expressed a wish that she might live long enough to see the dedication next September of the McKinley mausoleum, the gift of the nation. The funeral was held this afternoon from the McKinley home with Dr. **Buxton**, her favorite pastor, officiating. Mrs. **McKinley's** body will be placed beside that of her husband in the West Lawn Cemetery. After the completion of the national mausoleum on Monument Hill, both caskets will be removed there.

Mrs. **B F Pontius** is seriously ill with consumption at her home six miles south east of Moweaqua, and her death is expected at any time. She is the stepdaughter of Postmaster **John Clark** of this city and is remembered as Miss **Lida Bickery**. Her oldest daughter who has been quarantined in another room in the house with scarlet fever has completely recovered, and the quarantine has been raised. There are four children, including a baby about two months old. Proof of the death of **Stephen E Atteberry** was filed with the Banker's Life Association on 20 May 1907, and on May 23, 1907, **C C Smith**, District Manager of the Association, received a draft for \$6,093 in settlement for the certificate held by the deceased. Mr. **Atteberry** carried this policy four years and paid into the company less than \$200.

**Peter M Ford**, a centenarian and said to be the oldest resident of this part of the state, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **M J Coleman** in Deer Grove. Mr. **Ford** was born in Killarney, Ireland, on 22 June 1802. He came to American and settled in Pampico, Illinois in 1841. He was a prosperous farmer. (Sterling news)

**Ellen Terry**, at the frisky age of sixty, has married a man a little more than half her age. This only bears out our oft-repeated assertion that 'girls will be girls'.

Final settlement of the estate of **Thomas Porter**, deceased, will be held at the County Court of Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois, on 1 July 1907. **Sarah C Porter**, Executrix.

*Obit:* **Nirum L Winchell** was born 7 December 1832 at Tobinsport, Indiana, and died of heart failure on 15 May 1907 at 7 o'clock PM at the family home, four miles northeast of Gross, Nebraska, aged 74 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was married to **Nancy J Parks** on 21 October 1866 at Deer Creek, Indiana, and soon after settled on a Prairie farm near Moweaqua, Illinois, where they lived for some time. During the rush of 1885 he took a homestead and moved to Colby, Thomas County, Kansas, and later went to Stanton County, Nebraska, living there and in Colfax County for a number of years. For the past seven years he has lived in Boyd County, Nebraska. In his early manhood he was converted to the Christian faith uniting with the Baptist Church and so lived throughout his life. A companion and thirteen grown children are left to mourn the loss of a kind, loving husband and father. The children present at the funeral were **James** and family of Burke, South Dakota, **Smith** and wife of Fairfax, South Dakota, **Edd** of Long Pine, Nebraska, Mrs. **Emma Stock** of Stanton, Nebraska, Mrs. **Bessie Chieboun** and family of Schuyler, Nebraska, Mrs. **Myrtle McQuistan** and family, **Johnnie** and **Francis** of Gross, Nebraska, Mrs. **Belle Carlton** of Somers, Montana, Mrs. **Stella Dayton** of Spokane, Washington, **Avery** of Ainsworth, Nebraska, and **Dick** and **Arthur** of Kennebec, South Dakota, were unable to be present, the two latter arriving a few hours too late for the burial. At the beginning of the Civil War, the deceased enlisted in Co L 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry and was soon made Lieutenant, remaining so until the close of the war when he received his honorable discharge. For many years he was a member of the Grand Army of the Republic (G.A.R.) and at the last roll call his answer was, "I guess I was just asleep", and was soon 'asleep with Jesus'. Funeral services were held from the Christian Church at Gross, Nebraska, conducted by Rev. **Gowan**, a Baptist minister of that place, and at the close of the day, 17 May 1907 he was laid to rest in the Cemetery nearby. Pallbearers were neighbors of the deceased. The deceased was an uncle of the **Gregory brothers** of this city and served in Co L 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Cavalry with **J E Gregory** in the Civil War.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Tolson** on 26 May 1907, a girl.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. **R M Keller**, we are in receipt of a copy of the *Rockville Tribune* containing the obituary of Mrs. **Deborah J Dinwiddie**, mother of Mrs. **M L Foxworthy**, who is well-known here. Mrs. **Dinwiddie** died on 13 May 1907 at her home in Rockford, Indiana, after an illness of ten days, caused by paralysis, at the age of 73 years, 6 months and 19 days.

**Wednesday, 5 June 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Aged resident living west of town succumbs to a long bout with a complication of diseases.* About six o'clock Tuesday evening, the soul of **Isom Adams** took its flight from its earthly habitation and ended an illness of about fifteen months from a complication of diseases, which gradually wasted away the body of the deceased. For several months it has been known that Mr. **Adams** had but a few more weeks to live hence the announcement of his death will be no surprise to his friends or relatives. Mr. **Adams** has been a resident of Prairieton Township for seventy-three years, moving there with his parents when he was three years of age. He has lived on the old home place for forty-eight years. Hard working, ever gentle and with desire to do things, he has made his way successfully as a farmer, acquiring valuable land interests and a position of prominence in the community. He was born in Kentucky and at the time of his death he was 76 years of age. He is the father of fourteen children, twelve of whom are living. They,

with five sisters and one brother, **John C Adams** are left to mourn his departure. The services will be held tomorrow afternoon at one o'clock from the family residence. Interment will be in the Adams Cemetery.

On Friday evening **Dale Combs** informally entertained a party of friends at his home in the west part of town in honor of his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The rooms were prettily decorated in pink and white with **Dale** as host the guests had a royally good time. Refreshments were served at a late hour and several new and unique social games were introduced ruing the evening and were the cause of much merriment and fun. As the guests departed each was given a pink carnation as a souvenir.

The marriage of **Burl Millington** and **Inez Dunkerson** both of this city occurred in St Louis, Missouri, on Monday morning. They returned to Decatur Monday evening where they will make their future home. Mr. **Millington** had a nice suite of rooms all ready furnished, awaiting their arrival.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Gregory** on 2 June 1907, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Blosser**, a little girl who arrived on 28 May 1907.

Grandpa and Grandma **Suppes** of Salem celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Saturday.

**John Braden** was called to the bedside of his father on Thursday who is dangerously ill with pneumonia. (Salem news)

It has now been accepted as a fact that **Cora Lederbrand**, the 17 year-old daughter of **Joseph Lederbrand**, a farmer residing ten miles east of Springfield, whose body, together with that of her little sister, **Carrie**, aged seven, was found in the bottom of Sugar Creek, near the **Lederbrand** home, with a 22-caliber revolver wound in the temple of each, killed her sister, and then, wading into the creek, killed herself. The revolver with which the deed was done was found on the bank of the creek by **Thomas Brunch**, one of the searchers. **Cora Lederbrand** had been in a despondent mood, and it is supposed that she made up her mind to end both her own and her young sister's life. The sister was deaf and dumb and had been an invalid since birth. Mr. **Lederbrand** is a widower and has one arm. He has an excellent reputation. Our sympathies.

#### Wednesday, 12 June 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

Monday evening, 10 June 1907, little **Helen Day** celebrated her tenth birthday by giving a party to about fifty of her little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **H M Day**. It being an outdoor affair, the yard was nicely lighted with Japanese lanterns and a most enjoyable time was had playing various games and eating the delicious refreshments which were served. **Helen** was the recipient of many beautiful presents which were given as mementos of the event.

Last Sunday at the home of Mrs. **M D Brooks** was a happy reunion of her family. About two o'clock a bounteous repast was served to which all did justice and all together a delightful and happy time was had. It must have been a source of joy to Mrs. **Brooks** to see her children thus assemble and once more pay respect to her whom they owe so much as a loving parent and as on who scatters sunshine throughout their lives. Present were Mrs. **C L Body** of Bement, Illinois, Mrs. **John Middlesworth** and daughter, **Faith**, of Boulder, Colorado, Mrs. **M K Duncan** of St Louis, **Stephen Brooks** and family of near Shelbyville, **B S Brooks** and family, and Miss **Alberta Brown** of Decatur.

*Sad death of a daughter.* The community was shocked last Thursday morning by the announcement of the death of Miss **Nora Heiter**, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel**

**Heiter**, living about eight miles southeast of town. The death occurred Wednesday night about 12 o'clock, the cause being quick consumption. She had always enjoyed good health until last winter when she suffered a severe attack of lung fever from which she never fully recovered. Although it was known that the disease had developed into consumption, the seriousness of the case was not known until a few days before she died. She was born on 5 September 1892 and departed this life on 5 June 1907, aged just 14 years and 9 months. **Nora** was a true friend and her devotion to those she loved would make a bright chapter in any life. Her future was full of promise and it is sad indeed to see one so well equipped for life taken unexpectedly. Services were held on Friday afternoon at the Little Flock Church with a large concourse of friends present to pay a loving tribute to the memory of the deceased. **Rev I W Longenbaugh** officiated.

The funeral of **Isom Adams** last Thursday afternoon was attended by an immense concourse of people who were present to pay a last loving tribute to the memory of the deceased. For the convenience of the multitude of friends and relatives who assembled, the services were conducted in the yard of the family residence with **Rev Bankston** of Blue Mound officiating. **Mr. Isom Adams** was born in Kentucky in 1831 and moved with his parents to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1834, and from there to Prairieton Township, Christian County, where he grew to manhood. In the year 1854, he was united in marriage to **Elizabeth Jacobs**. To this union were born two children, **Isabel** who is now the wife of **Isom Gordon**, and the other one dying in infancy. His wife having died, he was united in marriage in 1859 with **Lydia Bilyeu** and to this union were born thirteen children, **Ellington, Josiah, Elizabeth**, wife of **George Crews, John A, Lucy Workman**, wife of **J B Workman, Sarah Mathes, Virnida Bilyeu**, wife of **Jacob Bilyeu, Wilber, James, Minerva Robbins**, wife of **Daton Robbins, Thos J, Malinda Bilyeu**, wife of **Isom Bilyeu**, and **Isom Adams**. Twelve of whom, with their mother, are left to mourn his departure. For forty-eight years **Mr. Adams** had resided on a farm about five miles northwest of Moweaqua, a part of which he purchased from the United States government. At the time of his death he owned 782 acres. He was a man who united sound sense with strong convictions and a candid outspoken temper, eminently fitted to mould the rude elements of pioneer society into form and consistency, and in raising a high standard of citizenship in our young and growing state. How much the community owes him and such as he, it is impossible to estimate, though it would be a grateful task to trace his influence through some of the more direct channels to hold him up in these degenerate days, in his various characters of husband, father, neighbor and friend, to speak of the sons and daughters he has reared to perpetuate his name and emulate his virtues. But it comes not with the scope of this brief article to do so. Suffice it to say, he lived nobly and died peacefully at the advanced age of 76 years. *The stern Reaper found him, as a shock of grain, fully ripe for the harvest. Not for him be our tears! Rather let us crown his grave with garlands, few of us will live as long or perhaps as well, and fewer yet will the Angel of Death great with such a loving torch!*

Esquire **Bryant Corley** of Westervelt, one of the best men in northern Shelby County takes unto himself a wife, and the Westervelt review writes him up in the following fashion: "Cupid the cunning little elf assisted by the fitful flashes of hear from a fickle springtime, fanned the flame of love from the embers of middle life and the gallant Squire **Bryant Corley** led Mrs. **Olivia Dunbar** to the altar at the home of **Rev T J Askins**, who gladly performed the ceremony that completed the circuit for the electric union of two regalanized hearts. The gallant groom has enjoyed the glow of 56 summers while the fair bride has bloomed through 48 flowery springs. The happy couple retired at once to the cozy home nest of the groom at Westervelt where they

will be at home to their friends. The newly wedded pair have made a happy move in uniting to walk the road of life together, and having been in the matrimonial teams before, will travel steadily and pleasurably along the cheerful journey of well ordered existence. The fair bride has hosts of friends who congratulate her on her second venture on the sea of double joy, while the old companions and cronies of the gallant groom and in fact, everyone one, young and old, that knows him says, 'well done' in praising his courage and success in once more winning cupid's favors.

Notice is given for the purpose of settling all claims against the estate of **Clara M Schumacker**, deceased which will be at the County court of Shelby County, Illinois, on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1907. **Ralph W Snyder**, Administrator.

Mr. **Singer** of Kansas has just married Miss **Nightingale**. Doubtless their life will be one 'grand, sweet song'.

Salem news: **Henry Brink** left for New Minden on Saturday to attend the funerals of four cousins who were killed Friday evening by a cyclone that hit that area.

Elm Grove news: This vicinity was shocked by the death of **Nora Heiter** on Wednesday night. No one realized that the end was so near. Her sickness was of short duration for consumption. The family has the sympathy of the neighborhood.

Pana news: If **Henry Bunch** wishes to make up with his wife and family he must follow the instructions laid out by his father-in-law, **John Holmes** according to the court's decision. **Bunch** must attend Church every Sunday, work in a first-class barber shop, that being his trade and must have a recommendation from the minister that he is trying to be a man. **Bunch** was fined \$2,100 and costs by Judge **Springstrun** here and was released under the above conditions. His wife commenced suit for divorce but proceedings have been stopped during **Bunch's** parole.

Mount Carmel news: **S R Putnam**, an attorney of Mt Carmel, fell dead under peculiar circumstances. A few days ago, Mrs. **Katherine Retsignil**, a relative who made her home with Mr. Putnam's family, was found unconscious from a paralytic stroke and died soon after. The funeral was held from the residence. As the body was being carried out Mr. **Putnam**, who had just reached the pavement, staggered and fell, dying in a few minutes. The nervous strain causing heart failure.

Springfield news: The appellate court has denied a rehearing to **Thomas Moran**, a resident of Logan County in his suit for \$15,000 against the estate of William R White, deceased of Bloomington. The case grows out of the well-known patent farm gate case, in which hundreds of people are alleged to have been swindled by **Wm White**, who is now dead. The rehearing was denied to **Moran** on the grounds that he has not suffered any loss, as the notes, which he gave to **White**, had never been collected.

Mrs. **O J Austin** and son came up from Pana on Thursday to attend the funeral of **Isom Adams** and to visit with home folks a few days.

*New Law Firm.* A new law firm was effected in our city today and will be known as **McGinley & Sons**. The junior member of the firm arrived about 11:30 o'clock this morning and is said to be an eloquent pleader in cases involving the rights of possession. The senior member of the firm will devote the most of his time to cases pertaining to 'home government and domestic relationship'. To this senior member, we extend congratulations and also our sympathy.

Mother and babe are doing nicely.

**Wednesday, 19 June 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The will of **Isom Adams** is valued at \$80,000 and was entered in probate. The will of the late **Isom Adams** of Prairieton township was filed for probate in the County court one day last week and disposes of an estate of \$80,000 which is mostly in Christian County real estate. The testator gives his wife ten acres of land and \$1,000 in money; the residue of the property is divided equally among the eleven children of the deceased, all of whom live in Prairieton Township. His sons, **John A** and **Thos Adams** are named as Executors of the will.

**Edward Thos Colbert** was born in Bedford Co, Kentucky, on 13 January 1841, and died at his home in Mattoon on 12 June 1907, after an illness of several months from a complication of diseases. When about three years old he moved with his parents to Madison County, Indiana, and in 1857, the family moved to Shelby County, Illinois. He resided here until about 15 years ago when he and his family removed to Mattoon. He is survived by his wife, three children, Mrs. **Jno Storm** of Windsor, Mrs. **Robert Pergaude** of Champaign, Illinois, and **Charles** of Moweaqua, two brothers and four sisters. A short funeral service was held at the home at nine o'clock on Thursday. Interment was at Ash Grove Cemetery at 12 o'clock.

**Marie**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Bridgman** died at their home south of Pleak about 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning of whooping cough, at the age of two months. Services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the Locust Grove Church with Rev **I W**

**Longenbaugh** officiating. The small body was laid to rest in the Cemetery near by.

After 36 years of married life, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Harmes**, living near Bonfield, west of Kankakee, quarreled a few weeks ago, and separated. On June 5, Mrs. **Harmes** sent a constable to the home of her husband for some of her clothes and other personal effects. Next day **Harmes** called at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **William Schultz** where his wife was staying and shot her. She is not expected to live.

Meredosia news: **Frank Robb** residing at Meredosia, was shot in the left side and seriously injured by a revolver in the hands of **Cleveland Floyd**. **Floyd** gave himself up to the authorities. It is thought that **Robb** will recover. The shooting followed a family quarrel.

Obed news: The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Bridgman** is very low with whooping cough. *Later:* The child died at the home of her parents.

Salem news: The **Ludwig family** gathered at the old Ludwig home and enjoyed a **Ludwig family reunion** on Sunday. Had Mr. **Ludwig** lived until last Friday, 14 June 1907, they would have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Mr. **Ludwig** passed away on 22 November 1906. **Henry Michel** and wife of Dale, Indiana, Rev and Mrs. **Albert Ludwig** of Sigourney, Iowa, Rev and Mrs. **Theo Ludwig** of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Rev **Wm Ludwig** of Mt Pleasant, Iowa are visiting at **Grandma Ludwig's** home.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Daughtry** have a new son who arrived at their home on 17 June 1907.

**Wednesday, 26 June 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **A W Love** passed away at her home in the north part of town on Saturday morning at 8 o'clock after suffering from paralysis and fatty degeneration of the heart of several years. Mrs. **Love** possessed an admirable Christian character. She was a tender, loving wife, a devoted mother and a sympathizing neighbor. In life and disposition, Mrs. **Love** was kind and gentle in her home, self-sacrificing for the welfare of her family, and in the training of her children, chastised only in love and tenderness. **Elizabeth D Hays** was born in Loogootee, Martin County, Indiana, on 20 September 1844. She died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 22 June 1907, aged 62 years, 9 months and 2 days. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 1866, she was united in marriage to **A**

**W Love.** To Mr. and Mrs. **Love** were born seven children, three boys and four girls. Of these, two died in infancy and one, Miss **Flavia**, died about ten years ago. Mr. **Love's** family resided in the state of Indiana until 1882 when they came to Illinois, locating at Moweaqua where they have since made their home, living the most of these years in this home where Mrs. **Love** died. When twenty years of age, Mrs. **Love** was converted and cast her lot as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of which she remained a life long member. Six years ago, Mrs. **Love** was stricken with paralysis, the effects of which she never recovered. During the last years of her life she was a constant but patient sufferer. A few days ago her last sickness stole upon her and she gradually declined until the end came. The four living children, **Justin J**, Mrs. **Maude Weber** of Brazil, Indiana, Mrs. **Lucy M Botts** of Decatur, and **Sanford H** of Marion, Indiana, were present when the mother died. These four children, together with the husband, survive the deceased to mourn the loss of their loved one. The funeral of Mrs. **Love** was held from the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock and was largely attended, not only by Moweaqua people, but by her many friends from the country. Rev **A B Peck** assisted by Rev **R B Irwin** conducted the services. Our little city and its hospitable people ever held a warm corner in her heart. It was here, the best days of her life were spent and where her last hour came and the God of eternity called her to her everlasting rest. It was her desire that beneath the shadowy trees of our silent West Side Cemetery, surrounded by the beauty, happiness and contentment of our people where the flowers are sweetest and the birds warble their most melodious songs, should be the eternal abiding place of all that was mortal to her.

Miss **Pearle Snyder** attended the wedding of Miss **Mable Laughlin** in Decatur last Thursday evening and in her superb manner, rendered the wedding march for the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. **H M Weber** of Brazil, Indiana, and **Sanford Love** of Marion, Indiana, came over Friday in answer to a telegram sent to them concerning the serious illness of the latter's mother, Mrs. **A W Love** who later died.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **John Hoewing** and Miss **Carrie Kirchheck** of Delaware, Iowa, on 25 June 1907 at 11 o'clock AM.

Peru news: Mrs. **Margaret Howard Bangs**, widow of the late **Samuel Lyman Bangs**, a pioneer of the state of Illinois, died at the home of Mrs. **A H Hatton** in Peru. The deceased was 88 years of age, and 62 years of her life was spent in Illinois. **Samuel Lyman Bangs** was a brother of former **Judge Mark Bangs** of Chicago.

Elgin news: Elgin society was surprised by the announcement that **Will L Lowrie** of Elgin, United States consul at Weimar, Germany, is to marry Miss **Amy W Alden**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Clark Alden** of Boston. The engagement is a result of a romance which began when the two were fellow passengers on board ship last summer. Mr. **Lowrie's** son is editor of the *Elgin News*.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Homer Whitaker**, a son on 25 June 1907.

**A W Love** announces his household goods sale at his home, two blocks north of the park on Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, all household goods, consisting of two heating stoves, one cooking stove, dining table, bedstead, lounge, cooking utensils, and cupboard ware, chairs, carpets and other things too numerous to mention. Also for sale, a five-room house and two 50 x 150 ft lots, plenty of fruit and shade, good well water and out buildings. (Mrs. **Love** died on 22 June 1907)

**Wednesday, 3 July 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Misses **Belle** and **Mattie McHenry** gave a six o'clock dinner on Friday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. **F Chamberlain** of Rockford, Illinois, who were residents of Moweaqua about 25 years ago and have many old friends here. The guests were Mrs. **Arminda Snow**, Mrs. **Anna Travis**, Mr. and Mrs. **Clure Turner** of Macon, Mrs. **Metz Chamberlain** and daughter, **Dorothy** of Rockford were also present. An elegant dinner was served and later in the evening other friends called to visit with Mr. and Mrs. **Chamberlain**.

The seventeenth birthday of Miss **Marie Adams** was charmingly celebrated at her pleasant home last Wednesday evening. About thirty-five guests were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

Mrs. **James Hillard** of Windsor died as a result of injuries sustained by being struck by a train several weeks ago near Pana.

**Hiram F Bishop**, a prominent resident of Bloomington died here. He had been a resident of the city since 1872.

**Edward Townsend** attempted to commit suicide in jail at Edwardsville by eating the heads from 125 matches, but he will recover. The prisoner killed a giant in a dramatic fight in the steel works before a crowd which was paralyzed with fear.

Mrs. **A W Love**, one of the oldest residents of Moweaqua died of paralysis of the heart. She was 63 years of age at the time of her demise.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Dowd** have a new son born to them on 22 June 1907.

**A W Love** went to Decatur Monday to spend a few days after which he will go to Brazil, Indiana, to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. **Weber**.

Mr. and Mrs. **M M Osborn** have a new daughter who arrived here on 3 July 1907.

A recent divorce was granted by Judge **J C McBride** in the circuit court at Shelbyville. The prayer of the petitioner was granted in the case in which **William McCoy** sued his wife, **Martha O McCoy** for divorce, among other charges, alleging that she at one time put a poisonous spider in a plate of dumplings he was about to eat. Mr. and Mrs. **McCoy** had been married nearly forty years and for a large portion of that time their matrimonial bark has sailed a tempestuous sea. Suits for divorce had been started several times before but had been withdrawn before being called for trial. The latest though, went through without a hitch.

Bloomington: **Dollie Phillips** and **George E Chalk**, a married man who disappeared from Peoria on 2 January 1907, were located in Bloomington by the girl's mother and the man's wife and arrested. They were living together.

In Bloomington, during an electrical storm Saturday afternoon, a barn on the farm of **James Dixon** of near Melvin was struck by lightning. His two daughters, **Fern** and **Lean Dixon** and their cousin, **Harry Stanke** of Chicago were killed in the storm.

At Vandalia, after sleeping almost continuously for nine weeks, Miss **Hazel Schmidt**, who is 8 years old and a daughter of the former Alderman **George Schmidt**, awakened Thursday and remained conscious for about five minutes. An attempt was made to give her nourishment but she fell asleep again before it could be prepared. During the 63 days since she began her sleep, she has taken no food except what physicians and nurses have administered.

**Carl W Carter** of Taylorville was killed at Raymond Saturday morning when he was struck by a Wabash train. The body was found by the crew of a freight train which followed the passenger that killed him and he was still alive when found. An effort was made to get him to Litchfield but he died before reaching that place. His legs were cut off and he was otherwise mangled. It is not positively known how he met his death, but it is thought that he tried to jump on the train

while it was running as he had tried to buy a ticket and was refused for the reason that the train does not stop at Litchfield, to which place he desired to go.

**Wednesday, 10 July 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The marriage of **Geo H Workman** and Mrs. **Code Long** both of Moweaqua occurred in Decatur at 8:30 o'clock Saturday evening, Judge **O W Smith** officiating. They will make their home in Decatur.

The marriage of Mr. **Clarence A Renfro** of Macon and Miss **Effie L Manley** of near Moweaqua occurred last Thursday, 4 July 1907 in Decatur in the office of Chief of Police, **W W Mason**. Esquire **J E Saxton** officiating. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Manley** living about two miles north of town and is well and favorably known as a young lady of sterling worth and character. The groom is an industrious young farmer and is highly respected by all who know him. Mr. and Mrs. **Renfro** will make their home on a farm about five miles west of Macon.

After a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. **B F Pontius (nee Lida Brickey)** died at her home about seven miles southeast of Moweaqua, Monday night about 10 o'clock of a complication of diseases. Her death was not unexpected. She had been in poor health for several years and during the past four months she declined very rapidly. Her age was about forty-three years. The deceased was a very lovable character and throughout her long illness she patiently and uncomplainingly awaited the end which she knew was very near. In June 1893 she was united in marriage to **B F Pontius** and to this union were born five children, four of whom with a husband and one brother, **Charles Brickey** of Stillwater, Oklahoma, and a step father, Mr. **John Clark** are left to mourn her departure. Services were held at the German M E Church today at 11 o'clock. Rev **Englebrecht** officiated and the interment was in the Cemetery near by. Executor's sale of real estate, made on the petition of the Executor, **Jesse H Calvin**, for the last will of **Jesse G Calvin**, deceased, will sell on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of August, at the door of the post office in the village of Moweaqua, specific real estate property owned by the late **Jesse G Calvin**.

When Congress meets it will be asked to appropriate a sum to pay for the funeral of President **Garfield**. It will be news to most people that this bill has remained unpaid for a period of twenty-six years and it all happened in this way. Soon after the funeral, Congress passed a bill appropriating a sum of money to defray all expenses. The bill carried the provision, however, that the Secretary of the Treasury should appoint a commission whose duty it would be to investigate all charges, and require all those presenting claims to file receipted bills for the full amount of their claims and with these bills a general disclaimer agreeing to accept whatever amount should be awarded by the commission. The plan did not appeal to the undertaker in Washington who claimed that his charges were reasonable and that he did not do business in such a manner. Failing as he did to comply with the provisions of the act, the bill was not paid. It has long ago been outlawed and several attempts have been made to get a bill through Congress to pay the claim but none was successful. The undertaker died during the month of June 1907 and his will provides that his estate shall continue presenting the claim to Congress until it is paid.

In Griggsville at the home of the bride's father, Mr. **John Franklin Hatch**, on Tuesday, 7 July 1907, Miss **Stella Hatch** and Mr. **Henry T Armentrout**, son of the late Rev **A C Armentrout** were united in marriage. At 4:30 Miss **Mary Hatch** took her place at the piano and the tunes of the Lohengrin wedding march filled the home. The bride entered the room accompanied by her

father while the groom entered from an adjoining room. They advanced to a bay window, standing under a green and white canopy, composed of smilax, ferns and roses. Here, they were met by Rev **H H Appleman**, the officiating clergyman. A hush fell through the rooms as the beautiful and solemn ceremony began.

The bride wore an exquisite gown of white net over silk trimmed with embroidered net and ribbon. She carried white roses. Her manner was that of sweet dignity, that characteristic of which she is so richly endowed, and those present thought she never appeared more beautiful. Immediately after the ceremony congratulations and best wishes were extended to the happy couple, after which the company assembled in the dining room, where they were made to realize that 'life is not a dream' and 'man doth not live upon love alone'. It was in the truest sense an ideal home wedding there being present only near relatives and a few intimate friends of the family. The house was decorated in green and white, ferns, smilax and roses making the rooms appear like a June garden. The dining room was especially pretty, ropes of smilax and roses extending from the ceiling to table. Tiny candles with green shades were used. Those assisting were Misses **Cree, Daniels, Hatch, Borrowman** and **Wilson**. They were gowned in white and wore wreaths of smilax. Mr. and Mrs. **Armentrout** left on the 8:27 train for St Louis, where they will take a steamer up the Mississippi, visiting St Paul, Minneapolis, and various other points of interest. Their elegant home on North Cory Street is completely furnished and ready for their return. They will be at home to their friends after 10 July. Mr. **Armentrout**, who is manager of the **Armentrout Co**, has been in business in Griggsville for almost three years. During this time he has fairly established himself in the confidence of his business associates because of his business ability and by means of his genial personality and cordial bearing toward all who meet him he has won many friends. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome Sohmer piano. Many other handsome and useful presents were received by the couple. (*Independent Press*). Mr. **Armentrout**, having lived in Moweaqua for a number of years is well-known here and has a wide circle of friends who join with the *News* in extending congratulations.

Champaign boasts of having as a resident one of the oldest twins in the United States. Mrs. **Mary Trevett**, 301 West Columbia Avenue, celebrated her eighty-sixty birthday. She is in perfect health. Her twin sister, a Mrs. **Hayward** who lives in Indiana also is hale and hearty. Mesdames **Ed Carsell, Chas Miller** and **Wm Scroggin** spent the first part of the week caring for Mrs. **W J Palmer** of near Assumption who is lying at the point of death.

**Albert Anthony** died at his home at Alton, Illinois, on Saturday night at the ripe old age of eighty-three years. He was a grandfather of **P L Drew** and Mrs. **Wm Tolson** of this city who attended the funeral on Monday afternoon.

Rev and Mrs. Jacob **A Haehlen** of Alburnette, Iowa, spent the past week at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **P G Ludwig** south of town. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July being their wedding anniversary, the event was appropriately observed and few friends were present to participate in the celebration of the event.

#### Wednesday, 17 July 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **J W Palmer** passed away at her home about nine miles southwest of Moweaqua after several months' illness from a complication of diseases. The immediate cause of her death was paralysis. She had been in poor health for more than three years and everything that medical skill and loving hands could do was done for her but to no avail. Her loved ones could see her fade day after day, during her long sickness and she was never heard to murmur or complain.

She would say if it is the Lord's will, it is all right. I am just waiting for a message, calling me up higher. Two weeks ago she was paralyzed from which she never rallied. Mrs. **Palmer** possessed an admirable Christian character. She was a tender, loving wife, a devoted mother and a sympathizing neighbor. Those who knew her best loved her most. Mrs. **Palmer** was born in Spencer County, Indiana, on 8 February 1858 and departed this life on 11 July 1907, aged 49 years, 5 months and 3 days. Her early life was spent near Troy, Indiana. She was converted and united with the M E Church at that place when fifteen years of age and has always lived a faithful Christian life. December 25<sup>th</sup>, 1874, she was united in marriage to **W J Palmer**. To this union was born four children, **Charles, Ervie, Goldie** and **Earl**. **Ervie** died in infancy, thus leaving three children and a kind father to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Besides her immediate family she leaves three sisters, Mrs. **Agnes Beard** of Huntingburg, Indiana, Mrs. **Kate Hudson** of Evansville, Indiana, Mrs. **Rebecca Lynch** of Troy, Indiana, none of whom were present at the time of her death. In March 1881, she and her husband moved from Troy, Indiana, to Prairie Home, Illinois, where they resided on a farm until 1900 when they removed to Moweaqua. After living in Moweaqua five years they removed to a farm about nine miles southwest of Moweaqua where they now reside. After removing to this state she with her husband united with the U B Church at Locust Grove of which she was a faithful member at the time of her death. Services were held from the Baptist Church in this city on Saturday at 11 o'clock AM and were conducted by Rev **I W Longenbaugh**, Pastor of the U B Church at Locust Grove.

**Karl Robinson**, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **George Robinson** died about 2 o'clock Friday morning of intestinal obstruction after a brief illness of five days. He was a bright and promising boy and a favorite among his little associates. Only the memory of the lovely boy is left, yet how sweet, how uplifting its influence. Rev **Mason**, Pastor of the Church at Prairie Home conducted the funeral services Saturday afternoon and spoke in words of tenderest sympathy and deepest Christian hope and promise. Interment was in the Cemetery near by.

In the presence of a number of relatives and friends, **Charles J Smith** and Miss **Ida M Schumacher** were united in marriage at 8 o'clock on Friday evening at their home on South Street. Justice **J E Longenbaugh** received the nuptial vows and pronounced the ceremony, which united the lives of these estimable young people in our city. The bride is a granddaughter of **August Meyer**, and is a native of this city where she has spent the greater part of her life. She is a young lady of many accomplishments and has gained a host of warm friends by her pleasing ways and all wish her much joy and happiness in her new station in life. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Smith** of Moweaqua and is a bright and energetic young man who possesses many excellent traits of character and is very popular among his associates. The happy couple will go to housekeeping at once in a pretty little home which had been prepared by the groom.

Last Wednesday being the birthday of **N Francis** the day was made a memorable one by the home coming of the children and a celebration of the event. It was seventy five years that very day since he first saw the light; these many years had he been perambulating through this vale of limpid fluids; and as he leaned aback in his easy chair, the recollections of almost four score years came up before him like a grand panorama, and his soul was filled with thankfulness. A most excellent dinner was served and the overjoyed patriarch forgot for the time being the weight of the declining years and seemed a boy again. Beautiful presents were presented to Mr. **Francis** and his cup of rejoicing was indeed filled to o'erflowing. Those present were Prof and

Mrs. **H M Owen** and son from Decatur and Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Francis** and family of Girard, Illinois.

Sunday, 14 July 1907, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey** celebrated their golden wedding in a very quiet manner. Four children were present, Mrs. **Hammil** of Garden Grove, Iowa, Mrs. **E Harper** of Prairie Home, Mrs. **Ragland** and Miss **Sophia** of Moweaqua. Mr. and Mrs. **Humphrey** were married in Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1857. After living there about six years they moved to Sangamon County where Mr. **Humphrey** enlisted in the Army. After serving about a year he received an honorable discharge and moved with his family to Shelby County and lived on a farm east of town for almost 40 years. About three years ago they came to Moweaqua to reside and the city has no more highly respected people than they. Both were the recipients of beautiful and useful presents.

The death of Mrs. **A S Roberts**, wife of Editor **Roberts** of the *Prairie State Tribune* of Assumption has cast a pall of gloom over that community. Her death occurred Friday afternoon in St Mary's Hospital in Decatur. Mrs. **Roberts** was 42 years old and was very prominent in social and Church affairs. She was married in 1891 to **A S Roberts** of Richmond, Indiana. After moving to Assumption she became a member of the Methodist Church though she had been raised in the Quaker faith. She is survived by her husband and two children, **Frances E**, aged 14, and **Charles Lacey Roberts**, aged 7. She is also survived by her parents, two brothers and two sisters. The body was shipped to Danville on Saturday morning and the funeral occurred on Monday.

*A Patriarch passes away.* **Russel Middleton**, an aged and highly respected citizen died at the home of his son, Prof **Anthony Middleton** at Dwight, Illinois, 9 July 1907, aged 93 years, 7 months and 29 days. His wife preceded him ten years ago after a happy union of over sixty years. He is survived by nine children. Mr. **Middleton** had been a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist Church from his youth. The funeral services were conducted by Elder **Levi Corley** assisted by Elder **C P Roberts**, Thursday at Tower Hill, Illinois. The interment was in the Tower Hill Cemetery beside his companion. The deceased having formerly been a resident of Shelby County was well and favorably known by many readers of the News.

**John Worsham** who was taken to the hospital for the insane at Jacksonville several months ago died there Monday morning. His body was brought here on the 10 o'clock train yesterday morning and a short funeral was held at the Trauber Cemetery yesterday afternoon, Rev **R B Irwin** officiating. He was a single man about fifty-two years old and was a member of the order of Red Men under whose direction the funeral was held.

*Pioneer wedded 50 years.* Mr. and Mrs. **William S Diggins**, living near the city of Harvard, celebrated their golden anniversary of their marriage by entertaining 75 relatives and friends at their farm. Mr. **Diggins** came here from New York 65 years ago, in 1842, taking six weeks in the overland trip, which was made with a team and wagon.

**James Keckler's** body was found in Elkhorn Creek at Sterling. He is supposed to have drowned while celebrating the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

As a result of an injury received in a ball game at Carmi, **Charles Whitestone**, aged 18 years, died.

**Glenn Driver**, the 15-year-old son of **Harry Driver** of Marengo died of tetanus, the result of a toy pistol wound received in his hand ten days ago. Medical aid was neglected as the wound was not thought serious until convulsions began.

In East St Louis, following a family quarrel, **James Layton**, a mechanic aged 42 years, shot his wife in the neck, then shot himself through the heart. Mrs. **Layton** will recover.

Sycamore pioneer **Horace M Stevens**, a pioneer settler of DeKalb County and an extensive landowner in DeKalb County, died at the age of 73 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Bauer**, 16 July 1907, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Sheridan Palmer** of near Maroa, Illinois, were here Saturday attending the funeral of Mrs. **W J Palmer**.

Wednesday, 24 July 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The death of Mrs. **John Hutchinson** occurred at her home about three miles east of Moweaqua Monday morning at 10 o'clock the cause being cirrhosis of the liver. She had been in poor health for about two years and during the last few weeks her health failed rapidly. For several months it has been known that she had but a short time to live, hence the announcement of her death will be no surprise to either friends or relatives. **Margaret Angus-Hutchinson**, daughter of **Joseph** and **Sarah Angus**, was born near Freeport, Harrison County, Ohio, 2 March 1862, and died at her home near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 22 July 1907, aged 45 years, 4 months and 20 days. She was married to **John Hutchinson** on 22 June 1898. She, with her family, came to Moweaqua, Illinois, in May 1906, where they have since resided. At an early age she was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church. Her husband, and little son, **Ralph**, her father, and one brother survive her. The funeral was held from the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev **A B Peck** officiating. The interment was in the Masonic Cemetery southeast of Moweaqua.

In the presence of a few relatives and courthouse officials a double wedding occurred in the Courtroom in Decatur at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon with Judge **O W Smith** officiating. The contracting parties were **Charles Workman** and **Eva Dotson**, both of Christian County and **Edward Campbell** of Moweaqua and **Maggie Workman** of Christian County. Both couples are highly respected young people who have a host of friends that wish them all the happiness and prosperity life can give. The two couples will reside on farms near Moweaqua.

Bloomington: **Charles Ratcliffe** of Melvin, Illinois, ten years of age, was instantly killed by a fall in the elevator in that place. The lad in company with other companions was playing about the building when the little fellow climbed a ladder on the side of the building.

**W E Moore**, one of the biggest importers of foreign horses in the Middle West died at his home in Springfield soon after arriving from California where he had taken sick.

**Walter Humphrey** and wife celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Moweaqua. The couple was married in Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1857.

Mrs. **Martha Byers** of Pawnee, Illinois, died from blood poisoning, the result of a scratch on the finger caused by striking a thorn while picking berries a few weeks ago.

Mrs. **Caroline Koehne** of Alton has been notified that she is an heir to an estate left by an uncle in Germany. The estate is valued at \$20,000. The notice also states that, as she is the only heir, the cash equal to about \$5,000 will also be forwarded to her at once.

Yantisville: Mr. **Waggoner** of Westervelt and Miss **Grace Carr** of Ridge were married at the home of Rev **Askins** last Wednesday evening.

Monday at Dalton City, Rev **R B Irwin**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church here conducted, the funeral services of Mrs. **Uppendahl**, who died Saturday at St Mary's hospital in Decatur.

Mrs. **Clyde Hight** entertained a number of friends to dinner Sunday in honor of her mother, Mrs. **Wheeler Adams**, it being her birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **Wheeler Adams**, Mr. and Mrs. **T C Ponting**, Mr. and Mrs. **Young** and Mr. and Mrs. **Grooms**. An elegant dinner was served and a delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Miss **Mabel Stombaugh** visited her aunt, Mrs. **Joe Stombaugh** on Friday at Walker. A surprise birthday party was given for **Mabel** on Thursday in honor of her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Wednesday, 31 July 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Jacob W Johnson**, an aged and highly respected citizen of Moweaqua died at the home of his son, **C F Johnson**, east of town on Wednesday, 24 July 1907, after a protracted illness from kidney trouble. He passed away 'like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down in peaceful dreams'. His age was seventy-one years and one month. About two years ago Mr. **Johnson's** health began to decline and continued until last November when he was taken to St Louis for a surgical operation, which he survived with hopes of a restoration of a reasonable degree of health. His hope in this was not to be realized, and he continued to decline through the many months until death came to relieve him of his suffering. It was the desire of Mr. **Johnson** that he might be permitted to go out to the old home place to die, which desire was gratified, being removed to the home of his son, **Frank** about three weeks ago. He was widely known throughout this vicinity and enjoyed the good will and esteem of every one. Mr. **Johnson** was born in Scioto County, Ohio, on 24 June 1836. He came to Illinois at the early date of 1856 and settled in Macon County where he lived for twenty years. He then moved his family to Shelby County and settled on a farm about two miles east of Moweaqua where he lived as long as his family remained unbroken—a duration of about twenty years. Hard working, energetic with a desire to do things he made his way successfully as a farmer, acquiring valuable landed interests and a position of prominence in the community. During the past ten years he spent the most of his time in Decatur. In September 1860 Mr. **Johnson** was united in marriage to Miss **Mary M Bennett** who died fourteen years ago. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive their father except one daughter, **Minnie Humphrey**, who died eleven years ago. The children living are **C F Johnson**, who resides on the home place, Mrs. **Joe Beaumont** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **T D Cassidy**, southeast of town and Mrs. **Viola Davidson** of Hood River, Oregon. Besides the children, he is survived by two sisters, Mrs. **Sadie Cameron** of Tower Hill, Illinois, and Mrs. **Agnes Matthews** of Decatur and two brothers, **Stephen Johnson** of Pana and **Francis Johnson** of Ohio. He is survived by fourteen grandchildren. Mr. **Johnson** was a man of quiet temperament and home making habits a congenial neighbor, a friend true to the friendly, a faithful father and husband and as such it is that those who knew him best must love to contemplate him. Services held Thursday at 11 o'clock, Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the M E Church officiating.

*Mrs. James Mercer dies.* News was received in Shelbyville on Friday morning of the death of Mrs. **James Mercer**, which occurred at her home in Texas County, Missouri, sometime Thursday evening. The remains will arrive in this city tonight or at 10:40 o'clock Saturday morning. Interment will be at Antioch. Mrs. **Mercer** was a sister to Hon **J W Yantis** of this city. Mr. **Yantis** went to St Louis this afternoon to meet the funeral party. Mr. and Mrs. **Mercer** went to Missouri from Shelby County about fifteen years ago. She is survived by her husband and three children. (*Union*)

Among the most brilliant events of the season was the surprise party given Saturday evening at the handsome residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Dudley Porter** on the West Side in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of their son, **Thomas**. Making wishes and blowing out the candles on the large birthday cake occasioned much fun. Another interesting feature of the evening was the cutting of the cake into as many pieces as there were guests which was thirty and each drawing a piece to find the hidden articles which were a ring, thimble, penny, and a darning needle. The ring was found

by **Earl Robinson**, the thimble by Miss **Pauline Snell**, the penny by Miss **Marie Travis** and the needle by Miss **Nelle Wilson**. Music and guessing games were other features of the evening. A lovely three-course luncheon concluded the evening and the guests departed hoping that in some future time they would meet again on such an occasion. Out of town guests were: Misses **Pauline Snell**, **Elsie Onstott**, Messrs **Dwight Snell** and **B W Jones** of Decatur, and **Earl Robinson** of Assumption.

Word was received here on Tuesday that Mrs. **Robert Campbell** (*nee Wilha Young*), died suddenly at her home in Los Angeles, California, on Thursday, 26 July 1907, of uraemic poisoning. The funeral was held on Saturday and interment was in the Los Angeles Cemetery. **Wilha Young**, as she was known here, was formerly one of the teachers in the Grammar Department of our school, and her name is lovingly treasured in the hearts of a host of people. She and her sister, **Mame**, now wife of Dr. **Dodson** were well-known here among music lovers. *An early morning wedding.* A beautiful and unique wedding took place on Tuesday morning in the presence of about twenty friends and relatives at 6 o'clock AM at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting** on the West Side when Miss **Grace Corkins** of this city and Mr. **Richard A Curtis** of Ridgeway, Missouri, were united in marriage. A beautiful wedding march was rendered as the bridal party marched into the parlor which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The ceremony was performed by Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the M E Church, and after congratulations an elegant wedding breakfast was served. The bride was beautifully attired in a traveling suit and the groom wore the customary black. The morning was beautiful and fitting for such an occasion and prophetic of the bright days before the happy couple. They received many elegant and useful presents. Amid showers of rice the happy couple left on the 7:13 train for Ridgeway, Missouri, where the groom has prepared a home for them. Mr. **Ponting** says this is the sixth girl to whom he and his wife have given a wedding. Ye old maids had better speak for a position.

**Elsie Jane Nickerson**, one of the oldest women in America, died at the County farm near Canton. **Granny Nickerson** was 107 years of age on 4 June 1907 and is survived by a daughter, Mrs. **Noah Hill** and two sons, **Joshua** and **David Nickerson**. Mrs. **Nickerson** was among the early settlers in Illinois and one of the pioneers of Fulton County, she having settled just outside of the city of Canton half a century ago.

*An even dozen.* Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ewing Davis** on 27 July 1907, a girl. This makes an even dozen of living children for Mr. and Mrs. **Davis** and ought to make them very popular with President **Roosevelt** and Ex-Mayor **Dunne**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Cole** of Obed, a daughter who arrived on 25 July 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J Bardhurst** on Tuesday, 23 July 1907, a son.

Yantisville news: Several persons from this vicinity attended the funeral of Mrs. **James Mercer** on Saturday. The remains were sent from Missouri to Antioch for interment. The deceased was a sister of Messrs **George** and **Henry Yantis** of this vicinity.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley** on 27 July 1907 a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jerre Campbell** on 30 July, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Workman** on 27 July 1907, a son.

#### Wednesday, 7 August 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Dudley E Peck** died at his home three and one half miles west of Moweaqua on Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock of uraemic poisoning. **D E Peck** had been in poor health for several months suffering from kidney trouble but was not considered dangerously ill until about a week

ago when the disease became of a serious nature. Mr. **Peck** was about sixty years old and is survived by a wife, two sisters and one brother. He enlisted in the Army at an early age and was in several important battles during the Civil War, but on account of poor health was honorably discharged. The funeral was held Sunday at Harristown from the Christian Church.

Mrs. **Hiram Pogue**, mother of Mrs. **J E Gregory** of Moweaqua died Sunday night about 9 o'clock at her home near Sullivan, Illinois. Mrs. **Pogue** was about seventy-five years of age and had been in feeble health for several years. A stroke of paralysis added greatly to her suffering. She was greatly loved by her many friends and neighbors.

Rev **Chas A Crane**, a cousin of Rev **J W Crane**, formerly of Moweaqua, died suddenly Friday morning in Boston. Death was due to heart disease. For the past six or seven years he had lived in Boston where he was Pastor of the Saratoga Church, and later of the Temple Church for the last four years. He was fifty-three years old at the time of his death and leaves a wife and three children, all of Boston. Mr. **Crane** will be remembered by many people here as one of the most eloquent speakers in attendance at the Ministerial Conference held here during Rev **J W Crane's** pastorate.

**Samuel Igo Sr.**, one of the most widely known men in Shelby County, died Thursday afternoon at his home in Shelbyville, Illinois, aged 69 years. Mr. **Igo** was well-known as a horse trade and liveryman. He had suffered from two strokes of paralysis—the last seizing him a few days before his death. He was buried at Shelbyville on Saturday afternoon.

*Clinton, Illinois.* **Fred H Magill** and his wife of 26 days, **Faye Graham Magill** were indicted for murder Thursday afternoon by the special grand jury called to weigh the suspicious circumstances surrounding the death of Mrs. '**Pet**' **Magill**, the banker's first wife, on the night of 30 May 1907.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **A D Shaffer** on Sunday, 4 August 1907, a son at Yantisville.

**James F Pauly** of Macon and Miss **Anna Truax** formerly of Moweaqua were married at 8:45 A M, Saturday morning by Judge **O W Smith** at the Macon County Courthouse in Decatur.

*Letter written by Jacob Johnson to his family, a father's request to his children.* (Mr. **Johnson** passed away at the home of his son, **Frank** on 24 July 1907, at age 71 years and one month)

**Frank**, my dear boy, you will find a will among my papers where I have disposed of my property to the best advantage that I could under the circumstances. I want you to manage it and do the best you can for all, and I know that you will be fair with your sisters and consult with them all about this business and do the very best you can for all. An now, dear children, it is to all of you that I speak. Now I have tried to be fair with you all and have done what I believed to be the best for you all and I hope you will be satisfied. I know it is not much I leave you, but it will be some help to you if you will take care of it, but if it is only a little, there is one thing that I am more proud of than anything else, it is all clean that I leave you. I mean by that there has been no on wronged out of anything by me to get it for I never misrepresented anything or tried to deceive any one for gain and after I am gone there is no one that can ever say to any of you and tell the truth that I have ever been anything but honest and truthful in all my dealings. I would sooner by far leave you a small amount of property and a name like that than to leave you all the wealth that could be piled up wrongfully gotten. And now, dear children, it is my great desire that you should settle this business personally among your selves. Show to the world that you are a family that can settle your business without the aid of the courts, that is why I have left it as I have until the orphan grandchildren become of age, then you can settle it among yourselves and keep out of the courts. I desire above all things that you should all live peaceable, happy and contented lives while living in this old world. It will fit you all so much

better to live in the new world that is to come. Be good and kind to each other and help each other and advise together and do what would be the best for all. Now dear children, I will leave you all with a father's love and I will now bid you one and all, *Farewell!* I expect to be with dear old mother and sister and friends that have gone before and together with them we will wait and watch and greet you all, one by one, as you land safely on that bright and beautiful and eternal shore. Now dear children, my last thoughts will be with you all and I want you all to be good and kind, true and faithful, try to make this world better because you have lived in it. Farewell to you all until we meet again. You father, **Jacob Johnson**.

Mrs. **J E Gregory** left Monday morning to be present at the funeral of her mother at Sullivan. Born to **Joe Amberger** and wife on 7 August 1907, a daughter.

**James D Workman** of Prairieton Township, one day last week filed a bill for a divorce from his wife, **Lucy Workman**, charging her with desertion. The bill states that on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1905, in Decatur, they were married and that about the last week in April of that same year, his wife deserted him and has since been away. **S S Clapper** of this city is the attorney for the complainant.

In honor of her ninth birthday, little Miss **Mildred Stewart** entertained about 20 of her friends at her home on Saturday afternoon from 2 to 5:30 o'clock. The guests were taken care of in a royal manner and after the service of refreshments, were loath to depart from the scene of jollity.

**Wednesday, 14 August 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

About nine o'clock Sunday night at the residence of Dr. **Pratz** occurred the marriage of Miss **Lulu Housh** and Mr. **Ron Carter**, both of Leon, Iowa. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Sealock**, Pastor of the Christian Church at Eureka, Illinois. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Alec Housh**, who for many years lived on a farm southeast of Moweaqua. She is a bright and accomplished young lady and has many friends here who wish her much joy and happiness in her new station in life. The groom is a hustling young businessman of Leon, Iowa, who has been engaged in the merchandising business for several years, but who will on his return home, engage in the tile manufacturing business. The happy couple left on the ten o'clock train Sunday night for Chicago where they will spend a week or ten days after which they will return to their home in Leon, Iowa.

*Good Woman Gone.* Mrs. **Caroline Moll** passed away at her home in this city about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The immediate cause of her death was paralysis. She had been in poor health for about three years suffering from heart trouble and dropsy. A few days before she died she had a stroke of paralysis from which she never rallied. Mrs. **Moll** possessed an admirable character. She was a noble woman, a devoted mother and a kind and sympathizing neighbor. Although Mrs. **Moll** was a member of no Church, she exemplified, by her pure and noble life, the teachings of the golden rule, and unflinchingly evinced a practical piety that will be long remembered as the best professions. In temperament she was mild, conciliatory and candid, and yet remarkable for an uncompromising firmness. Mrs. **Caroline Moll**, consort of the late **Daniel Moll**, was a daughter of **Andrew** and **Susan Wolf**, born 12 June 1829 in Pickaway County, Ohio. She died in this city on 11 August 1907, aged 78 years 1 month and 29 days. She was united in marriage to **Daniel Moll** on 15 November 1853 and soon thereafter she moved with her husband to Shelby County, Illinois. As soon as their means would admit they bought 40 acres of land in Pickaway Township and adorned the place with a log cabin. Busy years followed their location there, but prosperity smiled upon their efforts and they often invested their money in land and at one time they owned 958 acres of valuable real estate, divided into five

nicely improved farms. They continued their residence on the old homestead until May 1890 when they came to Moweaqua and they purchased the pleasant place where the deceased has since lived. Her union in marriage resulted in a family of six children, four girls and two boys. **Lydia**, the oldest of the family died at the age of 18 years. The others, **Mary E**, wife of **Jesse Weakley**, **Martha J**, wife of **Edward Weakley**, **John**, **Clara A**, wife of **Cyrus Weakly**, and **Henry**, together with one sister, Mrs. **Mary McDowell** of Streator, are left to mourn her departure. Her husband, **Daniel Moll** died about two years ago. Services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence, Rev **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church officiating. The remains were borne to Locust Grove Cemetery where the remains were tenderly laid to rest beside those of her husband.

Pleak news: Born to **John Evans** and wife on Friday, 9 August 1907, a daughter.

A number of Moweaqua's young people have received invitations to attend the wedding of Miss **Birdella Collings** to Mr. **Isaac Funk Douglass** to occur on Wednesday evening August 21 at the home of the bride, 200 East Sixth Street, Pana, Illinois. Miss **Collings** is well-known here and well loved by her many friends who join the *News* in congratulating Mr. **Douglass** and wishing the bride happiness and prosperity.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ross Shride** on 12 August 1907, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W E Armstrong** on 12 August 1907, a son.

*Obit:* **Rachel Hunt** was born in Vigo County, Indiana, on 9 October 1835. She was married to **Hiram Pogue**, now deceased, on 16 August 1855. She departed this life on

5 August 1907 at two o'clock A.M. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Cash Powell**, aged 71 years 8 months and 25 days. Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Pogue** moved to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1858, residing her until 1899 when they moved to Sullivan and made their home with their son, **John R Pogue** for several years. Mrs. **Pogue**, after the death of her husband, lived for awhile in their neat little cottage on West Harrison Street, but as she became too feeble to keep house, she was cared for by her children. Mr. and Mrs. **Pogue** were the parents of ten children, eight are yet living, Mrs. **J E Gregory**, Moweaqua, Dr. **G A Pogue**, Ontario, Oregon, **C J Pogue**, Shelbyville, Mrs. **C M Powell** and **J R Pogue**, Sullivan, Mrs. **W G Long**, Chicago, **U G Pogue**, Wenatchee, Washington, and Mrs. **O A Potter** of Laclede, Missouri. Mrs. **Pogue** had been a very sick woman since last March at which time she went to the home of her daughter, Mrs. **C M Powell**. Mrs. **Pogue** was a consistent Christian woman, having been a member of the Christian Church fifty-five years. At the time of her death, she was enrolled with the denomination of Antioch, Shelby County. She was a good neighbor, a firm friend, industrious and frugal, well may it be said of her 'she looketh well to the ways of her household.' Services were conducted on Thursday at 2:30 PM by Elder **A H Harrell** at the residence of **C M Powell**, and the remains were laid to rest in the Greenwood Cemetery.

**W E Hawley**, who was sent to Chester penitentiary five years ago for killing **Martin**, the Moweaqua policeman, is reported to be at the point of death. It is said that **Hawley's** life was insured for \$10,000 when he committed the deed and that immediately after the shooting, he went to the local agent of the insurance and paid five years' dues in advance. His wife will receive the money two years after her husband's death. (*The Union*)

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Miss **Ethel Wright** to Mr. **C C Rhoades**, both living east of town. The ceremony will take place on Sunday evening, 25 August 1907 at the home of the bride's parents. Miss **Wright** is a charming lady with a host of friends who wish her in advance of the wedding, all happiness. Mr. **Rhoades** is a young man of sterling worth and is to be congratulated on being able to claim so charming a bride.

**Dave Adamson**, the secretary of the Moweaqua Assembly of the Loyal American fraternal society received a check on Tuesday for \$777.10 being the insurance on the life of Mrs. **J W Palmer** who was a faithful member and carried a policy for \$1,000. Mrs. **Palmer** became a member of the order in 1900.

Wednesday, 21 August 1907 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

The marriage of **Cleveland L Long** of this city and Miss **Ester B Snyder** of Literberry, Illinois, were married last Thursday at the court house in Decatur by Judge **O W Smith**.

Mr. **White** of Yantisville and Miss **Sylvia Brinker** of Obed were united in marriage at Macon on Wednesday at the home of Mr. **A Mooney**, uncle of the bride. Rev **Simmons** of Blue Mound performed the ceremony. The date of the happy event withheld from all except a few of the closest friends and relatives of the contracting parties and the announcement was received with surprise. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **O H Brinker** and is a bright and accomplished young lady. From childhood she has grown up in that vicinity and has a wide circle of friends who wish her all the happiness. The groom is an industrious young farmer living near Yantisville and holds the esteem of all who know him. The happy couple with practical views of life have settled down at once to home and business among friends of their early years.

The **Calvin estate** land was sold at public auction in front of the post office on Thursday and was bought by **Henry Heitmyer** for \$60.50 per acre. This land joins Mr. **Heitmyer's** farm on the east.

Fame news: **Adam Elrich** attended the funeral of his brother-in-law **John Ritter** in Blue Mound on Monday.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chester Giles** on 10 August 1907, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Schenet** on 14 August 1907, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Adams** on 18 August 1907, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **Alvin Pistorius** attended the funeral of **John Ritter** at Boody on Monday.

Final settlement will be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September 1907 at the courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois, on the estate of **William Henry**, deceased. **Frank Hudson**, Administrator.

**Ada Smith**, daughter of **Amos Smith**, a farmer of Plainfield, was found dead in the watering trough at her father's farm. A note left by the girl declared that the cause of her desire to end her life was that **Ralph Mather**, the son of a wealthy neighbor, had broken his engagement with her. The **Magills**, **Fred H Magill** and his wife, **Faye**, were granted a change of venue after Judge **Cochran** stated it was his private opinion that it was impossible the **Magills** would be given a fair trial in Dewitt County. The **Magills** are charged with the killing of **Fred Magill's** first wife in order for them to be together.

The **Blanchard families** spent three days the first of the week camping at the **Charles Jacobs** place on the Sangamon River. The party was composed of the unlucky '13' but nothing happened to them on that account. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **J L Blanchard**, **A L Blanchard**, wife and son **Glen**, **Elmer Blanchard**, wife and babe, Mr. and Mrs. **Jeff Jarvis** of Moweaqua and Mr. and Mrs. **John Byers**. They report a fine time had by all. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas McDonald** have a girl born to them on 19 August 1907.

Notice is hereby given that my wife, **Clara Patrick** has left my bed and board, and I will not be responsible for any debts incurred by her. **George W Patrick**.

**Wednesday, 28 August 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents at Pana, Mr. **Isaac F Douglass** of Bloomington and Miss **Birdella Collings** were united in marriage. Rev **Walter L Whallon** of Altoona, Pennsylvania, performed the ceremony. Previous to the wedding march which was played by Mrs. **Ralph Snyder** of this city, Mrs. **Whallon** in her usual faultless manner sang 'O Perfect Love'. Those who attended from Moweaqua were Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Rodman**, Rev and Mrs. **W L Whallon**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Snyder**, Mr. and Mrs. **J H Kirker**, Misses **Frances Hudson**, **Dorothy Kautz** and **Mabel Sparling**.

Taylorville news: The case of **Josephine Hill**, widow of the late **W S Hill** to recover \$2,000 paid on an insurance policy, which has been tried in the circuit court appealed to the appellate court, reversed and remanded, was filed again and will be tried anew.

The two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Rister** was drowned at Norris. During the absence of her parents she fell into a 10-gallon jar of water. When the parents returned, the life was extinct.

Private **Henry Claussen** of Troop B, First Cavalry, Illinois National Guard, was examining his revolver when it suddenly went off and killed him instantly. He had just returned with this troop after a week at Camp Lincoln, Springfield.

Prairie Home news: **Arthur Wright** and wife of Lovington came Saturday night to visit his parents and attend his sister's wedding. Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **William Wright** on Sunday at 6:30, Miss **Ethel Wright** to **C C Rhodes**.

Several hundred people attended the annual **Thomas Casey Reunion** at Prairie Creek, Indiana, on Thursday and Friday. **J N Thomas** of Patoka, Illinois, called the assembly together. Dinner was served and the day was spent in playing games, singing, and speech making. The second day was spent fishing in the Wabash. About one hundred and fifty pounds of fish were caught and an old fashioned fish fry took place. The next reunion will be held at the Little Flock Church. Attending from Illinois were: Mr. and Mrs. **W R Thomas**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Thomas**, and son, **Everette**, **Chas Pogue**, Miss **Alta Gregory**, Miss **Nannie Pogue**, **Tracy Gregory** and **J N Thomas**.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Robinson** have a new daughter who was born on 24 August 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Elmers** celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Thursday by entertaining their children and a few intimate friends in honor of the event. Mr. and Mrs. **Elmers** came to this country from Hanover, Germany, arriving here on 6 June 1857 and were married on 22 August 1857 at Carlinville, Illinois. The family consisted of nine children, five of which have passed away and those living are **Will** and **Henry** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **Mary Pelton** of Decatur and Miss **Caroline** who lives with her parents and seven grand children. Mr. and Mrs. **Elmers** located near Moweaqua on a farm twenty-eight years ago and moved to Decatur in December 1906. Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Elvers** of Ohlman, Illinois, also celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Elmers** and Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Elvers** fifty years ago drove twenty-two miles in a big wagon to Carlinville and there a double wedding occurred. The ceremony was performed by a Justice of the Peace. Both couples are hale and hearty and enjoy life. Those present were **Will Elmers** and family of Moweaqua, Mr. and Mrs. **Pelton**, Mrs. **Anna Elmers**, **Martin**, **Albert**, and **Lillie Elmers**, Mr. and Mrs. **I B Hyde**, Mr. and Mrs. **A D Avery** and daughter, **Ethel Avery**, and **Ira Steele**.

Miss **Ethel Wright** and Mr. **C C Rhoades** both of Moweaqua were united in marriage on Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm F Wright**, east of town. Only relatives being present. The ceremony was performed at 7:30 o'clock by Rev **E G**

**Sandmeyer** of Bethany. After the ceremony an elegant supper was served. The bride was handsomely attired in blue silk and the groom wore the customary black. Several useful presents were received, one of which was a check for \$100 given by the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. **Rhoades** have a wide circle of friends.

**Wednesday, 4 September 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Monday morning **Roy Cutler** and Miss **Grace Vandeventer**, both of this city, were quietly united in marriage at the parsonage of the Baptist Church in Decatur by Rev **Boyer**. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Vandeventer** of this city and is well and favorably known as a young lady of sterling worth. During the past two years she has been an efficient clerk in **J C Swinney's** store. The groom is the oldest son of Mrs. **Sarah Cutler** of this city, and is a capable and energetic young man. The young couple will make their home with the groom's mother.

Miss **Mabel Workman** entertained a number of her friends last Friday evening at the home west of town in honor of her fourteenth birthday. Many presents were received. Refreshments were served at the usual hour, and all returned home wishing her many happy returns of the day.

The marriage of **James Agee** and Miss **Jessie Brown** both of this city occurred in Decatur on Saturday afternoon. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends by Judge **O W Smith**. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Brown** and has lived here for a number of years. The groom has been employed on the Illinois Central Railroad. The young couple will probably make their home in Decatur.

Mr. **Ransom Aiken** died Sunday at his home in Evansville, Indiana, after an illness of two days. Mr. **Aiken** was not known to many of our readers but his wife, the former Miss **Carrie Hoxsey**, has many friends and relatives here. Mr. **Aiken's** illness was not considered serious but sudden weakness of the heart proved a fatal complication. Mrs. **Margaret Hoxsey** and Miss **Gertie** of Shelbyville went at once to Evansville.

**Charles G Henton** died at his home near Prairie Home on Tuesday morning, 27 August 1907, after an illness of several weeks during which time he suffered from stomach trouble. Though his suffering was great, he bore it with patience and fortitude. Funeral services were conducted by Rev **Metzler** at the Christian Church in Bethany Tuesday afternoon. Interment in the Bethany Cemetery. The deceased was a member of the M. W. A. and also of the I. O. O. F. Lodge at Bethany, Illinois. **Charles Gardener Henton**, youngest son of **William** and **Pauline Henton**, was born near Springfield, Illinois, on 6 June 1846. He died near Prairie Home, Illinois, on 27 August 1907, aged 61 years, 2 months and 27 days. He was married to **Rebecca E Taylor** in June 1867. To this union four children were born, three daughters and one son, the son dying in infancy. His wife, **Rebecca**, died on 5 July 1876. He was again married to **Lorwena Tippitt** on 8 November 1879. To this union ten children were born, six daughters and four sons, one son and a daughter dying in infancy. He is survived by his wife and eleven children, namely Mrs. **Carrie Durham** and Mrs. **Mary Cloyd** of Curran, Illinois, Mrs. **Lottie Wilson** of Findlay, Illinois, **Arlie Henton** of Prairie Home, Illinois, Mrs. **Jessie Hodkinson** of Winchester, Illinois, **Tommie, Rillie, Katie, Eunice, May** and **Charlie** residing at home. He is also survived by one sister, Miss **Kate Henton** of Curran, Illinois, and a host of friends.

**Wednesday, 11 September 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Samuel Yantis, Sr.**, for many years one of the prominent stock men and farmers in Pickaway Township this County, passed away at his home near Kinder, Louisiana, Friday, 6 September 1907, after a brief illness from paralysis. The stroke occurred on Wednesday before his death. Mr. **Yantis** was widely known throughout Shelby County having formed the acquaintance of a great many people through business relations as a farmer and a breeder of fine stock. He retired from active life several years ago, sold his farm and moved with one of his sons to Louisiana where he died. He was a kind, indulgent father and husband, a genial good natured man, who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Mr. **Yantis** was the oldest son of **Daniel** and **Elizabeth Longenbaugh Yantis** and was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on 20 April 1834, being at the time of his death, 73 years, 4 months and 19 days old. In 1853 he moved with his parents to Illinois, traveling thither by the overland route and living a camp life on the way and finally located in what is now Pickaway Township, this County. Here it was that Mr. **Yantis** grew up lovingly cared for by his parents, but early learning the rigors of pioneer life. He remained under the parental roof until he became of age and later by industrious efforts and good management he procured 160 acres of fine land near his father's farm. In November 1857 he was united in marriage to Miss **Amanda E Miller**. To this union were born ten children, seven of whom with a wife and six brothers are left to mourn his departure. His remains were sent to the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Harry Hunter** of Ridge, accompanied by the wife and son, **H D Yantis**. The funeral services were held at the Little Flock Church on Monday at 2 o'clock P M under the direction of the Masonic order of which the deceased was an honored member. Rev **I W Longenbaugh**, Pastor of the U B Church, delivered the funeral sermon. The attendance was unusually large, attesting to the high esteem in which the deceased was held.

Mr. **Beverly Armstrong**, who lives six miles southeast of Moweaqua, again demonstrated the fact that he is good for many years on this mundane sphere by walking home from town Saturday after he had walked nearly the entire distance coming in. If Mr. **Armstrong** lives until the 23<sup>rd</sup> of October 1907, he will be eighty years old and he is as active as a man who is only half that age. He and his good old wife have been married for over sixty years, and they have the honor of being the oldest couple, born and raised in Shelby County, and have never lived anywhere else. **Wm Hill**, living south of Obed, has the honor of being the oldest man living who was born and raised in Shelby County. If Mr. **Hill** lives until next April, he will be eighty-one years old and has never lived outside Shelby County.

Allenboro news: Several from this vicinity attended the funeral of **Walter Sanner** at Prairie Home on Saturday.

Obed news: Mrs. **O H Brinker** received word Monday that her brother, **Solomon Moomey** of Coffeyville, Indian Territory, was dead. No particulars have been received.

Prairie Home news: There was a large crowd gathered at the home of the late **Walter Sanner** on Saturday to pay the last respects to his body which was brought here from Colorado on Friday.

Interment was at Bethany.

Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Bryson** have a daughter who was born to them on 7 September 1907.

**C D Sanner** attended the funeral of his cousin, **Walter Sanner** at Bethany Saturday afternoon.

**W C Miller** of Decatur was on our streets Tuesday. He had been attending the funeral of **Samuel Yantis** at Little Flock.

At Decatur Thursday afternoon, Judge **Smith** officiating, occurred the marriage of **Clarence E Burgener** of Assumption, aged 19, and Miss **Nettie C Weakly** of Findlay, aged 18 years.

On 28 September 1907, at the corner residence of **George W Adams**, the house and five acres of land belonging to the estate of **Oscar Moore**, deceased, and located about two miles northwest of Moweaqua, Illinois, will be offered at public sale. The property was formerly owned by **Henry Evans**. **Ralph Ayars**, Administrator.

**Ralph Ayars** was pleasantly surprised on the occasion of his 37<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday night. While 'Rollie' admitted his surprise he declared the party was in honor of Mrs. **Ayars**' birthday which was Tuesday and as his birthday was not until today (Wednesday). The parlors which had been beautifully decorated with cut flowers for the occasion soon became the scene of one of the merriest parties in honor of both birthdays. Delicious refreshments concluded the evening, the hostess being assisted in serving by Misses **Lulu Snyder** and **Frances Harris**.

Wednesday, 18 September 1907 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

*Obit - Lida H Pontius.* Again has the shadow of death darkened the home of **B F Pontius**, this time the victim being little **Lida Helen Pontius**, the darling baby girl aged about 4 months. The little ones illness was brief but severe, the disease being intestinal trouble resulting in death on Friday morning of last week. Since the death of her mother, which occurred several months ago, it had been cared for by Mrs. **R B Wilson** of this city, and at whose home the death occurred. Rev **R B Irwin** conducted a short funeral service at the Wilson home after which the remains were taken to the German Church, where a funeral service was conducted by Rev **Englebrecht**. Interment was beside its mother in the Cemetery nearby.

**Ephraim M Vandawalker**, an aged and highly respected citizen of Moweaqua, died Saturday afternoon, 14 September 1907, of troubles consequent to old age and paralysis. He had been very feeble for some time though he had been able to be up and around the house. About a week ago he had a stroke of paralysis which was the immediate cause of his death. His age at the time of his death was 83 years, 4 months and 16 days. Mr. **Vandawalker** was born in Western Floyd, New York, on 28 April 1824, and the first twenty-one years of his life were spent there. Then, with his parents, he moved to Monroe County, Michigan, where he lived for several years and was, on 5 July 1846, married to his first wife, **Josephine Taft**. Of this union were born two children, both of whom preceded him to the beyond. Mr. **Vandawalker** was then united in the bonds of holy matrimony to his second wife, **Sarah Thompson**. He married the second time on

9 November 1876, and soon removed from his Michigan home to Illinois, settling on a farm near Blue Mound, where the remainder of the active portion of his life was spent. He retired and came to Moweaqua six years ago where he lived a quiet, unobtrusive life until the Death Angel called him. He is survived by his wife, one brother and one sister. The brother is **Charles Vandawalker** of Springfield, Illinois, and the sister, Mrs. **Rosellen Goodale** of Grand Ledge, Michigan. Mr. **Vandawalker** joined Dundee Lodge No 74 A F and A M on 25 April 1863 and was demitted from there to Blue Mound Lodge No 682, and from there again to Moweaqua Lodge No 180 of which Lodge he was a member at the time of his death. He was converted to Christ in his later years and joined the Methodist Church in Moweaqua, his Church home until his passing. Services were held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence. Rev **W F Stevenson** of Bement, Illinois, formerly Pastor of the M E Church of this place, officiating. The body was laid to rest in the Traugher Cemetery. Those who attended from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Vandawalker**, Mrs. **D C Webster**, Mrs. **W F Freidinger**, **Wm A Freidinger**, **H L Freidinger**, all of Springfield, Mr. and Mrs. **Hannon Mouche** of Taylorville, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hails**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Clark** of Decatur.

Monday morning, 16 September 1907, at 9:30 o'clock occurred the death of **Willie H Miller**, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **M H Miller** of this city. He had been confined to his bed for about seven weeks, and despite the skilful medical aid and careful nursing which he received, he gradually declined until the Death Angel came and relieved him of all suffering. The deceased was born at Taylorville, Illinois, on 10 November 1883, his age at the time of his death being 23 years, 10 months and 6 days. At an early age he moved with his parents to Moweaqua where he spent the greatest part of his life and where a wide circle of friends are left with his parents and one sister, Miss **Jessie Miller** to mourn his departure. During the past six months he was engaged in work for the American Express Company in Decatur in whose employ he rendered most satisfactory and excellent services. He was one of nature's noble men in the truest sense—brave, generous and manly. He was the soul of honor and his friends and friendships were sacred to him. Willie was converted during the revival meeting held by Miss **Cartwright** in this city and became a member of the Methodist Church in 1900 in which he still held membership at the time of his death. He was a member of the Moweaqua Lodge A. F. and A. M and for several years has been a member of the local lodge of Modern Woodman in which he carried \$2,000 insurance. Services were held this afternoon from the Christian Church. Rev **A B Peck** officiating in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends who are present to pay their respects to the memory of the deceased. The beautiful casket was covered with some of the most elegant designs loving fingers ever wrought. Pall bearers were **John Haslam**, **Ernest Leaf**, **Earl Standley** and **Roy Cutler**. Interment in the north Cemetery. Attending from a distance were **J R Miller** and family of Decatur, Miss **Harriet Miller** of Danville, Mr. and Mrs. **A J Miller** and family of near Pana, Miss **Maud Wilkinson** and Mrs. **Dick** of Decatur, Mrs. **Emma Schwab** and Mrs. **Myrtle McHora** of Danville, Misses **Nina Johnston**, **Ethel Shaffer** and **Lucy Robinson** of Assumption.

Fame news: Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn** have a new son who arrived at their home on 13 September 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Bolt** on 13 September 1907, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Adamson** a son on 12 September 1907, a son.

Born to Rev and Mrs. **Englebrecht**, a son, who arrived on 12 September 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Jacobs** on 11 September 1907, a daughter.

When an old safe in the modest cottage of **John Shepherd**, 70 years old, a bachelor, formerly a blacksmith, who was found dead in his yard in Little York, Illinois, recently was opened, securities and money aggregating to \$100,000 were found. The house was a miniature arsenal. The estate was bequeathed to his niece, **Margaret Shepherd Pocal** of Dunfermline, Scotland. *Paris, Illinois, wife slayer takes own life.* Lying across a rotten log, in the midst of a dense thicket, one half mile from the scene of his brutal crime, the body of **Vinson Hicks**, wife murderer, was found. A ragged gash in the left side of the throat and a rusted pocketknife in his right hand told the story of the man's remorse and hopelessness.

Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Corrington** have a new son who arrived at their home on 17 September 1907.

**Wednesday, 25 September 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Miss **Pearl Briggs** died Tuesday evening about five o'clock at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. **M F Pleak** after a long illness from consumption. She was eighteen years of age, and was a kind and esteemed young lady. Her future was full of promise and it is sad indeed that someone so young and well equipped for life was taken so unexpectedly. Services will be held at the Locust Grove Church on Friday.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **E A Ruffner**, living near Jennings, Louisiana, last Thursday morning was solemnized the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Maude** to **Alfred E Sargent** of that city. The bride is a young lady of many graces of mind and person who is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness, and will prove to be truly a helpmate and companion by the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand. She is well-known here. The couple will be at home after 1 December 1907.

**Henry Nickau**, generally known by his neighbors and other friends as '**Dutch Henry**' died at his home Friday evening, 20 September 1907, at the age of 77 years. Mr. **Nickau** was one of Moweaqua's peculiar characters, living about two miles from town on a little farm of fifteen acres which he bought from **Wm Northbrook** about 40 years ago. He lived alone in a one-room hut which was surrounded with thick timber. Little is known of his early life or of his people, other than a brother who lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota. He was a well-educated man and was not without good qualities. His neighbors all knew him to be an extremely honest and a hard worker. He was a great reader and has kept a diary in a beautiful German script for many years. It is said that he could tell how many matches he burned in a year, the number of eggs he gathered, etc. About a year ago he began to fail physically, and he was missed in Moweaqua. For many years he had made frequent trips with his basket of eggs or other produce. About a week ago he was confined to his bed where he died on Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock. The body was brought to the **Stine Brothers Undertaking** establishment and interment took place in the North Cemetery on Saturday afternoon. Rev **Irwin** officiated.

After a search of a week, Mrs. **Elizabeth Mowen**, sister-in-law of **Carl Mowen**, who was killed by a train, has been found here. She is housekeeping for **James Jacobs**. Because she has no money, she will let the authorities in Mattoon bury the body.

**Calvin Mowen** died in Memorial Hospital at Mattoon hospital of injuries sustained by being run down by a train on the Big Four. (Note: One report gives name as 'Carl', same issue of paper gives name as 'Calvin'.)

The public sale of **Daniel Moll and Caroline Moll**, deceased, will be held 5 October 1907, at

2 o'clock PM at the late residence of **Caroline Moll** in Moweaqua. The sale offers 80 acres of land in Flat Branch Township and two residence properties in the village of Moweaqua. **W H Moll** is the administrator.

Macon news: The remains of Mrs. **John Baldrige**, a former resident of this city, was brought here for burial late Friday evening.

Born to **George Proctor** and wife, a boy who arrived on 21 September 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Elmers** have a new daughter who arrived on 19 September 1907.

Wednesday, 2 October 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Tom Rowley** gave a surprise party Tuesday evening in honor of her daughter's eighteenth birthday. Miss **Bertha Bilyeu** gave a birthday party to the young people Tuesday night at the home of her father, **J S Bilyeu**. Mr. and Mrs. **J B Workman** and daughter, **Iva**, and son, **Charles, J S Bilyeu** and **Tom Rowley** are attending the state fair this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Robinson** on Friday, 27 September 1907, a son.

Fame news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Moore**, a son, who arrived on 29 September 1907.

Mrs. **Jacob Grider**, who had been an invalid for the past few years, passed away at her home near Windsor, Wednesday morning at the age of 68 years. Mrs. **Grider** was born on Sand Creek, Shelby County, near the homestead where she died. Her entire life was spent in that vicinity and she was known to everyone as a woman of admirable qualities. She is survived by her husband, **Jacob Grider**, a well-known farmer and landholder in that section. She is also survived by eight sons and several daughters, among whom are Mrs. **W F Moberly** of this city, and **James K P Grider** formerly state's attorney of Shelby County, now a resident of Shelbyville. The funeral was held on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock at the Sand Creek Church and interment was in the Cemetery near by. Rev **Summers** of Indiana officiated.

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mr. **J W D Fortner** on Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Albert Tait**, it being his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday. Guests arrived between 7 and 8 o'clock and an elegant supper was served. All of his children except **Pleasant Fortner** were present to participate in the celebration of the event and spent a pleasant evening with their aged parent. Including the grand children, thirty-two persons were present and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Mrs. **T L Corley** of Decatur was one of the out of town guests.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F W Moberly** on 2 October 1907, a little son.

Born to **Eli Connor** and wife on 27 September 1907, a daughter.

A very pleasant affair was held at the home of **Wm Fathauer** south of town on Sunday, 29 September 1907. It was given in honor of the birthdays of Misses **Imo, Elsie, Viola** and **Carrie Fathauer**. An elegant dinner was served and the afternoon spent in games and music. Present from a distance were **Frank Stockman, Willie** and **Ray Reeter** from Salt Lake City, Mr. and Mrs. **Dummermuth** of Macon, Mrs. **Keyl** and daughter **Lorena Keyl** of Decatur.

Wednesday, 9 October 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The engagement of Miss **Edna McClelland** of this city and **Lee Boland** of Decatur has been announced, but no date for the ceremony is given. It is thought it will be early in the winter. Miss **McClelland** is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George McClelland** living south east of town. She is one of the most highly esteemed and accomplished young ladies of this community. Mr. **Boland** is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Boland** of Decatur, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin which degree admitted him to the Wisconsin bar. He has recently taken the Illinois bar exam.

A pleasant surprise was tendered **W P Sanner** at his home east of town Sunday by his wife in honor of his 41<sup>st</sup> birthday. An elegant dinner was served and the afternoon was spent in social conversation. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **E B Sanner**, Mrs. **A Otta**, **Jacob Sanner**, **Samuel Sanner** and family, **Otto Bauer** and family, **Edward Cornithwaite** and family, **Mr. Albert, Quinlis**, and Miss **Neoma Sanner** and Miss **Clara Otta**.

The last will of **Ephraim M Vandawalker**, who passed away at his home in Moweaqua on 14 September has been filed for probate. The instrument designates **William H Vandawalker** and **George Dingman** are each to receive five dollars and that the balance of the estate is to go to the widow, Mrs. **Sarah Vandawalker** for her own use and benefit absolutely. The will is dated 1 May 1901 and is witnessed by **Isaac A Buckingham** of Decatur and **Frank Clark** of Moweaqua.

Mr. **Robert Stiner** who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Friday passed away Sunday morning at his residence, northeast of town. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home. Interment was in Macon Cemetery.

Wednesday, 16 October 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of Miss **Etta Longenbaugh** of Yantisville and **Wm Protsman** of Prairie Home was solemnized at the home of Elder **Corley** on Wednesday evening. It was a quiet affair only a few friends were present. While several close friends of the lady and gentleman knew that their marriage was to have taken place in the future, they were unaware of the date and it comes as a complete surprise to everyone. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Longenbaugh** and is a bright and accomplished young lady whose amiable manner and pleasant disposition have gained for her many friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Protsman** and is an industrious young farmer who possesses many excellent traits of character. The happy couple will reside on a farm near Prairie Home.

*Obit - Mary Myers.* The death of Mrs. **Mary Myers** occurred at the home of her son, **Charles Hayes** in this city on Friday night about 11 o'clock after a protracted illness from Bright's disease. Her age was 57 years, 7 months and 13 days. None but those who have sat in the shadow of great bereavement can justly weigh the sorrow that death brings. Here she played as a child, developed into beautiful girlhood; here she married and helped to establish a home of her own; here her long busy life was spent, the battles fought, her faithful service rendered to the world. **Mary Frances Boyer** was born in Pennsylvania, on 28 February 1849. In 1854, she with her parents moved to Shelby County, Illinois, settling in Moweaqua where she has spent most of the years of her life. On 3 July 1873, she was united in marriage to **Wm Hays**. To Mr. and Mrs. **Hays** were born two sons, **Charles** and **Sabert Hayes**, both of Moweaqua. On 30 March 1888, Mr. **Hays** died, leaving the family without a father. On 2 November 1901, Mrs. **Hays** was married to **John Myers**, who died on 11 November 1905. Besides the two sons, Mrs. **Myers** leaves one sister, Mrs. **George Hays** of Moweaqua, three brothers, **John** and **Adam Boyer** of Moweaqua, and **George**, of Kansas City. Services were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev **A B Peck** officiated. Interment was in the Hayes Cemetery, southwest of town.

*Obit - George M Keiser.* **George M Keiser** died at his home Sunday evening, on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September 1907, about six o'clock after an illness of about ten hours. He had been in an enfeebled condition for about a year following a light stroke of paralysis. Without his customary vim and endurance, he made regular trips to his place of business daily. While his family and friends knew his condition to be precarious and his sudden death was not wholly unexpected, yet

it came upon the community as a shock of sadness. He was always an early riser and Sunday morning he arose as usual about five o'clock, took his usual morning walk and performed his usual chores about home, then laid down on the couch to rest until the breakfast hour, as he had been in the habit of doing since he has been enfeebled. He spoke to different members of the family, but when called to breakfast a little later, he did not move and was discovered to be helpless. All that medical aid and tender nursing could do was done, but he sank rapidly into a comatose state from which he never recovered. He passed quietly 'across the river' just at sunset. **George M Keiser** was one of the oldest businessmen in Moweaqua. Mr. **Keiser** was born near Lexington, Kentucky, on 6 December 1836, and had he lived a few weeks longer would have been 71 years old. He came to Illinois with his parents, driving over land when about 19 years old. They settled on a farm near Stonington, the land now owned by **Tom Keiser**, his brother. In 1864, Mr. **Keiser** came to Moweaqua and has been in the drug business ever since in the location commonly known as 'Keiser's corner'. When this building was erected it was one of the first 'two story' brick business houses of this town and its second floor was known as '**Keiser's Opera House**' for many years. Mr. **Keiser** was married to **Mary E Middlekauff** on 31 December 1857. To them, four children were born: **Chas W Keiser** of Shreveport, Louisiana, **Florence K Unruh** of Candelaria, Cuba, **Ida K Travis** of Moweaqua and **Edwin George**, who died when quite young. His wife died in 1870 and several years later he was again married to **Hannah P Lowe**. Three children were born to this union, **William George Keiser** of Candelaria, Cuba, being the only one who survives. Mrs. **Hannah Lowe Keiser** died in 1899 and since that time, Mrs. **H E Travis** has been made her father's home life and well-being, her chief concern. Every comfort and attention that a man could ask in his declining years has been given him in full measure, and no man ever loved his home and family better. Mr. **Keiser** was a great lover of pets and left some faithful dumb friends to mourn him. His cat has walked down to the end of the block to meet him every morning for years, in fair weather and in foul, and since his death, the uneasiness and grief of the cat, when awaiting the coming of his master is pitiful to witness. One of Mr. **Keiser's** peculiar characteristics was the keeping of a diary and record of all the deaths that have occurred in the town and nearby country for the past thirty or more years. He has made his usual daily entry on Saturday, the day preceding his death, and tried to write Sunday morning but only a scrawl of the pen bears witness of his sudden seizure. He had recorded the death of Mrs. **Mary F Myers**, which occurred late Friday night, and his own name comes next in his roll call. He has been a familiar figure on our streets and will be greatly missed. He had a cheerful word and friendly greeting for all and his many old friends will be greatly saddened as they miss him from his accustomed places, his store, his home, and on our Streets. The date of the funeral has not yet been determined as the family awaits the coming of his children from Louisiana and Cuba.

Macon news: The infant child of Mr. **Doris** died Sunday night and the funeral services were conducted on Tuesday morning at the home.

Near Pana, **J M Elgan**, a farmer living eight miles north of Guymon, shot and killed his wife and then turned the weapon upon himself.

The five sons and two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. **A P Weakly** of Pickaway made a surprise on their parents last Thursday, it being Mrs. **Weakly's** sixty-third birthday and Mr. **Weakly** being sixty-five on the 18<sup>th</sup> of this month, they made the occasion in honor of both father and mother. The day was beautiful, and at 10:30 AM, the children and relatives with some friends came in procession to the elegant home and found Mr. **Weakly** roofing an addition to one of his barns, and when he first noticed the guests, he said, "I wonder who is dead." Then in a moment, he

took in the situation and said, 'They are coming to surprise ma' which sure they did when they got the pans, baskets and buckets unloaded, and the contents partially on a long table well rounded. About sixteen of the older persons got their feet under the table and such a struggle for mastery has not been engaged in since **Levi Corley** missed his pancake in the early days of frontier life, but the conflict was too great. As they were about to make the first retreat, Miss **May Weakly**, a grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Weakly** came forward and addressed her grandpa and grandma in an affection and impressive speech and presented to each of them, an elegant gold watch as a token of honor, love and esteem of their five sons, two daughters and ten grandchildren. Then they were all prisoners to the occasion but new recruits filled up the ranks again and again till all decided to be prisoners of such a repast would be honorable to the many cooks who have never lost an engagement for supply and abundance. **E A Sims** of North Pickaway came after dinner and took the pictures of all the guests assembled. The day was pleasantly spent with the family which is one of the most prosperous and respected in the community. Their children are all married but **Oscar** who is listed among the bachelors, but still on the market with fat cattle, fat hogs, matrimonial bliss and cupid's capture. Noble old people, noble children, noble grandchildren is the verdict of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. **Leslie Scribner** have a new daughter born to them on 15 October 1907. Monday afternoon, while **Leslie Scribner** and family were driving to town, their team became frightened near **Wheeler Adams'** residence and gave a quick jump, breaking the breast straps, which let the tongue down and upset the buggy, throwing the occupants out. Fortunately and almost miraculously no one was seriously hurt.

The marriage of **Harry Macon** and Miss **Ethel Johnston** occurred this morning at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents in Assumption. The bride, having been in the millinery business here for four years, is well-known as a young lady of sterling qualities and has a host of friends here who wish her all the happiness life can give. The groom is a telegraph operator at Clinton, and is said to be a young man of exemplary habits and is well-liked by all who know him. They will make their home in Clinton.

The marriage of **R H Thoman** and Miss **Edith Thomas** both of Vera, Illinois, will occur at the home of the bride's parent's, Mr. and Mrs. **Elisha Thomas**, this evening at 6 o'clock. The bride is well-known here having spent most of their life in this community, and has a charming disposition which with other traits of character speak well for her station in life. She will make her husband a loving companion and helpmate. The groom is a very promising young merchant of Vera with a large circle of friends and is the recipient of congratulations and best wishes of all.

*Card of thanks:* To the dear friends and neighbors who were with us in our bereavement and by kinds words and kindly acts have tried to lessen our sorrow, we extend sincere thanks. **Bert Hopkins** and family. (Note: No obit or event was found in the paper that indicated what this card of thanks was for.)

#### Wednesday, 23 October 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Albert Portwood** died Thursday morning, 17 October 1907, about 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. **John Shumake** in this city. He was thirty-seven years of age and had been troubled with asthma since childhood which disease was the cause of his death. Mr. **Portwood** has always lived in this community, and was quiet and unassuming in his manner, an honest and industrious citizen. He was gentle in his demeanor and a genuinely good man. Those who knew him best say that he was a modest man, chaste in his language and circumspect in his conduct. He never

spoke unkindly or harshly of anyone and yet his convictions on great matters were clear at all times frankly maintained. During the many years of his suffering he was able to see the brightest and happiest side of human nature and imparted his sense of enjoyment in it to others. Mr. **Portwood** is survived by two sisters, Mrs. **Thos Stringer** and Mrs. **Sanford Wolfe** and two brothers, **Wm Portwood** of this city and **Stephen Portwood** of Kansas. He is also survived by one half sister, Mrs. **John Shumake** and one half brother, **Jerry Campbell**, both of this city. Interment was in the Tolly Cemetery southeast of town.

The funeral of **George M Keiser**, who died at his home in this city on Sunday evening, 13 October 1907, was held Sunday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Lodge, of which the deceased was a member. Pall bearers were **A J Combs**, **Wm Wydick**, **Wm Tolson**, **W G Colbert**, **Joe Armstrong, Jr.** and **Lewis Rettig**. The funeral in point of attendance was one of the largest ever held in Moweaqua, many people coming from the nearby towns. Among them were **I B Hyde**, **R A Patton**, **John Armstrong** and **I D Botts** of Decatur, **John Bowman** and **George Emerson** of Stonington.

Sunday being the sixty-seventh birthday of Mrs. **Martha Goodwin**, about twenty-five children, grandchildren, and friends arrived at her home in the east part of town with well filled baskets and gave her a complete and pleasant surprise. A sumptuous dinner was served and the afternoon was pleasantly spent in social conversation. **E A Sims** of Obed was there with his camera and photographed the guests after which all departed, wishing Mrs. **Goodwin** many returns of the day.

**Geraldine Snyder**, the eight-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jarman Snyder**, died at her home in the north part of town Sunday afternoon of typhoid pneumonia. The funeral was held at the residence at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon. Rev **R B Irwin** officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery north of town.

*Obit* – **Thomas Hudson**. Again we are called upon to chronicle the death of one of our fellow citizens – **Thomas Hudson**, who died at his home one mile east of town about noon on Saturday, 19 October 1907, of paralysis, at the age of 56 years, 8 months and 12 days. About a year ago Mr. **Hudson** passed through a serious illness. Rallying from that sickness, he has had a battle for life and gradually but constantly declined in strength until released by death. He anticipated the inevitable and made full preparation for the end. If now we may speak of some of the salient traits of Mr. **Hudson's** character we are led to name such as attract men to each other. He was a friendly man in his daily life, always giving his friends a hearty handshake and lending a hand where his help might be needed. Any one who became well acquainted with the man could but feel that he was a friend's friend. He acted upon the axiom "If you wish friends you must show yourself friendly." Kind hearted, he was a man whose kindness of heart was well-known among all his associates. Perhaps this trait of his life was often taken advantage of by men who were not his true friends, imposing upon him and making this virtue work well for them but ill in results for himself. In Mr. **Hudson's** dealings with men he was honest and his charity was as divine in its quality as it was boundless in its depth and breadth. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and made strong endeavor to stand by the faith by which he was saved and to which he clung to the end as the Christian hope. The life of **Thomas Hudson** spans a little more than a half a century. He was born on 7 February 1851 near Birmingham, England. When a boy eight years of age he came to America with his parents. The family located in Moweaqua where our subject has lived ever since with the exception of one year which he spent in Texas. On 4 May 1878, Mr. **Hudson** and Miss **Viola Wynn** were united in marriage. To them were born eight children, two are deceased and the others, **Lina**, **Louis**,

**Harry, Jamie, Zoe and Ralph** survive the death of their father as does also the wife, one brother, **John** and one sister, Mrs. **Elizabeth Hughes** of Wichita, Kansas. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence. Rev **A B Peck** officiated. Pallbearers were **Jas Beard, Jas Shepherd, Wm Tolson, Harry Heckman, Jas Freeman,** and **K R Snyder**. The corpse was escorted to the North Cemetery by the K of P Lodge, of which the deceased was a member. Attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **J W Wynn** of Paris, Illinois, **W J Watson** and daughter of Christman, Illinois, and **Harry Heckman** of Lovington.

The marriage of **Wm Hott** and Miss **Mabel Fortner**, both of this city, occurred Saturday afternoon in Decatur in the court house. Judge **O W Smith** officiated. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Fortner** and is well and favorably known as a young lady of sterling worth. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Hott** living near Assumption and has as wide circle of friends.

*Powder mills explode, 25 to 50 persons are killed at the Dupont Plant at Fontanet, Indiana.* The explosion destroys the entire town and leaves more than 600 residents injured. Every building in the town is either destroyed wholly or partially leveled with the ground. Where stood a thriving and busy town of 1,000 people, there is ruin and scattered wreckage. Only 500 residents, all more or less wounded, remain to gather their scattered household goods and sleep under tents and on cots guarded by soldiers of the state. Without warning the 7 powder mills blew up at 9:15 A.M., Tuesday morning. They employed 200 men and of these, 75 were at work when the first explosion occurred in the press mill. In quick succession the glazing powder magazine blew up, followed by the cap mill. In the magazine situated several hundred yards from the mills were stored 40,000 kegs of powder. The concussion when it blew up was felt nearly 200 miles away. The mills went up with three distinct explosions, followed 90 minutes later by a fourth even more serious than the others when the magazines went up. Immediately following the explosion the wreckage took fire and the inhabitants of the town who rushed to the rescue of the mill employees found themselves powerless to aid those burning in the massive ruins. Destruction seemed to be everywhere. Many of the dead have not been identified as yet. Identified as of now is **A B Monahan**, general superintendent, Mrs. **A B Monahan**, Mrs. **Monahan's** sister, **George Justice, John Bobo, George Bobo, William Sherrill, Henry Harrington, Sylvester Dial, Ad Webster, Sammy Nevins, -- Yates, Will Dalton, T P Kellup** of Wilmington, Delaware, **Henry Chandler, W E Criff, Earl Wood** and **L J Carroll**. Superintendent **Nash** of the Dupont Powder Company at Fontanet, who was seriously injured about the head and hips, at a hospital Tuesday night said that he knew nothing after the explosion until he was picked up 100 yards distant from the plant. He is quoted as saying, "Superintendent **Monahan**, myself and **T T Kellup**, a representative of the eastern company at Wilmington, Delaware, were in the business office. Mr. **Monahan** and I were looking over the morning's mail, which had just arrived. Mr. **Kellup** was reading a newspaper. This is the last I remember until I was picked up on the hill." Mr. **Nash** said that the loss on the plant would be more than \$100,000. In the nine years he has been in the plant, 17 persons have been killed. Trouble had been experienced in the past few days with the shaft in the glazing room. Several times the shaft became overheated and required stopping the machinery.

Obed news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Cole** on 19 October 1907, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Ahl**, a daughter on 18 October 1907.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cedri** a daughter, who arrived on Thursday, 18 October 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **W H Silver** observed their Silver Wedding anniversary Saturday by entertaining a few friends at a six o'clock dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Beaumont** attended the funeral of Mrs. **John Matthews** Saturday at the Madison Church near Boody. Mrs. **Matthews** was a sister of the late **Jacob Johnson**.

The funeral of Miss **Lourena J Howse**, who was killed by a Wabash train at Decatur, was held at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon from the First Christian Church. It was one of the most largely attended funerals ever held in Decatur, there being over 1,000 people present. Members of the Modern American Order of the White Cross, Royal Neighbors and Daughters of Rebecca, members of the Sunday school and all the Church societies attended in a body, and the men of the Church acted as an escort from the house to the Church. The services were conducted by Rev **O P Wright**. Several appropriate selections were beautifully rendered by the choir. Mrs. **Howse** is survived by four children, **Zedric** of Kerwin, Kansas, **Maude** and **Fred** of Decatur and **Paul** of Moweaqua. She is also survived by one half sister, Mrs. **J M Housh** of this city and one half brother, **Thos Lord** in Peoria.

The Thistle Camp No 2787 of Pleak, Illinois, resolved whereas the angel of death has taken from Neighbor **Rebecca Housh**, her sister, **Lorena Howse**, be it that we extend our deepest sympathies of our neighbor in her hour of sorrow. (*Note the differences in the spelling of 'Lourena' and 'Lorena'. Copied as written*)

**Jacob March** died at his home about six miles north east of Moweaqua on Tuesday, 15 October 1907, at the age of 87 years, 8 months and 26 days. About four years ago his eyes began to fail him, and during the past two years he has been totally blind. About a month ago he fell and fractured his hip which confined him to his bed. The fall with other troubles consequent to old age caused his death. During his illness he suffered intensely but bore his afflictions and suffering with fortitude and patience. He was a man with a noble character, a friend to everybody, and loved by all who knew him. He was the last of his father's family consisting of nine children to pass away. As he crossed the great beyond a smile came over his face and he went to his eternal home where suffering is no more. **Jacob March** was born near Nichlosville, Jessemine County, Kentucky, on 19 January 1820. He came with his parents to Green County, Illinois, in 1836. His parents both died in about two years. He was united in marriage to Miss **Maria Jane Secor** on 28 September 1848, and to them were born six children, three still survive. They are Mrs. **Fannie Corrington** of Jennings, Louisiana, Mrs. **Mary Arnold** of Macon and Mrs. **Maria Unroe** of Jennings, Louisiana. He moved from Green County to his home north east of Moweaqua in the year 1867, living on his farm the rest of his life. The wife and mother died on 16 February 1873 at the farm. He was again united in marriage to Miss **Emma Adamson** of Moweaqua, Illinois, on 12 April 1877. To this union were born five children, one dying in infancy. The others remaining are **Wm** and **Jesse March**, Mrs. **Nona Newsham** and Miss **Nettie March**. He also has eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. He united with the M E Church at Sanner Chapel several years ago of which he was still a member, but owing to his feeble health, he was unable to attend of late years. The funeral was held from the M E Church at Macon on Thursday at 11 AM conducted by Rev **Beadles** of Quincy, former Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Macon. The pallbearers were Messrs **John Armstrong**, **James Shaddock**, **George Culbertson**, **Felix Beschle**, **Anton Beschle**, and **Clint Webb**. Interment in Macon Cemetery.

**Wednesday, 30 October 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Last Thursday the Supreme Court of Illinois affirmed the decision of the appellate and circuit court in the suit brought by Mrs. **Matilda Stringer** of Moweaqua against **George Reisch** and **Philip Standly** as bondsmen of **Louis Jurica**, who was a saloon keeper here at the time of the tragedy in which Mr. **Stringer** died. The suit was brought under the dramshop act and was based on the murder of Mrs. **Stringer's** husband by **Sanford Wolfe**. The latter it will be remembered got a five-year sentence in the Christian County circuit court. It was alleged that **Wolfe** was drunk when the deed was committed and that his condition was due to liquor purchased of **Jurica**. A judgment of \$1,500 was given by the Shelby County circuit court and will now have to be paid.

The little three-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Chapman Oakes**, living southeast of town, died Saturday evening about 5 o'clock of diphtheria. Interment took place Sunday afternoon in the Bethany Cemetery. Mrs. **Oakes** is reported seriously ill with typhoid fever. Our sympathies. **Charles Butler**, charged with assault with intent to kill **Henry Beck**, Marshal of Herrick, before Esquire **W E Lowe** in Shelbyville for preliminary hearing, was bound over to the grand jury under bond of \$750, which was furnished.

Sixty years with their sunshine and showers have passed away, and one of the most enjoyable gatherings that has occurred among us for a long time, was the company of nearly one hundred guests that met at the comfortable country home of Mr. and Mrs. **Beverly Armstrong** near Pleak on Tuesday, 29 October 1907, to offer congratulations and best wishes to them on the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage, and who were so cordially received and entertained by them and their estimable family at their home. The hearty good will, which brought together these friends prove the love and respect, and high esteem in which the aged couple is held by neighbors, relatives and friends. Mr. **Armstrong** is in his 80<sup>th</sup> year, and is hale and hearty often walking to town a distance of six miles. Mrs. **Armstrong** has passed her 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. The former was born and grew to manhood on a farm near the place where he now lives. The latter whose maiden name was **Emily Virden** was born near Henton, Illinois. Since their marriage in 1847 they have always lived in Shelby County and their lives here have been closely interwoven with the social life of the community. Of their three children only one is living, **W F Armstrong**, who, with his two daughters, Misses **Birdie** and **Essa**, reside with the aged couple. At noon a sumptuous dinner consisting of almost everything good one could think of was served, and the afternoon was spent in social conversation and music. The oldest guests present were **Isaac Longenbaugh**, aged 86, **Tom C Ponting**, aged 84, and Aunt **Betsy Housh**, aged 82. Present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **W C Miller**, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Armstrong**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Casey**, Mrs. **I B Hyde** of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Smith**, Mr. and Mrs. **C A Conrad**, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bullington**, Mrs. **Jinkens** of Tower Hill, Mr. and Mrs. **George Casey** of Pana, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Day** of Kansas City, Missouri, and **Della Francisco** of Shelbyville. Quite a number were present from Moweaqua. Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong** received many beautiful and useful presents as mementos of the event, and the respect and esteem by which they are held.

Macon news: **J M Turner** left Saturday for Rockford to attend the wedding of his sister-in-law, Miss **Pearl Chamberlain**.

Mr. and Mrs. **A Morel** have a daughter who arrived on 27 October 1907.

The will of the late **Thos Hudson** was filed. It provides that all the property of every kind be left to the widow during her lifetime.

**Joseph Collins**, aged 32 years of Centralia, committed suicide by hanging. A child was born to his wife on the previous night.

**Schaniel-Richhart wedding.** Miss **Grace Richhart** and **John W Schaniel** were married Monday evening at 8:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother, 840 West Green Street. The ceremony was performed by Rev **O P Wright**, Pastor of the First Christian Church, in the presence of about thirty of the relatives and intimate friends of the couple.

After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The house was prettily decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride is a prominent member of the First Christian Church. She has been employed as saleswoman at **Linn & Scruggs** for several years. The groom is a carpenter. After a short wedding trip the couple will return to Decatur where they will make their home. (Review). Miss **Richhart** having lived in Moweaqua for a number of years is well-known here.

**Wednesday, 6 November 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Married at West Baden** – **Harrie E Graybill** and Miss **Julia Haslam** will go to housekeeping after three months secret marriage. Married almost three months and living in the midst of hundreds of friends and acquaintance without any one of them, not even their immediate families, learning the fact, has been the strange experience of **Harrie E Graybill** and Miss **Julia Haslam**, two well-known and highly respected young people in Moweaqua. The secret was divulged this morning when the bridegroom blushing went to the bride's parents and confessed, and asked the usual forgiveness, etc. The ceremony was performed on 17 August 1907, at West Baden, Indiana, in the presence of a few friends by Rev **Dodge**, Pastor of the Methodist Church of that place. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J T Haslam** and is one of the most charming young ladies of our city. From a little girl she has grown up in our midst honored by old and young alike. She is a graduate of the Moweaqua High School and has been a faithful worker in the affairs of the Church since childhood. The groom is a hustling young businessman of this city, and there is, perhaps, no young man better thought of than **Harrie Graybill**. They will go to housekeeping here in the near future.

The death of Mrs. **Wm Rigby** occurred at her home near Stonington on Sunday evening, 3 November 1907, at 6 o'clock P M at the age of 35 years, 3 months and 5 days. She had suffered for several years from stomach trouble, which was the cause of her death. Mrs. **Rigsby** was the daughter of **Cornelius** and **Sarah Van Curen** and was born 28 July 1872. At an early age she was converted and became a member of the Methodist Church at Moweaqua, and lived a Christian life until she was called by death. In 1894 she was married to **Wm Rigsby**. To this union two children were born, **Ethel** and **Amy**, the latter dying in infancy. She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband and one daughter, besides her mother, Mrs. **Thos Porter** of this city, and one sister, Mrs. **Edwin Compton** of Stonington, and one half brother and sister, **Talmage** and **Maudie Porter**, and a host of friends who loved her for the kind and cheerful disposition which she possessed. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, Rev **Roush**, Pastor of the M E Church, officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery at Stonington.

Sunday, 3 November 1907 being the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of **Samuel Goodwin**, about 60 of his relatives and friends assembled at his pleasant country home to remind him that he had passed another milestone in the journey of life. Mrs. **Goodwin** successfully planned the surprise by having Mr. **Grant Donnell** take him to see a neighbor who detained him there until Mr. **Donnell** began to get hungry and imagined he could see the table loaded with so many good things to eat, and thought it was time to take Mr. **Goodwin** home. On arriving he found about

sixty guests who had brought well filled baskets and had a sumptuous dinner spread awaiting his return. After taking in the situation, the surprise was over, dinner was then announced, and all seemed to do justice to that part of the program.

Miss **Hazel Miller** entertained about 30 of her friends Tuesday evening at her home in a most delightful manner. The affair was given in honor of her sixteenth birthday and the evening was most pleasantly spent in playing games of various kinds, interspersed with musical selections. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had by all.

Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Prof **J J Love** of Moweaqua and Miss **Cassa M Ernst** of Watseka, Illinois, which occurred on Saturday, 2 November 1907. Prof **Love** is Principal of the Windsor school, and is one of the most practical and successful educators in the state.

Fame news: Mrs. **Thomas Saddler** went to Francher Monday to attend the funeral of her nephew, **Roff Berrington**. Mrs. **Vonn** of near Stonington died of diseases consequent to old age on Sunday. Mrs. **Henry Jacobs** was her daughter.

Rev and Mrs. **I B Irwin** have a new daughter born to them on 3 November 1907.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss **Pearl Chamberlain** of Macon and **M A Alletson** of Rockford, Illinois. The marriage occurred on Saturday, 26 October 1907 in Rockford. The bride is well and favorably known here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harry Schellhaas**, a daughter on 3 November 1907.

**Francis J Durbin** of Decatur and Miss **Emma Woodring** of Moweaqua were married on Thursday afternoon in Springfield. The couple returned to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Durbin**, 412 South Franklin Street, where they will live for a time. The announcement of the wedding came as a great surprise to the many friends of the couple here.

Mr. **Durbin** is employed at the grocery store of **Barbey and Cooper**. The bride has, until now resided, with her parents on a farm near Moweaqua.

### Wednesday, 13 November 1907 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

*A deplorable joke.* A deplorable mistake was made in our last issue by announcing the marriage of **Harrie E Graybill** and Miss **Julia Haslam** at West Baden, Indiana. The fact is they are *not* married at all and the publication announcing it was the result of a joke. Miss **Haslam** not knowing anything about it until the publication was made. We sincerely regret that the publication was made, but it is simply one of the instances where the editor was misinformed. Never would such a publication have been made under any other circumstances. We regret it not only on account of the embarrassment occasioned the parties concerned, but because it has been and is yet the height of our ambition to give our readers reliable news, and we trust that such a mistake will never occur again.

Quite a pleasant surprise was given Mrs. **John Moll** at her home in the east part of the city Thursday evening, 7 November 1907, in honor of her fortieth birthday. Mrs. **Moll** was the recipient of a very beautiful Haviland vase, the gift of the Magnolia Camp R. N. A. The evening was spent in popping corn and making the kind of candy mother used to make and in social conversation.

The *Windsor Gazette* says Prof **J J Love**, principal of the Windsor public schools stole a march on the friends and was united in marriage at Watseka on Saturday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock with Miss **Cassa M Ernst** of Normal. The Rev **W D Smith** of Watseka, an old friend of the bride, was the officiating minister. Prof and Mrs. **Love** arrived in Windsor Sunday night and went to Mr. and Mrs. **J D Fortner's** where the couple was stopping. They expect to go to housekeeping

soon. The school pupils presented Prof **Love** and bride with a set of silverware. Later in the evening the teachers called and presented the couple with nice gifts.

Mrs. **C B Friedley** gave a 6 o'clock dinner Saturday, 9 November 1907, in honor of her husband's 51<sup>st</sup> birthday. Covers were laid for sixteen. Present from out of town were Grandma **Housh** and Mrs. **Ray Gregory** of Pleak, Mrs. **Harvey Woodman** of Chicago and Mrs. **Matheny** of Dalton City.

**Clyde Long** of Chicago, nephew of the late Mrs. **Pet Magill** of Clinton and son of Mrs. **George H Gengnagel** of Dayton, Ohio, died of erysipelas at St Mary's Hospital in Decatur. Mr. **Long** had been critically ill all week. He came here about 7 October 1907 to attend the **Magill** murder trial. His mother, Mrs. **Della Gengnagel**, came from Dayton to attend the trial. Before the end of the trial came, **Clyde Long** went to St Mary's hospital for a slight operation for the removal of an abscess on his face. He failed to recover from the effects of the operation.

At Clinton, an important sale of real estate was made at Farmer City when Master in Chancery **William H Booth** disposed of the three farms of the **Alfred Reecer** estate, consisting of a total of 280 acres for the sum of \$39,420. The sale was the result of a partition suit. There were five heirs, three of whom purchased the land.

Taylorville: Because his daughter, **Ida Bohn** eloped with an actor, the late **H C Bohn**, mayor of Morrisville, cut her off with five dollars in his will filed in the County court. The estate valued at \$30,000 is given to his widow for her use during life and upon her death, it is to go to relatives of the testator.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Griffith** of Macon on 1 November 1907, a daughter.

The body of Mrs. **Victoria Rutherford** of Memphis, Tennessee, was brought to Macon last Wednesday for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. **E L Daggett** of Macon attended the funeral service of their aunt, Mrs. **S Briggs** in Champaign on Friday.

**A Daggett** and wife were called to Champaign last Thursday on account of the death of the former's sisters, Mrs. **S Briggs**.

Macon: The funeral services of Mrs. **J A Cook** who died suddenly last Tuesday evening of heart trouble was held at the ME Church Thursday morning.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. **McQuality** of Macon, who was so seriously burned by a bonfire on last Wednesday died Thursday and the funeral services were held Friday evening from the family residence

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Amos Burgener** on 8 November 1907, a daughter.

**Zed Howse**, who was called here recently on account of the death of his mother returned to his home at Cedar, Kansas, on Friday.

Fame news: Mrs. **Thomas Saddler** returned home Friday from Francher where she attended the funeral of her nephew. She was accompanied home by her sister and son.

#### Wednesday, 20 November 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:

On the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November 1907, the intent for an administrator's sale was published. The estate of **Joshua Hudson, Sr.**, deceased, will be held on 4 January 1908 in Moweaqua, Illinois. The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill** was the scene of a most pleasant affair Tuesday evening in the form of a domino party which was given in honor of the seventeenth anniversary of their marriage. About twenty friends were present, and a most enjoyable time was had by all. Mrs. **Sherman Weatherholt** died at her home about a mile north of Moweaqua on Sunday, the 17<sup>th</sup> day of November 1907, at 5 o'clock AM of diabetes, after an illness of about three years.

Her life was gentle, but like the still waters, it was deep. Much has been taken from this husband and two little children and from the large circle of relatives and friends. **Ada Markwell**, daughter of **T C** and **Eliza Markwell** was born 23 April 1879, being at the time of her death, 28 years, 7 months and 26 days old. She was married to **Sherman Weatherholt** on 26 February 1899 and leaves her husband and two children, **Eva**, 7 years old, and **Ralph**, 5 years old, besides her father, two brothers, **Arthur** and **Mortin** and one sister, **Della**, wife of **Edward Ezra** who lives south west of Moweaqua. Her mother died in February 1893 and her brother, **Fallis Markwell**, died in 1891 in the state of Nebraska. She united with the Christian Church in August 1895 under the ministry of **A R Spicer**, and has been a consistent member to the time of her death. She was a devoted mother and loved her children and tried to do her duty as a Christian woman. The funeral services were held at the Christian Church on Monday at 11 o'clock AM. Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill** was the scene of a most pleasant affair Tuesday evening in the form of a domino party which was given in honor of the seventeenth anniversary of their marriage. About twenty friends were present and a most enjoyable time was had by all. **John E Newcome** and **Mary I Mathes**, both living a few miles west of town, were married in Decatur Wednesday by Judge **O W Smith**. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **E Mathes** of Prairieton Township, and the groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Newcome**. They are industrious and highly respected young people who will reside on a farm near their parental home.

The death of **A Graham**, formerly of this city, occurred in Decatur at the St Mary's hospital about eleven o'clock Friday night. Mr. **Graham**, who was about 70 years old, was thrown from a wagon to which he was driving a team of mules last Wednesday evening, and was not found until 11 o'clock that night. He was partially paralyzed as a result of his injury and was taken to the hospital the next day.

**B H Bramblett**, an aged and highly respected citizen, died in this city at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Bert Tolson** on Friday evening about 5:30 o'clock of pneumonia. Mr. **Bramblett** had been in poor health all summer but his condition was not considered serious until a week ago when he contracted a severe cold. His age was 72 years, 10 months and 23 days. He has always been an active and energetic man, both mentally and physically, and well adapted to the life of a pioneer whose generous impulses and hospitable ways he never forgot. He believed that 'men and women, young and children, seek the friendship of the enemy faced'. **Benjamin Henry Bramblett** was born in Nicholas County, Kentucky, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1834. He came to Christian County, Illinois, in 1864 and was married to Miss **Martha E Adams** on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1865. There came to bless this union, eight children, five sons, **J E** and **W K Bramblett** of Blue Mound, Illinois, **B F** and **J C Bramblett** of Moweaqua, Illinois, **E E Bramblett** of Oreana, Illinois, and three daughters, Mrs. **Emma B Boyd** of Decatur, Illinois, Mrs. **Gertrude Ross** of Wichita, Kansas, and Mrs. **Beulah Tolson** of Moweaqua. In 1875 he moved to Macon County, Illinois, where he resided until a few years ago - of recent years he has divided his time, living with each of this children a part of the time. The funeral services were held at the Presbyterian Church on 18 November 1907, and were conducted by the pastor. Rev **Robt B Irwin**, officiating. The Masonic Fraternity which order had charge of the services at the north Cemetery, and of which order Mr. **Bramblett** was a member.

Mrs. **Cynthia Brinker** and **James Marts** both of Obed were married on Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock at the U B Parsonage. Rev **I W Longenbaugh** officiated. The bride is a daughter of **Wm Hill** who for a number of years has been a housekeeper in her father's home near Obed. Mr. and Mrs. **Marts** will reside in Assumption.

The marriage of Miss **Bertha Sloan** and **Edward C Adcock** was celebrated at 6:30 o'clock Monday evening at the U B Parsonage, Rev **E H Shuey** performing the ceremony. Both are prominent young people of Obed. The groom is a farmer. The couple will reside with the bride's parents near Obed until spring when they will move to a farm near Obed. (*Decatur Herald*)

*The Stork's visit:* Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Domenick Margelli**, a daughter who arrived on 18 November 1907; to Mr. and Mrs. **Lousigmont**, a daughter, 13 November 1907; to Mr. and Mrs. **W C Bradley** on 16 November 1907, a son, and to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Cundiff** on 18 November 1907, a son.

**Wednesday, 27 November 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Guy Allison** passed away at the home of his parents in this city on Friday morning, 22 November 1907, at 9:35 o'clock A.M., being at the time of his death, 22 years and 28 days old. The cause of his death was acute tuberculosis. His demise has brought the bitter cup of sorrow to the lips of friends and relatives. **Guy Edwin Allison**, son of **Franklin and Lida Allison**, was born in Mattoon, Illinois, 25 October 1885. About four years ago he came here with his father's family and has lived here long enough that he had become one of the boys familiarly known in our town. About a year ago his health began to decline, gradually but constantly. All that medical skill could do to check the progress of the disease was done but to no avail. Two months ago as a last resort and as the only possible hope, a change of climate was sought, the father taking his son to Cody, Wyoming. This change proved of no advantage and at that time, **Guy** began to realize that there was little probability that anything could unclasp the tight grip with the disease had on him. During his absence he indicated to his father the feeling that he had that he would never recover, and then made some suggestions and requests regarding his funeral. He leaves to mourn his departure a father, mother, two brothers, **Arthur** and **Fred** and two sisters, **Mareah** and **Fausta** besides a host of friends. Services were held Sunday at 2:30 o'clock from the family residence, Rev **A B Peck** officiating. Interment in the West Side Cemetery.

The marriage of **Samuel Mathias** and Miss **Leta Stump**, both living near Obed, occurred in St Louis on Wednesday afternoon, the ceremony being performed by Esq. **M F Moore** of that city. The announcement of the marriage came as a complete surprise, as it had not been anticipated by even their closest friends. The happy couple had planned and successfully carried out a coup. The bride is the oldest daughter of Chas D Stump and is a lady of sterling worth and character. At the age of ten years she took upon herself the burden of a housekeeper in her father's home and has faithfully performed those duties ever since. Not only has she performed the duties of a housekeeper, but she has cared for the younger members of the family like a mother. She is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness and will prove to be a true helpmate and companion to the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand. The groom is a son of Mrs. **Eliza Mathias** and is a successful young farmer who by his unassuming manner and industrious habits has gained the respect of all who knew him. These young people who have taken upon themselves the responsibilities and obligations of married life were born and have always lived in the vicinity of Obed.

Mr. and Mrs. **H C Miller**, southeast of town gave their son, **Floyd** a surprise 18<sup>th</sup> birthday party at their home. He had retired for the night but was soon called to answer the telephone, when to his surprise, about 45 of his friends were waiting to remind him of his birthday on Friday night at the beautiful home of his parents. The evening was spent in playing various games and music. About seventy-five young folks assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Gid Housh** near Pleak Saturday evening, the occasion being given in honor of Mrs. **Housh**, it being her birthday. Music was furnished by **Reimer Brothers, Henry Heimer, W F Armstrong** and others. The evening was spent tripping the light fantastic toe until a late hour when the guests departed, having a jolly good time and pronouncing Mr. and Mrs. **Housh** delightful entertainers. Mrs. **Housh** was the recipient of several nice and useful presents.

The death of Mrs. **Mary Adams** occurred Monday morning about 10 o'clock at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Anna Brooks** living near Lithia Springs, the cause being consumption. She had been in poor health for about two years and has been bedfast for ten weeks. During the past two years she has made her home with her children, the last three months being at the home of Mrs. **Brooks** where she died. Mrs. **Adams** possessed an admirable Christian character and has been a lifelong and devoted member of the Christian Church at Blue Mound. She was a kind, loving mother and a sympathizing neighbor. She was born near Rochester, Sangamon County, in Illinois, sixty-seven years ago, and moved at an early age to Christian County where she spent most of her life. On the 16<sup>th</sup> day of March 1858, she was united in marriage with **Richard Adams** and soon thereafter moved with her husband to Kansas, but spending a year there they returned to Christian County, Illinois, and as soon as their means would admit, they bought a farm and adorned it with a house and other improvements. Busy years followed their location there but prosperity smiled upon their efforts and they often invested their money judiciously and at one time they owned 190 acres of valuable real estate which has since been divided among children. Her union in marriage resulted in a family of ten children, seven of whom are still living. They are **Andrew** who lives in North Dakota, **G B Adams** of Haworden, Iowa, Mrs. **Anna L Brooks** of near Lithia Springs, Mrs. **Salina Ireys** of Monmouth, Illinois, **Aden** and Mrs. **Pearl Wetzel**, living west of town, Mrs. **Jessie Perine**, near Blue Mound, these with a host of friends are left to mourn her departure. Her husband **Richard Adams** died about ten years ago. The funeral services were held here this afternoon at the Christian Church, Rev **Sines**, Pastor of the Christian Church of Blue Mound, officiating. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery. Taylorville news: Mrs. **Mary E Shaffer** filed suit in the circuit court for a divorce from her husband, **Amos Shaffer**, who is now in Montgomery County. She charges cruelty and drunkenness, and does not ask for the custody of their child, through fear that the defendant will carry out threats he has made to kill her.

Macon news: Mrs. **John Moreland** was called to Macon on Monday on account of the death of her sister.

Mr. and Mrs. **H R Woodcock** were called to Witt last week on account of the death of Mrs. **Woodcock's** mother, Mrs. **Middleton**. (Macon news)

Macon: Mrs. **Wm Riley** died very suddenly here last Friday morning. Her death was caused by apoplexy. The funeral services were held Monday morning in the Catholic Church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Aubrey Duncan**, 17 November 1907, a son.

The marriage of **Frank Johnson** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Russell**, both of this city was solemnized in St Louis, Missouri, Monday evening about 5 o'clock. Esq. **Strube** performed the ceremony. The happy couple returned to this city Monday night and will make their home here.

Mrs. **T N Stringer** received a draft for \$740 on Monday as her part of the judgment recently recovered against the bondsmen of **Louis Jurica**, who was a saloon keeper here at the time of the murder of Mrs. **Stringer's** husband by **Sanford Wolfe**. It was alleged that **Wolfe** was intoxicated when the deed was committed and that his condition was due to the liquor purchased at **Jurica's** saloon.

The marriage of Miss **Eliza Johnson** and **Charles Portwood** of this city occurred in St Louis, Friday morning about 10 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev **Brambly** Pastor of one of the Methodist Churches in that city. The bride is the sixteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Oliver Johnson** of this city, and the groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Portwood**, also of this city.

**Opal Gillman**, the fifteen months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Gillman**, died at their home in Decatur Tuesday morning at 8:45 o'clock. The funeral was held here at the Baptist Church this morning at 10 o'clock. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev **J N Edmondson**. Interment was in the North Cemetery.

At the parsonage of Centenary M E Church Wednesday evening at 4 o'clock took place the marriage of Mr. **James E Kincaid** and Miss **Lillie B Tankersley** the words of the ceremony being pronounced by Rev **M N English**. Both of the contracting parties are residents of Scott County, residing northeast of Winchester where their families are among the most substantial and highly esteemed members of the community. The groom is reputed to be one of the most substantial farms in the County and at the time of the dedication of the new M E Church recently in Winchester, was one of the largest contributors. The bride is a daughter of **Thomas W Tankersley** and wife and is possessed of a charming personality that makes her the center of a large and admiring group of friends. Both are active in social and Church circles. (*Courier*). Miss **Tankersley** is well-known here and is a sister of Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, Mrs. **Dan Coultas** and Mrs. **George Suppes** of Moweaqua and also Mr. **Wm Tankersley** of Walker.

**Wednesday, 4 December 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Marriage Kept Secret – No Joke about this – Groom's word not the only evidence - this time but the marriage certificate is shown! Coultas – Sanner. Clesant A Coultas and Miss Neoma Pearl Sanner will go to housekeeping near Pleak after a year's secret marriage. (Previous was the headline)* The many friends of **Clesant A Coultas** and Miss **Neoma Pearl Sanner** will be surprised to learn that these two excellent young people of this community were quietly married at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev **W J Davidson** in Decatur. The marriage took place on Sunday evening, 11 November 1906. After the ceremony was performed the happy couple drove to Moweaqua and attended Church, after which they returned to their parental homes and carefully guarded their secret until a few days ago when they gently broke the news to their parents. Strange as it may seem they have lived among hundreds of their friends and acquaintances for over a year and were not even suspected of being married. Owing to the fact that the groom did not have a home prepared for his bride, the secret was not divulged sooner. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **E B Sanner**, living near Sanner Chapel, and is one of the best and most highly respected young ladies of that community. She is an active worker in the Church and is very popular with her associates. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, southeast of town, and is one of the best and most industrious young farmers. He is a member of the Moweaqua band and a young man of sterling worth and character. The young couple will begin housekeeping at once at the Pleak farm, where the groom will have control of 352 acres of

land. The *News* takes great pleasure in announcing the marriage of these prominent young people and extend to them our best wishes for future happiness.

On Saturday, 30 November 1907 at El Paso, Illinois, Mr. **Alex Storey** and Miss **Mima Workman** both of Shelby County were married. The wedding was solemnized in the home of Rev **J F Van Evers**, a friend and former Pastor of Fame, who performed the ceremony. Mr. **Storey** is one of Shelby County's prosperous young farmers and stockmen, a man who mixes brains with his business and wins causes. For a time he represented **Burgess and Sons Importers**, thereby gaining a practical knowledge of the stock business. Miss **Workman** is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Workman** south of Moweaqua. A charming Christian character, she has been intimately associated with the work of Fame Church for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. **Storey** will spend a week or ten days in Chicago after which they will be at home to their many friends at the old **Storey** home east of Assumption.

A party of young people planned and executed a surprise on **D F Fickes**, southeast of town last Friday night, the occasion being his birthday. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and listening to music executed by Mrs. **Fickes**. The guests departed at a late hour after having been delightfully entertained. Those present were Misses **Stella Davis, Lelle Housh, Essa Armstrong, Martha Bunning, Clara Stradley**, Mrs. **May Housh**, Miss **Chister**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Evans, G W Goodwin** and wife, **Andrew Jackson, Will Bunning, Frank McCarty**, Mr. **Chister**, Mr. **Davis** and **Fred House**.

**Z B Job** died at his home in Alton at the age of 92 years. He was an early Alton pioneer. He was born in Fairfax County, Virginia, in 1815 and removed to Madison County in 1833, settling where the town of Alton now stands. In 1849 he caught the gold fever and went to California and returned in two years. Mr. **Job** represented Madison County four terms in the legislature and was a friend of **Lincoln, Douglas**, the elder **Yates**, and other men who made Illinois history. He was the largest landowners in Madison County. He gave Alton its first public park, and was the founder and donor of Upper Alton University. Surviving are four children, **T B Job Jr.**, Mrs. **H J Bowman**, and Miss **Dollie Job** of Alton, and **Fred W Job**, secretary of the Chicago Employers' Association.

Prairie Home news: **Wm Robison** and family of La Place were here to attend his sister's wedding on Wednesday. Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Robison** at high noon on Wednesday, 27 November 1907, Miss **Florence Robison** to Mr. **Reed** of Oklahoma. They will leave in a few days for Oklahoma where they expect to make their home.

Macon news: Grandma **Davis** died Sunday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **S Giles**.

Macon news: Miss **Maud Dunkle** and Mr. **Stewart Unroe** were married by Rev **H H Oneal** at the M E Parsonage on last Wednesday evening. Only a few immediate friends were present. About eight o'clock on last Wednesday evening the young ladies of the community gathered at the home of Mrs. **Robert Hight** and gave Mrs. **Maud (Dunkle) Unroe** a 'miscellaneous shower'.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Jacobs** on 25 November 1907, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Howard** on 29 November 1907, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Dutton** a son, who arrived 2 December 1907.

**Wm Moss** and family attended the 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration of the former's sister, Mrs. **Wm Sinard**, who resides near Assumption on Monday.

Mrs. **Austin** was called to Marissa, Illinois, on Tuesday on account of the sudden death of her brother. She was accompanied as far as St Louis, Missouri, by her daughter, Mrs. **Jesse Adams**.

**Wednesday, 11 December 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The marriage of **Wm Heriot** and Miss **Clara Attebery** both of this city was solemnized at Springfield, 5 December 1907 at 11:30 o'clock, at the home of the officiating minister, Rev **E B Rogers** of the Baptist Church. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mrs. **John Wagoner**, and is well and favorably known in Moweaqua as a young lady of sterling worth. The groom is a young man of good habits and character and enjoys the esteem of a host of friends. For several years he has been employed as an electrician at the mine and has proved himself to be a very capable man. The newly married couple will make Moweaqua their home.

The marriage of **Ezra Townsend** and Miss **Vera Cochran**, two excellent young people living south of Pleak, was quietly solemnized at Decatur Tuesday afternoon. Judge **O W Smith** officiated at the ceremony. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Cochran**, well-known and highly respected citizens living east of Bethany Church. She is a young lady of many good traits of character, well liked by all and possesses many accomplishments of the young lady of today. The groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. **G W Townsend**, and is one of our most successful stockmen and is a farmer of good business ability. The happy couple will reside with the groom's parents until spring.

*Stork visitations:* Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew Uhazzy**, a daughter who arrived on 4 December 1907; to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Woodwring**, a son born 5 December 1907, and to Mr. and Mrs. **Burton Longenbaugh**, a son born 7 December 1907.

Public sale of personal property will be held at the late residence of **Mary F Myers**, deceased, on 21 December 1907. Household goods, carpets, kitchen furniture, Singer sewing machine, heating stove, bedsteads and bedding, many numerous items for sale.

**Wednesday, 18 December 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*(Note: The last two issues of this year were in extremely poor condition (issues dated 18 December and 25 December 1907. The pages were missing an/or in pieces. I extracted as much information as possible from both issues.)*

Prairie Home news: Mr. **Reed** and his bride, formerly Miss **Robison** left on Wednesday for their home in Oklahoma.

Salem news: The **Ludwig family** have completed the erection of a large family monument in the Salem Cemetery. Mr. and Mrs. **E J Ludwig**, Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and daughter, **Emma** took dinner at **Joe Duncan's** home last Wednesday.

**Thomas Saddler** received a message Monday in Fame that his father had died at his home in Taylorsville, Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. **Saddler** left on the noon train to attend the funeral.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Brink**, a son, born 12 December 1907.

Mrs. **S E Lawson** was called to Patoka on Monday evening on account of the death of her sister.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C O Adams**, a son, born 17 December 1907.

*Report of the old Folk's Home at Mattoon has recently been made.* There are 76 inmates in the home, 60 brothers and 16 sisters, and 15 of these are over 80 years of age. The oldest is **Carrie A Kent** of Slidell, age 88 years, and the youngest is **Wm B Hill** of Springfield, who is 54 years old.

On Tuesday, 17 December 1907, **Isaac Longenbaugh**, living near Obed, celebrated his 86<sup>th</sup> birthday, as has been the custom for a number of years. It was four score years and six that very day since he first saw the light and as he leaned back in his easy rocker the recollections of the vast number of years came up before him like a grand panorama. About noon his children and

children's children to the second and third generation began to arrive till the old 'roof tree' fairly rank with mirth and merriment and the laughter of little ones.

The marriage of **Edward Proctor** and Miss **Lydia Hust** both of Moweaqua was solemnized in Decatur Saturday afternoon in the presence of a few friends at the home of the officiating minister, **W J Davidson** of the First M E Church.

A pleasant surprise was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **John Suppes** on Wednesday, 4 December 1907, in honor of Mrs. **Suppes'** 76<sup>th</sup> birthday. The children all gathered at the home with well-filled baskets and a sumptuous dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and a delightful time was had by all. In the evening all departed for their homes, wishing grandma many more happy birthdays.

**Wm Walls**, living west of town, was called to Decatur Tuesday on account of the death of his mother.

At their home in this city, Friday evening, the thirteenth of December 1907, Mr. and Mrs. **K R Snyder** celebrated their thirteenth anniversary of their wedding and thirteen guests were present to participate in the event. The celebration of this memorable day to them had been contemplated for some time prior to the event, consequently everything was in readiness. The guests had a delightful evening and departed at a late hour wishing Mr. and Mrs. **Snyder** many more years of wedded happiness.

Monday Mrs. **Alice Shride** was very pleasantly reminded of her birthday by her friends going to her home near Yantisville with bountifully supplied baskets. A very pleasant time was had by all.

Saturday being the fortieth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **O H Brinker**, living southeast of town, about fifty of their friends and relatives went to their home with well-filled baskets and rendered them a surprise. The evening was spent very pleasantly in social conversation and at a late hour all departed wishing them many more happy years of wedded bliss.

**Wednesday, 25 December 1907 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*(Note: The last two issues of this year were in extremely poor condition (issues dated 18 December and 25 December 1907. The pages were missing an/or in pieces. I extracted as much information as possible from both issues.)*

Saturday, 21 December 1907 was the eighth birthday of little Miss **Aileen Hudson** and in honor of the event, her mamma, Mrs. **Frank Hudson**, entertained a number of her little friends. Various indoor games were played, refreshments were served and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent. Present were **Lois Adams, Lois Frazee, Goldie Wempen, Chloe Rice, Zoe Hudson, Gertrude Rice, Marjorie Stroh, Pansy and Louise Hudson, Francis Clapper, Blanche Moll, Helen Day, Thelma Moberly, Velma Waters, Mildred Stewart, Paul Rollins, Lenard Smart and Cecil Hudson.**

Yantisville news: A very happy wedding occurred at the home of **Jacob Longenbaugh** and wife on Christmas Eve when Miss **Mabel Longenbaugh** and **Ed Cole** were united heart and hand in the presence of a number of guests.

**Chas Shride** wears a very smile countenance at present over the arrival of a big ten pound boy at his home on 28 December 1907. *(This clipping was torn, it apparently is not for the 25<sup>th</sup> of December edition since the birth occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. No other information was available)*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. ----, 26 December 1907, a girl. (*This clipping was torn, it apparently is not for the 25<sup>th</sup> of December edition since the birth occurred on the 26<sup>th</sup> of December. No other information was available*)

**W H French**, an aged and highly respected citizen of Pickaway township, died at his home one mile west of Obed on Friday evening, 20 December 1907, the cause of his death being paralysis. His age was 71 years, 8 months and 10 days. Mr. **French** had suffered from two strokes of paralysis, the last one seizing him a few days before his death. He was a good neighbor and a kind and indulgent father. While death has broken this family tie and cast in sorrow the entire community in which he lived, there is a consolation which yet soars above with a halo that will exalt his earthly deeds and cast its beckoning light to those who mourn his departure. **William Hamilton French** was born in Vigo County, Indiana, on 10 April 1836, and grew to manhood there. On the 24<sup>th</sup> of November 1859 he was united in marriage to **Margaret C Pounds**. To this union was born four children, Mrs. **Elisha Thomas**, **T P French**, **James French**, and Mrs. **Ollie Lamb**. They with his wife are left to mourn his departure. He is also survived by six brothers, three of whom were present at the funeral, one half brother and one half sister, six grand children and one great grandchild. Mr. **French** professed faith in Christ and united with the Friendship Baptist Church in Indiana about forty years ago and was a humble follower of his Master until his death. Services were held Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the Little Flock Church and was attended by a large concourse of friends and neighbors. Services were conducted by Elder **Levi Corley**, and interment was in the Cemetery nearby.

Rev **Elias Thompson**, a pioneer of this section and a Presbyterian minister, died at 7 o'clock Thursday morning of old age. He was born in Madison, New Jersey, in 1820, and was married to Miss **Mary Bradley** in 1843, who survives him and who is now 87 years old. After being in the ministry for twenty-seven years he was superannuated and came to Taylorville in 1890 to make his home with a son who was then in charge of the local Presbyterian Church. The son, Rev **Dwight Thompson** soon afterwards died, and the aged minister and wife continued to make their home with the son's widow, Mrs. **Mary Thompson**, who is now city missionary. He was the last of a family of ten. Services were held Friday from the Presbyterian Church. He had been Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Moweaqua for a number of years.

News has been received that **Alfred Sterkie** who was visiting friends of Olney here and around Obed this fall, died of typhoid fever on 11 December 1907.

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**Excerpts from *The Moweaqua News:*  
(formerly the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*)**

**\* 1908 \***

**Wednesday, 1 January 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News:***

*Note: This issue was missing. I found only one page of this issue that was badly torn. I have extracted all types of news I could gather from that one page.*

Kansas letter from Mrs. **L C Uhl**, Smith Centre, Kansas. She writes they are now having a real winter, six inches of snow has been on the ground for the past week and it has been zero weather most of the time. My husband and I are going to spend the holidays with my sister, Mrs. **Rose Jeffries** at Elk City, Oklahoma, she was formerly **Rosa Widick**. I expect to visit my old home next year; we enjoyed a two weeks' visit from Mrs. **H C Miller**, my sister, this fall and greatly enjoyed talking over our childhood in Illinois. With compliments of the season, Mrs. **L C Uhl**. The funeral services of Miss **Susie McFelt**, who died at the Eastern Star Home on last Thursday morning of neuralgia were held at the home on Friday afternoon. Interment was in Macon Cemetery.

The funeral services of Mrs. **E C Wilson**, who died very suddenly last Saturday, were held in the M E Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev **Rogers** of Quincy conducted the funeral services.

Having rented my farm I will sell at the residence, two miles east and one mile north of Moweaqua and five miles south of Macon on Tuesday, 14 January 1908, ten head of horses and mules, calves, cattle, some milkers, hogs, brood sows, some good fat fall pigs. Implements consisting of one Cassidy gang plow and two walking plows. **Philip Diehl**.

Prairie Home news: **Gaston Martin** of Oklahoma, was visiting in Prairie Home this week. **Verna Munson** is quite sick. **John Oaks** of South Dakota, is visiting family and friends in this part of the country. **Charley Huffer** was not seen out last week with his chicken wagon. He says the roads are impassible. (Assumption Route 1 news)

**Hadley Weakly** of St Elmo is visiting his brother, **Arthur Weakly** this week. **Lloyd** and Miss **Frances Jordan** spent Sunday in Moweaqua and attended the dedication of the new Methodist Church. (Obed news)

Having decided to move to Kansas, we offer for sale at the residence of **J H J Bilyeu**, 5 ½ miles southwest of Moweaqua and 5 ½ miles northwest of Assumption on Wednesday, 8 January 1908, 25 head of horses and mules, consisting of one span of mules, 16 hands high, 4 and 5 years old, two black geldings, 3 years old, 2 bay mares, two weanling colts, one weanling mule, five head of milk cattle, fifty seven head of hogs consisting of ten brood sows, all bred, twenty one head of shoats, one male hog, two gang plows, one harrow, one corn planter, one disk, two sets of work harness, one set of single driving harness. One Avery separator, 36 x 60, one Advance Engine, 20 horse compound, one 2-a Western Sheller, 1300 bushels of yellow corn in the crib, other numerous items. **J H J Bilyeu, Edmond Bilyeu**

Estate of **Thomas Hudson Jr.**, deceased. The undersigned, **Ralph W Snyder**, Executor of the estate of **Thomas Hudson, Jr.**, gives notice that he will appear before the County court of

Shelby County at the Court house in Shelbyville on the first Monday of February 1908 to settle all claims against the estate.

**James and Thomas Dusan** and families of Indiana, are visiting at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Saddler**. Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Saddler** returned from Indiana, on Friday where they were called to attend the funeral of Mr. **Saddler's** father.

Mrs. **Robert Manley** returned to her home in Patoka Friday after a two weeks' visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn**.

**Wm Fathauer** of Fame is quite sick at this writing. Dr. **Couch** of Assumption is attending to him.

**M H Miller** again enters the business arena at Moweaqua. A deal was closed one day last week whereby **Dave Adamson** became the owner of the entire business owned by the firm of **Adamson and Sanner**, and in turn sold a one half interest to **M H Miller**, his former partner. The consideration in both deals was at invoice price. Mr. **Miller** will move here in the near future for permanent residence. Mr. **Miller** is well-known here as a thorough business man and needs no introduction to the people of Moweaqua.

*(Next article missing in part; copied for its historical value:)* ...Methodism was in the hearts and lives of the early settlers. Preaching services were sometimes held in the settlers' log cabins. In 1852, the first class was formed by Rev **Peter Ketchum**, as a part of the Taylorville circuit. In 1853 a Church was organized with thirty charter members, only one of that number remains, Mr. **B H McHenry**. In 1854, Moweaqua was made a mission of three appointments with Rev **Jos Lane** as pastor. In 1863 it was incorporated in a circuit of eight appointments, requiring the service of two preachers. In 1864 this circuit was divided, and in 1890, Moweaqua was made a station under the pastorate of Rev **A C Armentrout**. In 1853 a modest frame building was erected and served as a place for worship for twenty one years when under the pastorate of Rev **Ira Emerson** and the leadership of such men of Methodism as **George A Jacobs, Michael Schneider, B H McHenry, J E Ayars** and **J W Hughes** a new and for that time, a commodious brick building was erected. The citizens of the town and country irrespective of creeds, subscribed toward the building of the Church, which was dedicated on 13 February 1876, by Bishop **Thos Bowman**. The Church served the purposes of the congregation until about nine months ago when the feeling became quite general that in order to meet the present day needs of the congregation and to plan larger and .... for the future, a new and more commodious building was needed. *(Rest of article missing)*

**Wednesday, 8 January 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** passed away at her home southeast of Moweaqua on Thursday morning, 2 January 1908, about 8 o'clock after suffering for several months from Bright's disease with complications. Her age was 63 years, 2 months and 8 days. She had not been strong for more than a year and a decline in her general health was noticeable by the members of her family. During her illness she bore her suffering with patience and fortitude. She possessed an admirable Christian character and was a tender, loving wife, a devoted mother and a sympathizing neighbor. None ever entered her home without feeling the warm welcome, nor left, without feeling the warmth of genuine hospitality so characteristic of the people of her ancestry. Disease did not destroy the charm of a kind, indulgent disposition nor diminish her unselfish solicitude for her friends and loved ones. **Lavina Angel-Bridgman** was born on 24 October 1844 in Cass County, Illinois, and in early life moved with her parents to Morgan County where she grew to womanhood. On 8 March 1866, she was united in marriage to **Henry**

**Bridgman**, and for a number of years they lived on a farm near Jacksonville, Illinois. In March 1880 they moved to this community and by industrious efforts and frugal habits, they became the owners of a large farm, a part of which they recently divided among their children. Adhering to the faith of her parents, she united with the Methodist Church about 43 years ago, but after moving to this neighborhood, she became a member of the United Brethren Church and remained a faithful member until her death. She is survived by a mother, Mrs. **Susan Angel**, who was with her during a large part of her illness, and by whose deeds of kindness and cheer gave her comfort during her long suffering. She is also survived by her husband, five sons, and two daughters, besides five brothers and five sisters. The sons are **John M, Guthrie R, Charles W, William** and **Edgar**, all living in this vicinity. The two daughters are Mrs. **Ada B Richhart** of Jennings, Louisiana, and Mrs. **Nellie Pinkston** of Decatur. One son, **Clarence** died when seven years of age. There are 29 grandchildren living and a host of friends to mourn her departure. It is difficult to pay a fitting tribute to the memory of so noble a woman as Mrs.

**Bridgman**. No one was more willing to aid the suffering, cheer the despondent, sustain the weak, and to throw over the facilities of our race, the mantle of Christian charity than she, and when sickness and death came to her, neighbors and friends vied with each other in acts of loving kindness. The services were held at Locust Grove Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev **Fields** of Bloomington officiating, assisted by pastor, Rev **Longenbaugh**. The brothers and sisters who attended the funeral from a distance were Mrs. **Ella Culley**, Mrs. **S W Black**, and Mrs. **Chas Martin** of Jacksonville and **Ben Angel** of Sangamon County. Others from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Patterson**, **Chas Martin**, Mrs. **Chas Black**, Mrs. **G W Waltman** of Jacksonville, Mrs. **Addie Angel** of St Louis and **A F Pinkston** of Decatur.

At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **L A Nichols** at Macon occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Callie Nichols** to Mr. **A J Combs, Jr.** of Haskel, Texas, at 8 o'clock Tuesday night of last week. A reception was held on Wednesday at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **E B Combs** at Macon. The happy couple will soon take their departure for Haskel, Texas, where the groom has the management of the telephone system for his uncle, **A J Combs** of this city.

The marriage of **Clifford B Parker** and Miss **Ona Cheatham** both of this city, will be solemnized this evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **T G Cheatham** in the north part of town. The ceremony will be performed by Rev **J W Elder** of Argenta, uncle of the bride, assisted by Rev **R B Irwin**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. Between thirty and forty guests were expected to be present, all which are near relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The bride is a young lady of many graces of mine and person who is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness and will prove to be truly a helpmate and companion by the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand. The groom is from one of our best families, being the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Parker**, and by those who know him best, he is considered one of the substantial and promising young men of the city. The young couple will begin housekeeping at cone on the farm east of town where the groom has a home already furnished.

The marriage of **Louis Mosher** of Decatur and Miss **Carrie Stiner** occurred in Decatur Monday at the parish residence, Rev **A Teppe** of the St James Church officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Stiner**, south of town and is a highly esteemed young lady. Mr. and Mrs. **Irving Alspaugh** returned Saturday from their wedding trip. They expect to go to housekeeping about the middle of February on a farm east of town, which the groom, has recently purchased. (Macon news)

Macon news: On New Year's eve at the home of **L A Nichols** occurred the wedding of their daughter, **Callie Nichols** to **Alfred J Combs** of Haskel, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. **Combs** will leave for the sunny south in a short time.

**C F Johnston** attended the funeral of his cousin, **John Johnson** at Clinton on Friday.

Mrs. **A T White** returned home Wednesday from a week's visit in Oakland. Mr. **White** did not reach home until Saturday, being detained by the death of a nephew who was accidentally shot. (Yantisville news)

**Sherman Weatherholt's** brother and wife of Kentucky are keeping house for him since the death of his wife. (Yantisville news)

*Resolutions of sympathy and respect adopted by Thistle Camp 2787 R.N. of A. of Pleak, Illinois.* Death has entered our camp and taken our beloved neighbor, Mrs. **Henry Bridgman**, mother of our esteemed neighbor, Mrs. **Nelle Pinkston**.

Col **John Barclay Reid**, a prominent citizen of Greenville and father of **Frank T Reid**, former city clerk of Springfield, died the other day at his home. Col **Reid** was in command of the One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Infantry in the Civil War. He served as postmaster of Greenville for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jonathan Curtis** of San Jose celebrated the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding at their home.

**Joshua Hudson** property, consisting of a house and one and one half lots located in the north part of town was sold Saturday afternoon at Executor's sale and was purchased by – **A Hudson**, widow of --- **Hudson** for \$500. (Part of the article missing)

**Roy Mack** and Miss **Neoma Boyer** were married at the home of the officiating pastor, Rev **R B Irwin** on Christmas Day. Miss **Boyer** is the daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. **Adam Boyer**, south of town.

The death of **Patrick Dowd** occurred at his home in this city on Tuesday morning at 7:30 o'clock from pneumonia and other diseases consequent to old age. A couple of weeks ago he suffered an attack of la grippe, which gradually developed into pneumonia which is often fatal to the aged ones. His age was 77 years, 7 months and one day. **Patrick Dowd** was born in Carey County, Ireland, on 6 June 1890. At the age of 15, he came to the United States and worked in the coal mines of Pennsylvania for a number of years. Becoming tired of mines, he spent a number of years working on the railroad but finally he went to work in the mines again. During the Civil War, he enlisted in the 6<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania Infantry and served his country faithfully for about a year, during which time he was wounded and was honorably discharged. He came to Moweaqua about 25 years ago and has been a resident of this place until his death. Mr. **Dowd** was first married to **Julia Galavan**. To this union ten children were born, only three of whom are still living, **Wm Dowd** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Johnson** of this city and **Eugene Johnson** of this city and **Eugene Dowd** of Wellsville, Ohio. (Note: Copied as written – obit says 3 children are still living, however it lists 4 children as survivors). His wife died about eight years ago and he afterward united with Mrs. **Katherine Long** who still survives him. Services were held this morning at the Catholic Church. Father **Lions** of Macon officiating. He was a member of the G. A. R. under whose auspices the funeral was held. His body was taken to Macon for interment.

Wednesday, 15 January 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Wm N Snyder takes Edwardsville girl for his bride.* At 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon,

8 January 1908, **Wm N Snyder** and Miss **Minnie E Handlon** was solemnized in one of the parlors of the First M E Church in Decatur in the presence of about a dozen friends and members of the families of the contracting parties. Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the M E Church of this city, tied the nuptial knot which united the lives of the happy couple for life. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. **Elizabeth Handlon** of Edwardsville and is said to be a young lady of many accomplishments, and her grace and quiet dignity have won her a warm place in the hearts of a host of friends. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder**, living a short distance south of town. He is a young man of sterling integrity and is one of our most industrious and progressive farmers who combines science with theory and practice on the farm and with success. Mr. and Mrs. **Snyder** will reside on a farm south of town and will be at home to their friends after 15 March 1908.

On Sunday evening, 12 January 1908, **James Crosson** and Miss **Minnie Lindemood** were united in marriage at Macon, Rev Father **Lyon** officiating. After the ceremony, a wedding supper consisting of all the delicacies of the season was served to about 30 guests at the home of the bride's parents. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of pale blue silk mull and the groom wore the conventional black. The groom is an enterprising young farmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Crosson**, and has a cozy home prepared near his father's residence in which to domicile his bride. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Lindemood**. A reception was tendered them at the home of the groom's parents on Monday. The **Hemer Brothers** furnished some excellent music. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **H J Long**, Mr. and Mrs. **J L Hemer**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Cunningham**, Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen**, Mrs. **Wm Crosson**, Mrs. **Mary McCarty**, Mrs. **Susan Polk**, Misses **Mattie, Anna, and Maggie Crosson**, **Martha Bunning**, **Anka Bohlen**, **Clara Stradley**, **Nora and Lois Hemer**, Messrs **Hanko Bohlen**, **Frank McCarty**, **Henry Lucas**, **Jessie, Merle and Ora Long**, **Wilbur McCarty**, **Tommy and Wayne Hemer**, **Ralph Wempen**.

If you desire to witness a scene of domestic bliss just step into the home of **Wm Rodman**. It takes the ordinary man some time to adapt himself to circumstances – not so with **Will**. He at once ordered his working clothes washed, starched and ironed and placed in the bureau drawer; his books and office utensils wrapped up and laid away; he then donned his best 'go to meeting clothes' and now occupies the best easy chair in the parlor, where he may be found any hour of the day or night, holding in his paternal arms, seven and one half pounds of unsullied bliss, and if you approach the home softly, you will hear him singing, "*Hush my babe, lie still and slumber.*" Surely this is a picture of the angels to gaze upon. **Will** now says if any farmer wants to deliver grain he must call the other member of the firm as he has mistaken his calling.

**Lizzie F Adams**, **Charles B Howell**, **Arthur Howell**, **Len J Howell** and **Pearl M Curtis**, children of **Mary Howell**, deceased, who was the daughter of the late **Martha Pemble**, who died last June, have filed a bill in the circuit court against **Melvin Welty**, Executor of the estate of **Martha Pemble** (Note: Same article, name also spelled '*Premble*') and against **Martha Hurd** and others, to set aside the will claiming that at the time of executing the instrument she was not of sound mind and memory, but on the contrary, was in her dotage, and her mind and memory were so impaired as to render her wholly incapable of making any just and proper distribution of her estate. The bill as filed further says, "Your orators further represent that the defendant, **Martha Hurd**, **Jennie Pemble** and **Robert Pemble**, the only legatees in the said pretended will, and **Melvin Welty**, used and exercised many undue arts and fraudulent practice, and resorted to falsehood and misrepresentation to induce the said **Martha Pemble** to execute the said instrument in writing, and the said **Martha Pemble** in executing the same was, in fact, under

undue influence and restrained from the said arts and fraudulent practices of said defendant, **Martha Hurd, Jennie Pemble and Robert Pemble**, and said **Melvin Welty**, Executor." It is asked that the will and the probate thereof be set aside and declared null and void, and the estate be distributed among her heirs. The case is set for the February term. It will no doubt attract considerable attention, as the parties to the suit are all prominent citizens. (*Courier*)

**J M Housh**, Administrator of the estate of **Henry Nickau**, deceased, requests all claims against said estate be submitted to County court, Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois by 2 March 1908 for immediate payment.

Salem news: **Frank Hoewing** attended the funeral of **Chas Aschermann** of Lovington last Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Woltz**, a son born on 9 January 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Dial**, a daughter on 9 January 1908

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L Sarver**, a son born on 13 January 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Rodman** on 15 January 1908, a daughter.

Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **T G Cheatham** in the north part of town, in the presence of about thirty invited guests, Miss **Ona Cheatham** and Mr. **Clifford Parker** were united in marriage. Rev **J W Elder** of Argenta, officiating assisted by Rev **Irwin** of that city. The parlors were tastefully decorated with cut flowers, evergreens and potted plants in honor of the occasion. Miss **Ada Cheatham**, sister of the bride, proclaimed the approach of the bridal party with a skillfully executed wedding march. After the ceremony the guests repaired to the dining room and partook of a feast most bounteous after which the numerous, lovely presents were inspected and admired. Those who attended from a distance were Rev and Mrs. **J W Elder** and daughter of Argenta, Mrs. **Robert Elder** of Elwin, Mr. and Mrs. **B Shively** and family of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Parker** of New Salem, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Schilling** and daughter and Mrs. **Benj Bingaman** of Vandalia.

#### Wednesday, 22 January 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Mrs. Rachel Reighley passes away at her home after years of suffering, one of the oldest settlers in central Illinois, her funeral is Tuesday afternoon.* The death of Mrs. **Rachel Reighley** occurred at her home in the north part of this city on Sunday, 19 January 1908, at the age of 87 years, 6 months and one day. Just after the awakening life of a new day, she went to sleep like a tired child. It was just as the birds chirped the coming of the morning and as the rosy fingers of the orb of day tinted the eastern sky with a sheen of glory. After a long, busy and useful life she died as she had lived, honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived, in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life work was completed if work done and well done constitutes completion. She was afflicted for several years before her death, but was ever patient and endured her suffering with fortitude, awaiting her calm and peaceful departure at the Lord's call. **Rachel Baily Reighley** was born in Adams County, Ohio, on 18 July 1820. She married to **Wm Reighley, Sr.** on 24 March 1840 and came to Illinois, in 1853. She was the oldest of twelve children, two brothers, **Washington Baily** of LeRoy, Illinois, and **Thos Baily** of Indiana, and two sisters, Mrs. **Brandenburg** of Gibson City, and Mrs. **Cox** of Missouri, survive her. She was the mother of four children, **James** and **William Reighley** of Moweaqua and **John T** of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and one daughter who preceded her to the great beyond. She also leaves seven grandchildren, to five of whom she has been a real mother and cared for them for many years. In early life she consecrated her life to Christ and

united with the M E Church, but when she came to Illinois she united with the United Brethren Church at Obed. Her Christian life was beautiful from its beginning to its close, and through all vicissitudes and sorrows that she met in the way, her faith in God never wavered. Her greatest delight was to be meditating upon God's word, talking about Christ and his home or in prayer. Services held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 from the family residence, conducted by Rev **R B Irwin**. Interment was at West Side Cemetery.

This afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. **Earl Jacobs** and Miss **Mora Merryman** at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev **A R Spicer** in the presence of about a dozen friends and members of the families of the contracting parties. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. **Harriet Merryman** and is a most highly esteemed young lady. She is a bright and handsome girl who possesses numerous exceptional traits of character, not the least among them being that of her thoroughly domestic home life. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Edw Jacobs** living southeast of town and is a most exemplary young man, honest and industrious of good habits and is a thorough master of the practical art of farming. They will go to housekeeping at once on the **Dow Evans** farm now owned by Mr. **Slaughter**.

**Claude Harbert** and wife of Prairie Home, have a new little baby who made an appearance at their home.

Word was received here on Saturday at **W C Cullumber**, a former resident of Pickaway township, died at his home in Crowley, Louisiana, on Thursday. Paralysis was the cause of his death. The deceased was fifty-seven years of age. He left Shelby County during the rush to the rice fields nine years ago. He fared better than the majority of the fortune seekers, and at the time of his death he owned a profitable interest in a rice mill and land. He is survived by a wife and four children.

Mrs. **Walter Baird** returned to Macon Saturday evening from Pennsylvania where she was called on account of the death of her grandparents.

**Thos J Flemming** died Tuesday morning 14 January 1908, at the home of his son, **A L Flemming**. The funeral services were held on Thursday morning at the M E Church. Rev **H H Oneal** conducted the services.

Born to **Wm Jesse** and wife on 23 January 1908, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Workman**, a daughter on 19 January 1908.

**John T Reighley** of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, came on Tuesday to attend the funeral of his mother, Mrs. **Rachel Reighley**.

### Wednesday, 29 January 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Jennie Harris** passed peacefully away at her home in this city Sunday morning after a long illness from heart trouble. Her health had been failing for several years, but not until the past year has her condition been regarded critical. Most of the time she had been able to be up about the house. She knew her condition and was prepared for the inevitable. About ten o'clock Saturday night she had an attack of heart failure, and a physician was summoned and all that medical skill and loving hands could do was done for her, but about 8:45 o'clock Sunday morning, her spirit took its flight to God who gave it. Her age was 61 years, 4 months and 3 days. Mrs. **Harris** was a good, kindhearted woman, possessing many estimable traits of character that greatly endeared her to a host of friends. She was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 23 September 1846 and grew to womanhood there. On 25 March 1865, she was united in marriage to **Nathaniel Harris**. To this union were born six children, three of whom with their father have preceded her to the great beyond. Those who survive her are Mrs. **Wilbur Dawson**

of Decatur, the Misses **Frances** and **Grace Harris** of this city and one grandson, **Ira Pritchard** of Chicago. She was a member of a family of nine children, two of whom, one brother, **John B Hyde** of Cannelton, Indiana, and one sister, Mrs. **J D Brashear** of Rome, Indiana, still survive her. She moved with her husband to Moweaqua in 1891 where she has since resided. During the pastorate of Rev **E J Durham** she became a member of the Methodist Church of this city and remained a true consistent Christian until her death. Mrs. **Harris** lived a quiet, unostentatious home life, to know her was to love her. Especially was this true with children for whom she always had a kind word and a pleasant smile. To the writer's personal knowledge, children would rather spend an evening at her home than with their own playmates. Services were held from the family residence this morning at ten o'clock, Rev **A B Peck** officiating. Interment was in the West Cemetery.

**P L Drew** were given a pleasant surprise on Friday evening at their elegant little home in this city. The affair was given in honor of their first wedding anniversary and about twenty-five friends were their guests for the evening. The time was pleasantly spent in social conversation and playing games. Refreshments were served, and a most delightful time was had by all. Mr. **Enoch Manley** and Miss **Wanda Boyer** were united in marriage at St Louis, Missouri, on Monday morning by Rev **Stark**. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Boyer**, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Manley**. The young couple will make Decatur their home.

**Christian Burghart** of Geneseo committed suicide by hanging. He was 75 years old and this was his third attempt within a year to take his life. He was a native of Germany.

The body of **William Hamlin**, said to have died as the result of an accidental fall at the Pontiac Reform School, where he was sent last September, arrived in Quincy. The boy's mother retained lawyers to make an investigation into the cause of the death.

**John Murray**, aged 18 years old, was injured, possibly fatally, by **Edward Sheahan**, aged 19, while shooting rabbits near the city of Elgin.

Triplets were born in Sterling to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Neusbaum** of Seatonville, Bureau County. This makes 17 children for these parents.

Clinton: The **Snell** will case was adjourned for a week. Judge **W G Cochran** telephoned from Sullivan to Circuit Clerk **Harrold** that he was unable to conduct the case, and gave instructions to dismiss court which was immediately done. The judge is suffering from the grippe. The lawyers for the complainants were in consultation all day discussing the best method of presenting their case and determining on the number of letters alleged to have been written by **Mabelle Snell McNamara** and Mrs. **E A Hamilton**, which it will be necessary to use. Some of the lawyers believe it will be necessary to introduce most of the letters credited to Mrs.

**Hamilton** to show the condition of Col **Snell's** mind.

Rev **E A Hamilton**, whose name and letters have been brought into the **Snell** will case at Clinton, has retired from the Methodist Church of Newman and the Rev **W S Calhoun** of Tuscola, has been recalled to the pulpit pending further action. (*Newman news*)

Notice was made on the final settlement of **Henry A Pratt**, deceased, by **Albert H Pratt**, Executor. Claims shall be presented at the Court House, Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois, before the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 1908 for final settlement.

Prairie Home news: The ten days' old babe of **Claude Harbert** and wife died Monday and was buried on Tuesday.

Prairie Home: Monday, 20 January 1908 being **William Wright's** birthday he had a number of friends at his home to spend the day. Among the company were three others whose birthdays were on that date: **Jacob Pea, Carey Rhodes** and **John Weaver**.

Macon news: The remains of the late Mr. **Owen Finnegan** were brought to Macon on Thursday for burial.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Sovel** died on Friday and the interment took place on Saturday at West Cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Ellrich** of Fame, a son on 27 January 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Gregory** of Pleak have a new son who arrived on Saturday, 25 January 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Gregory** visited at the home of the former's brother, **Ed Gregory** on Sunday from Obed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bush** a daughter on 24 January 1908.

A three-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Osborn** of Stonington was buried in the north Cemetery on Sunday. Its death was caused from spinal trouble.

Final notice on the settlement of claims against the estate of **Henry Nickau**, deceased were announced by **J M Housh**, administrator.

### Wednesday, 5 February 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Mrs. **Jane Thomas**, one of the aged and highly respected settlers of Shelby County, died at the home of her son, **Loton Thomas** near Hannon, Missouri, on Saturday evening,

1 February 1908. About a week ago she suffered an attack of LaGrippe, which rapidly developed into pneumonia from which she died. Her age was 83 years, 9 months and 4 days. She was a mother of a large and gifted family, some of whom now have 'silver threads among the gold' as a reminder that they, too, are nearing life's sunset. **Jane Hunt Thomas** was born in Vigo County, Indiana, on 27 April 1824. On 1 March 1872, she united in marriage with **Calvin Thomas** in Sullivan County, Indiana. To this union were born nine children, two dying in infancy and two in childhood. Those who survive her are Mrs. **Minerva Mars** of Stella, Nebraska, **F M Thomas** of Arcadia, Kansas, Mrs. **Mary R Gregory** of Moweaqua, **Loton Thomas** of Hannon, Missouri, and **Elisha Thomas** of Vera, Illinois. Besides her immediate family, there are left to mourn her departure, one brother, **Andrew Hunt** of Oregon and one sister, Mrs. **Sarah Irwin** of Alabama, thirty-one grandchildren and twenty-three great grand children. In the fall of 1856 she with her husband and family of small children moved from Indiana to Shelby County, Illinois, where they settled on a farm near the Little Flock Church. There they continued to make their home until after the death of her husband, which occurred in December 1892. Feeling too lonely to longer remain in the old home, she went to live with her daughter, Mrs. **John Gregory**, where she made her home until 1906 when at the urgent request of her son, **Loton**, she went with him and his family near Hannon, Missouri, where she made her home until her death. She joined the Baptist Church at an early age and lived a faithful Christian life to the end, peacefully falling asleep in Jesus. With the closing of this life passes away the last charter member of the Little Flock Baptist Church of Moweaqua. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at the Little Flock Church at 11 o'clock AM, Elder **Levi Corley** officiating in the presence of a large concourse of friends who had learned to respect and love the deceased. Attending the funeral from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Martz** of Stella, Nebraska, **Marion** and **Loton Thomas** of Liberal, and **Elisha Thomas** of Vera.

Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock occurred the marriage of Mr. **Lawrence Smith** and Miss **Allie Steidley**, both of this city, at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev **S H Bowyer** in

Decatur in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties. The bride is one of Moweaqua's fairest young ladies, and her grace and quiet dignity have won her a warm place in the hearts of the people. She was born in this city, and has grown to woman's estate among friends of lifelong acquaintance who have been drawn toward her by her amiable disposition and unaffected sincerity. She is a graduate of Moweaqua High School and is a bright and accomplished young lady. The groom is a teacher in our public school and is well and favorably known in this community. He is a bright, energetic and exemplary young man, honest, of good habits and is a thorough master of the art of teaching. He has the happy faculty of making and keeping friends that is an assurance to him of a bright and successful future. The groom had provided a lovely little home in which to take his bride and after returning to Moweaqua Saturday night, they repaired at once to the Adamson property in the east part of town which will be their permanent residence.

Mrs. **George Adams** gave a birthday party Friday evening at her home in the west part of town in honor of her daughter, **Ruth**, who was eleven years of age. About two dozen of her little friends were present and helped her spend the evening pleasantly in games. Several musical selections were rendered and delicious refreshments were served.

The body of **William Hamblin**, who died at the Pontiac Reformatory and was buried here (Quincy) was exhumed by the coroner who ordered a post mortem and inquest held. The boy's spine was found to have been broken between the shoulders and in the small of the back. At the upper break the fifth vertebrae had been removed shortly before death as shown by the thread used in the operation. There was also a broken piece of bone found in this wound. The boy's legs showed bruises. The surgeons found evidence of surgical pneumonia, and this was assigned as the direct cause of death in the verdict of the jury, which attached to its report the statements of the physicians. Shortly before his death, the boy told his mother that he had been kicked by a guard and badly injured. The certificate of death accompanying the body to this city gave only pneumonia as the cause of death, saying nothing of any contributory cause. The parents of the boy have hired an attorney.

The will of **Harry Grundy** of Morrisonville, father of Judge **Lyman G Grundy**, of this city, was filed for probate in the County court. All the real estate and personal property valued at about \$40,000 is given to the widow, **Ellen M Grundy** for her use during her life. \$500 is to be given to a sister, **Ada Grundy** of Morrisonville, who is blind.

**Frank Fleck**, proprietor of the Big Four Hotel and Saloon, died suddenly at his home here. It was rumored about the city that he took his own life.

In Peoria, **Frank Bittle**, aged 73 years, dropped dead while on his way to the Rock Island depot to go to Chillicothe to visit relatives.

**John Morris** arrested on a charge of drunkenness died in the city prison here in Springfield after drinking 18 pints of water.

At Morrison, after 36 hours of deliberation, a jury acquitted **James Sheehan** of the murder of **Michael Grady** on the Streets of Sterling on 24 May 1907.

Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Bordner** of Clinton celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

In Bloomington, **Grace Kidder** was awarded \$2,500 in her suit for \$10,000 damages against her brother-in-law, **Irvin M Kidder** and her father-in-law, **Nelson B Kidder**, for the alleged alienation of the affections of her husband, **Fred Kidder**.

Centralia news – **Culpepper Matheny**, aged 49 years, of Vernon, blew out the gas and retired at the Columbia Hotel in Centralia. He died soon of gas poisoning soon after he was found.

Yantisville: Word has been received of the death of Mrs. **Adam Pierce**.

Macon news: Mr. **Goldie Lebo** and Miss **Lula McCullough** were quietly married at Bloomington last Thursday.

The marriage of Miss **Nellie Stupeck** of this city and Mr. **Albert Tvardos** of Lincoln was solemnized at Macon, Monday morning in the presence of a few friends at the home of the officiating clergyman, Father **Lyon**. The happy couple returned to this city on the 10 o'clock train, and were escorted to the home of the bride's parents where a wedding feast awaited their arrival.

Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Perryman** (*nee Rettig*) have a new baby at their home, who arrived recently. Mrs. **Perryman** is quite ill at this writing with the dreaded consumption.

**J W Smith** and son, **James Smith**, attended the funeral last Friday of the former's nephew, **Wm Smith**, who died at his home at Taylorville on Wednesday of last week.

**John Reynolds** of this city and Miss **Hattie Clark** were happily joined in wedlock at the home of the bride's parents in Little Rock. On Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock the marriage of Miss **Hattie Clark** of Little Rock, Arkansas, and **John Reynolds** of this city took place at the First Baptist Church in Little Rock in the presence of a large audience of relatives and friends. The wedding march was played by Mrs. **Margaret Payne**; Rev **Ben Cox** officiated at the ceremony. The bride wore a traveling suit of brown broadcloth with hat to match and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. After the ceremony an informal reception was given at the home of the bride's uncle. Numerous and costly presents were received, conspicuous among them was a chest of silver, presented by the Little Rock members of the G. A. R., comrades in honor of the bride's father. Mr. and Mrs. **Reynolds** will make their home in this city.

The death of **W H Buzan** occurred at the home of **F M Thomas** near Liberal, Missouri, on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January. About ten days before he died he had a tooth extracted from which blood poison set in causing his death. Mr. **Buzan** was for many years a resident of Flat Branch township, and was well known here as a good, honest and upright citizen. He was a member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge under whose direction his funeral was held at Liberal, Missouri, on Wednesday, 22 January 1908.

Mrs. **Adam Pierce**, died at her home in Assumption about 11 o'clock Sunday night of pneumonia, after an illness which covered a period of about two weeks. Mrs. **Pierce** having lived for many years in Shelby County was well-known as a woman of many excellent qualities, and her demise will be greatly regretted by her many friends in this community. She was about sixty-five years old and leaves a husband and two sons, **Arthur** of Rural township, and **Elmer** of Missouri, to mourn her departure. On account of the physical condition of Mr. **Pierce**, who was unable to leave the house a short funeral service was conducted at the family residence on Tuesday morning after which the remains were taken to the Bethany Church where the funeral services proper were conducted by Elder **Levi Corley**.

#### Wednesday, 12 February 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Mrs. Sprinkle is dead.* After a brief illness from pneumonia at the home of her son near Davis City, Iowa, **Hannah Sprinkle** passes. It was with great sorrow and deep regret that the friends of Mrs. **Hannah Sprinkle** learn of her death which occurred at the home of her son, **Oscar** near Davis City, Iowa. She left her home at Assumption about three weeks ago enjoying good health and expecting to spend the remainder of the winter with relatives and friends in Iowa and Texas. About two weeks ago she suffered an attack of la grippe, which developed into pneumonia. Her age was 63 years. Mrs. **Sprinkle** was a woman who possessed many excellent traits of character, a woman of culture, refinement, sympathy, a kind neighbor, devoted mother and true

friend. She leaves four children, **Oliver** and **Elmer Sprinkle** living east of Assumption, Mrs. **Chas Merryman** of Patoka, and **Oscar Sprinkle** of Davis City, Iowa, besides a host of friends to mourn her departure. The body was taken to Assumption on Tuesday where the funeral services were held. Rev **Bennington**, Pastor of the Methodist Church, officiated at the services. The interment was in the New Hope Cemetery near Tower Hill. Those who attended the funeral from this city were Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Egan** and **Chas Evans**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Moore** entertained in a most delightful manner about thirty-five friends at a 12 o'clock dinner on Saturday, 8 February 1908, in honor of their tenth marriage anniversary. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and the event was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. There was a beautiful display of tokens of remembrance, in useful articles of tin and other presents. In the evening, Mr. and Mrs. **Moore** entertained a company of young people. An elegant supper was served and a delightful evening was spent.

*An aged settler is gone.* **Robert Radford**, an old pioneer settler of Illinois, died at his home in Assumption, Sunday noon. The cause of death was paralysis, his age was seventy-six years. Mr. **Radford** was born 23 February 1832 in Kentucky. He was united in marriage to Miss **Amanda Mauzy**, and to this union were born ten children, three dying while young. Those who are left to mourn his departure are his wife and seven children, Mrs. **Laura Polk** of Springfield, Mrs. **Lillie Wilson** of Edinburgh, Mrs. **Aden Adams** of Christian County, **Nellie Minis** of Earl, Arkansas, **Callie Russel** of Decatur, Mrs. **C O Adams** of Moweaqua, one son, **John**, who is at home, and fifteen grandchildren. He joined the Christian Church at an early age and lived a faithful Christian life to the end. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the family residence with Rev **Bennington** officiating.

The will of the late **Patrick Dowd**, who died at his home in this city on 7 January 1908, leaves a house and lot in Moweaqua to his son, **W J Dowd**, providing the said **W J Dowd** pays his sister, Mrs. **Elizabeth Russel**, \$200 in cash. The will is dated 13 November 1903.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen** on Sunday, 2 February 1908, a girl.

Assumption News, R R #1. Quite a number of friends and relatives attended the funeral of Mrs. **Lucy Pierce** one day last week.

Macon news: Mrs. **Joe Bafford** who suffered with typhoid fever for about a month passed away on last Tuesday evening. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at the Presbyterian Church.

Macon news: Word was received Monday morning of the death of Mrs. **H B Wise** of Decatur, who died about 9 o'clock Monday morning at St Mary's hospital. Mrs. **Wise** has many friends in this city and surrounding country to mourn her passing.

Mrs. **J M Turner** of Macon was called to Rockford last Thursday to attend the funeral of her brother, Geo Chamberlain.

*Brothers have a suicide pact at Litchfield.* As a result of a suicide pact **James Lipsy**, 34 years old is dead, and his brother, **Charles Lipsy**, aged 40, is dying at his home in Raymond. Both men used the same revolver to commit the deed. They were well known in business circles, and no cause was assigned for the act.

*Aged Washerwoman, Mrs. Stone of Windsor falls heir.* After a life of hardship during which she washed and did other menial toil to support herself and her invalid husband, Mrs. **Stone**, in her seventy-sixth year, has just received word that she has fallen heir to a half share in an estate of 125 acres of land left by a bachelor brother.

Virginia news: Beardstown woman wants divorce. Mrs. **Minnie Anderson** of Beardstown, has filed a suit for divorce against **William Anderson**. She charges drunkenness and inconstancy. The couple were married on 6 September 1903 and have a child, six months old.

**James Gribben**, 57 years old of Granite City, slipped and fell on the ice pavement and sustained a double fracture of the right hip, which owing to his age appears to prove fatal.

**Ollie Rockobind**, whose home is in Clinton, was struck and killed by a Northwestern Freight Train at Sterling.

Sheriff **Jones** of Carlinville went to Chester in charge of **Peter F Clark**, murderer of **Ollie Hill Gibson**.

**Arthur Pilgrim**, alleged leader of the seven boys who hazed and severely injured **Charles Stoner** of Bradford, has been arrested in California and returned to Toulon, Stark County, to answer with the six other hazers to the charge of a conspiracy.

Miss **Inez Wright** of Nevada, Missouri, has entered suit in the circuit court at Danville against **Orville P Barnes** of Rossville for breach of promise asking \$10,000. **Barnes** married a Rossville girl and has been living in Minneapolis, Minnesota, thus Miss **Wright** filed suit.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Fowler** and Miss **Bessie Jacobs** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Joe Bafford** of Macon last week.

#### Wednesday, 19 February 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

Fifty-five years ago on Tuesday, 11 February 1853, **Ezekiel Prescott** arrived in the little village of Moweaqua, tired, hungry, and wet to the waist, yet full of vigor and a man of great physique. After a hearty breakfast in Springfield he started out across the great prairies of Illinois and arrived here about 9 o'clock in the evening of the same day, having walked the entire distance. The winter of 1853 was an open one, mud and water everywhere. Before arriving in Moweaqua, Mr. **Prescott** waded through thirteen sloughs, the water often being two and one half feet deep. He was pleased with the little village and settled down here and since that time has made this city his home. He is now one of the oldest men in this community and has seen this city grow from a village with a few scattered buildings to a thriving little city with a population of about 2,000. Very few young men of today have the will power, courage or strength to do what many of the old settlers have done.

The death of Mrs. **T D Weems** occurred in Holdenville, Oklahoma, 2 February 1908, being caused from a fall, which fractured her thigh on 30 January 1908. The pain and shock together with her already feeble condition caused her death a few days later. Mrs. **Weems** was born in Richmond, Indiana, 12 April 1833. She was married to Rev **T D Weems** on 14 April 1851. To this union were born nine children, six boys and three girls. Her husband, three sons and one daughter survive her. Rev **T D Weems** was one of the early and well-known circuit riders of the Methodist Church in Central Illinois, and for several years was the Pastor of the Methodist Church in this city. In 1903, Rev and Mrs. **Weems** went to Holdenville, Oklahoma, for their health.

Mrs. **Edward Perryman** died at her home southeast of town on Tuesday morning of consumption after an illness covering a period of several months. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Rettig** and was about thirty-six years old. She leaves a husband and two small children, the youngest of which is about one month old. She also leaves a mother and one brother, **Hiram Rettig** to mourn her departure. The funeral services were held at the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment was in the Masonic Cemetery.

In the circuit court today **Ada Cushing** of Stonington brought suit for \$5,000 damages against the saloon men of Stonington and the owners of the buildings in which the saloon are situated. The suit is against **A N Poli, James Higgins**, formerly of Moweaqua, **Edward Diller** and **C B Tolliver** as saloon men, and against **Edward C Leisey, Maude Deckert, Edward Miller** as owners of the buildings, and **Allen** and **Jacob Corzine**, as Executors of the estate of **Warren Corzine**, who also owned one of the buildings. No bill was filed but the suit grows out of an accident which happened to **Chas Cushing** about six or eight months ago while he was returning to Blue Mound from Stonington. It is alleged that while intoxicated he fell under a train and as a result had one of his legs cut off, and now Mrs. **Cushing** is now asking the saloon men and the owners of the buildings to pay \$5,000 as a result. (*Courier*)

Cards have been issued announcing the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **J Wheeler Adams** at their home, the old Ponting farm west of town to be held on Friday, 21 February 1908.

Mrs. **George Culbertson** and daughters, **Hazel** and **Ethel** and Mrs. **J E Jacobs** and daughter, **Bessie** of Walker attended the funeral of Mrs. **Wise** in Decatur last week.

**John Robison** died on Saturday night at 9 o'clock at Prairie Home. He was one of our oldest citizens and has lived on the same farm for the last forty-four years. He left a wife and ten children to mourn his departure. The funeral was held at the Prairie Home Church on Monday at two o'clock conducted by Rev **Mason**.

Born to **Chas Coventry** and wife of Prairie Home a twelve-pound boy who arrived on Wednesday.

The remains of the late Mr. **King** who died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **John Funk**, were taken to Henton on Saturday morning for burial. (Macon news)

The remains of the late **Napolian Blalock**, who died in Jacksonville, were brought to Macon Sunday for burial. The funeral services were held at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Jas Powell**. Interment was in the Macon Cemetery. (Macon news)

Mr. and Mrs. **Jos Hill** have a girl born 16 February 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert L. Hammil**, a son on 12 February 1908.

### Wednesday, 26 February 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of Miss **Nellie Potsic** and **Stephen Galetko**, both of this city, was solemnized Monday morning at 11 o'clock at the Catholic Church in the presence of a large number of friends. Father **Lyon** of Macon officiated at the ceremony. After the ceremony a wedding feast was served at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Potsic** and was attended by friends from Pana, Witt and Lincoln. The happy couple will make their home in this city where the groom has a position in the mine.

The imperishable treasures of 25 years of wedded bliss intermingled with sunshine and shadow along the journey was enjoyed Friday by Mr. and Mrs. **J Wheeler Adams**, at the old Ponting home, now their beautiful residence. In response to invitations about 30 of their older friends gathered about noon at their hospitable home and in the evening about 60 of their younger friends gathered there to make pleasant the memory of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. **Adams**, who saw to it that they were delightfully entertained. The parlors were beautifully decorated with smilax and white carnations, awhile beautiful silver streamers hung from the chandeliers. Musical and literary programs were rendered during the evening. The event not only marked the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage but also the fourth anniversary of the marriage of their daughter, **Alta**, who is the wife of Mr. **Clyde Hight**. At a

reasonable hour dinner was served in courses in elaborate style with Mrs. **Snyder** from Decatur as chief caterer assisted by Mrs. **Jeff Jarvis** of this city, Misses **Hester Smith**, **Nelle Wilson**, **Lena** and **Margaret Snyder** and **Essa Czalet** of Assumption serving the courses. The favors for the guests were carnations for the gentlemen and water colored autumn leaves, the work of Miss **Irma Jacobs** of Shelbyville for the ladies. A number of beautiful presents were received, all of which were appropriate for the occasions, among the number being \$25, silver dollars, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting**, parents of Mrs. **Adams**. The affair was a great social success in every particular and those who were present feel that a rare privilege was theirs. Mr. and Mrs. **Adams** are numbered among the most prominent people of the community, their residence here for so many years has won for them the highest regard of all and they can look back upon their married life as an unbroken chain of happiness. (Note: A picture of the **J Wheeler Adams** home can be found in the 'Sketches Section of Volume 4, *Moweaqua Call-Mail, Memories from Moweaqua*). Those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Imboden**, Mrs. **John Hackenberg**, Mrs. **Ida Winter**, all of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **H Corzine** of Assumption, Mrs. **Denby** of Carlinville, and Mr. and Mrs. **Young** of Macon. A poem was written and read by Mrs. **Imboden**. (Copied in part)

Dear *Wheeler and Jessie*:

'Tis twenty-five year, I believe you say,  
Since you took a notion to become quite gay,  
And harness up, you said for life,  
Or in other words, become man and wife.  
In looking twenty-five years ahead,  
Seems a long time to wait for those who want to wed.  
In looking back the same number of years,  
The time has past swiftly with its joys and tears.  
'Tis the present today we celebrate,  
That's why we are here to congratulate you both,  
Upon the race you have run, and  
Also your four daughters and son.

Allenboro news: **Guy Lamb** and Miss **Stella Davis** were married in Decatur on Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hemer** and children and Mr. and Mrs. **Guy Lamb** were entertained to dinner on Sunday at the home of **J W Lamb**.

Macon news: The death of Mrs. **Wm Carroll** occurred last Tuesday evening after an illness of several months. The funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon in the M E Church. Rev **H H Oneal** conducted the services.

On Sunday evening at 6:30 at the M E parsonage occurred the wedding of Mr. **Newt Ater** and Miss **Cora Merris**. The ceremony was performed by Rev **H H Oneal** in the presence of a few relatives. After the ceremony the bride and groom accompanied by the bridal party attended the Church services in the M E Church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **B F Hudson**, a son born on 23 February 1902.

**Wednesday, 4 March 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Elizabeth Russell Stumpf** died at her home near Findlay on Wednesday, 26 February 1908, at the age of 76 years, 2 months and 16 days. The cause of her death was infirmities of age and nervous debility. She was born near Circleville, Ohio, on

10 December 1831, and was married to **Daniel Stumpf** on 24 February 1853. She moved with her husband to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1857. She was the mother of six children, three boys and three girls, **Jemima M**, wife of **L Morris** of Mond Valley, Kansas, **Mary C**, who died in 1864, **Jethro D**, **Calvin R**, **Otis E** and **Fannie E**, wife of **G W Routzon**, who lives near Findlay. She united with the United Brethren Church while young and continued a faithful member until her death. Funeral services were conducted at the home, on 28 February 1908 by Elder **Levi Corley**, in the presence of a full house of sympathizing neighbors and friends. Burial was at the Antioch Cemetery. The husband of the deceased is very sick, aged and feeble, and it is feared he will soon follow his companion to the rest of saints.

The funeral services of the late **Ben F Furstenburg**, who passed away on Thursday evening at his home west of town, were held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the Catholic Church. Father **Lyon** assisted by Rev **M Furstenburg**, a brother of the deceased, conducted the services. The interment was in the Macon Cemetery. (Macon news)

The funeral services of the late Mrs. **E M Merris**, who passed away at her home at Macon Thursday evening, 27 February 1908, were held Saturday afternoon in the M E Church at 2 pm. Rev **H H Oneal** conducted the services and interment was in the Macon Cemetery.

**Julius Edmunson** of Decatur was in town last Saturday to attend the funeral of **Grandma Merris**.

**Wm Tankersley** was called to the deathbed of his father in Scott County, Illinois, on Saturday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Doyle**, a son on 2 March 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **G R Bridgman** on 25 February 1908, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C A Renfro**, a ten-pound boy on 29 February 1908.

#### Wednesday, 11 March 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**Felix G Penn**, a patient at Central Hospital for the insane, died Friday afternoon at 12:15 o'clock at the age of 72 years. Mr. **Penn** was eating dinner and two of the attendants noticed that the man was making peculiar sounds, and seemed as though he was choking. They ran at once to his assistance and carried him into a single room adjoining the dining room, where they found that his mouth was full of food and that he was struggling for breath. The attendants extricated as much of the food from his mouth as possible, and then one of them ran for a physician who soon arrived on the scene. When he arrived the patient's body was blue with strangulation, and he only breathed once or twice after his arrival. Mr. **Penn** was taken to the hospital on 11 May 1906 from Moweaqua and his physical condition having been caused by a fall, which injured his head. He had always been apparently in good health and according to the authorities there he was in no way a violent patient and had never given the attendants any trouble. His teeth were very poor and this, together with his rapid manner of eating, accounts for his demise. On account of the nature of his death the coroner was summoned and a jury was impaneled. After examining the witnesses the jury gave a verdict that the deceased came to his death from accidental choking while eating dinner. **Felix Gundy Penn** was born at Lebanon, St Clair Co, Illinois, on 13 October 1835. He was married to **Sarah J Barton** on 15 September 1865. To them were born six children, two of whom died in infancy. Those who survive him together with his wife are Mrs. **J P Meyers** of Crowles, Nebraska, Mrs. **D A Kirkman** of Popular Bluff, Missouri, Mrs. **Emma Penn** of Memphis, Tennessee, and Miss **Dora Penn** of this city. In March 1872, Mr. **Penn** moved with his family to Moweaqua where he followed his trade—that of a contractor for a number of years. In 1880 he was elected to the office of police magistrate which place he filled for twelve years with honor to himself and to those who elected

him. On account of financial reverses he sold his home here in 1895 and moved to Rison, Arkansas, remaining there about two years, he removed to Pine Bluff, Arkansas, from which place he removed in 1897 to Covington, Tennessee, remaining there until August 1903 when he came back to Moweaqua. At the age of sixteen he professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Church and remained a true follower of his Master until the end. He was a good man, a kind indulgent father and a good neighbor. His remains were brought to Moweaqua Saturday night where the funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Methodist Church, Rev **A B Peck** officiating. The pallbearers were Messrs **J T Haslam, Chas Parker, Wm Morris, W E Corrington, W F Corrington, and L C Winchel**. Interment was in the North Cemetery. Miss **Ethel Rawlings** and **Orval Shride** were married last Wednesday. Because of the bride's age her parents were opposed to the event at the present time, but 'love laughs at locksmiths', and Miss **Ethel** went away from home and refused to return. Mrs. **Shride** is a beautiful girl of eighteen summers. She attended school in Shelbyville until the holidays and her parents hoped to have her return to school for the spring term. She is the daughter of **Cecil Rawlings** and wife. **Orval Shride** is the son of **Lyman Shride** and wife. His father's home is within a half mile of Mr. **Rawlings**. It is only natural that these young people were thrown together quite often and friendship ripened into love. **Orval** is a shrewd young farmer and will provide well for his handsome bride. The couple have been forgiven for eloping. (*Findlay Enterprise*).

**Oscar Bryson** and wife have a son born to them at Pleak on 8 March 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Campbell**, a son, on 29 February 1908 at Prairieton.

Mrs. **O H Draper** of Macon was called to Indiana, Saturday on the account of the death of a relative.

Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Cutler** have a new daughter born 6 March 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Tait** on 5 March 1908, a daughter.

**Jas Jordan** left for Jacksonville on Tuesday to attend the funeral of his cousin, **Chas Jordan**.

**G W Rollins** was called to Amboy on Friday on account of the death of his sister. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon. He had been called to the home late last month due to her illness.

**William Tankersley** and sisters, Mesdames **William** and **Dan Coultas** and Mrs. **George Suppes** were called to Jacksonville one day last week on account of the death of their father, **Thos Tankersley**. The funeral was held on Monday.

### Wednesday, 18 March 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Valentine Snyder, Sr. dies.* **Valentine Snyder Sr.**, one of the oldest citizens of this community, dies on Thursday morning, 12 March 1908, at his home two miles north of Moweaqua of diseases consequent to old age. A few years ago Mr. **Snyder** sustained a serious injury from which he recovered only in a measure, never enjoying his usual health afterwards. During the past year his health has shown a gradual decline. However, he was able to go arise daily from his bed and walk about the house until a week before his death. Beginning at that time he rapidly failed until death relieved his body from much suffering Thursday morning. He was reconciled to the fact that the end was near and indicated the same to his family. Mr. **Snyder** was born in Brown County, Ohio, 14 February 1831, thus coming to his grave in full age, like a shock of corn cometh in his season—his ears numbering 77 and about one month. Counted in years he has lived far beyond the allotted time of men upon the earth. On 21 April 1853, Mr. **Snyder** was united in marriage to **Louisa Traughber**. To them were born seven children, **Mary A**, deceased six years ago, **Wm L** of Moweaqua, **George T** of near Assumption, **Edw J** and **Emma E**, who live at the old homestead, **Sarah M Orange**, who died last April, and **Thomas M**, who died in

childhood. Mr. **Snyder's** wife departed this life on 21 February 1906, thus leaving her husband to journey the two remaining years of life alone. The earlier years of his life were spent in Ohio, the place of his birth and he came to Illinois, before he reached his majority. Since then he has resided for the most part of the time near Moweaqua. Here he has formed a large circle of acquaintances and friends. Mr. **Snyder** bears the reputation of being a straightforward and honest man in all his dealings, a good neighbor and citizen, true to his friends and his family. *The birds will flit to and fro through the little Cemetery, warbling their songs as cheerily as if loved forms and brightest hopes were not buried there, and the great throbbing world of humanity will go on as before, but the sod will be more sacred because another love one is buried beneath it.* Services were conducted at the family residence Saturday afternoon by Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the Methodist Church, in the presence of a large number of sympathizing neighbors and friends. Interment was in the Traugher Cemetery nearby.

The pleasant country home of Mr. and Mrs. **W R VanHooser**, near Taylorville, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at high noon today, the contracting parties being their daughter, Miss **Edith Van Hooser** and **Ezekiel Reighley** of this city. About fifty guests were present to witness the ceremony and partake of the elegant wedding feast. Promptly at the appointed hour, as the sweet strains of the wedding march from Lohengrin were played, the young couple took their places in the parlor where the mystic rites that made them man and wife were preformed by Rev **Long**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church. After congratulations they were ushered into the dining room where an elaborate wedding feast was served. The room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with cut flowers and potted plants. The bride is said to be a bright and accomplished young lady who is highly esteemed by a wide circle of friends. The groom is the son of **W S Reighley** of this city, and is an earnest and practical young man well able to care for the one whom he has chosen for a companion in life. For the present the happy couple will reside with the groom's father.

*An Octogenarian gone.* **Nathaniel Ahl**, one of the oldest citizens of Moweaqua passed away Saturday morning. About three o'clock Saturday morning 14 March 1908, the soul of **Nathaniel Ahl** took its flight from its earthly habitation and ended an illness of several weeks duration from diabetes. Although he was not confined to his bed much of the time, he had been afflicted and failing in health for a couple of years. While his family and friends knew his condition to be precarious, and his death was not wholly unexpected, yet it came upon the community as a shock of sadness. Mr. **Ahl** was born in Breckenridge Co, Kentucky, 19 January 1826, and was at the time of his death 82 years, 1 months and 25 days old. He was among the oldest of a family of ten children, only one of whom survive him. He grew to manhood in his native state and on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 1857, he was united in marriage to Miss **Sarah E Pullan**. Had he lived until August he would have reached his 51<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary. To this union were born twelve children, six girls and six boys, five of the children, dying in infancy and one, Mrs. **Alice Taylor**, died about three years ago. The rest of the children are **Charles** of this city, **James** of Lakewood, New Mexico, **Alexander** of Tobinsport, Indiana, **Thomas** of Richmond, Indiana, Miss **Frances** and Mrs. **L O Hilvety** of Moweaqua. They, together with their mother, and one sister, Mrs. **Amanda Nokes** of California, nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, survive the deceased. Mr. **Ahl** came to Illinois about twenty-two years ago and settled on a farm near Moweaqua. Hard working, energetic and with a desire to do things, he made his way successfully as a farmer, acquiring valuable land interests and a position of prominence in the community. About five years ago he moved to Moweaqua to spend the declining years of his life in ease and quietness and has since made this city his home. He was universally esteemed

and respected for his upright and honorable dealings with his fellow men. As a citizen, neighbor and friend he had few superiors. He was a man who united sound sense with strong convictions and a candid out-spoken temper, eminently fitted to mould early society into form and consistency. Although Mr. **Ahl** was a member of no Church he exemplified, by his straightforward and honorable life, the teachings of the golden rule and unfailingly evinced a practical piety that will long be remembered as the best of professions. He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that the man who scatters flowers in the pathway of his fellow men who lets the dark places of lie the sunshine of human sympathy, and human happiness, is following in the footsteps of his Master. Services were conducted at the family residence this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev **Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church. Interment was in the north Cemetery. All the children were present at the funeral except **Alexander**, who is confined to a hospital near his home. Besides the children from a distance, were **Webster Taylor** and daughter, Mrs. **Gardner** and grand-daughter.

*Administrators Sale.* Public notice is given on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 1908 on petition of **S S Clapper**, administrator of the estate of **Mary F Myers**, deceased, for leave to sell real estate of **Mary F Myers** on 18 April 1908 at the north door of the post office in Moweaqua, Illinois. Property is located in lots 7 and 8, block 4 of Prescott's 6<sup>th</sup> addition to the village of Moweaqua, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clarence Burgener** on 13 March 1908, a son.

Mrs. **Emma Penn** Winston, who came home to attend the funeral of her father, returned the following Wednesday to her position in Memphis, Tennessee.

**Rosa Barnhauser**, an eight-year old orphan girl from St Louis, arrived here Thursday to make her home with Mr. and Mrs. **Aubrey Duncan**, southeast of town.

Mr. **C R Robbins** and sister, Mrs. **E P Brewer** of Blue Mound came over last Saturday to attend the funeral services of their cousin, Mr. **F G Penn**, but owing to the illness of the family at home, were obliged to return the following evening.

Mr. and Mrs. **Lloyd Snell** have a new daughter born 13 March 1908.

The Stonington Coal Company has settled the prospective damage suits growing out of the recent explosion of gas in the mine. Four men were hurt, one of them **August Henric**, died from the effects of the burns he received. His widow received \$2,000 and the others \$200 each. The losses have to be borne by an indemnity company. (*Stonington Star*)

### Wednesday, 25 March 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*A bud of promise withered.* A telegram was received here Tuesday stating that **Elizabeth Corrington**, the little babe of Mr. and Mrs. **I N Corrington**, died Monday night at their home in Lakewood, New Mexico, of stomach trouble. The child was a year and a half old and was a sweet bud of promise. The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the entire community.

The marriage of Miss **Lillian B Virden** of Pana and **Thos D Hays** of this city was solemnized Sunday afternoon at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hays** in the presence of a number of relatives and members of the immediate family by Rev **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church. The happy couple will reside on a farm near Assumption.

The stork has been quite busy during the past week and leaves the following report: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Hight**, a daughter, born 18 March 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Clint Rarick**, a son was born on 19 March 1908. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robt McCrae**, a daughter on 19 March 1908, and to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Stiner**, a daughter, born on 14 March 1908.

**John D Shreffler**, 91 years old, died leaving his entire estate of \$75,000 to the Plainfield, Illinois, Methodist Episcopal Church, which he organized 60 years ago. Many relatives are remembered with gifts of furniture and trinkets.

**Jacob Alhime** of Macon who has been suffering for some time with asthma passed away at 7 o'clock at his Macon home. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning at the Catholic Church at 8 AM and the remains will be taken to Pana for burial.

Miss **Winnie Brant** entertained a number of her friends Tuesday evening in honor of her fifteenth birthday. Various games were played, refreshments were served and an enjoyable evening was spent.

**Wednesday, 1 April 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Thursday evening about thirty friends of Miss **Alice Moll** planned and executed a pleasant surprise on her at her home in this city in honor of her fourteenth birthday. The evening was spent in playing games and music. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had. Miss **Alice** was the recipient of a beautiful ring as a token of friendship and esteem in which she is held by her friends.

**Robert McCray**, father of **Thomas McCray** and administrator of the estate of his son, recovered a judgment of \$4,500 in Judge **Amos'** court last week against the **Moweaqua Coal Mining and Manufacturing Co** for damages alleged to have been sustained by reason of his son being killed in the Moweaqua mine in June 1905. The amount sued for was \$10,000. **Thos McCray** was a driver and while working the mine, his mule, it is supposed became frightened and ran away, throwing him off his car against a post, killing him. It is said there were no eye witnesses to the accident, but a little later, Mr. **McCray** was found sitting upright by the prop near the track dead with his lamp still burning. **S S Clapper** of this city was the chief attorney for the plaintiff, and the case was hotly contested from start to finish. After the reading of the verdict the defendant's counsel made a motion for a new trial.

Macon news: Mrs. **O H Draper** returned Monday from Indiana where she was called several weeks ago to attend the funeral of a relative.

Pleasant View: The sale of the property of the late **Benjamin Furstenburg** was well attended on Saturday. Mr. **Furstenburg** passed away several months ago.

The funeral of Miss **Effie McElwain** in Bethany was held on Wednesday. Several from the Prairie Home vicinity attended the services.

Miss **Goldie Palmer**, the only daughter of Mr. **W J Palmer**, residing west of this city, was married Monday evening, 23 March 1908, to **Henry Schwab**, an employee of the N Y C and St L Railroad Company. The father of the bride is now quite sick, and during this illness the bride will remain at home. Her husband will return to his duties in the East and will be joined by his bride later. Miss **Palmer** was widely known in this vicinity and is highly respected by all. She will be missed among the wide circle of her younger friends. (*Prairie State Tribune*)

**Wednesday, 8 April 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Death of a babe.* **Elizabeth Schenet**, the eight-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Schenet**, died at their home at Hammond, Indiana, Thursday night, 2 April 1908, of cerebro spinal meningitis. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon after which the interment took place at Oak Hill Cemetery.

**Frank King** of Chandlerville applied for a divorce from wife **Frances King**. Desertion is the charge.

Administrator's notice of final settlement on the estate of **Miron Curtis**, deceased, administrator, **J H Curtis** reports final settlement on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 1908 at the Shelbyville Courthouse, Shelbyville.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Protsman** on 31 March 1908, a daughter. (Obed news)

The funeral of **Dot Crawford**, the only child of Mr. and Mrs. **O E Crawford**, was held at the Christian Church in Blue Mound on Monday. The services were conducted by Rev **Sines** assisted by Rev **Simmons** and **Bankson**. The Church was crowded and the floral offerings many and beautiful.

Mr. and Mrs. **H R Woodcock** went to Oconee Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Woodcock's** sister. (Macon news)

**John Harding, Sr.** received a telegram Thursday from authorities at a hospital in Chicago stating that his brother, **Joshua Harding** was dead. His body was taken to Johnston, Pennsylvania, for burial.

**Robert Hammil** accompanied by his mother Mrs. **T J Hammil** left for Kansas City Monday to attend the funeral of the former's cousin, **Chas Booth**, who died in Chicago a few days ago.

**Wednesday, 15 April 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

After many months of suffering from a complication of diseases, Mrs. **Nancy J Shride** passed peacefully away at the home of her son, **Cash Shride**, living near Obed, Tuesday morning, 14 April 1908, at 5 o'clock. She was a quiet, kind-hearted woman and her death is deeply deplored, not only by her immediate family and relatives, but by a large circle of acquaintances and friends. During her illness Mrs. **Shride's** suffering was intense and for some time prior to the end large quantities of opiates were required to alleviate her pain. Death came as a mastering angel to soothe the fevered and aching brow. **Nancy J Weakley Shride** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 7 September 1855, and was at the time of her death, 52 years, 7 months and 7 days old. She was married to **Wesley Shride** on 27 February 1875, and to this union three children were born, **George W** and **Cash E Shride**, one dying in infancy. Her husband, four brothers and four sisters have preceded her to the great beyond, leaving her two sons and four brothers, **Otho, Jacob, Charles** and **Ambrose Weakley**, besides a host of friends to mourn her departure. She united with the U B Church at an early age and remained a faithful member to the end. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **I W Longenbaugh** at the Locust Church this morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was in the Cemetery nearby.

Tuesday evening, 7 April 1908, between 7:30 and 8 o'clock, a bridal party wended its way to the M E Parsonage at Macon where Mr. **William D March** and Miss **Maude Shaddock** were united in the bonds of holy wedlock by Rev **H H Oneal**, pastor. The party was composed most of the immediate relatives of the bridal couple. They are both well and favorably known in the community in which they reside. The groom is the oldest son of the late **Jacob March** and wife. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **James Shaddock**. They will reside at the March residence southeast of Macon and will go to housekeeping at once.

**Cyrus Weakly** of Obed was tendered a pleasant surprise Monday evening at his home in honor of his forty-second birthday by about thirty of his friends, most of whom were members of his Sunday school class at Locust Grove. The class is composed of young ladies and Mr. **Weakley** as a teacher is held in high esteem.

**Christopher Burgener** of Assumption and Mrs. **Dora A Procter** of Hinton, Shelby County, were married here today at 9:30 o'clock with Judge **Cheney** performing the ceremony.

(Taylorville Courier)

**Hie Bruns**, a member of 22 brothers and step-brothers was killed by a horse kicking him near Sterling, Illinois. The brothers were giants, all being more than six feet in height.

Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Keagy** of Hot Springs, Arkansas, were called to Macon last week on account of the sickness and death of Mrs. **Keagy's** mother, Mrs. **Wm Johnston**. (Macon news)

The funeral services of Mrs. **Wm Johnston** were held Sunday at 2:30 in the M E Church. Rev **H H Oneal** conducted the services assisted by Rev **Carson**. The house was filled with sympathizing friends and many beautiful floral offerings covered the casket as a token of the esteem in which she was held.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mrs. **James Osborn's** father, Mr. **Porter** died at the home of **Jas Osborn** on Saturday night at 9:45 PM.

**J E Brookshire** and family attended the **March-Shaddock** wedding at Macon on Tuesday. (Pleasant View news)

Births: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Mitchel** a son on 12 April 1908. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W C Newcome** on 7 April 1908, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S Montgomery** a son born on 10 April 1908. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Nanni** a daughter, born on 14 April 1908.

**J E Foster**, administrator of the estate of **Edith Foster**, deceased has filed final report of the estate, date of approval set for 4 May 1908, at the courthouse in Shelbyville.

**H E Travis**, Administrator of the estate of **George M Keiser**, deceased has filed final report of the estate, date of approval set for 1 June 1908 at the courthouse in Shelbyville.

Wednesday, 22 April 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

The property belonging to the estate of Mrs. **Mary Myers** was sold at administrator sale Saturday to Mrs. **John Boyer** for \$865. This was certainly a bargain for the property is worth at the least calculation, \$ 1,000.

**Claire Steidley**, daughter of former *Moweaqua Editor* becomes a bride. Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Will A Steidley**, Rev **W H Benton**, Pastor of the Methodist Church officiating, occurred the marriage of their daughter, **Ida Claire Steidley** to **William Barnwell Mazyck**. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only the immediate relatives of the bride, and Miss **Eva Leake**, of Lake Charles, Louisiana, a dear friend of the bride. Bride's roses, cut flowers and evergreens adorned the cozy room in which the ceremony was held. The bridal party stood before a beautiful bank of roses and ferns. Following the ceremony a tasty dinner was served. The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Will Steidley**, who removed to Leesville from Lake Charles, where they had resided for a number of years. The groom is one of the sterling young men of this city, coming to Leesville from South Carolina, some five years since, during which period he has acquired scores of friends here. Mr. and Mrs. **Mazyck** were the recipients of a number of handsome and costly presents, and are now receiving congratulations from their many friends, who will be pleased to learn of their intention to make their home in this city. Present from a distance were Miss **Eva Leake** of Lake Charles, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. **James J Steidley** and baby of DeRidder, and Mr. **Wilmer A Steidley** of Orange, Texas. (*Leesville Leader, Leesville, Louisiana*)

*Mrs. Martha Pool is dead.* Mrs. **Martha A Pool** died in Martinsburg, Missouri, on Friday, 17 April 1908, after a brief illness. She was born in Clay County, this state, and was, at the time of her death, 59 years old. She leaves of her immediate family, four daughters, Mrs. **Nettie Portwood** and Mrs. **Harry Kiser** of Decatur, Mrs. **Clarence Owens** of Pana and Mrs. **Alta Robinson** of Martinsburg, Missouri, at whose home the deceased was visiting when she died.

There are also two grandchildren, **Martha Portwood**, and **Edna Kiser** of Decatur. Deceased was a member of the Baptist Church of this city. Interment was made in the West Side Cemetery on Monday. The Pastor of the Baptist Church officiated at the services. The children were all present at the funeral except Mrs. **Robinson**, who is herself critically ill at her home in Martinsburg, Missouri.

The will of **Valentine Snyder, Sr.** deceased and has been filed and provides as follows: To his daughter, Mrs. **A B Orange**, lands in Christian County and \$700 in cash; to daughter, **Emma Snyder**, lands in Shelby County, **Ed Snyder**, lands in Shelby County. The remainder of his estate is to be sold and after costs are paid, **Martha Garret**, granddaughter, is to receive \$1,000, and the remainder of the estate goes to **Delno C Snyder**, grandson. In case of the death of the grandchildren, the estate provided for them reverts back to the children. **Len Snyder** is named as trustee of the estate.

**James Mulligan** passed away after a brief illness. The death of **James Mulligan** occurred Wednesday evening at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **B Mulligan**, living east of town after an illness of only a week, the cause of his death being inflammation of the intestines. Mr. **Mulligan** had always lived in this community and was at the time of his death forty-four years of age. He was quiet and unassuming in his manner, gentle in his demeanor, honest, industrious and a genuinely good man. Those who knew him best say that he was modest, chaste in his language and circumspect in his conduct. He never spoke unkindly or harshly to anyone and yet his convictions on great questions were clear and at all times, frankly maintained. During his entire life he was a man who was able to see the brightest and happiest side of human nature, and imparted his sense of enjoyment in it to others, but no grain of unkindness or taint of coarseness never marred his conversation on any topic. Mr. **Mulligan** is survived by his father, mother, two brothers, **John** and **Robert**, and two sisters, **Maggie** and **Katie Mulligan**. Services were held Friday morning at Macon, Father **Lyons** officiating. Interment was in Macon Cemetery.

The two-year old child of **Earl Franklin** swallowed a piece of glass, which was in the 'sweepings' of candy the father got at a candy factory and died.

At Danville, following the wedding of Miss **Ruby Jewell** and **John Wallace**, the bride and bridegroom, the parents of the bride, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Jewell**, and a dozen guests were poisoned at the wedding supper by eating ice cream.

Galesburg: **John Stoddard** struck his father, **J H Stoddard** over the head with a cultivator handle, and the latter lay at the point of death.

Mr. and Mrs. **Bradley** of Pleak attended the funeral of **James Mulligan** at Macon on Friday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E Credi**, a girl born 17 April 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Corkins**, a son born 15 April 1908.

**Charlie Yantis** died in Decatur on Wednesday of last week of erysipelas. His remains were brought here the next day on the 10:44 train and buried in the local Cemetery. He was thirty-six years old and most of his life was spent in this state. A few years he lived in Louisiana. He leaves a wife, two children and his parents, **Isaac Yantis** and wife of Findlay. (*Bethany Echo*). Mr. **Yantis** was well and favorably known to many readers of the News and his sudden demise will be greatly regretted.

Last Tuesday **G W Rollins** received the sad news of the death of his father, **W J Rollins**, whose death occurred at his home in Missouri on Monday of last week, caused by a stroke of paralysis. Mr. **Rollins** and family attended the funeral, which was held on Thursday at Ramsey, Illinois, his former home.

Cards have been received announcing the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. **Delbert Wade** of Griggsville, Illinois. Mrs. **Wade** (*nee Elizabeth Armentrout*) has many friends who rejoice over their good news.

**Alex Ahl** of Tobinsport, Indiana, arrived here Tuesday to spend a few days with home folks and transact legal business relative to his father's estate.

**Wednesday, 29 April 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Miss **Katharine Schultz** entertained a number of her friends Wednesday evening at her home in the east part of town in honor of her fourteenth birthday. Games and music were the pastime of the evening, and a general good time was had by all.

Mrs. **D A Griswold** attended the **Miller-Wilhemy** wedding in Decatur last week. (Pleasant View news)

Cards were received here one day last week announcing the birth of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Harry A Fleck** in Chicago.

Hon. **John W Yantis** of Shelbyville has been appointed Grand Scribe of the Grand Encampment of Illinois Odd Fellows to succeed **Henry C Felton** of Salem who committed suicide last Monday night by jumping into a deep well and drowning.

As a result of a stroke of paralysis, **Isaac Longenbaugh**, living near Yantisville is confined to his bed and because of his advanced age, his condition is regarded as quite critical. He is now in his eighty-sixth year, and his friends are quite concerned about his well-being and recovery.

**Wednesday, 6 May 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Wm McCool** of Decatur was in town on Monday to attend the funeral services of **Thos Bivens**. The remains of the late **Thos Bivens** of Decatur were brought to Macon on Monday morning for burial.

**Ruth Bates**, aged 15 years, accidentally shot and killed her sister, **Josephine Bates**, aged 11 years, with a revolver at their home in Verden.

Dr and Mrs. **J J Connor** celebrated the thirty-first anniversary of their marriage at their home in Pana.

A new **pension law** went into effect 19 April 1908 giving 201,051 widows and other pensioners an increase of \$4 a month. All pensioners getting less than \$12 will receive that amount. In addition to the increase of \$9,650,448 in the amount of the pension roll it is estimated that \$2,592,000 additional claims will be filed during the coming year on account of provisions in the new act granting a pension of \$12 to **widows** of officers and enlisted men who served ninety days or more in the Army and Navy during the Civil War. The new act will give to one widow of a soldier in the war of 1812, to 183,696 Civil War pensioners under the general act, 7,907 Mexican war beneficiaries, and 3,171 widows of participants in the Indian Wars.

**Wednesday, 13 May 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The death of Mrs. **Elizabeth Dowd** occurred at her home in the north part of town Monday afternoon about 2 o'clock caused from neuralgia of the heart. She was born about 77 years ago in Maury County, Tennessee, and grew to womanhood there. About fifteen years ago she came to Illinois and became the wife of **Wesley Scribner**, a few years after his death, she was united in marriage with **J. D. Long** of this city who died in 1904. About three years ago she became the wife of **Patrick Dowd** whose death occurred a few months ago in January 1908. She leaves to mourn her departure, three brothers and two sisters, one of them being Mrs. **M F Pleak** of

Decatur. Mrs. **Dowd** was a consistent Christian, having been a member of the Christian Church for over fifty years. The funeral services were held from the family residence at 1 o'clock PM, Rev **Dungan** officiating. The interment was in the Jacobs Cemetery, north west of town.

Mrs. **W J Clark** received a telegram stating that her brother, **Chas Scott** died at his home at Sullivan, Indiana, on Monday. He was in his eighty-fifty year and was the last but one of a family of ten. Mrs. **Clark** is the sole survivor of the family of ten children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alonzo Tolly** at Obed, a daughter on 7 May 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jim Kennly** on Tuesday morning, a boy. (Elm Grove news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Fortner** on 5 May 1908, a girl.

### Wednesday, 20 May 1908 issue, Moweaqua News

**Samuel Lloyd Stine** was born in Moweaqua on 7 February 1883, and died at the home of his mother, Mrs. **R Stine** of this city on Sunday morning, 17 May 1908, aged 25 years, 3 months and 10 days. About the middle of last January, **Lloyd** suffered an attack of la grippe from which he could get little or no relief. He grew steadily worse and in order to try the effects of a warmer climate, went to Crowley, Louisiana, on 1 March 1908. There he sojourned with the family of **W K Andrews**, where everything possible was done to help him, but the improvement was very slight. He was on the eve of seeking another change of climate by going to San Antonio, Texas, when the unfortunate burning of the **Andrews** home consumed the greater part of his clothing and a remittance of money he had just received. This occurrence wrought greatly upon his nerves and discouraged him so that he decided to return home at once. He reached home on 24 April 1908 in a very nervous and much weakened condition. From this time he failed rapidly, and the end came so soon that it was a surprise to all but those nearest him when his death was announced last Sunday morning. **Lloyd** was of a genial, good-natured disposition, but quiet and retiring in his manner, and for this reason not always understood by even his closest friends. He was connected for about three years with the Moweaqua Telephone Company and took great interest in keeping up the efficiency of the system. He, like his father, was a Knight of Pythias, and took great interest in the origin and workings of the order. During the protracted meetings held by Miss **Cartwright** a few years ago, he was converted and joined the Methodist Church on probation. He was away from home when the class was received into full connection and was, therefore, continued as a probationary member. Almost from the beginning of his sickness he felt that he would not recover, and quietly disposed of his tools and effects with the exception of a few to which he was especially attached. These he reserved, and a few days before his death he sent for them and gave them to his mother with the request that she keep them herself. In his sickness and weakness he was very patient and resigned. Everything that was done for him was entirely satisfactory and he was always pleased with everything done for his comfort. No complaint was heard from him from the beginning to the close of his sickness. **Samuel Lloyd Stine** leaves to mourn his departure, his mother, a brother, **Roy** and a sister, **Jessie R**, both of whom reside at home with the mother. His father preceded him in death a little over nine years ago. Besides the members of the family he has many friends in Moweaqua, especially the young people who will miss him in their midst where he has spent all the years of his life. To be sure each member of the family circle will feel the individual loss, the sister who has thus far in the life had a brother upon either side, is now left with only one as a protector, the mother who has had a double staff upon which to lean has now a single son and the brother who has had a partner in business now will work alone. But out of the past bring today your sweetest memories and hang them in clusters about the portals of this sorrow. The funeral

services were held Tuesday afternoon from the family residence and the concourse of sympathetic friends assembled to do homage to the memory of the deceased far exceeded the capacity of the house. Rev **A B Peck** officiated. The remains were escorted from the residence to the West Side Cemetery by the Knights of Pythias, where the last sad rites were held. Pall bearers were **K R Snyder, Dr. Kyner, W H Silver, James McKay, P L Drew, Jas Shepherd, Oscar Frazee** and **J L Klump**.

**Wilbur Charles McCarty**, son of Mrs. **Mary McCarty** passed peacefully away at his home near Allenboro, on Saturday, 17 May 1908, after an illness of a few weeks. He had been in poor health for some time, but it was not until a few weeks ago that his illness was considered serious, and all that medical skill and human hands could do for him were of no avail. During his illness he bore his sufferings with great patience and fortitude, expressing his heartfelt gratitude to his friends for their efforts to relieve his sufferings. It grieved him very much to see his friends so much concerned about him and he asked them again and again not to be so sad. **Wilbur** was of a kind and generous disposition and made friends wherever he went. His age was 15 years, 2 months and 20 days. His father preceded him to the Great Beyond four years ago, and he leaves to mourn his death besides his mother, one brother, **Frank McCarty**, his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. **McCarty**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Hemer**, and a host of friends. Services were held at the M E Church in this city Monday afternoon. Rev **R B Irvin** officiated. Pallbearers were **Arthur Sanner, Garrett Lindemood, Cleve Ekiss, Martin Bohlen, Cecil Davis** and **Jesse Long**, all friends and schoolmates of the deceased. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery north of town.

Mr. and Mrs. **J L Klump** gave a birthday party Thursday afternoon at their home in this city from 3 to 6 o'clock PM for their son, **Rex Klump** in honor of his eighth birthday. Forty-four guests were present and all report a fine time. Many presents were received and delicious refreshments were served after which the guests departed, wishing **Rex** many happy returns of the day.

**Will Wooters** and Miss **Ida May Johnson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Oliver Johnson** of this city, were united in marriage at the home of the bride on Sunday at 2 o'clock PM. A number of the friends and relatives were present to extend greetings to the happy couple. **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the ceremony.

Sunday the relatives, friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. **Jake Bilyeu** gathered at their home four miles west of town and gave them a most joyful surprise. The occasion was to commemorate Mr. **Bilyeu's** forty-third birthday. When Mr. and Mrs. **Bilyeu** returned from Church, they were greeted by about 130 friends who had come with baskets filled with good things to eat, and a sumptuous feast was spread in the yard and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. **Bilyeu** was born and raised on the farm where he now lives, and no man around Moweaqua is better known and better liked than Jake. His friends as a token of esteem and friendship, presented him with a beautiful rocking chair.

Mr. and Mrs. **Patten John** celebrated their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary here. Both were among the earliest settlers in this County and are enjoying fair health. Each is 87 years old, their birthdays are four days apart. (Fairbury news)

At Shelbyville, the motion for a new trial of the **Polly murder case** was denied. **Polly** was sentenced to 14 years at the Chester penitentiary for the murder. (Note: Copied as written – no other information provided)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Pea**, a son on 17 May 1908.

**Capt Jingle 3018.** The Shetland is the only pony for a child! I have searched over five or six different states to find a typical, spotted, full-blooded Shetland, and I will say, without fear of contradiction, **Capt Jingle** is the best Shetland Stallion in the state! His mate may be as good or better later. He is kind and gentle and the children's pet and has proved a breeder of spotted colts. **Captain Jingle No 3018, Imp Cleon 334**, black and white; dam **Carmen 333**. A 40-inch black and white stallion, marked as nearly like **Bobolink** as any two horses could be made. He is so near like him in color and confirmation after handling them and being with them for months it is at times almost impossible to tell one from the other. In fact, if there is a spotted stallion in the world as good as **Bobolink**, **Capt Jingle** is the one. They have always been shown together and the winnings which each have made in team, tandem and four-in-hand have been with each other. He has won as follows: Iowa State Fair, 1903: 2<sup>nd</sup> in aged class, 1st in team, 1st in tandem, 1st in four-to-hand. Minnesota State Fair, 1903: 4<sup>th</sup> in 4-year old class, 2<sup>nd</sup> in team, and 1<sup>st</sup> in four-in-hand. World's Fair, 1904: 4<sup>th</sup> in 4-year old class, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class; 2<sup>nd</sup> in team; 2<sup>nd</sup> in four-in-hand; 3<sup>rd</sup> in single driver. Iowa State Fair, 1905: 1st in team, 1st in tandem, 1st in four-in-hand; Minnesota State Fair, 1905: 2<sup>nd</sup> in team, 2<sup>nd</sup> in tandem, 2<sup>nd</sup> in four-in-hand, 2<sup>nd</sup> stallion and five mares. Will be shown again this coming year. **Captain Jingle** will make the season of 1908 at **E M Snell's** Livery Barn in Assumption at \$15 to insure a living colt, payable when the fact is ascertained. In case mare is parted with or removed from County the insurance is forfeited and the money is due. Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur. Ponies sent from a distance will be cared for and pasture furnished at reasonable rates. Every colt foaled this year has been spotted. **W T Wallace** (Note: *This article is not consistent with normal extracts for the Moweaqua book, however, the picture is of such great quality that I chose to include this article in its entirety, as well as the picture of the Shetlands and the two Wallace Boys. See the 'Sketches' Section of this book for the picture.*) Last Friday **W F Corrington** received the sad news of the death of his brother-in-law, **Frank Metcalf**, who was killed Thursday morning while performing his duties as brakeman on a railroad in Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. **Corrington** attended the funeral, which was held on Sunday at Millwood, Illinois.

At the pretty country home of **C L Alloway**, Thursday morning at 10:30 AM was solemnized the ceremony that united the lives of his grand daughter, Miss **Anna Reid Magruder** and **Samuel A Thomas**, an industrious young man of Moweaqua, Illinois. Rev **Abe C Jones**, Pastor of the Elsberry Baptist Church, tied the knot. The bridal party entered the parlor and paused beneath a huge floral bell until the mystic words were spoken that made them husband and wife. Master **Robert Kercheval** and his little sister, **Carroll**, were the attendants. The ceremony was performed in the presence of only the near relatives and a few friends of the bride, after which a wedding luncheon was served. Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas** drove to town and boarded the afternoon train for St Louis and from that city left for his home in Moweaqua where they will reside. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. **M E Magruder**, and during the past winter was an assistant teacher in the Elsberry public school. Friends of the couple adorned their baggage with huge placards containing hearts pierced with arrows and such inscriptions in large red letters as 'Just married; look for us', 'No more school teaching for me', and other signs that tend to mingle a bit of humiliation with the pleasures of the honeymoon. They were the recipients of a copious shower of congratulations, rice and flowers as they boarded the train. (*Elsberry Democrat*)

**Wednesday, 27 May 1908 issue, Moweaqua News**

**J W Underwood** and Miss **Mabel Cash** were married Tuesday evening on 19 May 1908 at the residence of the bride's grandparents, **Oliver Henry** and wife in Tower Hill. After the ceremony they came to Findlay and went to their neatly furnished home in the Bates addition where they spent the night. This event has been expected and a close watch has been kept on **Wilse** as their friends desired to give them a hearty welcome when he returned with his bride but he got away by having his brother, **Bud Francisco** drive him to Shelbyville Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. **J W Underwood** is a teacher by profession having taught in the intermediate department of the Findlay school a couple of years and the past year in Moweaqua. It was while she taught in this village that she formed the friendship of Mr. **Underwood**. The friendship between the couple ripened into love and the event of Tuesday is but the natural termination when two hearts beat as one. **Mabel**, as she is familiarly called, is an earnest worker in the Christian Church and the congregation here feel that her coming among us to live will help the cause of Christ in our village. **J W Underwood** is the son of Jerry Underwood and wife living one half mile north of town. He is one of Uncle Sam's mail carriers. He has erected a neat cottage in the Bates addition and furnished the same. He is president of the Young Peoples Society of the Christian Endeavor and a model young man. Miss **Cash** has made no mistake in trusting her future in his keeping. An infare dinner was given at the **Jerry Underwood** home Wednesday. (*Findlay Enterprise*) The marriage of **Stanley Britton** of Colorado Springs and Miss **Lizzie Bays** formerly of Moweaqua occurred Thursday evening at the home of the officiating pastor, Dr. **Wilcox** of the 1<sup>st</sup> M E Church at Colorado Springs, Colorado, in the presence of a few friends and relatives. The bride is a charming young lady, with a wide circle of friends here who wish her all the happiness and prosperity life can give. They will reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado. According to the *Edwardsville Intelligencer*, the engagement of Miss **Elizabeth Snyder** of Moweaqua, and **George W Meyer** of Edwardsville, was made known informally to their friends one day last week. It was all on account of the retiring disposition of each that no one has heretofore been able to say accurately whether or not an engagement existed. Even some of the relatives did not know. They had been warm friends for a long time, but there was no ostentation in their sentiment, and hence everyone was in the dark concerning it until they consented to have it be made known. The wedding will be on the evening of Wednesday, 3 June 1908, at the Snyder home south of town, and the ceremony will be performed by Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the Methodist Church, at this city.

**George C Cummings** of Mt Vernon, a Spanish-American War veteran, arrived at his father's home in Mount Carmel and after greeting his father, went to the local Y. M. C. A. building where he was given a room and committed suicide a few minutes later by swallowing carbolic acid.

**Dean Pitman** of Virden was taken to Jacksonville by Sheriff **Jones** where he will be placed in the Central Hospital for the insane. **Pitman's** wife secured a divorce from him on the ground of abandonment. There are two children.

The estate of the late **James Roach** was sold in Litchfield by the master in chancery to **David Patterson** of Decatur for \$27.75 an acre. The farm consisted of 400 acres and was sold extremely cheap.

About twenty years ago, Mr. **J T Walker** came to Moweaqua and purchased the North Elevator, as it was called at that time. He stuck very close to the business for sixteen years, probably no man in town stuck closer to business than he. He built up the grain business until it became a credit to any country, and by close management he made what is called a financial success of the

business, which always helps any city. He has been out of business about four years and during that time he has been trying to find some place where he could feel at home, but, however, he concluded after all, that in Moweaqua among his old friends is the only place where he could feel contented, therefore, together with Mr. **Thompson** he purchased the **Evans Elevator** and will open up the first of the month. I, with hundreds of others, am glad that Mr. **Walker** has returned to our little town. There is one thing that the farmers have to be proud of and that is if they ask Mr. **Walker** in regard to the price of grain, he will honestly give his opinion. There is no one business that requires closer watching to make a success of than the grain business. Mr. **Walker** says he doesn't want to make lots of money, but must have something to occupy his mind. It is very hard for an active man to shake off business and quit doing anything, although some people think that it might be easy. Signed: **Tom C Ponting** (*Letter to the Editor, Moweaqua News*)  
**P G Ludwig**, administrator of the estate of **Rosina Winter**, deceased, will sell at public sale, 40, 66, and 100 acres near Radford in Christian County, Illinois, on 20 June 1908, with the sale beginning at 10:30 AM.

The death of the three months old babe of **Ed Perryman** died at the Orphan's Home at Shelbyville last Thursday. The body was brought to Moweaqua on Friday and interment was at the Masonic Cemetery southeast of town. The infant's mother died in February of this year shortly after the baby was born, following a severe bout of consumption. Our heartfelt sympathies.

#### Wednesday, 3 June 1908 issue. Moweaqua News

**John Cooley** celebrated his fourth birthday anniversary with a party for his little friends at his home in this city Thursday afternoon. The little guests arrived promptly at the appointed hour, and after amusing themselves in various ways for some time they were shown into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served. He was the recipient of lovely little presents. A very beautiful and unique wedding occurred Tuesday evening in this city when, in the presence of only the immediate families of the contracting parties at their new home, **John Haslam, Jr.** and Miss **Grace Harris** both of this city accepted the solemn vows which made them husband and wife. The guests were received by the bride-elect, and at the appointed hour the couple took their places in the parlor. Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the M E Church officiated at the ceremony. Later a wedding dinner was served at the home of the groom's father. The bride is the youngest daughter of the late Mrs. **Jennie Harris**, a very handsome and loveable young lady, who is greatly esteemed by a host of friends, a graduate of our high school, and has been for a number of years, a valuable teacher in the primary room of the same institution. She has matured into beautiful womanhood as a component part of the social sphere which she so charmingly graces. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **J T Haslam**, and is one of the most progressive and promising young men of Moweaqua, who for several years has been associated in the mercantile business with his father, and by his indomitable will power and hustling proclivities, he is sure to come to the front in the business world. The happy couple will go to housekeeping at once in the Haslam property recently purchased and prepared by the groom. A large number of boys gathered for a charivari but on receiving a treat, they went quietly away.

The marriage of **George W Meyer** of Edwardsville and Miss **Elizabeth Snyder** will occur this evening at eight o'clock at the Snyder home south of town in the presence of about thirty five guests. Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the Methodist Church, will officiate, using the ring ceremony. Dr. **Shamel** will act as groomsman and Mrs. **Shamel** will be the matron of honor. The bride will

be attired in a very beautiful suit of white pearline and will carry a shower bouquet of orchids. Before the ceremony Miss **Nona Barnsback** of Edwardsville will sing, "Believe me of all those Endearing Young Charms" after which she will play Mendelssohn's wedding march. An elegant wedding dinner will be served, Misses **Emma Johnson** and **Beda Bergstrom** of Gibson City doing the honors of the dining room. The parlors and tables will be lavishly decorated with cut flowers, the color scheme being pink, white and green. The bride is a beautiful and accomplished young lady; the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder**, and from early childhood Moweaqua has been her home. She was a student of our public school, a graduate of the high school, a musician of exceptional vocal ability, a faithful worker in the Sunday School, and finally a valued and successful teacher in several high schools in the state. Possessing that gentle fascination of grace and manner that inspires confidence and esteem she has endeared herself to a host of friends who will regret to see her leave Moweaqua, but will ever hold her friendship in tenderest and endearing remembrances. The groom is one of the foremost businessmen of Edwardsville where he has grown up with the city in a large measure and by hard work, thrift and careful investment has accumulated a comfortable fortune. He is a member of the Madison Mercantile Co and an officer and large stockholder in the First National Bank. He has been scrupulous in observance of social duties and has found his chief pleasure in benefactions in the city. The happy couple will leave on the 11 o'clock train tonight for a tour through the west after which they will return to Edwardsville for permanent residence. Elm Grove news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elwood Jones** last Tuesday evening, a little girl. Both mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mrs. **Sarah Rice** and Mrs. **F D Pratz** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Sarah Young** near Springfield on Saturday.

**J Harvey Scribner** received a telegram on Monday announcing the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. **Whitmire** at Forrest, Illinois. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Weakley** on 28 May 1908, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Adcock** on 27 May 1908, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Cash Shride** on 27 May 1908, a son. (Obed news)

**W H Pontius** is reported quite seriously ill from kidney trouble. His son, **Harry Pontius** arrived here this morning from Ashville, Ohio, being called by telegram on account of the serious illness of his father.

**B P Pontius** and daughters spent Sunday afternoon with **Wm Pontius** who is reported to be very seriously ill. (Pleak news)

Mrs. **Ellen Crawford**, 102 years old, died at St Joseph's hospital in Bloomington. Mrs. **Crawford** had been a patient at the hospital for a year and a half, coming from Melvin, where her son, **James Crawford** lives at the age of 70 years.

Pittsfield news. **Douglas Gillum** of Hull has filed a bill for divorce from his wife, **Elizabeth Gillum**. He alleges desertion and statutory offenses.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm McKee** of Chicago were guests of home folks over Sunday and attended the **Haslam-Harris** wedding.

### Wednesday, 10 June 1908 issue, Moweaqua News

One of the most beautiful and elaborate weddings ever solemnized in this community was that of Mr. **George W Meyer** of Edwardsville and Miss **Elizabeth Snyder** which took place at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder**, south of town last Wednesday evening. About thirty guests were present, all of whom were near relatives or intimate friends of the

contracting parties. The decorations were very elaborate and probably exceeded in profusion and grandeur ever seen here on like occasions. The happy couple left on the 11 o'clock train for Denver, Colorado, where they will spend several weeks after which they will return to their home in Edwardsville. Friends of the couple adorned their baggage with huge placards with such inscriptions in large letters as 'Newly Married', "On our Honeymoon" and others that tend to mingle a bit of humiliation with the pleasures of their trip. They were recipients of a copious shower of congratulations, rice and flowers as they boarded the train.

Invitations were issued Wednesday to a double wedding to take place at Stonington on the evening of 17 June 1908 at the home of the bride's parents. Miss **Merle Duckwall** will become the bride of **Earl Wetzel**; and her sister, Miss **Byrnyce Duckwall** will wed **Verne Wetzel**. The grooms are brothers and are sons of **M R Wetzel**. The brides-to-be are cousins of our fellow townsman, Dr. **M H Duckwall**.

As we go to press today we are informed that the family of **W H Pontius** has been called to his bedside and his death is expected at any time.

A miscellaneous shower was given one day last week to Miss **Laura Patton**, who is to be married on 10 June 1908, to Rev **Joshua Martin** of Evanston. The shower was given at the home of Miss **Glowie Wilson**. The house was decorated with wedding bells and cut flowers. Each one present wrote some 'good advice for a young wife' on slips of paper. These were bound together and given to Miss **Pelton**, who read them aloud, some were quite amusing. A luncheon of fruit salad, nabiscos and tea were served. (Pleasant View news)

Macon news: Mr. and Mrs. **Robt Andrews** returned Monday evening from Mansfield, Illinois, where they had been called to attend the funeral of a relative.

In 1907, **pneumonia** was responsible for more **deaths in Illinois** than **tuberculosis**; the number being 7,386 and 7,142 respectively.

The **St Louis man** who recently won \$100 by holding his tongue for ten hours, is suspected of having been coached by his wife for ten years or more!

The funeral of Dr. **Whitmire**, whose death occurred on Monday of last week, was held Wednesday afternoon at his residence at Forrest, Illinois. It was said to be one of the largest funerals ever held in the city, the Masonic, Odd Fellows, Knights of Pithias, and Woodmen Lodges attending in a body. The doctor was a man of fine intellect and broad liberal views, and as such, filled a large place in the community in which he lived as a citizen as well as a practicing physician. He was a brother-in-law of **J H Scribner** and was very well-known here.

Administrator's Sale will be held on Saturday, 27 June 1908, at the residence of the late **Elizabeth Catherine Dowd**, Village of Moweaqua, for personal property of said decedent, consisting of household and kitchen furniture, beds and bedding, stoves, lounges, lace curtains, rocking chairs, stand tables, carpenter tools and garden utensils, and other numerous items. **S S Clapper**, Administrator

Executor's Sale will be held 20 June 1908 for real estate on the estate of **Thomas Hudson, Jr.**, deceased. Sale to be held at the north door of the post office, Moweaqua, Illinois, for property in village of Moweaqua, lot six and the north half of lot five in the block twenty one of the original town now the village of Moweaqua. *Signed: Ralph W Snyder*, Executor.

A message was received here Tuesday announcing the birth of a daughter at the home of **A F Pinkston** in Decatur.

**Wednesday, 17 June 1908 issue, Moweaqua News**

*A good citizen gone.* **Wm H Pontius**, one of the most widely known men of Shelby County, passed on to the realm of eternal rest at his home near Elm Grove Thursday morning about 9 o'clock A M after a brief illness from paralysis due to an injury, which he sustained several months ago, and since that time, failed rapidly until the end came. Only his rugged constitution and abstemious habits kept alive the spark of life for more than a week and knowing that he could not recover, he gave directions as to how he wanted his funeral conducted. Mr. **Pontius** was a man of many friends and in the conduct of his business affairs, he was known to be scrupulously honest and just. He was a kind, warm hearted man with broad, philanthropic ideas, and his acts were ever characterized by generosity and purity of purpose. The deceased was a son of **Henry** and **Catherine Pontius**, born in Pickaway County, Ohio, 3 March 1844, and he died at his home in Shelby County, Illinois, on 11 June 1908. He was aged 64 years, 3 months and 8 days. He was married to **Catherine Ann Morral** on 18 December 1866, and to this union were born 11 children, three of whom died in infancy, and one, **Mary Etta**, wife of **G R Bridgman**, died on 15 February 1908. (*Note: I checked the Moweaqua News for the obituary of this woman. I did not find a death notice on her; however, did find a child born to Mr. and Mrs. G R Bridgman on 25 February 1908*) His wife and seven children **Addie May Bridgman**, **Laura Bell Pontius**, **Harry Wilson Pontius**, **Martha Edith Corley**, **Milton Stanley Pontius**, **Hattie Myrtle Warner**, **Katie Alice Christman** and fifteen grandchildren, two brothers, **Amos D Pontius** of Rich Hill, Missouri, and **Benjamin F Pontius** of Shelby County, Illinois, and two sisters, **Mary Ann Fisher** and **Hattie E Scothorn**, both of Winfield, Kansas, still survive to mourn his departure. Early in life he accepted Christ as his Savior and united with the U B Church to which he remained a devout member until his death. When Uncle Sam called for volunteers to protect the Union in the beginning of the Civil War, the deceased was among the first to respond, enlisting in the 50<sup>th</sup> Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He was with **Gen Grant** in his campaign in the West and had his first active service in the battle of Shiloh under the command of **Gen Lew Wallace**. He was in the battles of Corinth, Iuka, Island No. 10, Chickasaw Bayou, Siege of Vicksburg, and many other minor engagements. He was honorably discharged in 1865, having been in the service nearly four years. 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 the politics of this County was recognized, and he has faithfully and efficiently filled every office in Pickaway township, with a possible exception of Supervisor. At the time of his death he was serving as Justice of the Peace and was recently elected Assessor for the next year. He was an earnest member of the Yantisville I. O. O. F. lodge, he was an untiring worker in the Yantisville Camp of Modern Woodman in which he held \$2,000 in insurance and of which order he has been the clerk for a number of years. He was also a member of the G. A. R. Post and Masonic Lodge of Moweaqua and was always active in promoting the best interests of all fraternal societies to which he belonged. He was essentially a man of the people, useful, and trusted by all. On account of the physical condition of Mrs. **Pontius**, a short funeral service was held at the family residence at 2 o'clock after which the funeral cortege proceeded to the Locust Grove Church where the funeral service proper was conducted by Rev **I W Longenbaugh**, assisted by Elder **L Corley**. The Yantisville Lodge had charge of the remains and conducted ritualistic services at the Cemetery as did the G. A. R. Post. Pallbearers were **Charles Stump**, **Oliver Standley**, **Frank Beckett**, **Wm Middleton** and **Elonzo Frailey**.

News from Clinton: **Mabel Snell McNamara** has conveyed the property Col **Snell** bought for her in Kansas City, Missouri, to one **D M Scott**, and the latter in turn conveyed it to **James V McNamara**, the husband of **Mabel Snell McNamara**. This was evidently done to keep the estate of Col **Snell** from recovering the property.

Miss **Jennie Davy**, 42 years old, dropped dead as she was entering the home of her brother, **Charley Davy**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Doyle** of Taylorville, married 50 years ago in 1858, renewed their marriage vows at St Mary's Church, attended by brother and sister respectively, who attended them when married.

Miss **Mary Stinson** of Wyanet, 72 years old, and **Clark West** of Tiskilwa, aged 73 years, were married at Kewanee by Rev **Alexander Smith**. They were the oldest couple ever wedded in Kewanee.

**Sarah C Porter**, Executrix of the estate of **Thomas Porter**, deceased, has filed a notice of final settlement of his estate on 6 July 1908 at the Court House in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Obed news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Alward**, a daughter on 15 June 1908.

The message of **Ed Shride** and Miss **Bird Armstrong** was solemnized in Decatur last Wednesday. The groom is the oldest son of Mrs. **Alice Shride** and is a practical young man now in the employ of **Arthur Weakley**. The bride is a daughter of **Wm F Armstrong**.

The **Rosina Winter** (deceased) farm near Radford, will be sold at auction on 20 June at the premises. The farm consists of forty acres of good cornbelt land and will make a beautiful home for a man of moderate means.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sherman Reatherford**, a son on 9 June 1908.

Divorces granted: **Margaret E Compton** against **John Compton** on the grounds of cruelty.

**John N Poe** vs. **Ella Poe**, a decree for a divorce was filed and approved. **Lena McClanahan** vs. **Hollis McClanahan**, divorce granted on the grounds of desertion. Court Granted Mrs. **W G Colbert** of Moweaqua a divorce from her husband on the grounds of adultery. **Abner Right** vs. **Stella Wright**, divorce; suit dismissed. (Note: Names as spelled – 'Right' and 'Wright') **Louisa Kleimeier** vs. **Harmon Kleimeier**, divorce; suit dismissed. **Elijah Prater** vs. **Georgina Prater**, divorce, suit dismissed

#### Wednesday, 24 June 1908 issue, Moweaqua News

*Called by Death.* Mrs. **S E Elder**, one of Moweaqua's oldest citizens, passed away Monday morning. Mrs. **Sarah E Elder**, one of Moweaqua's oldest residents passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **T G Cheatham** in the north part of this city about 7 o'clock AM Monday morning after having been in ill health for several years. The cause of her demise was heart trouble and other complications due to old age. She was born in Caldwell County, Kentucky, 10 February 1825. She was married to **S B Elder** on 29 December 1842. At an early age she united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, in which she lived a consistent member until death came to her relief on 22 June 1908, at the advanced age of 83 years, 5 months and 12 days. She leaves to mourn her departure, six children, Rev **J W Elder** of Argenta, Mrs. **M J Stickel** of Sarcoxie, Missouri, **T B Elder** of Pomona, California, Mrs. **Mary Smith** of Venice, California, **J T Elder** of China, Texas, and Mrs. **T G Cheatham** of Moweaqua, also two sisters, a number of grandchildren and their friends and relatives. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Tuesday at 10:15 o'clock AM with Rev **M N Baker** of Decatur officiating after which the remains were shipped to Sarcoxie, Missouri, her former home for interment.

The marriage of Miss **Hazel Miller** and Mr. **Earl Housh**, both of this city, occurred in St Louis, Missouri, on Saturday morning, the Rev **Andrews**, Pastor of one of the Methodist Churches there, officiating. The happy couple returned to this city Saturday evening. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. **Sam'l Miller** and is a beautiful girl with many excellent traits of character. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **J M Housh** of this city. He is a practical young man who has taken up auctioneering as his chosen profession and has a promising future before him. The newly married couple are well-known to everyone in this vicinity and they wish that they have a pleasant voyage through life.

**Stanley Pontius**, son of **W H Pontius**, deceased, was appointed administrator of the estate of his father. The estate consists chiefly of life stock, farm implements, grain and cash.

*A relative ill.* Rev and Mrs. **J O Henry** of Tower Hill were called to the bedside of Mrs. **Wilse Underwood** at Findlay on Sunday. Mrs. **Underwood** was not expected to live but took a sudden change for the better Sunday. She was formerly Miss **Mable Cash** of Tower Hill and has been married but a few weeks. (*Pana News*)

Mr. and Mrs. **John Sibert** of Prairieton are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl on Saturday. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Ragland** mourn the loss of an infant son, still born on Monday, 22 June 1908.

Rev **R B Irwin**, accompanied by his daughter, **Rachel** and his sister-in-law, Miss **Nellie Morton** of Knoxville, Tennessee, drove over from Dalton City, Tuesday to attend Mrs. **Elder's** funeral. Mr. and Mrs. **G W Meyer** who recently returned from their western trip spent Sunday at the **Snyder** home south of town. They are newlyweds.

*Funeral of Patsie Houlihan.* The remains of the late **Patsie Houlihan**, who passed away in Denver, Colorado, were brought here Friday evening, and the funeral services were held Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock AM from the M E Church. Rev **H H Oneal** conducted the services. The interment was in the Macon Cemetery.

*Death of Mr. Furstenburg.* Friends and relatives of **Felix Furstenburg** received the sad news last Friday morning of his death, which occurred at his home in Wisconsin due to an injury received from a horse falling while Mr. **Furstenburg** was riding it. The body was brought to Macon Sunday and the funeral services were held from the Catholic Church Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The services were conducted by Father **Lyons**. Beside a wife and child, a host of friends are left to mourn the loss.

*To the Public:* Dora A. Burgener, wife of the undersigned having determined to live separate and part from her husband, the undersigned, **Christopher Burgener**, notice is hereby given by the undersigned that he will not be liable for any bills or debts contracted by or for any credit extended to the said **Dora A Burgener**. Dated 20 June 1908. Signed, **Christopher Burgener**

*Robber shoots man and wife.* Paris, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. **George Elliott** were shot and dangerously wounded at their home near Paris. Mrs. **Elliott** started to the kitchen and was shot in the forehead when she passed the door. Her husband rushed to her aid and was shot while stooping over the prostrate body of his wife. Mr. **Elliott** is a well-to-do retired businessman. It is believed a burglar had entered the house and shot when surprised. Mrs. **Elliott** will die.

The contract has been let for a \$30,000 hotel donated by Mrs. **Kemmerer** to the Presbyterian Church in memory of the late **Philip B Kemmerer**. (*Assumption news*)

White Hall news: Mr. and Mrs. **John H Hanks**, each 88 years old, celebrated their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary at Roodhouse, Illinois. Each party was thirty years old at the time of their marriage in 1850.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Syfert**, a daughter on 20 June 1908.

Wednesday, 1 July 1908 issue, Moweaqua News

Miss **Mary Avery**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Orren Avery**, 17 Denny Street, Indianapolis, and Dr. **Medard Keller**, of Cincinnati, were married yesterday at the home of the bride in Indianapolis. Rev **H A Thompson** of Tuscola, Illinois, performed the ceremony, the couple standing before an altar of daisies and beneath a wedding bell of the same kind of flowers. The colors used throughout the house were yellow and white. Miss **Edith Avery** played the wedding march. Miss **Edna Gladden** sang 'O Promise Me', and Miss **Alice Avery** was the only attendant. The bride's gown was cream chiffon voile over silk, trimmed with hand made Italian lace. Mr. and Mrs. **Keller** left at once for Louisville, Kentucky. Those present from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Keller** and daughter of Cincinnati, parents and sister of the bridegroom, and Misses **Ethel Lindsley** and **Daisy Payne** of Decatur, Illinois. Miss **Avery** resigned her position as art teacher in Shortridge to become the wife of Dr. **Keller**, and they will be at home to their friends on 10 July 1908, at 3100 Jefferson Avenue, Cincinnati.

The death of **Samuel Davis** occurred at his home in this city on Sunday morning, 28 June 1908, after a lingering illness which covered a period of about three years. The immediate cause of his death was paralysis. His condition was regarded very critical for several months, and his demise was not unexpected. The deceased was born 24 April 1853 in Christian County, Illinois, near Mt Auburn and was at the time of his death, aged 55 years, 2 months and 4 days. On the first day of January 1871, he was united in marriage to Miss **Amelia E Hunter**. To this union were born ten children, seven of whom with their mother, two sisters, Mrs. **Sarah E Arnold** of Weldon, Iowa, and Mrs. **Mary Williams** of Springfield and nine grandchildren are left to mourn his departure. The children are Mrs. **Wm Whiteside** of Niantic, Mrs. **Andy Letner** and Mrs. **S G Cherry** of Springfield, Mrs. **Fred Long**, **Minnie**, **Bert** and **Zelvia Davis** of this city. Mr. **Davis** was a miner by trade and moved from Niantic to Moweaqua about twelve years ago where he worked in the mine as long as his health would permit. He was man of good disposition, a devoted father and obliging and sympathetic neighbor. Services held Monday morning at 11 o'clock from the family residence. Rev **J N Edmondson** officiated. The deceased was a member of the United Mine workers, who attended in a body and conducted the ritualistic services at the grave in the North Cemetery.

In the death of Ex-President **Cleveland**, this nation has lost one of its greatest citizens. He was one of the strongest characters in the political work of the present generation and as chief magistrate was regarded as one of the best. To whatever station in life he was called he rose to the full measure of his duties and responsibilities. His patriotism was of the loftiest character and his sense of duty and absolute fearlessness were the dominant characteristics of his life. Wise, strong, fearless, he had a lofty sense of public and private duty. The nation, regardless of party allegiance, owes him tribute, history will record it and the whole citizenship of the republic, mourns the loss of this true patriot and great administrator.

Ex-President **Grover Cleveland** succumbs unexpectedly Wednesday at his home though he had long been ill. He was a great Democrat, twice President of the United States, died at his home in Princeton, New Jersey, at the age of seventy-one years. He was a poor boy who rose to the highest elective office in the world. Mr. **Cleveland** had long been a sufferer from gout and diabetes for more than two years. Early in 1906 he was stricken with an attack of indigestion, the result of diabetes and for weeks was unable to partake of anything except liquids. The statement explaining his death read, "Mr. **Cleveland** for many years has suffered from repeated

attacks of gastral intestinal origin. Also he has a long standing organic disease of the heart and kidneys, and heart failure complicated with pulmonary thrombosis and oedema were the immediate causes of his death." **Grover Cleveland** was born at Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey, on 18 March 1837. As a country boy he left home when 16 years of age, charged not only with the necessity of making his own way in the world, but with the responsibility of providing for his mother and sisters. He fought the battle sturdily and not only won but achieved the highest honors that can come to an American. His father was a Presbyterian minister. The son was christened **Stephen Grover** in honor of Rev **Stephen Grover** who had preceded Rev **Mr. Cleveland** in the pastorate of the little Church at Caldwell. In even the earliest childhood of the boy, however, the parents omitted the name Stephen and addressed him always as **Grover**. The son always signed his name as **Grover Cleveland**. In 1841 the family removed to Fayetteville, New York. They lived afterward at Clinton and Holland Patent. **Grover**, while he attended school, served in his spare hours as clerk in a country store. His father died in 1853. His money, it was found, had been expended for the education of his children. It devolved upon **Grover** then 16 years of age, to qualify as a contributing member of his family. Through his brother, who was connected with the New York Institution for the Blind, he secured appointment there as assistant teacher. Two years gave him enough of teaching. He was ambition to become a lawyer and to work in a field that offered more advantages. **Grover** started in 1855 for Cleveland by way of the Erie Canal. He stopped over for a day at Buffalo to visit a rich uncle, **Lewis F Allen**. The latter prevailed upon the youthful pilgrim to make his home in Buffalo. He provided Grover with six weeks' work at \$10 a week to assist in the compilation of a herd book and secured for him a place in the office of a prominent law firm. As a law clerk he earned \$4 a week. His entrance in politics began in 1865 when he was nominated for district attorney. In 1882 he was listed as the Democratic candidate for the Governor of New York, which he won by 200,000 plurality. On 11 July 1884 in Chicago, he was nominated to oppose **James G Blaine** in the campaign for presidency. The second time he visited Washington DC, was when he went to the capitol to take the office of president. When it came time for him to speak he delivered his message firmly and coolly as a lawyer in court. Deliberately and in a strong voice he delivered his address of 8,000 words, and he shattered all precedents by giving it from memory instead of from manuscript. He declared for the Monroe Doctrine, economy, protection of the Indians, security of the freedmen, and for civil service. Nothing which he ever did while president attracted more attention than the famous message he sent to Congress in December 1895 on the subject of Great Britain's controversy with Venezuela over the boundary between the latter country and British Guiana.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mr. and Mrs. **Elic Brule** are the proud parents of a big baby girl born here Sunday morning.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Donaldson** on Saturday, 27 June 1908, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Aaron Shrader** on 27 June 1908, a daughter.

Mrs. **Callie Barnheart** was called to Decatur Sunday evening on account of the death of her cousin's son, **Walter Adams**, who died of consumption in Decatur. (Fame news)

Married to her third husband at the age of 71 years by the same judge who performed one of the preceding ceremonies is the remarkable record of Mrs. **Jeannette Howard** of Chatham, who became Mrs. **Michael Snedder** of Auburn.

Seven-year old **Robert McGibbon**, while playing on a load of sand, fell off and a wheel ran over him, breaking his neck. (Sycamore news)

Mr. and Mrs. **Robert E Moffit** issued invitations to celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. The couple married in 1883.

After her little sister, **Mary Hastenfel**, had jumped into a cistern to save **Mary Courier**, a playmate, **Margaret Hastenfel**, aged 14, also leaped into the deep water hole and pulled the two little girls out. (Elgin news)

Mr. and Mrs. **J E Shisler** and Mr. and Mrs. **Don Fickes** left Tuesday for Forsyth to attend the funeral of the latter's mother, Mrs. **Gonterman**, whose death occurred on Monday.

**Wednesday, 8 July 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Lewis Gordon** was tendered a pleasant surprise at his home in Prairieton township on Sunday in honor of his 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday. When he returned from Church he found about thirty of his friends awaiting his arrival. An elaborate dinner was spread in the yard, and a good social time was enjoyed by all. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **I B Gordon** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Zeigler** and son, **Emery**, Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Gordon** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Bilyeu** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **John Watters**, Mr. and Mrs. **Dinkens**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Smith** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Jacobs**, **Jessie Ross**, Mr. and Mrs. **Aden Adams** and daughter, **Zoë**.

The marriage of **Wheeler Workman** and Miss **Alice Mathes** occurred at the courthouse in Decatur on Wednesday morning. Judge **O W Smith** officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A Mathes**, west of town, and the groom is a son of **Isaac Workman** of Latham, Illinois.

Amid showers of rice, Mr. **O W Whitehead** of Del Rio, Texas, and Miss **Frances Ahl** of this city, left for New Orleans Saturday morning where they expect to be married. Miss **Ahl** is one of Moweaqua's best young ladies and stands in the highest esteem of her acquaintances. Mr. **Whitehead** is a timekeeper on the Southern Pacific railroad. The happy wedding to be is the culmination of an acquaintance formed a couple of years ago when Miss **Ahl** was spending the winter in the South. Friday afternoon about fifteen members of the Rebekah Lodge gave the bride-elect a miscellaneous shower at her home. Delicious refreshments were served and a merry, informal time was enjoyed by all.

Macon news: Miss **Evelyn Schudel** attended the funeral of Mrs. **J N Hill** in Decatur last Thursday.

Macon news: Mrs. **I M Higgins**, who has been confined to her bed for several months, is gradually growing weaker, and it is considered that her condition is beyond her recovery.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mrs. **Elic Brule** and baby are progressing very nicely.

A number of the little friends of Master **Kenneth Snyder** gathered at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Snyder** Monday evening to celebrate his ninth birthday anniversary. Games were played and refreshments were served, and a delightful time was had by all.

**Wednesday, 15 July 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Scheme to rid Moweaqua of Bachelors:* The month of June the favorite of all months for marriages having passed, and our list of old bachelors remains the same, not a single one having been launched into matrimonial bliss. It has been deemed best by the citizens of Moweaqua to advertise them. The first on the bargain counter is **Jas Shepherd**, age unknown, artist and optimist, considered confirmed, but likes good food. Shy and must be lassoed. 2<sup>nd</sup> is **John Hudson**, aged 27, does nothing because he doesn't need to; buys fine stock and is liberal, is a good host, domestic, would fit head of table; is fond of poodle dogs. Third is **A C McRae**, age

not known, dentist, knows all about the mouth, handy about home, especially about the kitchen, can tell good stories and likes good music; plays croquet but would stay at home Sunday afternoon, gone on vacation. Our 4<sup>th</sup> is **Wm Thompson**, under 40, genial and liberal, nice hair, would wipe dishes, early riser, will wait until September, then may get anxious. Our 5<sup>th</sup> is **Wilbur Gregory**, age of 28, salesman, has time to walk, which will come in handy at nights later on; can sing, but won't, talented and graceful, can drive a team but never touched heart strings. Number 6 is **Oscar Adamson**, farmer, knows about horses, lucky in raffles; speaks when spoken to, likes dark hair, never vaccinated. Number 7<sup>th</sup> brings us **Harley Gregory**, aged 25, has eye on cottage now; ambitious and will consider a good listener, musician – plans piccolo, will send out washing. Number 8 gives us **C D Sanner**, age 26, talented, tall and graceful, has bothersome mustache, drives fine team; does not chew gum; bashful, but can be enticed. **Grant Cutler** is number 9, he is 28, manages butcher shop and buys fat stock; leans to politics, always has right answer for proper questions, a good bargain if taken at once. Number 10 is **Reed Wilson**, age questionable, capable dresser – of windows; rather shy, highly educated and a great catch if caught. Next is **Jas L Sparling**, 22, student of medicine and philosophy, good looking, has remedies of his own; goes to baseball games, but would stay at home nights. **Roy Stine** is next, at age 24, can raise the dead, reserved and affects a benign countenance, good appetite, can play any game going and some not coming; may be sold at auction. **Philip Deihl**, age is 25, retired farmer; can eat anything, likes blue eyes and light hair; vocalist and graceful dancer, smokes, but does not chew; willing to operate the washing machine, a real bargain. And finally we have **Thos Gilliland**, age – legal—understands telegraphy; wears loud vests on Sundays, sings for amusement, looks like **Daniel Webster**, would consider a fair pleader.

The death of Mrs. **Henry Hays** occurred at her home in the city Saturday afternoon at 2:20 o'clock PM after a long and valiant struggle with a complication of diseases. About a year ago, she became afflicted with a tubercular affection of the hip and was confined to her bed most of the time since. This with other diseases and the exhaustion, which resulted therefrom, was the cause of her death. **Elzilah C Irwin** was born in Grant County, Indiana, in 1853 and moved with her parents to Hamilton County, Illinois, when a child. On 7 August 1873, she was united in marriage with **Henry Hays**. To this union were born seven children, two of whom died in early childhood. Those living are **Thomas Hays**, **W H Hays**, **G T Hays**, **E A Hays** and Mrs. **John Winters** of Nokomis. They, together with her husband, two step-children, **A D Hays** and Mrs. **Jennie Clerk** of this city, two brothers, **Simion Irwin** of San Antonio, Texas, **J R Irwin** of Springfield and one sister, Mrs. **John Skiff** of this city, are left to mourn her departure. Mrs. **Hays** accepted Christ at an early age and lived a consistent Christian life until her call to the spirit world. During her illness she was ever patient and endured her suffering with fortitude, awaiting her calm and peaceful departure at the Lord's call on the afternoon of 11 July 1908, aged 54 years, 7 months and 28 days. Services conducted at the Christian Church on Monday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev **Dungan** officiating. Interment was in Hays Cemetery, southwest of the city.

Miss **Iva Hays** spent a few days last week at the home of Mrs. **Pendernot**, east of Assumption. She was called on account of the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. **Henry Hays**, who later passed away.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Henry Hays** was buried in the Hays Cemetery on Monday.

In Danville, **Eli Hulmrich** and Mrs. **Harriet N Oakes** of Newport were married by Rev **J W Parrett**. The bridegroom is 74 years old and the bride is 72 years old. The minister's age is given as 90 years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ezra Townsend** on 9 July 1908, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Mack**, a son on 14 July 1908.

Sunday, 12 July 1908, being Mrs. **Mary A Gordon's** 76<sup>th</sup> birthday, her friends, neighbors, children and grand children gathered at her home southeast of town with well filled baskets to remind her of the fact. One hundred and fifty were present to partake of the feast. Six children, twenty-four grand children, and fourteen great grand children were present. **Edgar Sims** was present and photographed the crowd. He also took a picture of Grandma **Gordon** with her children, grandchildren and great grand children. It was a joyful occasion.

During the past week Mrs. **Zealy Snell** has been critically ill from heart and kidney trouble. Early in January she had a light stroke of paralysis and has never been very well since. Owing to her advance age and complication of diseases, her recovery is regarded very doubtful.

A letter was received here one day last week announcing the marriage of Miss **Frances Ahl** of this city and Mr. **Oscar Whitehead** at New Orleans. Mrs. **Whitehead** will spend a few weeks' with her husband's sister at Del Rio, Texas, while Mr. **Whitehead** is looking out for a suitable location in the west.

#### Wednesday, 22 July 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

Last Sunday about one hundred relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. **Clem Scribner** near Prairie Home, it being his forty-eighth birthday anniversary. Mr. **Jas Carroll** had taken him away in the morning for a drive and on returning at noon, Mr. **Scribner** was greatly surprised to see the yard filled with people, and three long tables under the shade trees, loaded with many good things to eat. After enjoying the bountiful repast, the guests spent the afternoon in conversation and listening to music. Mr. **Scribner** received a beautiful rocking chair and several other useful presents. Mr. **Sims** came with his camera and took several pictures. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **John Sims**, **Edgar Sims** and family, **Jas Carroll** and family, **Wm Smull** and family, **Art Smull** and family, **George Hemer** and family, **Peter Peas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Carry Rhodes**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Oxley**, Mrs. **Smith** and daughter, Mrs. **George Proctor**, Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence**, **J H Lawrence** and family, **J A Adams** and family, **Jacob Bilyeu** and family, **Josiah Bilyeu** and family Mrs. **Minnie Bilyeu**, **F Goodwin** and family. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Mr. **Scribner** many more happy birthdays.

Springfield: **Ira Dudley**, a liveryman, and **Michael Lynch**, an employee, were arrested the other day, charged with the murder of **Matus Neil**, who was thought to have died from injuries received in a runaway accident. The complaint was made by the widow of the dead man, who alleged that the men administered a brutal beating to **Neil** because he drove one of **Dudley's** horses hard.

Rockford news: While catching in a baseball game, **Frank Howard** of Harvard was hit over the heart by a swiftly pitched ball and killed instantly. He was sixteen years old.

Decatur news: **Ralph Turpin**, aged three years, son of **Samuel Turpin**, who lives two and one half miles southwest of Casner, fell into a tub of hot water and was scalded to death.

Paxton news: *Another Fourth victim is dead.* **Everett Lewis**, aged 13, is dead from the effects of injuries he received from the explosion of 'nigger chasers', which he carried in his pocket on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

**James Ellison** of Decatur was killed at Elwin when he fell from a load of hay and his neck was broken. He resided in Decatur, but has been working on a farm near Elwin.

In Sterling, **William Dean** of Ohio Station, Bureau County, stepped on a nail while playing. Lockjaw developed from the wound and he later died.

Prairie Home news: **Clem Scribner's** children gave him a surprise party on Sunday, it being his birthday, by inviting in about fifty of their neighbors to spend the day.

Macon news: The members of Mrs. **H H Oneal's** Sunday school class gave Mrs. **George Mills** a linen shower last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss **Martha Cowger**. Light refreshments were served.

On Monday evening the 13<sup>th</sup> of July at the home of Rev **Davidson** of Decatur occurred the marriage of Mr. **George Mills** of Keyesport to Miss **Winifred Newsham** of Macon. Mr. and Mrs. **Mills** went to Keyesport Saturday where they expect to visit for a short time.

The funeral services of Mrs. **I M Higgins**, who passed away Friday evening after an illness of six months, were held Sunday afternoon at the M E Church. Bro **Beadles** of Quincy and Bro **Willard** of Raymond, both former pastors, conducted the services. A great number of beautiful floral designs were given by friends as expressions of their deep sympathy and respect.

Interment was in the Macon Cemetery. Mrs. **A McGee** of Decatur and Dr. and Mrs. **Duckwall** of Moweaqua were out of town attendees at the services.

Macon news: Mr. and Mrs. **C Black** and family of Morrisonville were called to Macon on Saturday on account of the death of Mrs. **Black's** aunt, Mrs. **I M Higgins**.

Prairie Home news: **Clem Scribner's** children gave him a surprise party on Sunday, it being his birthday, by inviting in about fifty of their neighbors to spend the day.

Macon news: On Monday evening, the 13<sup>th</sup> of the month, at the home of Rev **Davidson** of Decatur, occurred the marriage of Mr. **George Mills** of Keyesport to Miss **Winifred Newsham** of Macon. Mr. and Mrs. **Mills** went to Keyesport Saturday where they expect to visit for a spell. The funeral services of Mrs. **I N Higgins**, who passed away on Friday evening after an illness of six months, were held Sunday afternoon at the M E Church. Bro **Beadles** of Quincy and Bro **Willard** of Raymond, both former pastors, conducted the services. Interment was in the Macon Cemetery. Mrs. **A McGee** of Decatur and Dr. and Mrs. **Duckwall** of Moweaqua were in attendance at the services. (Macon news)

### Wednesday, 29 July 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Theodore F Dove**, a veteran member of the Shelbyville bar association, passed away at his home in Shelbyville suddenly Monday morning about 5 o'clock AM, the cause of his demise being heart trouble. His death was entirely unexpected. Sunday evening he was in normal health. He arose Monday morning and was engaged in mowing his yard when he was attacked by a severe pain in his heart and survived only a few minutes. He was a financier, banker, politician, educator and a prominent worker in the Methodist Church, and had for many years been a well-known figure in the commercial, industrial and public circles, not only of Shelbyville, but of the entire County.

Miss **Emiline Bilyeu**, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Bilyeu**, living west of town, died Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock AM of a complication of diseases, aged 22 years. Her illness covers a period of about eight months, during which time she bore her suffering with patience and fortitude. She was a bright girl and by her winsome ways, she won the friendship of many people. The funeral services were held this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence. Interment was in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Slaughter** entertained a few friends at their home northwest of town Wednesday evening in honor of the latter's 39<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mrs. **Slaughter** was the recipient of a number of beautiful presents and her friends at a distance remembered the event by sending a number of souvenir post cards. Refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time is reported. Administrator's notice for the purpose of settling and adjusting all the claims against the estate of **Elizabeth C Dowd**, deceased, was published. **S S Clapper** is the Administrator.

Administrator's notice against the estate of the late **Nathaniel Ahl**, deceased, was published. **Luther O Hilvety** is the administrator.

Mrs. **J H Chesebro** died at her home in Decatur Wednesday night of tuberculosis from which she had been a sufferer for some time. Her age was twenty-five years. She was the former **Lottie Kitch**, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Kitch** and formerly lived in this city with her parents. She was married to **Joseph H Chesebro** on 1 July 1903, and spent most of the time during the past two years in Texas in the hope of regaining her health. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, two sisters, and one brother. The body was brought to Moweaqua Friday on the 10 o'clock train and taken to the Baptist Church where the funeral services were held. Rev **J N Edmondson** officiated at the services with interment in the North Cemetery.

Wednesday, 5 August 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Headlines read: J P Aydelott is dead. Well-known citizen passed away at his home in this city Sunday night.* Many years ago, there came to America from France, three brothers named **Aydelott**. They were Huguenots, and they came seeking civil and religious liberty. It is supposed that they first settled in Pennsylvania, and were the progenitors of all that name in this country. Some of that name are still living in Pennsylvania, some in Virginia, some in Indiana, and some in Illinois. **John Patten Aydelott**, the youngest son of **John** and **Abigail Aydelott** was born in Linden, Montgomery County, Indiana, on 10 April 1846. He attended a district school as a boy, afterward studying for a while at DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. In 1864, when only 18 years old, he joined the 135<sup>th</sup> regiment of Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and served for several months as a soldier in the Union Army. In 1867 he came to Illinois, and on 4 October 1873, was married to **Caroline**, daughter of Dr. **D S Fox** of Kinmundy, Illinois. To this union were born five children, three daughters and two sons, one of whom, **Floyd Aydelott**, preceded his father to the spirit world in 1887, aged 4 years and 6 months. In 1876, Mr. **Aydelott** started in a general merchandizing business at Altamont, Illinois, but in 1882, he came with his family to Moweaqua, establishing here a business, which flourished as one of the leading concerns of our town for many years. In this business he was for four years associated with **John Corrington** as partner. Afterwards, in 1886, he formed a partnership with **John T Haslam**, which continued until 1902, nearly seventeen years. In the spring of 1907, he left Moweaqua, going to Champaign, Illinois, where failing health compelled his withdrawal from business affairs. About a year ago he was seized upon by the fatal malady, which finally claimed him as a victim, death ending his sufferings at a little after midnight of August 2, 1908, being aged 62 years, 3 months and 22 days at the time of his death. Mr. **Aydelott** joined the Christian Church at a very early age. In 1881, he joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In this communion he continued as a faithful member up to the time of his death. During all the weary days and nights of his tedious and painful illness, his Christian fortitude never deserted him; and his last utterances were those of peaceful confidence and an abiding trust. He is survived by his wife, **Caroline Aydelott** of Moweaqua, his daughters, Mrs. **Harry A Fieck** of Chicago, Mrs. **Carl T Catlin** of Cherokee, Oklahoma, and Miss **Dora Aydelott** of Moweaqua, and his son,

**Harold P Aydelott** of Moweaqua. He is survived by three sisters, Mrs. **L S Kilborn** of Santa Anna, California, Mrs. **E A Hayden** and Miss **Mary Aydelott**, both of Decatur, Illinois. Moweaqua will long hold in loving memory, the genial merchant who, for so many years served our citizens in a business capacity, winning for himself, friends, who were faithful not only in prosperity but also in adversity. The last sad rites attending the death and burial of Mr. **Aydelott** took place this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Methodist Church. Rev **A B Peck**, Pastor of the Church, officiated at the services. Remains were taken to the West Cemetery where they were laid to rest with the G. A. R. Post in charge. Pallbearers were **A Gilliland, Jas Beard, J W Greaves, Walter Humphrey, E Adamson, and J M Rodman**. Attending from a distance are Mr. and Mrs. **Fleck** of Chicago, Mrs. **Hayden** and Miss **Mary Aydelott** of Decatur, **Karl Catlin** of Cherokee, Oklahoma, Mrs. **Pierce** of Alton, Mrs. **White** of Kankakee and Mrs. **Pritchard** of Marshall. (*Note: See the 'Sketches' portion of this book for a picture of Mr. Aydelott*).

*A pair of twins!* It's a pair of big, fat twins that the stork left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Walter**, south of town. The scientific bird displayed excellent judgment and gave them a boy and a girl. The pair arrived early Thursday morning and weighed 18 pounds. All are getting along nicely. (*Note: Ouch! 18 pounds is what the paper stated*)

*A Pioneer called home.* **Herman Slaughter**, a pioneer citizen of Shelby County, passed away at his home about four miles north east of Moweaqua on Sunday morning, 2 August 1908, after a lingering illness from diseases consequent to old age. He was widely known throughout the County and enjoyed the good will and esteem of a wide circle of friends. He was born in Firrel, Germany, 23 December 1824, and was at the time of his death, 84 years, 7 months and 10 days old. He grew to manhood in the fatherland and was united in marriage to Miss **Hannah Brunchen** about 1848, and soon after, sailed for America which voyage took 14 weeks. After landing in America, he settled on a farm in Macoupin County, Illinois, and remained there until 1881 when he moved to a farm northeast of Moweaqua, and by hard work and frugal habits he was able to purchase the farm and pay for the same. To Mr. and Mrs. **Slaughter** seven children were born, four of whom with his wife, survive him. Those living are **Henry, Christopher, Edward** and **Herman**. At an early age, Mr. **Slaughter** united with the German Lutheran Church and remained a faithful member throughout his long life. Services were held on Monday morning at 10 o'clock at the family residence, Rev **R B Irwin** officiating in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives. Interment was in the North Cemetery.

*Celebrates 80<sup>th</sup> birthday.* **Ezekiel Prescott**, one of the oldest citizens of Moweaqua surprised by children – gives each a five dollar gold piece. Last Thursday, the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Ezekiel Prescott** was celebrated at his home in this city. The event was in the nature of a surprise and was attended by only his children and grandchildren, numbering twenty-eight. About noon an elegant dinner, which was prepared by the children, was served and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A special and unique feature of the dinner was that it was spread on a tablecloth woven by Mr. **Freeman's** mother, sixty-seven years ago and is as fine a piece of linen as you will find anywhere. The flax was raised on their farm and was pulled out and prepared by **Ezekiel**, then a lad of thirteen years of age. Mr. and Mrs. **Prescott** have three daughters and one son living here, and he made each of them, including the grandchildren, a present of five dollars in gold. Mr. **Prescott** has lived in Moweaqua over fifty years, and is regarded as one of the wealthiest men in the County. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and music, both vocal and instrumental, and was an event of thorough enjoyment by the guests. At a late hour all departed wishing Mr. **Prescott** many happy returns of the day.

**Fred Kuebler** of Sterling is dead as the result of bathing in Elkhorn Creek while overheated. He was taken with spinal meningitis and death followed quickly.

Twin sister becomes unconscious at the moment her brother drowns. While her twin brother, **Fred**, was being sucked to his death in the quicksands of Long Lake near Mitchell, Illinois, **Merle Huber**, 17 years old, who was 12 miles away at home, shrieked and fell to the front porch in a faint. Neighbors ran to her assistance and revived her. "**Fred is dying. I can hear him calling me. He is drowning. Let me go to him**", moaned the girl. **Merle** made frantic attempts to leave the home but was held back by friends who assured her that **Fred** was all right. The girl could not be quieted. Five minutes later, a message came from Mitchell that **Fred Huber** had been drowned. When the news reached his sister, she again fainted and for a long time, she was in a critical condition.

Deputy Coroner **Edward Mercer** is holding the body of **Edward Norton**, who died suddenly from heart disease at Nameoki while working in a potato field several days ago. **Norton** left a small estate and the deputy coroner is trying to locate some of the relatives. Mr. **Norton** is from Granite City.

**Edgar Sharp**, Taylorville, 22 years old, was electrocuted by coming in contact with a live wire. Apparently he had been asleep in a buggy, driving to his home, and the wires hanging down in the Street touched him, causing his death.

Pleak news: Mr. and Mrs. **J W Hill** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Matheny** at Dalton City on Sunday.

Mrs. **A W Deach** went to Peoria on Thursday to attend the funeral of one of her relatives.

Mrs. **H W Burkett**, mother of United States Senator, **Elmer J Burkett** of Nebraska, died at Springfield, after a long illness.

Funeral of **Eveyline Bilyeu**. Miss **Eveyline**, the fourth daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George M Bilyeu** passed away Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock PM at the home of her parents, the immediate cause being a hemorrhage of the lungs. After an illness of about eight months, the malady being a complication of diseases caused by an attack of la grippe. She was born 20 August 1885 and died 27 July 1908 at the age of 22 years, 11 months and 7 days. She is survived by a father, mother, two sisters and four brothers, **Elizabeth, John H, Ruthia, George W, Emanuel N, and Sampson R Bilyeu**. Two sisters preceded her to the better world. Her death comes as a great loss to the family as she was a favorite. She was born and reared on the same farm and received her education at the pleasant Ridge school one half mile from home, excepting a short course at the Normal university. She united with the Christian Church of Moweaqua on 14 August 1906 and remained a faithful member until her death. She was a bright, intelligent and well educated young lady, possessing many good traits of character and by her winsome ways, she won a large circle of friends who mourn her departure. During her illness she bore her suffering with great patience and took every dose of her medicine with anxiety hoping to recover, but instead death claimed her as its victim and the Good Shepherd called her home. Services were held at the family residence at 10:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, 29 July in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives. Rev **Weeden** officiated at the services. Interment was in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

Mrs. **Edward Matheny at rest**. Mrs. **Edward Matheny** died at her home near Bethany Saturday morning of consumption. Mrs. **Ed Matheny** died at her home near Bethany Saturday morning, 1 August 1908, after an illness of several months from consumption. She was the daughter of the late **J O Housh** and was born in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on

1 December 1867, aged 40 years and 8 months. On the 5<sup>th</sup> day of December 1888, she was united in marriage to **Edward Matheny** at Decatur, Illinois. To this union were born six children, **Oliver, May, Floyd, LeRoy, Belle,** and **Nellie**, all of whom except one son, who died in infancy, are left to mourn her departure. She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. **W C Mauzy** of Moweaqua, and Mrs. **H T Woodman** of Chicago, and two brothers, **Zona D Housh** of Leon, Iowa, and **John D Housh** of Chicago. Services were held from the family residence Sunday afternoon, and were attended by a large concourse of friends and relatives. Rev **R B Irwin** officiated at the services. Interment was in the New Hope Cemetery.

Quite a pleasant surprise party was given **Paul Corrington** last Thursday evening at the home of his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. **C H Corrington** on the West Side. The occasion was to celebrate his fifteenth birthday and about twenty of his most intimate friends gathered to do him honors. He was the recipient of several beautiful and useful presents. The evening was spent with games and music of various kinds. Refreshments were served at a late hour, and all returned to their homes wishing **Paul** many happy returns of the day.

**Wednesday, 12 August 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Friends of Mrs. **T J Gordon** to the number of 50 or more treated her to a pleasant surprise on the occasion of her fifty-seventh birthday anniversary, Sunday at her home in Prairieton township. The surprise was planned and executed by her daughter, Mrs. **C E Moore** and Mrs. **R E Wetzel**. Mrs. **Gordon** was induced to go to the home of one of the neighbors and when she returned at noon, she found the guests awaiting her arrival. An elegant dinner was served on a long table in the yard and after enjoying the bountiful repast the guests spent the afternoon in social conversation and listening to music furnished by Miss **Cecelia Wetzel** and Miss **Daisy Harris**. Present were **Ed Goffinette** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Gorden**, Mr. and Mrs. **J M Gorden**, Mr. and Mrs. **J W Moore**, Mr. and Mrs. **R E Wetzel**, Mr. and Mrs. **O J Austin** and son, **Uhl**, Mr. and Mrs. **C E Moore** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Bilyeu** and son, **B F Wetzel** and the Misses **Elizabeth Marshall**, **Cecil** and **Nellie Wetzel**, **Celia**, **Jessie** and **Ruth Gorden**, **Goldie Moore**, **Daisy** and **Maudie Harris** and **Pelloma Baldrige** of Illiopolis, Messrs **Isom**, **Wallace**, **Vernon**, **Glenn**, and **Orville Gorden**, **Freddie Harris**, **Gail Wetzel**, and **Silas Schwarts** of Vandalia.

A little two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Anderson** died at the home of its parents in this city on Monday morning about two o'clock of dysentery. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **J N Edmondson** at the family residence Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment was in the North Cemetery.

Mrs. **Katie Tankersley** died at an early hour Monday morning at the home of her son, **Wm Tankersley** north of town. About ten days ago she had a stroke of paralysis, which was the principal cause of her death. Her age was 70 years, 5 months and 8 days. Her body was taken to Winchester, Illinois, where the funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. **Noble Smith** attended the funeral of **Thos McDonald**, whose death occurred at his home in Shelbyville on Thursday morning. Mr. **McDonald** was one of the pioneer settlers of Shelby County, being eighty-five years old. The funeral was held Friday at Hinton. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm McCaslan** on 4 August 1908, a ten-pound boy.

**Wednesday, 19 August 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Death of Mrs. Tankersley.** Mrs. **Katie Tankersley** was born in Cheshire, England, on 3 March 1838; died at the home of her son, **William Tankersley** near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 10 August 1908, aged 70 years, 5 months and 7 days. Her maiden name was **Katie Hockenull**, daughter of **Mary** and **Nathaniel Hockenull**. She came to this country with her parents when 14 years of age. She was married to **Thomas W Tankersley** on 25 October 1854. Twelve children were born to them, eleven of whom survive her. They are **Douglas Tankersley**, Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, Mrs. **George Suppes**, Mrs. **Albert Andell**, **Wm Tankersley**, Mrs. **Daniel Coultas**, Mrs. **Isaiah Patrick**, Mrs. **James Kincaid**, **Leonard** and **Warren Tankersley** and Mrs. **Thomas Crawley**. Her husband preceded her in death, 28 February 1908, and one son, **John Tankersley** died about thirty-nine years ago. She leaves 36 grandchildren and one great grand child. The deceased lived a religious life, having been converted at the age of 13, and united with the M E Church in England. About three years ago, she united with the M E Church of Winchester by letter. She had been in poor health for some time and was spending the summer with her children living in Shelby County, and while at her son, **William's** home, took a paralytic stroke. After her last sickness came upon her, her strength rapidly failed and for a week before it came, her death seemed inevitable. Having been for so long a resident of this community, her life history is well-known. She was a mother to the motherless, and was possessed of a sweet and kind heart. Hers was a character that won the highest esteem and admiration of all who knew her. She was a loving mother, a faithful wife, and a kind neighbor, always having a smile and a good word for everybody. The remains were brought to Winchester Tuesday afternoon and the funeral conducted from the M E Church at 2:30 PM. Rev **W W Theobald** officiated at the services. Interment was at Kincaid Cemetery. Pallbearers were **Edward Coultas**, **Richard Coultas**, **Thomas P Coultas**, **Richard Andell**, **Elmer Tedroe**, and **Charles Lashmet**. Rev **Peck** held short services at her son, **William's** home, before leaving for Winchester. Those attending the funeral were **Wm Coultas** and wife, her son, **Wm Tankersley**, Mrs. **George Suppes**, Mrs. **Daniel Coultas**, Mrs. **Vina Crawley** and husband, Mr. and Mrs. **Lenard Coultas** of Moweaqua, and Mr. and Mrs. **Hubbard Tankersley** of Litchfield, and **Logan** and **Newt Beavers** of Bluffs. The flower girls were Misses **May Andell**, **Vina** and **Mary Patrick**. (*Winchester Times*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Effert** celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Ripley. They have lived in Ripley all their lives with the exception of eight years spent in Springfield.

**Arthur A Melcher**, a young merchant of Findlay, and Miss **Sula Schwartz**, daughter of a leading business man of the same town, went to Charleston Wednesday morning and were united in marriage by Rev **Parker Shields** at his residence, 803 F Street, Findlay. Mr. **Shields** is an old friend of the bride's family and a few years ago officiated at the wedding of Miss **Schwartz's** sister. Mr. and Mrs. **Melcher** left immediately for a honeymoon trip through Colorado and the west. (*Shelbyville Union*). The groom is a bright and hustling young man, well-known to many of our readers.

Mrs. **Chas Lucy**, of near Assumption, who has been visiting friends here during the last week, was called to Ainsworth, Nebraska, Monday on account of the death of her husband, **Charles Lucy**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coulter**, a girl born on 17 August 1908.

Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** entertained quite a number of relatives to dinner Sunday in honor of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. **F L Roff** of Jefferson, Indiana, and uncle, **G W Roff** of Decatur. The day was Mr. **G W Roff's** 55<sup>th</sup> birthday, and quite an enjoyable time was had by all.

**Wednesday, 26 August 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **David Beck** died Saturday afternoon at her home in Flat Branch after an illness of about ten weeks from a complication of diseases, the chief of which was uraemic poison. **Nora Stuart Beck** was born in Ripley County, Indiana, on 13 August 1871, and departed this life on 22 August 1908, aged 27 years and 9 days. She came with her parents to Illinois in 1874, spending most of her life in Shelby County. She was married to **David Beck** on 27 December 1894, and to this union was born one child, **Odessa Pearl Beck**. She professed a hope in Christ and united with the Little Flock Baptist Church in 1899, and remained a faithful and devoted member of that Church until her death. In the death of Mrs. **Beck**, the community loses one of the best women and one who was loved and honored by all who knew her. She was a kind and faithful and loving wife, a very affectionate mother, a true and sincere Christian, and a faithful worker in her Master's vineyard. She leaves to mourn their irreparable loss, her husband and daughter, father, mother and three brothers, **James, Edward** and **Howard**, and many other relatives and a host of friends. (*Note: The last names of the brothers, James, Edward and Howard were not given. This obit was copied as printed in the newspaper. Believe these names to be 'Stuart' and Have listed these men as 'Stuart' in the index.*) Services were conducted by Rev **Barnett Smock** at Little Flock Church on Sunday, 23 August 1908, attended by a large and sympathetic congregation, after which the body was laid to rest in the Cemetery nearby to await the resurrection morn.

**Thomas-Casey Reunion.** Descendants of **Calvin Thomas** and **John Casey** hold annual reunion and picnic. Several Hundred Persons gather at Flat Branch – the 10<sup>th</sup> annual reunion was a great success. Several hundred people were in attendance at the annual reunion of the **Thomas** and **Casey** families held in **Isaac Longenbaugh's** grove on Thursday. Although the crowds were large the quantity of good things to eat was larger. The table, which was about 80 feet long, was loaded with everything one could wish for. The committee, which were named to make the preliminary arrangements, overlooked nothing which helped to make the affair a success and all worked in harmony with that end in view. After dinner an excellent program consisting of vocal and instrumental music was given. Addresses were made by Rev **I W Longenbaugh**, Rev **Jos Thomas, Marion** and **J N Thomas**. The **Yantisville band** rendered lively music for the occasion and a most enjoyable day was spent. This reunion is one of the events, which is looked forward to with much pleasure by those who are permitted to attend, and is held alternately here and in Indiana. The **Thomas-Casey families** are descendants from **Calvin Thomas** and **John Casey** who came to Illinois from Indiana where many relatives live at the present time. It was decided to hold the reunion near Middleton, Indiana, next year. The committee appointed is **J N Thomas**, Patoka, Illinois; **F M Thomas**, Arcadia, Kansas, **C M Pogue**, Findlay, Illinois, **Joseph Thomas**, Decatur, Illinois, **Elisha Thomas**, Vera, Illinois; **Edgar McClanahan**, Prairie Creek, Indiana, **J R Thomas, John Pogue** and **W H Thomas**, Fairbanks, Indiana, Mrs. **C Foltz**, Assumption, Illinois, corresponding secretary. Attending from a distance were **J R Thomas** and wife, **W H Thomas** and wife of Fairbanks, Indiana, Mrs. **Elizabeth Rice** and son, and Miss **Very Piety** of Prairie Creek, Indiana, **F M Thomas** and wife and **Loton Thomas** and wife of Arcadia, Kansas, Mrs. **Minerva Marts** of Stella, Nebraska, **J N Thomas**, and Mrs. **Julia Hill** of

Patoka, Illinois, **Elisha Thomas** and wife of Vera, Illinois, and **Joseph Thomas** of Decatur, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jasper Jacobs**, a son on 19 August 1908.

Bement news: Horsetrainer **James L Shannon**, a well-known horse trainer on the Col **Burr** farm was killed at Bement. He was driving in a sulky about the farm while the men were at work in the fields. His horse shied at something, causing the driver to lose his balance and he fell, striking his head on the ground. His feet caught in the lines and the horse trotted on, dragging him some distance. The men ran to his assistance but the man was dead before they reached him.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clinton Craycraft**, a son, 19 August 1908.

**Wednesday, 2 September 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Nancy J Humphrey**, an aged settler, passed peacefully away at her home in this city Friday night after a brief illness. Mrs. **Nancy J Humphrey** passed peacefully away at her home in this city Friday night about 9 o'clock, after a short illness from acute dyspepsia. Her death was hastened by her ripe age, she being seventy-nine years and one month old. She was ill only a part of two days, and when the sad hour came, with an eye of faith, one could see at the close of this memorable August day an invisible hand wave a signal and a voice in softest accent on the evening breeze, announce that the gates were open and that God's angels were waiting to escort her in. After a long, busy and useful life, she died as she had lived, honored, trusted and loved. She reared her own monument while she lived in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was completed if work all done and well done constitutes completion. She was a woman of rare character, a true Christian and one wholly devoted to her family and home. Owing to her affliction, deafness, she was deprived of many earthly pleasures, yet she bore it patiently, never complaining and always ready to sacrifice self for the comfort of others. She had been in declining health for several years, super induced by a paralytic stroke, which she suffered eight years ago. **Mary Jane Swezey**, daughter of **David** and **Mary Swezey**, was born 30 July 1829, and died on 28 August 1908. She moved with her parents to Illinois in 1836, where she was united in marriage to **Nathan Humphrey** on 12 May 1850. They moved to Morgan County, where they lived until 1857 when they removed to Sangamon County, living there until 1868 when they came to Shelby County where they spent the remainder of their lives. To this union were born twelve children, **Susan, Alice, Ida, James, Oscar, Nathan, David, William, Nancy Jane, Walter, Lydia** and **Sarah**. Seven of the children, with the husband have preceded her to the spirit world. Besides her five children, she leaves to mourn her departure, two half sisters, one half brother, many grand children and six great grand children. For many years she has been a resident of this community and her children and grandchildren had grown up and matured into manhood and womanhood about her. Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Humphrey** journeyed along life's pathway hand in hand for fifty-five long years. They experienced the trials and triumphs of Illinois pioneers and with a unity of purpose they gave to the world, their best efforts. The services were held from the Baptist Church, Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. Rev **Edmondson** officiated.

**William Couler** was tendered a pleasant surprise at his home in Prairieon township Thursday in honor of his thirty eighth birthday. When he returned from work he found about twenty-five of his friends awaiting his arrival and an elaborate dinner was spread under the shade of the trees, and a good social time was enjoyed by all.

*Married in Decatur.* **Courtney D Beales** of Limestone, Tennessee, and **Anabel Kinkade** of Tell City, Indiana, were united in marriage in Decatur on Thursday afternoon in the presence of a few friends at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev **Van Cleave**, Pastor of the Grace M E Church. The groom is an industrious young man who has been in the employ of **Aubrey Duncan** during the past year. He is a man of exemplary habits and has a wide circle of friends here. The bride has been employed also in the home of **Aubrey Duncan**, and is said to be a young lady possessed with many traits of character which has gained her many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jas S Travis**, former residents of Shelby County recently celebrated their fiftieth marriage anniversary at their home at Mayville, South Dakota.

**Fred Klump** of Granite City, Illinois, and **John Howard** of Ft Leavenworth, Kansas, spent a few days last week at the home of the former's brother, **J L Klump** of this city.

Mrs. **H F Day** returned Wednesday from a six week's visit at the homes of her daughter, Mrs. **E J Kilborn** in Enid, Oklahoma, and her son, **Wm Day** at Kansas City.

**Orval Osborn** of Fame, and **Sylvia Fritz** of Buleah, were married at the home of the bride by Rev F W Nickel on Tuesday evening 1 September 1908, at 6 o'clock. They will go to housekeeping on the groom's farm near Radford.

**Willis Whitworth**, aged five years, only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Willis Whitworth**, died very suddenly at the family home in Gillespie. The child became ill with severe bleeding at the nose and the flow could not be checked and he died from the results. It is thought a blood vessel bursting was the cause of his demise.

The eighteen month's old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Sigloski** died Friday evening of dysentery. The funeral was held on Saturday afternoon from the Catholic Church. Father **Lyons** of Macon officiated.

**E E Herron**, Democratic candidate for circuit clerk, and Miss **Anna Pflueger**, both of Stewardson, were married on 11 April 1908 at Watseka, Illinois, but kept the affair a secret until 16 August 1908, when they made a dinner and read their marriage certificate to their surprised guests. The bride is a sister of Mr. **Herron's** first wife, and has kept house for him and cared for his daughter since his first wife's death several years ago. She is a most estimable lady and is quite popular in Stewardson. Mr. **Herron** is a gentleman above the average of moral worth. He was born and reared in Okaw township and numbers his friends by the score. He taught school a number of years then accepted the position of bookkeeper for the **Voris Grain** concern in Stewardson. This spring he made the race for circuit clerk of Shelby County and was nominated by the Democrats on 8 August 1908.

About 150 of the members of the **Rodman-Ijams** family met in reunion at Miller Park yesterday on the occasion of the 98<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of **Scammon Rodman**, one of McLean County's pioneer residents, of whom a part of this family are descendents. This is one of the largest families of McLean County, the ancestors, **William** and **Lewis Ijams** and **John** and **Scammon Rodman**, coming here from Ohio in 1851. After the dinner, which was a thoroughly enjoyable repast, a short program was rendered. There were addresses by **Arthur Rodman** of Chicago and Rev Mr. **Averly** of Farmer City. There were also short talks by Rev **Fred Baylis** of Ellsworth; **J Whitcomb** of Downs and Capt **L E Ijams** of Bloomington. Following this a memorial was read by Mr. **F Y Hamilton** on the late **Thomas L Ijams** of Farmer City, whose death occurred on Wednesday, and also on **John R Williams**, and **Charlotte Ijams Calwell**, two other members of the family who have died since the last reunion. Besides the deaths there have this year been recorded eight births and two marriages in the family. Those from a distance were **James M Rodman** and **William Rodman** and family of Moweaqua; **Samuel Rodman** of

Hoopeston; Mr. and Mrs. **J N Rodman** and Mr. and Mrs. **S C Rodman** of Deland, **W H Porter** and family of Leroy; Mrs. **Waugh** of Peoria, **Elmer Rodman** and family of Joliet and **Arthur Rodman** of Chicago. (*The Pantagraph*) (*Note the News*: The **Rodman family** has a genealogy going back almost 300 years and a partial one for 500 years. Mr. **J M Rodman** is the descendent of **Scammon Rodman** and **Eliza Wolf**, and is of Scotch- Irish descent. **W J Rodman** is the ninth descendant and little **Mex** is the tenth generation.

*Recent births*: To Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Adams**, a son, 29 Aug 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Patrick Farney**, a son, 31 August 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Thomas**, a daughter, 2 September 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Burrell Millington**, a daughter, 28 August 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew White**, a daughter, 27 August 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Clifford Parker**, a daughter, 27 August 1908.

Wednesday, 9 September 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Grant Whitsett** of this city and Miss **May Thomas** of Elmira, New York, were married at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Whitsett** at 447 Leafland Avenue, Thursday evening by Rev **J W Van Cleave**, Pastor of the Grace Methodist Church. The wedding was a quiet affair only a few being present. Mr. and Mrs. Whitsett will for the present, reside with the former's parents. Mr. **Whitsett** is in the confectionery business. (*Review*)

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Suppes** on 1 September 1908. A son was born on 7 September 1908 to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbert Bilyeu**.

Wednesday, 16 September 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Thomas Burwell**, who died near Allenville, left a will telling his four sons where his money could be found. The old man had a fear of banks and had buried his money on his farm. After his death, the sons met and following directions dug up \$4,538 in currency, which will be divided. (Sullivan news)

Two thousand persons gathered here to attend the double funeral of **Elmer E** and **Ben F Wolaver** of Edinburg, who carried out a suicide pact by ending their lives in the Sangamon River. So great was the cortege that fully 800 could not find room in the M E Church, where the simple funeral rites were held.

Mr. and Mrs. **Azariah England**, of Havana, celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary. **England** says he was the first white child born in Mason County.

Elm Grove news: Several of the young people assembled at the home of **John Tolly** Saturday night to celebrate the birthdays of **Charley Tolly** and **Ted Weakley**. Every body had a jolly good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J T Askins**, a son born on 9 September 1908.

Obed news: Quite a few weddings here this week. Miss **Orpha Janes** and **Fred Hays** were married in Decatur, Monday, and **Wm Abraham** and Mrs. **Alice Shride** Thursday.

Mrs. **Julia Friedley** was called to Shelbyville last week on account of the serious illness of her sister. Her death occurred on Friday.

The 88<sup>th</sup> birthday of **Grandpa Pinkston** was celebrated at his home southeast of town last Wednesday. About noon more than forty relatives, friends and neighbors gathered at his home with baskets filled with all of the good things one could wish for. An elegant dinner was spread and thoroughly enjoyed by all present. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and various contests. Mr. **Pinkston** was the recipient of many presents given to him as tokens of

esteem by his guests. Present from a distance were Mrs. **Jam Weakley** of St Elmo, Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Nees** of Charleston and Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Smith** of Decatur.

**Earl E Millington** and Miss **Rosella Brant** were united in marriage at the home of Mayor **John Moll** on Monday night at 9:30 o'clock. Rev **J N Edmondson** officiating. These young people are members of the Baptist Church of this city where their influence for good has been potent. They will make their home in Decatur, having left on the early train the following morning.

**Lewis Bassler** of Decatur died Monday night at the home of his brother, **A C Bassler** near Fame Church of pulmonary trouble. He had been very ill with hemorrhage of the lungs for the past several weeks at his brother's home. He leaves to mourn his departure, a wife, a son and a daughter. The funeral services were conducted at Fame on Tuesday morning at 9:30 o'clock by Rev **Nichel**, assisted by Elder **Fridder** of El Paso. The remains were taken to Decatur for interment.

**W P Abraham** and Mrs. **Alice Shride**, both living near Obed, were married on Thursday afternoon in Decatur at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev **O P Wright**, Pastor of the East End Christian Church. The couple returned to Obed Thursday evening where they will make their future home on the groom's farm.

Wednesday, 23 September 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Despondent because of two years of illness, a wealthy farmer from near Beason, **Sam Harmon**, aged 70 years, ended his life by shooting at his home. He shot himself with a double-barreled shotgun.

**Elmer Turner**, who was arrested at Shelbyville on a charge of having eloped with Mrs. **Henry Johnson** of Nokomis, has been released. Mrs. **Johnson** returned to Nokomis with her husband. Seized with hiccoughs a few days ago, **Henry Peck**, a prominent resident of Sandwich, coughed himself to death, after two days of agony, which no doctor was able to relieve.

**J H Baird**, wife and son, **Forest**, attended the wedding of Mrs. **Baird's** niece, Miss **Edna McClelland** near Pleak on Thursday morning.

Word was received in Prairie home last week of the death of **Fred Johnson** who had been at the Shelby County poor farm during the past year.

Mr. and Mrs. **James Tolley** of Allenboro celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary on Sunday. About eighty guests were present and partook of the sumptuous dinner.

Prairieton news: Mr. and Mrs. **Otis Perryman** are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy born on 18 September 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eugene Snyder** on 16 September 1908, a fine girl.

Mrs. **C W Bethards** was called to Vandalia on Wednesday by a telegram announcing the death of her mother, Mrs. **Ellen Surber** which occurred Wednesday morning. Mrs. **Surber** was 76 years old and had been a cripple for almost nineteen years, but had been in comparatively good health until about two weeks ago when she caught a bad cold which settled on her lungs and caused her death. The funeral was held Friday morning at Bethany Church northwest of Brownstown near Mrs. **Surber's** old home.

The marriage of **Henry Hays** of this city and Mrs. **Crossman** of Springfield occurred Thursday in the latter city (Springfield). Mr. and Mrs. Hays arrived here on Thursday evening where they will reside.

**Blanche Moll**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W H Moll** entertained a number of her little friends Friday afternoon at her home from four to six o'clock. The affair was given in honor of her ninth

birthday anniversary. The guests were royally entertained with out door games. Refreshments were served.

Miss **Edna Claire McClelland**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Geo W McClelland**, and Mr. **Alec Boland** of Decatur, were united in marriage on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at *Bairdwood*, the home of the bride, five miles southeast of Moweaqua. The ceremony was performed by Dr. **W H Penhallegon**, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Decatur, of which both the young people are members. Only immediate relatives were present. The bride is a graduate of the Decatur High School and was a student at the James Millikin University the first year of that institution. Later she attended the Western College at Oxford, Ohio and was for several years, a successful teacher in the public schools of Shelby County. The groom is one of the youngest attorneys of Decatur and is well-known socially. Mr. and Mrs. **Boland** will make their home in Decatur.

The personal property of **John Robinson**, deceased, will be sold at public auction at the family residence near Prairie Home on Thursday, 8 October 1908.

The marriage of Miss **Grace Skiff** of this city and **Chester Hott** of near Taylorville was solemnized in the courthouse in Decatur on Monday at 11:30 o'clock by Judge **O W Smith**. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Skiff** of this city, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Hott** of near Taylorville.

**Lewis D Bassler**, of the real estate firm of **Stroh and Bassler** with offices in the Powers Building in Decatur, died at the home of his brother, **A C Bassler**, near the Fame Church on 14 September 1908. He was born in Macon County, Illinois, on 8 December 1865, thus reaching the age of 42 years, 9 months and 6 days. His early years were spent on the farm where he acquired a good common school education. He was married on 25 December 1890 to **Minnie V Ivens**, when he started farming for himself. Two children were born to them, **Otis Linn** and **Alma Ruth Bassler**. In 1891 he was converted in the Church of God at Fairview of which Church he became a member. In 1904 he moved to Flat Branch township in Shelby County where he purchased a nice farm. He united with the Fame Evangelical Church of which Church he was a faithful and respected member until his death. He held some public offices, which he filled with great efficiency. He was a member of the M W A. Last winter he rented his farm and moved to Decatur, where he purchased a beautiful home at 1059 W Wood Street, but he was privileged to occupy this home only a few months. Three weeks ago he came on a business strip to the vicinity of his former home. He was taken suddenly sick and removed to his brother's home. Here for three weeks, he made a heroic fight for life. All that loving hands and medical skill could do availed not against death and on Monday evening he fell peaceably asleep in Jesus. The cause of his death was tuberculosis of the lungs. He was a staunch character, always standing for truth and righteousness. He was always a Prohibitionist and did much for the cause. By hard work and great ambition he acquired a good competency in life. His wife, two children, mother and three brothers, three sisters and many other relatives mourn the loss of their dear one. Services were conducted at the Fame Church on Wednesday morning from the Fame Church with Rev **F W Nickel**, Pastor of the Church, and Rev. **J G Fiddler**, presiding elder of the district. At the home in Decatur, the services were conducted by Rev **O B Hueston**, Pastor of the Church of God. Interment in Greenwood Cemetery.

Miss **Burdella Parker** and **Elza F Jacobs**, both of this community, were united in marriage on Thursday afternoon at the Decatur Hotel parlors by Rev **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church of this city. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Willis Parker**, living east of town, and is an accomplished young lady with many traits of character, which had endeared

her to a host of friends here. The groom is an industrious young farmer, who is well able to care for the one he has chosen for his companion through life. The couple returned shortly after the ceremony to make their home near Moweaqua. They are temporarily located with the groom's parents, but will move to a farm southeast of town in the near future.

Mr. and Mrs. **Charles F Waltz** gave a birthday dinner Thursday, 17 September 1908, in honor of the twenty-third birthday of the latter's brother, **Samuel O Robs**. The guests brought well-filled baskets and at the noon hour the table was spread and a sumptuous dinner was served. The afternoon was spent in music and social conversation. All departed at a late hour wishing Mr. **Robs** many more excellent birthdays.

**Wednesday, 30 September 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. and Mrs. **Jas B Rose**, west of town, entertained about thirty young people on Thursday evening, 24 September 1908, in honor of the 15<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter, Miss **Florence Rose**. About 7:30 o'clock, the guests arrived and presented Miss Florence with a beautiful album and several other handsome presents. Delicious refreshments were served and the evening was spent in music, games and social conversation.

Mrs. **Sarah Porter** died Sunday morning at her home in the city after a week's illness from lung fever. It was not generally known that her condition was regarded serious and when her death was announced Sunday morning it came as a shock to her friends. Her age was 54 years and 6 months. Mrs. **Porter** was a good woman, a kind and indulgent mother and a true friend. To her the struggle and burden bearing of earth are ended and we confidently trust that the one who awakens from a troubled dream she has awakened to see life's endless morning. **Sarah Tolly Porter** was born 27 March 1854 in this County near Obed and grew to womanhood here. In the year 1870 she was married to Mr. **Van Curen**. To this union were born three children, one of whom, Mrs. **Compton** of Stonington, still survives her. In a few years the family moved to Texas where Mr. **Van Curen** died. The widowed mother and children returned to Illinois, and a few years afterward she was united in marriage to **Michael Workman**. To this union one child was born. A few years after the death of Mr. **Workman**, she was united in marriage with **Thos Porter**, who died in March 1907. To this union two children were born, **Talmage**, age 13, and **Maudie**, age 9 years, both of whom survive her. She is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. **Sims** in Oregon, Mrs. **Margaret Bisset** of Missouri, and four brothers, **Jackson Tolly** of Missouri, and **Thomas, George and Frank Tolly**, all of Oregon. The funeral services were conducted at the Christian Church on Tuesday afternoon at

2 o'clock by Rev **Vawter**, Pastor of the Christian Church in Assumption. Interment was in the Old Stonington Cemetery.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Hays** died Wednesday morning at their home southwest of town after an illness of about four weeks from stomach and bowel trouble. Thus over a happy home the shadow of a little grave has fallen, and our sympathies to the sorrowed family. Its age was one year and six months. The funeral was held Thursday afternoon at the Methodist Church of this city, Rev **A B Peck** officiating, interment in the North Cemetery.

Pana news: **Frank Raback**, who last June made a trip to Germany and brought back with him a bride, was made defendant in a suit for divorce. The wife charges cruelty. **Raback** stated that his greatest cause for sorrow in the loss of a wife is the \$400 spent in bringing her to this country.

A suit has been filed in the circuit court to set aside the will of the late **Rachel Graves**, who died in the city of Virginia last February, leaving an estate of \$12,000 to her husband, **James Graves**, and three children, **Edward** and **Addie Graves** and Miss **Clara Huffman**.

**Alice**, the 12-year old daughter of **Claus Anderson** of Burlington, Iowa, died in Roseville from ptomaine poisoning resulting from the kernels of old walnuts, which the child ate.

**William H Mackey**, former captain and star player of the Western Illinois Normal school football team, is dead at his home in Macomb, leaving a bride of two weeks a widow.

The two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Walsh** of Fort Smith, Arkansas, was found dead by its parents in a cistern at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Alkire** at Jacksonville.

In Harrisburg, **Steven Fisher** night pit boss at Mine No 4, lost his own life by being crushed under a fall of slate as he saved the life of a shot firer at the mine.

Assumption news: Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Kuhle** are the proud parents of a big baby boy born on 26 September 1908.

Executors of the estate of **John Robinson**, deceased will sell at the family residence ¼ mile east of Prairie Home, 9 miles east and one mile south of Moweaqua, and 6 miles west and two miles south of Bethany on Thursday, 8 October 1908, two Aberdeen Angus cows, two steer calves, one heifer calf, several other yearling calves and three sows, seventeen ewes and twenty lambs, implements include one surrey one wagon and rack, one buggy one disk and one set of harness.

Signed: **Phebe J Robinson** and **W T Robinson**, Executors.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Bilyeu**, a daughter, 25 September 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sidney Cheatham**, a girl on 21 September 1908.

#### Wednesday, 7 October 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**Wm Bunning** and Miss **Anna Zimmerman** united in holy bonds of wedlock Wednesday afternoon at Harvel. Wednesday afternoon, 30 September 1908, at the Christian Church at Harvel, Illinois, in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and guests, Mr. **Wm Bunning** of this city and Miss **Anna Zimmerman** were joined in holy wedlock. The Church had been most tastefully decorated especially for the occasion. Promptly at the hour of 2 o'clock, the sweet, yet solemn strains of the wedding march executed by Mrs. **Havner** gave notice of the approach of the bridal party. The bridesmaids, Misses **Martha Bunning** and **Frances Zimmerman** and the groomsmen, **Henry Bunning** and **Arthur Zimmerman** led the way to the altar where Rev **Harken**, Pastor of the Church performed the ceremony after which the wedding party repaired to the home of the bride where an informal reception was held and a host of friends showered congratulations on the newlyweds. A bounteous wedding supper being spread, the guests partook thereof most cheerily, after which the happy couple left on a wedding tour. The groom is one of our best and most industrious young farmers and has chosen for his companion through life, one of Harvel's most amiable and accomplished young ladies. The happy couple will return from their wedding trip this week and will reside on the groom's farm five miles north east of town.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Fathauer**, south of town, pleasantly entertained 25 young people Saturday evening, 26 September 1908, in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birthday of their daughter, **Imo Fathauer**. The guests arrived about 8 o'clock and presented Miss **Imo** with several handsome presents. The evening was spent in music and games. Delicious refreshments were served and the guests departed at a late hour wishing Miss **Imo** many more happy birthdays.

**Glen Adamson**, oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Adamson**, entertained a number of his little friends at his home Friday evening in honor of his birthday. Games, music and social

conversation made up the pastime of the evening. Refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable time was spent by the children.

The little one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Alfonse Morel** died at the home of its parents in this city Sunday after an illness of about three months. The funeral was held on Monday afternoon from the family residence.

**Thomas Murray** died here soon after being taken from an Illinois Central train on which he was fatally stricken with heart trouble. The man was being taken to the County farm because he was helpless and homeless.

Mr. and Mrs. **Reuben Wilkinson** quietly celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. **Wilkinson** is 87 years old, and his spouse is three years his junior. The couple will reside in Taylorville.

Brothers in the city of Greenview received news of the accidental death at Rogers, Arkansas, of **George Watson Blane**, who was run over by a passenger train and killed.

Allenboro news: **Will Bunning** and Miss **Anna Zimmerman** were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Harvel on Wednesday, 30 September 1908. They will be at home this week on the groom's farm.

Radford news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Manley** on 5 October 1908, a boy. Mrs. **Manley** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **L A Osborn**.

Fame news: Mrs. **Luther Osborn** is spending this week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Robert Manley** at Patoka, Illinois, and is taking care of the new grandson that arrived on 4 October 1908. (*Note the date discrepancy in the birth date of the infant; copied as written*) Mr. and Mrs. **Max Schwartz** have a new son born 29 September 1908.

#### Wednesday, 14 October 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

The beautiful residence of **E O Smith**, on 'Grand View Farm' three miles northwest of Moweaqua was thrown open last Sunday, 11 October 1908, to twenty-two relatives who gathered from different parts of the state to celebrate a family reunion—the first in 30 years! Mr. and Mrs. **Smith** had as their guest, Mrs. **Geo B McKee**, a sister from San Jose, California, and the affair was occasioned mostly by her presence. Mr. and Mrs. **Edwin D Gray** and son, **Brown**, of Elmwood, Illinois, arrived Saturday evening, and on Sunday morning, the rest of the Elmwood relatives, Mr. and Mrs. **E L Brown** and son, **E O Brown** and wife arrived in an automobile, making the trip across the country in one day. **Arthur Gallager** from Decatur was also on of the **Smith** guests as were Mr. and Mrs. **Lowell Smith**, two small children and son, **Lloyd Smith** of Dalton City. With a sumptuous dinner, music and reminiscences the day passed quickly and delightfully. Mr. and Mrs. **Smith** more than excelling their reputation for hospitality. The party complete was as follows: Mr. and Mrs. **E O Smith** and children, Misses **Winifred Minturn**, **Hester** and **Harriett** and Messrs **DeLoss**, **Walter** and **Owen**, Mr. and Mrs. **E L Brown**, Mr. and Mrs. **E O Brown**, Mr. and Mrs. **Edwin D Gray** and son, **Brown Gray**, all of Elmwood, Illinois, Mrs. **Geo B McKee** of San Jose, California, Mr. and Mrs. **Lowell Smith** and children, **Lloyd Smith** and **Ewing** and **Genevieve** of Dalton City, and **Arthur Gallager** of Decatur. All left for their different homes Sunday evening and Tuesday morning with the exception of Mrs. **McKee** and Mrs. **E L Brown**, who will spend the rest of the week at the Smith home.

A birthday surprise was planned and carried out last Thursday evening by a number of young friends at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **A W Stump** in the eat part of town. The party was in honor of their daughter, Miss **Esther Stump**, who was thirteen years of age on Thursday. The evening

was spent in playing games and social conversation. Refreshments were served and a delightful evening was spent.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Fedderman** was pleasantly surprised by a number of friends and relatives Sunday at their home southeast of town. The surprise was given in honor of the latter's forty-third birthday. A bountiful repast consisting of all the delicacies of the season was spread on three tables in the dining room and was thoroughly enjoyed by the guests. At a late hour all returned to their homes wishing Mrs. **Fedderman** many returns of the day.

A masquerade party was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W L Snyder** north of town. The event was in honor of the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of their son, **Mervil**. About thirty guests were present all appearing in masques, some of which were very comical and caused much merriment.

At a reasonable hour, delicious refreshments were served and a most enjoyable time was had.

**Dona Stafford** filed for divorce in Chancery from **George D Stafford**. Filed in Circuit Court of Shelby County, filed the 1<sup>st</sup> day of October. **George D Stafford** to personally appear before said circuit court of Shelby County on the first day of the next term thereof, Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> of November 1908, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint.

Mr. and Mrs. **Robert M Karr**, residents of this County since 1869, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding with a family reunion at Paxton.

**F W Rottger** and Miss **Cora Brockman**, a divorcee of a week ago, left Mt Sterling for St Joseph, Missouri, where it is said the expect to be married.

Word has been received here that **Arthur Bland** died at his home in Livingston, Montana, following an attempt two weeks ago to take his own life by shooting. His attempt at self-destruction was the sequel to an alleged altercation in which he shot a ranch woman four times. (Shelbyville news)

Administrator's notice on the estate of **Mary Middlekauff**, deceased, sets 7 December 1908, as the day for purpose of settling and adjusting all outstanding claims against said estate. **H E Travis**, Administrator

Miss **Zeta Beck** and **Lester Younger** of near Bethany were married at Sullivan on Wednesday.

Pleak news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ora Little** on 5 October 1908, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Cliff Winchel** of Roanoke, Louisiana, 7 October 1908, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 21 October 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Henry Rennick**, one of the oldest traveling salesmen in the state, died at his home in Springfield on Wednesday morning after an illness lasting for several months. He was well-known in Moweaqua, having made regular trips to this city in the capacity of a traveling salesman for more than 40 years. His funeral was held on Thursday afternoon in Clinton, his former home. **H M Day** accompanied by his mother, Mrs. **H F Day** attended the obsequies.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Bridgman** died at their home near Obed Sunday afternoon. A short funeral service was held at Locust Grove Monday morning at 10 o'clock, Rev **Hudson** officiating.

A surprise birthday party was planned and executed Saturday evening by Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gregory** at their home in this city. The party was given in honor of the seventeenth anniversary of the birth of their son, **Leo Gregory**. About thirty of his young friends were present and games made up the pastime of the evening. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served.

Word was received in the Fame community last week of the serious illness of Grandma **Polk** at her home in Springfield and that her death was expected at any time. She formerly lived in this community.

Upon returning from Macon Saturday evening, Mrs. **C Fieker** was completely surprised to find the dining room table heavily laden with good things to eat, and about 50 of her relatives and friends gathered in the house to remind her that another year had passed in her life's journey. She received several beautiful and useful presents. The evening was spent in music and social conversation and at a seasonable hour all departed for their homes wishing Mrs. **Fieker** many such happy birthdays. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **L P Hoffman** and family, **O C Ludwig** and family, **Wm Elmers** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Brink** and son, Mr. and Mrs. **Edwin Ludwig**, **Henry Heitmeyer** and family, **F H Pistorious** and family of Boody, Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and daughter, **Emma**, Mrs. **Caroline Schnute** of Centralia, **Fred Hoffman** of Hoyleton, Illinois, Misses **Anna Hoffman**, and **Bertha Fieker**, Messrs **Philip Hoffman** of Hoyleton, **Theodore, Arthur, Freddie** and **Rueben Fieker**, and Master **Sylvester Ludwig** of Boody.

Misses **Retta** and **Sara Park** and Miss **Florence Leighty** attended the **Young-Swengel** wedding at Lithia Springs last Thursday afternoon, the latter being the matron of honor. About two hundred guests were present. Mrs. **John Haslam, Jr.** substituted for Miss **Park** in the Primary room while Miss **Ethel Taylor** taught for Miss **Leighty**.

The remains of the little son of Mr. and Mrs. **Foster** of Chicago was brought to Macon Sunday evening for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder** left Tuesday for a couple of weeks' visit at Almyra, Arkansas. Friday they will attend a birthday celebration there given in honor of Mrs. **Jas Vickery** and Mr. **Snyder** whose birthday anniversaries occur on that day.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Portwood**, a son, 18 October 1908.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Long**, a daughter, 21 October 1908.

Mrs. **J R Smith** today announces the coming marriage of her son, **Clifton Snell** to Miss **Myrtle Bruner** of Navina, Oklahoma, the marriage to take place at the home of the bride's parents in Navina on Thursday, 22 October 1908. The bride is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. **J R Bruner** of Navina, and one of the young society ladies of the town. The groom is well and favorably known here and at Moweaqua having spent nearly all of his life in these two places. He is a young man of excellent habits and his many friends here unite with the *Courier* in extending congratulations. The young couple will make their home in Navina. (*Courier*). The bride is also well and favorably known in Moweaqua, having lived here for a number of years.

A teacher in Ravenswood, Illinois, who had sent a note home with a pupil asking her parents to buy a grammar for her, received the following note: "*Missus teacher: I do not desire that Jennie shall engage in grammar, as I prefer her to ingage in more useful studies and I can learn her to speak grammar myself. I went through two grammars and can't say as they did me no good nohow. I prefer Jennie to ingage in French, drawing, and vocal music on the pianny.*"

#### Wednesday, 28 October 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mr. and Mrs. **J W Angel** entertained a number of relatives Saturday at a six o'clock dinner at their home in this city in honor of the 26th anniversary of their marriage. Miss **Grace Angel** and Miss **Jessie Stine** doing the honors of the dining room. The evening was spent in social conversation and music, and the occasion proved to be a most enjoyable one.

The marriage of **J N Horn** and Miss **Nesbitt**, both of Decatur, occurred at the home of Mrs. **Mary Standley** in this city Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the

Baptist Church officiating. The happy couple left on the 7 o'clock train for Decatur, from which place they will go to Oklahoma, to make their future home.

*Obit: A good woman dies – Death comes after many months suffering – was well-known here.*

Mrs. **Laura Polk** died at her home in Springfield Wednesday, 21 October 1908, after an illness of almost one year. Her age was 65 years and two months. She possessed an admirable Christian character, and was a devoted mother and sympathizing neighbor. She was born 21 August 1843 at Logansport, Indiana. In 1859 she married to **John Polk**, and to this union were born eleven children, two of whom died in infancy and two as young men, **Stephen** and **Tipton Polk**. Those left to mourn her departure are Mrs. **R G Lamb** of Paintsville, Indiana, **Henry Polk** of Nebraska, **Eugene Polk** of Dakota, **Thomas, Les, Kenneth**, and **Addie** of Springfield. Mrs. **Polk** was converted to Christ at an early age and united with the Methodist Church in Indiana. When she, with her family moved to Illinois, she united with her husband at the Fame Evangelical Church, and after removing to Springfield, she became a member of the Baptist Church, and remained such until her death. For many years Mrs. **Polk** was a resident of this community and has a host of friends who mourn her departure. The funeral services were held Thursday at the German M E Church southeast of town, conducted by Rev **Williams** of Springfield, assisted by Rev **Nichols** of Fame, and **P G Ludwig**, who was one of her staunch friends. Interment was in the Cemetery near the Church.

A birthday party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Carsell** in the east part of town Monday evening, 26 October 1908, the occasion being the fifteenth birthday anniversary of their daughter, **Nellie**. About twenty-five of her young friends were present. Miss **Carsell's** friends presented her with a handsome locket and chain. Refreshments were served at a late hour and all departed to their homes wishing **Nellie** many more happy birthdays.

Forty minutes after she had gone to work as stenographer, Miss **Louisa Kelleher** announced to her new employers that she was awful sorry but she just couldn't stay any longer. In the afternoon a marriage license was issued in St Louis to **Herman E Rogers** of Rector, Arkansas, and Miss **Louise Kelleher**.

*Husband says wife eloped – Duquoin* – A sensation was created here by the alleged elopement of Mrs. **Sod Fletcher**, well-known and respected in this city, and **H W Bowlby** of Elkville, south of this city. According the husband of the woman, he followed the couple to Carbondale where they were found.

Streator, Illinois – The body of **B O Wilber**, a former Streator merchant, who died six months ago in northern Alaska, was brought here for burial after a 5,000-mile journey.

The estate of **John Alexander Dowie**, alias **Elijah the Second**, it is said, is about four millions less than nothing, and so is the mushroom religion founded by him. *(as written)*

Macon news: Dr. **O F Plummer** and family returned Monday from Pawnee, where they had been called by the sad death of the former's mother, Mrs. **Caroline Plummer**, whose death was caused by a serious burn.

Pleasant View news: Mr. **James Beckett** was married to Miss **Inez Stuver** Wednesday, and in honor of the event, he gave a smoker to about thirty of his friends who presented them with a handsome leather couch.

Assumption news: **William Oberron** of near Niantic departed for his home Saturday morning. He had been assisting **John Sheehan** with his work for the past six weeks. Word was delivered on Sunday morning to **John Sheehan** that his father died on Saturday at Illiopolis, 16 miles west of Decatur. The cause of his death is not known.

On Friday evening shortly after six o'clock during the time court adjourned for supper, Judge **Hodge** granted Mrs. **Grace M Cannon**, a divorce from Prof **Arthur M Cannon** and gave her the custody of their two children. Property rights in the case were settled between the parties to the suit in a private way. The divorce was granted on the grounds of incompatibilities and other indignities. The couple were married in Pana some years ago. Prof **Cannon** is principal of the public school at Shelbyville and was formerly a resident of Tower Hill. Mrs. **Cannon** is the daughter of Mrs. **Mabelle Smith** of this city and is favorably known here. (*Palladium*)

Mrs. **H F Day** went to Virginia, Illinois, this morning to attend the funeral of her cousin, Mrs. **Frances Savage**, who died on Tuesday.

**Clifton Snell** of Taylorville and Miss **Myrtle Bruner** of Navina, Oklahoma, were united in marriage at 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, at the home of Postmaster **J R Smith** in Taylorville. Rev **M L Pontius**, Pastor of the Christian Church, officiating. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few members of the immediate families being present, as follows, Mr. and Mrs. **John Peel** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **E G Keiser** of Navina, Oklahoma, Mrs. **S R Bacon** of Moweaqua, Mr. and Mrs. **R I Smith** of Taylorville. The groom is the son of Mrs. **J R Smith** of Taylorville and is a member of the Taylorville high school cadets. He is an enterprising young man, liked and admired by a host of friends. The bride is the youngest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. **J R Bruner** of Navina, Oklahoma. She is a graduate of the Guthrie High School, and is an accomplished musician and a very attractive young lady. Both parties formerly lived in Moweaqua where they became acquainted. The couple arrived in Moweaqua Thursday evening for a visit with relatives and friends. In a few weeks they expect to return to Oklahoma where they will go to housekeeping on **J R Smith's** farm. The groom and his brother, **Mark Snell**, will engage in farming on the **Smith** farm.

Administrator's Sale of real estate – Estate of **Daniel King**, deceased, **Robert H Woodcock**, administrator, vs. **Henry King, Adaline Funk, George King, James King, John King, Jonas King, Carrie Lane, Charles King, Henry A Funk, Elma Funk, Daniel Funk, John O Funk, Corda Funk** and **David Patterson**. Estate consisting of 60 acres more or less located in Shelby County, Illinois, land situated about three fourths mile west of Henton in Rural and Ridge Townships, to be sold 28 November 1908 at public sale.

The stork visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Jarmon Snyder** last Thursday and left a pair of twins—a boy and a girl. Mother and babes are doing nicely. This is the second pair of twins in this family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M Stanger**, a son on 21 October 1908.

#### Wednesday, 4 November 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of **Bert Dickerson** of Decatur and Miss **Jessie Stine** of this city was quietly solemnized at the Methodist parsonage Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. Rev **J P Edgar**, officiating in the presence of a couple of intimate friends. A wedding supper, having been served at the home of the bride's mother, the happy couple left on the evening train for Decatur where the groom had a cozy home on East Prairie Street already furnished. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs. **Tillie Stine**, and is one of our most charming young ladies. From childhood she has grown up in our midst, honored by old and young alike, a graduate of our high school, and a lady of many admirable traits and accomplishments. She has ever been a bright star in the home circle and now she has gone to reign as queen in her own home. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **A L Dickerson**, who were formerly residents of this city. He is a young man of

exemplary habits, bright and industrious and holds a responsible position in the office of the Farie Manufacturing Co.

*Headline:* **George B Simpson** passed away Saturday afternoon after a lingering illness.

**George B Simpson** died Saturday afternoon at the home of his brother, **James Simpson** near Elm Grove after a lingering illness from consumption. His age was 43 years, 11 months and 16 days. He was the son of **Hiram** and **Elizabeth Simpson** and was born in Perry County, Indiana, 15 November 1864. His father, three sisters and one brother preceded him in death, the former died about twenty-one years ago. He leaves to mourn his departure, his aged mother, one sister and five brothers, two of whom live in Kentucky and one in Indiana. The family have many friends in this community who extend to them their sympathy in this hour of sorrow. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at the Little Flock Church, Elder **Levi Corley** officiating. Interment was in the Cemetery near by.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mr. and Mrs. **John Sheehan** returned from Illiopolis last Friday where they attended the funeral of the latter's father, **James Sheehan**.

Elm Grove news: **Geo Simpson** died at the home of his brother, **Jas Simpson** on Saturday evening. Interment was in the Little Flock Cemetery on Monday evening.

Moweaqua news: When his brother admonished him for using abusive language on his blind father, **Filmore Davis** plunged a knife, with which he had been skinning polecats into his brother's lung and escaped. The wound was fatal. (*Note: See week of 18 November 1908 news*)

Decatur: The girl who threw away a living baby after giving birth to it at the Wabash station, proved to be **Gertrude Griffith** of Atwood instead of **Alice Lewis** of East St Louis as she first gave her name. Her folks are wealthy farmers.

Carmi: **Isabelle Dennis**, aged 81 years, a pioneer settler of Whitney County, was burned to death in her garden, 12 miles east of here. She set fire to grass and flames ignited her dress.

Olney news: **Zack Williams** and **Virgil Williams**, boys, were instantly killed and seven others injured by a train at Lawrenceville Junction, east of this city.

LaSalle news: Grief over the death five weeks ago of her husband is ascribed as the cause of the demise of Mrs. **Elizabeth McDonald** of Portland.

Pana news: Injuries received in the Springfield mine when caught between two cars resulted in the death of **Frank Yancy**, 17 years old.

**August Meyer** received a telegram Wednesday from New York stating that his daughter, Mrs. **Amelia Crawford** had died. The cause of her death has not yet been learned.

Miss **Mildred Frazee** entertained a number of little friends Saturday afternoon at her home in honor of her tenth birthday. Outdoor games were played, refreshments were served, and a delightful time was had by all.

Recent births: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Hott**, a girl, 25 October 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **E H Lindemood**, a girl, born 29 October 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Stewart**, a son, born 2 November 1908.

**Wednesday, 11 November 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*M F Pleak has died.* A former citizen of Shelby County, passes away at his home in Decatur on Monday night. The death of **Marcus F Pleak** occurred at his home in Decatur Monday night, 9 November 1908, the cause being paralysis. He had been in poor health for almost a year, and a couple of weeks ago, he lost his eyesight, becoming totally blind. His age was 70 years,

6 months and 11 days. He was born in Flemington County, Kentucky, and grew to manhood there. He was one of a large family, all of whom were active members of the Christian Church, and were among the early associates of that reform. They were personal friends and workers with Dr. **Alexander Campbell** and Rev **R W Stone**. Mr. **Pleak** completed his education, which was began at home, at Hartville, Indiana at the University of that place. He was married on 3 October 1869 in Tennessee to Mrs. **Frances H Briggs** (*nee Beard*). To this union were born eight children, four of whom are deceased, one in infancy, **Lillie A, Wallace E, and Marcus F Jr.** (*Note: Copied as written*) Besides his wife, he is survived by four children, Dr. **S M Pleak** of Tulsa, Oklahoma, **E A Pleak** of Rosenberg, Texas, Mrs. **Mary Evans** of North Yakima, Washington, and Dr. **J J Pleak** of Hillsboro, Illinois. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. **Lucy Yobe** of Flat Branch, and Miss **Martha Pleak** of St Louis. After Mr. **Pleak's** marriage, he lived in Tennessee, for seven years and then moved to Illinois, in 1877, settling in Flat Branch township, where he became the owner of one hundred and sixty acres of land. He was evidently a man who thought more of home than of the mere accumulation of money, for as long as he remained on the farm, his family was surrounded by the comforts and even elegancies that modern style of living declare so necessary. He was regarded by those who knew him best as one of the most practical and successful farmers of the township, having made fine improvements since his residence there. About a year ago he rented his farm and moved to Decatur to spend his declining days in the city. He was a member of the Christian Church in which faith he had been an active worker for about fifty years. Services were held today at the family residence.

Mrs. **H F Day** was the recipient of a very happy surprise Friday afternoon, given at her home by the Matron's Club of which she is a member. The affair was given in honor of her birthday, and a most delightful afternoon was spent. About twenty guests were present and all entered easily into the merry spirit at the afternoon's entertainment. Guessing games were introduced and prizes won by Mrs. **Sparling** and Mrs. **W F Corrington**. A delicious luncheon was served, and a very pleasant time is reported by all. Mrs. **Day** received a number of elegant presents given in honor of her natal day and enjoys the confidence and good will of everybody.

**John Armstrong** and Miss **Pearl Robertson**, both of this city, were married Monday afternoon in Decatur by Justice **J H McCoy** in his office. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. **Robt McCray**, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Armstrong** of this city. They will reside at the home of the groom's parents for a couple of months while Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong** visit their son at Atlanta, Georgia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **T P Graybill** on Saturday, 7 November 1908, a daughter.

The marriage of Miss **Cora Kinney** and **Roy Wyatt**, both of this city, occurred in Shelbyville Thursday at the parsonage of the officiating clergyman, Rev **Rigg**, Pastor of the Methodist Church. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Kinney**, and has every accomplishment necessary for a successful housewife. The groom is a young businessman in this city having recently engaged in the livery business, and is well able to care for the one whom he has chosen for his companion through life. They have gone to housekeeping in the north part of town.

Mrs. **Mattie Miller** of Mattoon was a guest at the home of her sister, Mrs. **W F Allison** last week.

Mrs. **J E Nichols** and mother, Mrs. **Buchen** of Decatur visited the latter's son, **John Buchan** and family Tuesday evening. (*Note: Surname spelling discrepancy; copied as written in the Call-Mail*)

Miss **Ramona Corrington** attended the funeral of Miss **Hallie Moore** at Centralia Sunday whose death was caused by heart trouble. Miss **Moore** was well-known here, having been a pupil of the high school where she made many friends.

Recent births: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Malcolm Stewart**, a son, 9 November 1908.

To Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Green**, a girl on 7 November 1908. To Mr. and Mrs. **N Nalbach**, a girl on 31 October 1908.

**Wednesday, 18 November 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

It's a pair of big fat twins that the stork left at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Armstrong**, six and one half miles east of town. The scientific bird has visited the home before but never with such ample supply. They are both boys and arrived Saturday about noon. All are getting along nicely.

*Killed by a vicious animal.* **Wm T Breeding**, Formerly of this community met death at his home in White Lake, South Dakota, Friday evening. **Wm T Breeding**, formerly of this community, was killed at his home near White Lake, South Dakota, Friday evening by a vicious bull which he kept with his herd of cattle. He was doing up the chores on the farm and was attacked by the animal, and left on the ground in a dying condition, his body being mashed and bruised badly. When his son, **George** returned from the field where he had been husking corn, he went to the lots to look for his father, and found him lying on the ground unable to move, but yet conscious. He was taken to the house where he expired thirty minutes later. His age was 49 years, 3 months and 28 days. A short funeral service was held at his residence near White Lake, South Dakota, Sunday after which the body was brought to this city arriving here last night. The funeral services were held this afternoon at the Bethany Church, south of town. Rev **Irwin** officiating with the Odd Fellows, Woodmen and Royal Neighbors attending in a body, the former order conducting the services at the grave. **William T Breeding** was born in Warren Co, Ohio, on 16 July 1859. He came to Illinois with his parents in 1863, and was married to **Grace M Clemmens** in March 1878. To this union were born two children, **Geo W Breeding** and Mrs. **Cora Townsend**. His wife died on 15 October 1884. He was again married on 7 March 1888 to **Estella M Spence**, and to this union were born five children, **Faye, Charles, Paul, Maude and Ruth**, all of whom are still living. On 29 April 1903, God in his wisdom saw fit to remove from that home, the wife and mother, leaving five little children. About four years later he moved his family to White Lake, South Dakota, where he had already acquired a farm of 480 acres of fine farm land, upon which he was living at the time of his death. He united with the Church of God in Rural Township, this County, about twenty years ago, and was a faithful follower of his lowly master the rest of his life. He was a member in good standing of Modern Woodman Camp at Pleak and of the I. O. O. F. at Yantisville, Illinois, and the Royal Neighbors, Thistle Camp. He was a true friend, a good neighbor, a kind husband and a loving father who will be greatly missed by his family and especially by the four little ones who are not at the age in life when they need the guiding hand of a true friend and there is no friend like that of a father or mother, therefore, their loss is far beyond their realization. Mr. **Breeding** was looking forward to the time when he hoped to realize from his labors and accumulations, enough to give to each of his children, a home for their personal comfort while in this world and at the same time, endeavor to train them for life beyond. He was in a measure successful in both, for thus far his has been a life of success and prosperity to a greater degree than has been allotted to the average man of the times. He was always liberal, giving where he saw he could do good and assist his fellow man,

and always ready to lend a helping hand when needed. He will be missed by those that knew him best.

The last will and testament of Mrs. **Sarah Porter** is being contested by Mrs. **Alice Compton** of Stonington, a disinherited daughter - \$25,000 is involved. Leaving an estate valued at \$25,000 and four heirs, but directing in her will that only two of them are to receive any benefit may result in one of the hardest fought legal battles ever waged in the Shelby County circuit Court. Mrs. **Sarah C Porter (nee Tolly)** died in Moweaqua on 25 September 1908, leaving a will bequeathing her entire estate to be equally divided between her two children at home, **Tallmadge** and **Maude Porter**, excluding a married daughter, Mrs. **Alice Compton** of Stonington, and a grand daughter, **Ethel Rigsby**, also of Stonington, both legal heirs. Although no suit has been filed in the Shelby County circuit court yet, it is said to be the intention of Mrs. **Compton** to put up a legal battle and try to break the will, which was made in only three days before the death of the testator. **Michael O'Donnel**, Acting County judge, last week admitted the will of Mrs. **Porter** to probate and record. The will named **John T Haslam, Sr.** of this city as guardian and Executor of the estate on condition if he was alive and able to serve. In a letter to the County judge, Mr. **Haslam** declined to act as either guardian or Executor and the court appointed Attorney **S S Clapper** of this city who has furnished a bond in the sum of \$1,000. The personal estate is worth \$500 besides considerable lands in Shelby and Christian counties. Mrs. **Porter's** will directs that after all just debts and funeral expenses are paid that all of her personal and real estate be divided between her son, **Tallmadge** and daughter, **Maude**, share and share alike. She directed, however, that \$100 be taken from the estate before its division for her sister, **Margaret Bissett**, with the understanding that immediately after her death that Mrs. **Bissett** move to Moweaqua into her home and care of **Tallmadge** and **Maude Porter** until they reach the legal age. In addition to the \$100 Mrs. **Porter** allows the court to compensate Mrs. **Bissett** as it thinks she should be paid. The will was witnessed by Dr. **W H Sparling** and **C F Gaskill**. **Ben Davis**, the young man that was stabbed with a pen knife in the hands of his brother, **Filmore Davis**, a few weeks ago was able to walk down town on Monday.

Wednesday, 25 November 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

The will of the late **M F Pleak** was offered for probate in the Macon County court Wednesday. The hearing was set for 14 December 1908. The will is brief and explicit. The entire estate is left without reservations of any nature to the widow, Mrs. **Fannie H Pleak** to do with as she pleases. Also she is made executrix of the will without bond. The instrument was executed on 29 October this year, and the estate is worth about \$10,000. **Marcus F Pleak** died on 9 November 1908 at his residence.

**Wayne Highley** entertained quite a number of his friends Saturday evening at his home in the east part of town in honor of his twelfth birthday. Games of various kinds made up the pastime of the evening. Refreshments were served and all departed at a late hour.

The marriage of Miss **Johanna Russell** and Mr. **Frank Barry**, both of Assumption, has been announced and will take place next month. Miss **Russell** is well and favorably known here having lived in this city and attended school here from which she graduated. She is now one of the successful teachers in the West Side school at Assumption which position she has held for several years and is a young lady cultured, refined and highly respected.

**R B Wilson**, one of the oldest and most widely known men of this community, passed on to the realm of eternal rest at his home in this city at 4:30 o'clock, Monday morning after a ten months'

illness from rheumatism and other diseases. He was a man of many friends and in the conduct of his business affairs, he was known to be scrupulously honest and just. He was a kindly warm hearted man with broad philanthropic ideas, and his acts were ever characterized by generosity and purity of purpose. **Robert B Wilson** was born near Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, on 5 October 1828, and died at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 23 November 1908, aged 80 years, 1 month and 18 days. He lived in the neighborhood of Paris until manhood, coming to Moweaqua in the spring of 1857, where he has ever since lived. In February 1862, he enlisted in Co H of the Sixty Second Illinois Volunteers, afterward becoming Captain of this company. On 28 October 1864, he was married to **Martha Anderson**, who died in 1873. To this union six children were born, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are **Ralph Wilson** of Texas, **Mary Wilson** of Iowa, and **Reed Wilson** of this city. On 22 February 1876, he was married to **Margaret McDaniel**. To this union five children were born all of whom are living—Mrs. **Bertha Dunkel** of Macon, **Oscar** of Texas, **Erben** of Texas, **Mack** and **Kathryn** at home. He united with the Presbyterian Church in November 1875. He was elected to the office of ruling elder in October 1876, and has been a faithful servant of Christ in that position up to the time of his death. He has been continually engaged in the work of the Master in the Church and Sunday school, serving in the capacity of superintendent, teacher, and ruling elder, faithful to his home, his country, and his master during his entire life until the call came. Services were held at the home on Tuesday afternoon by the Rev **Robt B Irwin** of Dalton City, and the interment was in the North Cemetery. Pallbearers were **Geo Kirkman, W L Morris, S S Clapper, L C Winchel, T G Cheatham** and **Frank Sell**.

Preparing for a hard battle - \$180,000 involved. Heirs of **John M Harper** ask that will be set aside. Attorney **Wm McGinley** of Decatur was in town last Thursday having recently returned from Kansas, where he has been getting facts concerning the **Harper Will** case. This case will be tried in the January term of court in Wellenton, Sumner County, Kansas, involving \$180,000 and promises to be one of the hardest fought legal battles ever waged in the circuit court of that County. **John M Harper** owned 720 acres of land, located near Assumption in Shelby and Christian counties. His death occurred on 1 April 1907, leaving a will bequeathing his entire estate to a nephew, **Jas M Harper**, and making him the Executor of the will. There are 18 living heirs, all nephews and nieces, and all but four are complainants, asking that the will be set aside, eight of whom reside near Assumption. The case has been delayed on account of the death of **Jas M Harper**, the Executor and chief beneficiary under the will, which occurred the latter part of August, just before the case was to have been called in September. His wife has been appointed Administratrix and by such becomes the executrix of the old will. **McGinley** and **Wiley** have employed two firms of lawyers in Sumner Co, Kansas, to assist them in the contest and from the facts already ascertained it is altogether probable that the instrument will be set aside.

Fame news: **Wm Ivens** received word Saturday evening that his father had died at his home in Decatur. He had been in very poor health for a year and his death was expected at any time. Several from the Assumption area attended the funeral of **W T Breeding** last Wednesday at Bethany.

Word has been recorded here that a bouncing girl has recently taken up her abode at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **John Nelson** at Thornton, Washington. Mrs. **Nelson** was formerly Miss **Kathryn Humphrey** of this city.

Thistle Camp No. 2787 pay tribute to the memory of **W T Breeding** who was called to his eternal home on 13 November 1908.

**Tom C Ponting** attended the funeral of his nephew, **Wm Stone** Monday at Stonington who was killed by the train Saturday night. Mr. **Stone** was twenty-five years old and was a bright and industrious young man, having recently returned from South Dakota where he purchased a large tract of land. He was a son of **Richard Stone** of Stonington.

*Court Cases – Shelby County:* Two of the most important cases which might be mentioned as the parties are already in jail, are the cases against **Frank Hill** and **Calvin Watson**, who are both charged with murder. Their trials will probably be had the fourth week of the term. **George Gilliland**, who has been in jail for six months, was discharged by the court. The grand jury having returned against him “not a true bill” as was also the case of **Filmore Davis**. In the matter of the petition of Alice **Braithwaite** for naturalization, **Rosa Ward** was a witness, but on account of the fact that he is sick and confined to his home, he could not attend court in person, and it was arranged that his evidence be heard over the telephone. He was sworn in by Judge **Ames** and gave his testimony over the phone. The petition was issued. In the case of **Lula Beck** vs. **Verna Beck** et al – partition and dower – answer was filed. In the case of **Ida Rice** vs. **Samuel Rice** for divorce, the court heard the evidence and being fully advised in the premises found the evidence sufficient to warrant a decree for divorce on the grounds of desertion.

Wednesday, 2 December 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

At high noon last Thursday occurred a double wedding at the elegant home of **Sam'l Wise** near Sanner Chapel. **Floyd Cox** and Miss **Daisy Wise** and **Burse Wise** and Miss **Grayce Carroll** being the contracting parties. Promptly at 12 o'clock as the beautiful strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march was played the bridal party marched to the parlor and took their positions under beautiful wedding bells where Rev **Clark**, a former Pastor of Sanner Chapel, said the words that made the two couples husbands and wives. It was, in every sense, a beautiful and brilliant ceremonial witnessed by about sixty-five guests. After congratulations an elegant wedding dinner was served. **Burt** and Miss **Daisy Wise** are son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Wise**. **Floyd Cox** is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **A L Cox**, and Miss **Grayce Carroll** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Alonzo Carroll**, all living near Sanner Chapel. The two happy couples belong to the best families in that community and are all prominent and highly respected in social circles, as was evidenced by the large number of handsome and useful presents, which they received. On Friday a reception was given at the beautiful home of **A L Cox** and a most elegant dinner was served, about twenty guests being present.

**H Stanley Pontius** takes Miss **Donnell** for a wife. At the elegant country home of **Louis Donnell** in Ridge township, Thursday, occurred the marriage of his daughter, Miss **Cora Donnell** to **Stanley Pontius** of Pickaway township. The wedding march played by Miss **Rolphia Barrickman**, began at 12 o'clock noon. The ceremony by Rev **R H Robertson** was short, but impressive and was followed by congratulations after which an elaborate wedding dinner was served to the seventy-five guests assembled. The bride was formerly a successful teacher in Shelby County, and is an esteemed and highly accomplished young lady. The groom is also a teacher and ranks among the best in the County, now an instructor at Elm Grove, his home school. He is an exemplary young man and has many friends in this community who unite with the *News* in wishing him and his esteemed wife a happy and prosperous journey through life.

Mr. **T H Henton** of Prairie Home drove to Shelbyville Wednesday afternoon and took with him, Miss **Grace LaCost**. After procuring a license they drove to the Methodist parsonage and got out in a first class rain, but this did not change their purpose in the least, for before the rain was

over, they were married and started back home as soon as it slacked up enough. The witnesses to the ceremony were **Wm Conley** and Miss **Bee LaCost**. The two young people are highly respected citizens of Penn Township, and they will make their home on a farm near Prairie Home.

**Edd M Matheny**, a farmer residing near Bethany, and Mrs. **Sarah J Crawley** of Farmer City, were married at 4:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon by Justice **J H McCoy** in his office. The couple left immediately for Bethany where they will reside on a farm. The groom was 39 years old and his bride was 20 years old. (*Review*)

Mrs. **Cornelius Tolly** has been dangerously ill during the past week with pneumonia at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **John Moll** in this city. Her children, **Jas Tolly** of Charleston, Mrs. **Boysel** and **Chas Tolly** of Springfield, **Wm Tolly** of Tower Hill and **Homer Tolly** of Decatur were called to her bedside on Monday.

Prairie Home news: **John** and **James Garman** attended the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. **Margaret Niel** at Macon on Friday.

Macon news: Mrs. **Mary Milliken**, who accompanied the remains of her mother, Mrs. **Niel**, will return this week to Pamona, California.

The remains of the late Mrs. **Niel**, who died in California, were brought back to Macon last Friday for burial. Mrs. **Niel** has many friends both in Macon and Decatur who mourn her departure.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Cles Coultas** of Pleak, a son. (*No date given*)

About twenty friends of Miss **Madge Adamson** gave her a surprise at her home Monday evening. The occasion was gotten up in honor of her thirteenth birthday and a most delightful time was had. Games of all kinds furnished amusements for the guests.

#### Wednesday, 9 December 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Cornelius Tolly** passed away Wednesday, 2 December 1908, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **John Moll** after a brief illness from pneumonia, which she contracted while on her way to this city from a visit with her sister in Missouri. Her age was

72 years, 10 months and 27 days. She was one of the early settlers of Shelby County, and did her part nobly as a woman, mother and friend in helping to transform the wild, unbroken prairies into beautiful fields of growing grain. Her life was gentle, but like the still waters, it was deep.

In her heart she carried those whom she loved and her hand was never weary her step never failed in ministering unto and caring for loved ones. **Elizabeth Tolly, nee Goodwin**, was born

5 January 1836 in Murray County, Tennessee, and came with her parents to Shelby County, Illinois, when she was only two years of age and spent most of her life in this County. She was united in marriage to **Cornelius Tolly** on 11 April 1854, and lived in Pickaway township until

1888 when she with her husband moved to Moweaqua, and with the exception of about two years has since made this city her home. To this married union ten children were born, two of whom with the father have long since passed away. The remaining children are as follows, viz.

**James R Tolly** of Charleston, Illinois, Mrs. **Julia Sims** of Pleak's Corner, Mrs. **Docia Patterson** of Nokomis, Mrs. **Etta Boyssel** of Springfield, **William Tolly** of Tower Hill, Mrs. **John Moll** of Moweaqua, **Charley Tolly** of Springfield, and **Homer Tolly** of Decatur, all of whom were present at the time of her death, also the sister of Mrs. **Tolly**, Mrs. **B Humphrey** and Mrs. **Sue Proctor**, a niece of the deceased from Trenton, Missouri. Mrs. **Tolly** was long a member of the Baptist Church at Pleak, this state. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church in

Moweaqua on Friday, 4 December 1908, Elder **J N Edmondson**, Pastor, preached the sermon. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery.

Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock occurred the marriage of **Charles Riley** and Miss **Lily Coultas** at the parsonage of the First Christian Church. Rev **R W Burnham** officiated in the presence of a few near relatives. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J D Coultas**, southeast of town, and is a most highly esteemed young lady who possesses numerous and exceptional traits of character. The groom is a fourth son of **J B Riley** of Moweaqua, and is a most exemplary young man, honest and industrious 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. They were tendered a reception by Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Crawley** of Decatur, and were remembered by a number of their friends on Thursday and Saturday nights in the way of a charivari.

Mr. and Mrs. **J A Adams** gave a pleasant surprise party at their home northwest of Moweaqua in honor of the 20<sup>th</sup> birthday of their son, **Martin Adams** on Friday evening, 4 December 1908. The evening was very pleasantly spent in games. (*Extensive list of attendees given, not provided here.*)

The sale of the **Keiser Drug Store** building and contents will be conducted on 22 December 1908, due to the death of its owner, **George M Keiser**. Said property will be sold either as a whole or in parcels.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alfonce Morell**, a son who arrived on 6 December 1908.

**W F Armstrong** and daughters attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. **Mamie Chrisman** at Henton last Wednesday and visited relatives at Tower Hill. Mrs. **Will Abrams** accompanied them home to spend a week visiting here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Broux**, a son who arrived on 6 December 1908.

We will sell at public auction at the residence in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Saturday, 19 December, the **Humphrey** homestead located in the east part of town, consisting of a house and two acres of land. The property will be sold in lots or as a whole as seems best to the estate. The **Humphrey** estate property consists of an eight-room house, including a bath room. It is a modern built structure with a cellar and heated by a furnace. This will make an ideal home for a retired farmer. Plenty of fruit, outbuildings and a barn. **Walter Humphrey** and **Nathan Humphrey**, for the estate of **Nathan Humphrey**, deceased.

#### Wednesday, 16 December 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Elmer Snell is dead.* Former Moweaqua business man and resident, **Elmer Snell**, passed away at his home in Decatur early Sunday morning after an illness of only a few days. He was aged 38 years, 11 months and 19 days. His body was brought to the home of his parents in Moweaqua on Sunday evening, the members of the United Commercial Travelers serving as an escort from the residence to the train. **James Elmer Snell** was a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell** of this city, and was born 24 December 1869 in Shelby County, Illinois, about six miles southeast of Moweaqua at or near which place he spent his youth. On 10 October 1898 he was married to **Pollie Clark** of Moweaqua, Illinois, who survives him. For a number of years he has been working as traveling salesman with such firms as the **International Harvester Co** of Springfield, Illinois, **Harbur Bros** of Bloomington, **Kingman & Co** of Peoria and **Tenny and Sikking** of Decatur. He has always been acknowledged one of the best salesman in Central Illinois. He was a prominent member of the Traveling Men's Association. At the time of his death, he was engaged in the drug business in Decatur. Besides his wife he is survived by his

father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. **F P Snell** of Moweaqua, Illinois, two brothers, **Frank Snell** of Moweaqua, **W W Snell** of Everett, Washington, and one sister, Mrs. **Karl Snyder** of Moweaqua. Besides his immediate family he leaves a number of relatives and a host of friends who will always remember his kind-heartedness. He was always a kind and devoted husband, a loving son and a good friend to everyone. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock from the residence of his father, **F P Snell**. Rev **Williams** officiated at the services. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery. Friends and relatives attending from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Segar**, **Chas Peebles**, **Roy** and **Madah Snell** of Decatur, Mrs. **Armstrong**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Snell** of Assumption, Mrs. **Beatrice Smith** and son of Taylorville. Pallbearers were **W F Corrington**, **Geo Kirkman**, **Jas Beard**, **Jas Shepherd**, **Ralph Snyder** and **Harry Day**.

It seems **Frank Mose's** folks were surprised twice last week. There was a misunderstanding as to when **Allie Mose's** birthday was. Some thought it was the 8<sup>th</sup> and some thought it was the 9<sup>th</sup>. However, a large crowd gathered on the 8<sup>th</sup> and thought they were on the right day, but according to what **John McGinley** and some more say, they were badly mistaken for **Allie Burgener** and family, and **John McGinley** and wife were there the next day and did ample justice to the inner man. The table was loaded down with things to eat. Music was furnished by the company. One game of checkers was played for several hours of which neither side was victorious. After the umpire had dismissed the game the boys went hunting and after bringing in some big loads of rabbits on their backs they departed for home, wishing **Allie Mose** and family many more happy surprises!

Mr. and Mrs. **Jas L Hight** left Saturday evening for Carrolton to attend the funeral of a relative. A surprise farewell reception was given Mr. and Mrs. **J A Adams** who were greatly surprised on returning home from Church Sunday to find their porches thronged with about 80 of their friends and relatives. On entering the dining room they found two tables bountifully spread. The occasion was given as a farewell reception for Mr. **Adams** and his family who expect to move to Kansas, in the near future. A handsome present was given them as a token of esteem. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **R E Wetzel**, **Joe Bilyeu** and family, **James Adams** and family, **John Gordon** and wife, **Tom Gordon** and wife, **J M Holderby** and family, **Jacob Bilyeu** and family, **Hiram Johnson** and wife, **Andrew Robinson** and wife, **John Lawrence** and family, **Isaac Jacobs** and family, **George Jacobs** and family, Mrs. **Minnie Bilyeu**, Mrs. **Lydia Adams**, **Wilbert Bilyeu** and family, Mrs. **Evans, Jr.** and Mrs. **P L Drew**, Dr. and Mrs. **Duckwall**, **J S Bays** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Jacobs**, **Wilbur Adams** and family of Assumption, Misses **Ruth Gordon**, **Eva Holderby**, **Lillian Adams**, **Bertha** and **Gussie Workman**, **Daisy** and **Dora Bilyeu**, **Mollie Hieatt**, Messrs. **Roy Workman**, **Otto Ross**, **Martin**, **Clinton** and **Joseph Adams**.

**James M Boys** passed away at his home in Shelbyville Friday evening after a brief illness from a complication of pneumonia and alcoholism. He was forty-four years of age. Besides his wife he leaves one son, **Glenn V Boys**. He also leaves one brother and one sister. The funeral service was held from the family residence at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, 23 December 1908 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

The **Keiser residence** was purchased by **M E Snyder** south of town for \$3,400. The drug stock was bid off by **Thos Keiser** of near Stonington at \$430, and **M S Ayars** purchased the vacant lot near the Baptist Church for \$111. Mr. **Snyder** bought the residence property for the purpose of

making his home in this city, but will not move here for some time. The sale was held for the estate of **George Keiser**, deceased.

**Earl W Murry** of Sullivan and Miss **Edith G Smith** of Moweaqua were united in marriage at the home of **Charley Smith**, a brother of the bride, in Moweaqua Sunday at 12 PM by Elder **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist Church, in the presence of about 50 invited guests. Miss **Edith** is the daughter of Mr. **Nathan** and Mrs. **Eliza J Smith** of Moweaqua. The groom is a young farmer of Sullivan. After the ceremony, a splendid dinner was served to the large gathering of guests. The young couple departed on the 7 o'clock PM northbound train for Sullivan, where they will make their future home.

The old **Humphrey** homestead, part of the estate of **Nathan Humphrey**, deceased, in the east part of town consisting of a house and two acres of land was sold Saturday afternoon at public auction. Miss **Ida Humphrey** was the purchaser with a bid of \$3,350.

The first steps of the **Harper will** case, involving property valued at over \$180,000, which will come to trial in January in the Sumner County, Kansas, circuit court, were taken at Assumption last week when the depositions of forty witnesses in Christian County were taken before Justice **G R Jenkins** under the direction of attorney **William McGinley** of Decatur. The examination of the witnesses was in progress for three days. Twenty-five witnesses were examined for the contestants of the will and fifteen for the proponents. The suit contending the will is based on two charges. First that Mr. **Harper** did not possess testamentary capacity; second that **Jas Harper**, the chief beneficiary under the will, exercised undue influence upon him in the making of the instrument. Most of the depositions taken last week have to do with the testamentary capability of Mr. **Harper**. Since Mr. **Harper's** death, his nephew, **James Harper**, against whom the original suit was directed, has died. His wife, **Minnie B Harper**, was named as his executrix, and the suit has been amended and is now directed against her and others. Four of the heirs are upholding the will and fourteen are contesting it. The death of **John M Harper** occurred on 1 April 1907; his nephew died the latter part of August before the estate was settled. The marriage of Miss **Ethel Warrick** and Mr. **John Newell** of Storm Lake, Iowa, occurred today at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **S W Warrick** of Pipestone, Minnesota. The happy couple will live on a farm near Cazenovia, Minnesota, where Mr. **Newell** has charge of a half section of land. The **Warricks'** were formerly citizens of this community having lived for many years on a farm near Allenboro.

**Isaac Longenbaugh**, one of the pioneer citizens in Shelby County celebrated his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday at his home near Obed Thursday, 17 December 1908, as it has been the custom for a number of years. About noon his friends, neighbors, children, grand children and great grand children gathered under the old parental roof, numbering in all, over one hundred making the old 'roof tree' fairly ring with mirth and merriment and the laughter of the little ones. A sumptuous dinner was served and a pleasant day was spent in social conversation and reminiscences. Before the guests took their departure, the usual treat, which **Uncle Ike** always prepares, was distributed. Mr. **Longenbaugh** has been a resident of Pickaway township for over fifty years and is enjoying fairly good health. He is to be congratulated upon having arrived at the 87<sup>th</sup> milestone in life's journey, and his numerous acquaintances and friends trust he will be among them many more years to enjoy the happiness consequent upon a well spent life.

There was a great week at the **Day Home**. There's a gathering of the whole tribe of **Days**, little and big, fat and lean, all of them happy **Days**. Mr. **Thos Day** and wife of Memphis, Tennessee, **Wm L Day** and wife, and **Vance Hinman Day** of Kansas City, and Miss **Eloise Day** of Kansas City, who is attending school at the National Park Seminary at Washington, DC, Miss **Mary C**

**Day**, Miss **Emma March** and Mrs. **M E Morton** of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn** of Enid, Oklahoma, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Homrighous** and children of Assumption. The house has expanded to its fullest capacity and a branch has been established at **Harry Day's**. When they are all gathered under one roof, Christmas day, they will number 25.

Pleasant View news: Mr. and Mrs. **George Wantling** have a new baby boy, born Friday.

Prairie Home news: Miss **Scribner** and **James Marshall** of near Bethany were married in Shelbyville on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. **Wm J Rodman** entertained the English Club at a thimble party Friday afternoon at her home in this city. After spending an hour or two with thimbles, a delicious two-course luncheon was served. The day being the tenth marriage anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Rodman**, the Club presented Mrs. **Rodman** with a beautiful bouquet of roses.

**Wednesday, 30 December 1908 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Cameron Drake** and bride arrived Saturday by way of Shelbyville for a three days' visit with relatives here. Mr. **Drake** married Miss **Sarah Belle Penbleton** in Chicago, Thursday, 10 December 1908. They have visited in Indiana, and will go to their home in Ladysmith, Wisconsin, the latter part of this week where they will reside. Mr. **Drake** is the son of the late **David Drake**. His mother, Mrs. **Kasire Drake**, still resides here. Mr. **Drake** has spent the greater part of his life in the North. He is a widower with two children. Mrs. **Drake** is said to be a most estimable lady. (*Findlay Enterprise*).

**Claude Dotson** of Moweaqua and Miss **Liddy Snyder** of Jacksonville were united in marriage at the home of **Ray Garrett** in this city on Thursday at 7 o'clock pm. Elder **J M Edmondson**, Pastor of Baptist Church, officiated. A bounteous supper was served to the invited guests of whom there were about a dozen. Mr. and Mrs. **Dotson** will make their home for the present in Moweaqua.

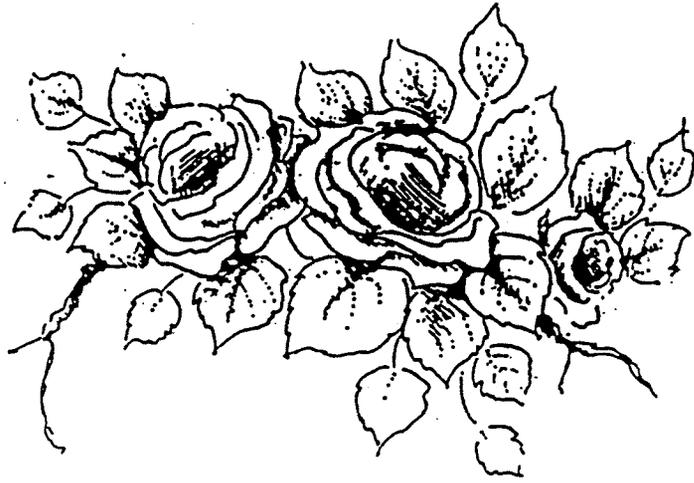
The Court of Honor has made prompt payment of insurance on the policy for \$2,000 carried by the late Mrs. **Sarah Porter**. Proof of death was sent in December 19<sup>th</sup> and this morning, eleven days later, the clerk received a draft for that amount.

About twenty-five members of the **Snyder** family gathered at the home of **V Snyder, Jr.** on the West Side on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. All enjoyed an elegant dinner. It has been the custom for several years for the family to gather at the Snyder home to spend Christmas and to enjoy a feast of good things as well as to spend a day in a social way together and this year was no exception to the rule. Those present from a distance were Rev and Mrs. **Walter Whallon** of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Prof **Clarence Snyder** and family of Chicago, and Mr. and Mrs. **W K Andrews** of Louisiana.

**H W Hawley** of Fon Du Lac, Wisconsin, is visiting his father and brother in the vicinity of Elm Grove. **W H Hawley** and family, **Albert** and **Will Harris**, spent Sunday with **A S Pearson**. One of the delightful informal affairs last week was the annual reunion of the Hawley family. Friday the crowds assembled at the home of **Wm C Keilman**. A sumptuous Christmas dinner was served, after which all adjourned to an upper room where the tree was standing. After they had admired it for some time, Santa came in and distributed the presents. About 25 Hawley family members were present.

Pleasant View news: **Harley Wilcox** and Miss **Cora Kimball** will be married on 30 December 1908 at the home of the bride in Mt Auburn.

Macon news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Stewart Unroe**, 27 December 1908, a daughter.



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**Wednesday, 5 January 1909 issue, Moweaqua News: - THIS MAY HAVE BEEN 1910 - could not tell year - portion of page missing.**

Mrs. **Azubah Allison**, aged 80 years, died Monday at her home. Mrs. **Azubah Allison**, one of the aged and respected residents of Moweaqua, passed away at her home in this city Monday morning about ----- (Note: This portion was unreadable) after an illness of about one week, the direct cause of her death being pneumonia. She had been an invalid for many years, having suffered for many years of lung trouble. She had been a member of the Old Stonington Baptist church for over 40 years until about two years ago when she joined with the Moweaqua Baptist church. **Azubah Pinkston Turner** was born 17 Sep 1829 in Fairfield County, Ohio, and died on 7 January 1910 at the age of 80 years, 3 months and 16 days. She was married to **Jas A Allison** on 5 March 1849. To this union four children were born to her, all of whom survive her, namely **Benjamin A, Leeman F, George W and Otelia E**, all of this city, also three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Her husband preceded her to a better land more than 30 years ago. She emigrated from Ohio to Illinois with her husband around the spring of 1851, settling in Crawford County. In the fall of 1866, she moved to Christian county a few miles from Moweaqua, and three years ago she made her home with her daughter, **Otelia** who has given her care and attention. Services at the Baptist church, interment in Old Stonington Cemetery.

**Homer Weakley** of Westervelt and Miss **Stella McConnell** of Shelbyville were quietly married on Christmas Eve at the home of the officiating minister, Rev **R H Robertson**. Mr. **Weakley** is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Weakley** and is an industrious young farmer. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **B McConnell** of Shelbyville where she has made her home for many years and is well and favorably known. Mr. and Mrs. **Weakly** will make their home on a farm near Brunswick. (Note: Names spelled 'Weakly' and 'Weakley' in same article - copied verbatim)

The marriage of **Albert Hopkins** of near Pleak and Miss **Wandah Tryon** of this city was solemnized at the county clerk's office in Shelbyville - evening by Rev N M - The bride is a daughter of **Thomas Tryon** of this city and the groom is a farmer. (Note: This issue was extremely fragile and in poor condition. Many parts of this issue were missing. I copied as much as I could and all entries were copied verbatim.)

**Wednesday, 6 January 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

A birthday celebration honoring Mrs. **Chas Groom's** forty-third birthday anniversary was given by her husband on her birthday, Sunday. The surprise was carried out by her husband and hosted about thirty guests. After the surprised hostess recovered from her shock, the sumptuous feast was served and at a late hour all departed wishing her many more birthdays. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Osborn** and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. **A C Bassler** and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. **Clyde Hight**, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Winter** and son, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley**, Mr. and Mrs. **C H Mauzy**, Mrs. **J M Sinnard** and son, Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Ellrich**, **Lloyd Snell** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Fathauer** and son, Mrs. **Jostes**, Mrs. **Wm Ivens** and daughter, Misses **Alta Reynolds** and **Grace Riley**.

**Melanthan Spence**, a former Shelby county farmer, died Friday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **John Oakes** at White Lake, South Dakota. Mr. **Spence** had a stroke of paralysis about a year ago and has since been in very poor health. **John Oakes** arrived with his body at

Assumption Tuesday evening and the funeral was conducted at the Bethany church near his old home place at 10:30 o'clock this morning.

Fame news: **M M Oburn** and wife attended the funeral of their sister-in-law, Mrs. **Edward Oburn** of Edinburg on Wednesday. She had been confined to her bed for 7 weeks with cancer of the liver. She leaves to mourn her, her husband, her aged parents and one brother.

Elm Grove: Mr. and Mrs. **George Hemer** have a daughter born 28 December.

Prairieton: Wedding bells have been ringing in Prairieton again. Miss **Ruthie Bilyeu** and **Charles Jackson** of Oklahoma were married Monday in Decatur and left Tuesday for Oklahoma where they will make their future home.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sanford Wolf**, 2 January, a daughter.

Mrs. **R M Keller** expects to leave tomorrow for Vernon, Illinois, to attend a twilight wedding of her niece. She will spend a couple of weeks visiting relatives there.

Miss **Marie Rice** was hostess at a delightful surprise party at her home Wednesday night in honor of her birthday.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Crosson**, 10 January, a son.

Fame news: Rev **F W Nickle** officiated at the funeral of Mrs. **Ruth Chessire** at the Knob's Church on 8 January at 8:30 o'clock AM. Deceased was 70 years of age. She leaves to mourn her departure six children. The announcement of the death of Mrs. **Etta Davis** at her home in Oklahoma on 19 December was received in this community last week. She was the wife of Rev **Chas Davis**, a former pastor of the Fame Church.

Walker news: Mrs. **C Fieker** has gone to Hoyleton, Illinois, to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. **Senator Brink**. Miss **Bessie Jacobs** entertained quite a number of her friends in honor of her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday evening.

Obed news: **W P Abraham** attended the funeral of his brother's wife, Mrs. **T B Abraham** in Decatur on Sunday afternoon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Herlot**, a daughter on 31 December 1908. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Waters**, a son on Tuesday, 5 January 1909.

In the divorce case of **Mary A Standley vs. Philip Standley**, the court ordered that defendant pay to complainant \$50 on 1 February and \$ 50 on 1 March as part of the temporary alimony settlement.

### Wednesday, 12 January 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Hannah Baird** died on Sunday morning, 9 January 1909, aged 84 years, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **S E McClelland** in Decatur. Death was due to a complication of diseases incident to old age. She had been in poor health for about two years, but was confined to her bed the past three months. She died very peacefully and the previous evening recognized her children when they spoke to her. A short service was held at the McClelland home on Tuesday morning, and then the remains were brought to Moweaqua on the 10 o'clock AM train, then to Prairie Home church where the funeral was held at one o'clock. The body was laid to rest in Prairie Home cemetery beside that of Mr. **Baird** who died about twenty-two years ago. Mrs. **Baird** was the oldest child of **William** and **Susan Foresman** and was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, on 9 May 1825. She married **John Baird** at Snowshoe, Centre County, Pennsylvania, on 29 January 1846. Three children, two sons and a daughter, died in infancy. In March 1896, they moved to Prairie Home, Illinois, and that has been Mrs. **Baird's** home ever since, although for several years she has been spending the winters in Decatur. The last summer she was unable to return to Prairie Home. Three children are still living, Mrs. **S E McClelland**

of Decatur, Mrs. **George McClelland** and Mrs. **Harris Baird** of Prairie Home. There are five grand children, **De Forrest** and **Mary Baird, Everette** and **Elle McClelland** and Mrs. **Lee Boland**. She was a most loyal member of the Presbyterian Church, having become a member when a young girl. She and her husband were actively interested in the building of the church at Prairie Home and were regular attendants at all services. The deceased came of a long-lived family. She had two sisters and one brother and the youngest of these lived to be 80 years of age before one of them died. One sister, Mrs. **Mary Holt** of Phillipsburg, Pennsylvania, is the sole survivor. Mrs. **Baird** was also the last of her generation of the name of **Baird**, although her husband had seven brothers and one sister when she married. All of those **Bairds** are gone as well as their wives. Mrs. **Baird** was a remarkably active woman for her age and had hosts of friends who loved her for her sweet, kindly manner.

The funeral of Mrs. **George W Kitch**, whose death occurred from consumption Thursday at her home in Decatur, was held at the Baptist church here Saturday afternoon by Rev **Lawrence** of Decatur. Pallbearers were **Wm Morris, Chas Parker, D A Adamson, Ross Shride, Wilbur Gregory** and **Robt Hammil**. Mrs. **Ellen Brock Kitch** was born in Veedersburg, Indiana, on 21 August 1859 and died 6 January 1910 (*Note: As copied, but the issue of the paper states 1909... believe 1910 to be a typographical error*). She was aged 50 years, 4 months and 16 days. She was united in marriage to **George W Kitch** on 23 November 1879. To this union were born five children, **Minnie, Lottie, William, Vessye,** and **Leland**, all of whom survive her excepting **Leland**, who died in infancy, and Mrs. **Lottie Chesebro**, who preceded her mother by 1 year, 5 months and 15 days. Mrs. **Kitch** was united with the church about seventeen years ago and has lived a consistent Christian life. She was an affectionate wife, a loving, devoted mother.

A telegram was received here this morning announcing the death of **Abram Middlesworth**, one of the pioneer citizens and bankers of Shelbyville. His death occurred last night. His age is 88 years.

Miss **Bessie Jacobs** entertained a few friends Saturday night in honor of her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. Present were **Hazel** and **Ethyl Culbertson** of Decatur, **Faye Lancaster, Bessie** and **Leila Jacobs, Ernest Pool** of Moweaqua, **Ray Hassinger** of Kansas City, **Gilbert** and **Eldo Coffman** and **Leo Jacobs**.

Wednesday, 20 January 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Mr. and Mrs. Ephriam Adamson celebrated their marriage anniversary 15 January at the home of their son.* Friday, 15 January, Mr. and Mrs. **Ephriam Adamson** celebrated forty-two long years of wedded bliss, intermingled with sunshine and shadow along the journey, at the home of their son, **Dave Adamson** in this city. The entire family consisting of eight children and nine grandchildren were present, along with Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence Smith** and Miss **Grace Steidley**, making twenty-four in all, who assembled to celebrate their marriage anniversary. About noon a bounteous dinner, consisting of the very best products the farm and the markets afford was served. The passing of the forty-second milestone find the couple enjoying the comforts accruing from a well spent life and their health is such that they bid fair to live many more years. Mr. and Mrs. **Adamson** were married in Gurnsey County, Ohio, 15 January 1867, and came to Moweaqua in the spring of 1868, and have resided in Moweaqua township ever since. They are numbered among the best people of our community, and their residence here of more than 40 years have won for them, the highest regard of all.

Last Friday evening a jolly crowd of relatives and friends of **Ben Sanders** went in their sleds and sleighs to the home of his father, **F M Sanders**, east of town and surprised him by reminding him that it was his birthday. A delicious supper of oysters, ice cream, cake, fruits and candy were served at two tables by Mrs. **Sanders**, Mrs. **A W Harpstrite** and Mrs. **S J Burkitt**. Present were Misses **Minnie Elmers**, **Mable Cox**, **Agnes Deiker**, **Lily Wise**, **Carrie Coffman**, **Dessie Coultas**, **Ida and Mary Sanders**, Messrs **Quintis Sanner**, **Earl Smull**, **Freddy Elmers**, **Clarence Parr**, **Pearl Coffman**, **Frank Sanders**, **Jesse Coultas**, **Parker and Ben Sanders**, **Mr. Brink**, Mr. and Mrs. **Floyd Cox**, Mr. and Mrs. **Burt Wise**, Mr. and Mrs. **A W Harpstrite**, Mr. and Mrs. **S J Burkitt**, Mrs. **S B Burkitt** and **N A Wise**.

The marriage of Miss **Nema Primmer** and **Ross Abraham**, both residing near Obed, occurred in Springfield Thursday afternoon. The bride is a daughter of **Simon Primmer**, and the groom is the oldest son of **W P Abraham**. The happy couple will reside on the farm with the bride's father until next fall when they expect to move to the Mathias farm, owned by Mr. **Primmer**.

Final notice of all claims against the estate of **Sarah C Porter**, deceased, was set for 1 March 1909 at the County Court of Shelby County, Illinois by **S S Clapper**, Executor.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Arnold** of Macon on 14 January 1909, a daughter.

Macon news: **Ralph L Newman** of Monie, and Miss **Elva Cook** of Decatur, formerly of Macon, were married in Decatur Sunday and were in Macon Sunday evening and Monday visiting relatives and friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Rarick** on 13 January 1909, a son.

News was received here of the death of Rev **George W Donnel** which occurred at his home in Reedley, California, several weeks ago. Rev **Donnell** was a resident of Shelby County for more than twenty years and is a well-known old resident of this county.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Adamson** of Indianapolis arrived here Wednesday evening to be present at the 42<sup>nd</sup> marriage anniversary celebration of the former's parents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wes Winter** on 10 January 1909, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **J J Atteberry** accompanied by their son, **Jesse**, went to Bloomington this morning to attend the marriage of their son, **Otis Attebery** to Miss **Collins**, which will take place at 12 o'clock, noon.

*Jas W Tolly is dead.* **Jas W Tolly** who died in a Sanitarium at Peoria Sunday morning was brought to this city Tuesday and was buried in the Masonic cemetery southeast of town. A short funeral service was conducted at the grave by Rev **Williams**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

**James William Tolly** was a son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Tolly** and was born in Shelby County fifty-one years ago and grew to manhood here. He lived the life of a bachelor and leaves to mourn his departure, four brothers and two sisters, who of whom is Mrs. **Bissett** of this city.

A surprise birthday party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Earl Jacobs**, east of town on Tuesday evening, it being the 23<sup>rd</sup> birth anniversary of **Earl**. The surprise was neatly planned by Mr. **Jacobs'** wife and mother, Mrs. **Ed Jacobs** and never was a surprise more skillfully carried out. The company met at an appointed time and entered without the slightest warning and causing quite a shock on Mr. **Jacobs'** nerves from which he quickly recovered and proved himself quite an admirable host.

**Wednesday, 27 January 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Ollie L Gordon**, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Eelzie Gordon**, living near Sullivan died Wednesday, 20 January after an illness of six months, caused by swallowing a nail. The child's age was two years and twenty-five days. Funeral services were held Thursday at the Little Flock

Church in Flat Branch Township. Elder **L Corley** officiated. The bereaved parents and relatives have the sympathy of a large acquaintance of friends.

Mrs. **Nancy Pogue**, widow of the late **John Pogue**, died Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock AM at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. **Leona Wright**, from a stroke of paralysis, from which she had been unconscious since Monday morning. She had been declining during the past ten years and the last two years had been confined to her bed, about two years of which she was tenderly cared for by her daughter, Mrs. **Isaac Yantis**, until the latter's health gave way about a month ago, when Grandma was taken to the home of another daughter, Mrs. **Leona Wright**. If Mrs. **Pogue** had lived until 12 February 1909, she would have been 86 years old. She is survived by seven children who are as follows: Mesdames **Isaac Yantis**, **Leona Wright** of Findlay, **Louisa Collier** of Bethany, **Julia Longenbaugh** of Crowley, Louisiana, **W M Pogue** of Findlay, and **Hiram** and **Charles M Pogue** of Prairie Home. Services were held from the Christian Church at Findlay on Friday. Interment was in the Antioch Cemetery.

Prairie Home: Word was received here Wednesday of the death of a former resident of this place, Mrs. **Nancy Pogue** who died at her home in Findlay on 20 January 1909, aged almost 86 years of age.

A pleasant surprise was given at the home of **George M Bilyeu**, west of town on Friday, 22 January 1909 in honor of their daughter, Miss **Elizabeth**, it being her thirtieth birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **John Newcome**, **C R Howell** and family, **Charles Waltz** and family, **Frank Johnson** and family, Misses **Pauline Newman**, **Retta Couler** and **Florence Rose**, Messrs **John Jackson**, **Alva Rose** and **Raymond Couler**.

Final settlement of the estate of **E A Medley**, deceased, was announced by **A J Combs**, Administrator, will be held in Shelbyville on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Portwood** have a new daughter born to them on 23 January 1909.

### Wednesday, 3 February 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mr. and Mrs. **George Winter** celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> marriage anniversary on Sunday, 31 January 1909, at their home south of town. The imperishable treasures of fifty years of wedded bliss was enjoyed by the couple and their many friends and family. A three-course dinner was served at 12 o'clock, the rooms and table were decorated in yellow roses and carnations were the favors. The color scheme of yellow was carried out in the dinner. Mr. **Winter** was born in Germany in 1835. Miss **Sophia Jeisey** was born in Switzerland in 1840. They came to America in 1854 and were married in Jerseyville, Illinois, in 1859. In 1867 they moved to Macon County and lived there till 1878, then came to Shelby County, their present home. Ten children were born to them, two having died in infancy. Those living are **Walter**, **George**, **Lydia**, **Benjamin**, and **Clara** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **Mae Baumgarten** of Iowa, Mrs. **Rose Ney** of Kansas and Mrs. **Julia Hoewing** of Decatur. Guests present were Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley**, Mr. and Mrs. **C H Mauzy**, Mr. and Mrs. **N Snyder Jr.**, Mr. and Mrs. **W N Snyder**, Mrs. **C Hoewing**, Mrs. **P P Ludwig**, Mrs. **Joster**, Rev **Schutz** of Springfield, **Walter Winter** and family, **B F Winter** and family, **William Hoewing** and family of Decatur, Mrs. **Mae Baumgarten** of Iowa, **George** and **Lydia Winter**. Mr. and Mrs. **Winter** are in very good health considering their age. Their residence where, for more than thirty years they have resided, have won for them the highest regard of all, although they have not retired from the activities of life, it is with keen pleasures that they look back upon their long life.

**Henderson G Smith** died at his home in Findlay, 26 January 1909, aged 79 years, 7 months and 11 days. About three years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and since that time his health

gradually failed until the death angel came to relieve his sufferings. Mr. **Smith** was born 19 Jun 1829 in Okaw Township near the present village of Duvall, known in the early days as "Hog Grove". At the age of three years he moved with his father, **Allen Smith** to the old home place where he has for more than 75 years spent his life, save the last two years which was spent in Findlay. At the age of sixteen years he suffered the loss of his father and his mother about twenty years later. In 1854 he was united in marriage with **Mary L Butts** of Clay County. To this union were born eight children all of whom are living, and all were present except one, **John H Smith**, it being impossible for him to be at the funeral. The children are **Wilburn** of Findlay, **John H** of Peckham, Oklahoma, **Allen** of Findlay, **W T** of Alpena Pass, Arkansas, **Perlina**, the wife of **Wm Hendricks**, who lives three miles southwest of Findlay, **Dexter** of near Shelbyville, **Mary Lou**, the wife of **Riley Thomas** of Flat Branch Township, and **Eliza** of Shelbyville. There are fourteen grandchildren, all of whom are living except two. His life was characterized by being honest, industrious and upright, never shrinking from duty and prided himself in being prompt in business obligations. Services were held at the Church of God in Findlay on Wednesday by Elder **E Corley** after which the remains were interred at Union Cemetery in Pickaway.

**James S Travis** died at his home in Normal on Sunday morning after an illness of three weeks. For many years he resided on a farm with his family near Prairie Home. In 1892 the family moved to Normal to give the younger children a college education. Mr. **Travis** was seventy-five years of age and was born in Pennsylvania. He married **Catherine E Craine**, and to them were born eight children.

Allenboro news: Monday being **Chester Giles'** birthday his wife planned a surprise on him, the relatives and friends coming in about the noon hour with well filled baskets. A sumptuous dinner was served and a delightful time was had.

Macon news: Miss **Elsie Anderson** left Monday morning for Millersville to attend the wedding of Miss **Mabel Okey** of Millersville and Mr. **Honefinger** of Spokane, Washington, which will occur on Wednesday at 1 o'clock, P.M. in Millersville. The remains of Mrs. **John Goltra** of Decatur, formerly of Macon was brought to Macon on Monday morning for burial. Short services were held in the Macon M E Church conducted by Rev **Willite** of Decatur First M E Church. Interment in the Macon cemetery.

Administrator's notice of final settlement on the estate of **George M Keiser**, deceased, has been set for the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of February 1909 at the Shelbyville Court House by **H E Travis**, Administrator

Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey, Jr.** have a daughter born to them on 27 January 1909.

**John Holverson** passes away. Word was received here Thursday of the death of **John Holverson**, aged about 80 years, formerly a farmer of this vicinity. Mr. **Holverson** died in Springfield at the residence of his nephew, **Henry Olsen**, from whose residence the funeral services were conducted on Thursday. The body was brought here on Thursday evening for burial, which occurred in the Snyder cemetery northwest of Moweaqua at 10 o'clock Friday morning.

**Anna L Brooks**, Executrix, is selling a house and two lots known as the **Mary E Adams** (deceased) property located in the south part of Moweaqua. The house is in good repair and is a very desirable property.

**Wednesday, 10 February 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The stork is a generous old bird, more so than many people give it credit of being and more so than some people would have it be. It swooped down on the home of the editor on Tuesday night, 9 February 1909, and left a pair of fat, chubby twins, a boy and a girl. The mother and little ones are doing nicely and the pencil shaver has been waling on his head and turning handsprings ever since the event, perfectly delighted. *Wanted:* Subscriptions paid in advance, Melin's food and malted milk in part payment. (Note: **J E Longenbaugh** was the Editor and Publisher of the *Moweaqua News*) (News copied as printed)

A quiet wedding occurred at the U B parsonage near Obed last Thursday night, Miss **Flossie Shride** and **Oscar K Hawley** being the contracting parties. The marriage was solemnized by Rev **D H Hudson**, pastor of Locust Grove Church. The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Shride** of Westervelt, and is a beautiful and accomplished young lady. The groom is a son of **W H Hawley** of Yantisville. He is an industrious young farmer and an exemplary young man. They will go to housekeeping at once on the farm near Obed belonging to the bride's father.

*Mrs. Isaac Yantis passes away. Having Failed in Health for sometime, her death was expected and came Wednesday morning – funeral to be held on Thursday.* Mrs. **Isaac Yantis** died at her late home in Findlay early Wednesday morning after an illness extending over the past six months. Although she had been in failing health for some time, it was not until about six weeks ago that her condition was considered to be serious. Her death cast a gloom over the entire village and locality, where she was known by nearly everyone. She was a daughter of **John and Nancy Pogue**, the latter, dying only about two weeks ago and was sixty years old. She leaves a husband, four grandchildren, three brothers, **Marvin, Charles and Hiram Pogue**, and three sisters, Mrs. **Wright** of Findlay, Mrs. **Collier** of Bethany, and Mrs. **Longenbaugh** of Crowley, Louisiana, to mourn the departure of one so very dearly loved. Funeral was held from the Christian Church on Thursday morning at ten o'clock. Rev **Monser**, Pastor of the local church officiated. Interment was in Bethany Cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. **D H Stombaugh** entertained about 20 friends at their home northeast of town last Wednesday at a 12 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Aters**, who were recently married. The guests were **Geo Culbertson** and family, **Orin Wright** and family, **E M Stombaugh** and family, Mrs. **Mary Humphrey** and family and **Morton Gregory** and family. Prairie Home news: **J H Baird** attended the funeral of his uncle, **James B Travis** at Bloomington on Tuesday of last week.

The centenary of the birth of **Abraham Lincoln** will occur next Friday, 12 February. Postmaster **Clark** informs us that he has received a supply of the Lincoln postage stamps in honor of the event but he is not permitted to offer them for sale until 12 February, the date of his birth. **Abe Lincoln** was born 12 February 1809 and died on 15 April 1865.

In the will of **Frank C Loomis**, an old resident of Waukegan, now deceased, he left his son, **Frank Loomis** of South Chicago, the sum of one dollar stating that he is a degenerate. He left two dollars to a daughter, Mrs. **Stella Ricksocker** of Kansas City, whom he had not seen for nearly 50 years.

Casey news: After weeks of preparation hundreds celebrated the birthday anniversary of Mrs. **Celia Keiley** of Hazeldell, she being 100 years old with a grand free dinner. She has resided 60 years near her present home and was the first settler of that hamlet.

Mt Sterling: **Alfred Dickinson** ended his life with poison. He had been despondent for some time and it was thought he was demented. Last summer he was sent to Jacksonville to the insane hospital where he was confined for some time.

Sunday, 7 February, **J B Dill**, living near Radford was the recipient of a pleasant surprise given in honor of his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. A delicious dinner was served, and a delightful time was enjoyed by all. Mr. **Dill** received a number of beautiful and useful presents. Present for the festivities were Mr. and Mrs. **G W Greening**, **Wm Waters** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Noah Greening**, Mr. and Mrs. **Gus Orr**, Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Moll**, Mrs. **Cal Barnhart**, Miss **Lulia Radford**, **Homer Greening**, **Frank Robertson**, Mrs. **Burt Hart** and daughter, **Fern** of Wyoming, Mrs. **C W Byers** and children of Springfield, Illinois, Miss **Velma Lahm** of Roby, Illinois, Miss **Birch** of Springfield, Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. **C L Dill** and Master **Elva Dill** of Glenarm, Illinois.

Born: Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Redding** welcomed a daughter, 3 February. Mr. and Mrs. **John Proctor** have a son who arrived 7 February 1909. Mr. and Mrs. **John Wyckoff** have a daughter who was born 7 February. Mr. and Mrs. **Amos Burgener**, a daughter born 8 February. Mr. and Mrs. **H A Smull** have a daughter born 5 February. Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Collier** have a daughter who was born 8 February.

State's Attorney **Latch** has filed information against Dr **W F Hilsabeck** alleging that the doctor failed to report six births within the 30 days required by law. (*Windsor Gazette*)

An original copy of the *Sangamon Journal*, published at Springfield, Illinois, 11 Nov 1842, was added to the collection of newspapers at the Libby Prison War Museum a few days ago. The paper at that time was supporting **Henry Clay** for the Presidency, and his name is conspicuous at the top of the editorial column. In the advertising columns of the paper is the following marriage notice: "Married in this city the 14<sup>th</sup> inst. at the residence of **N W Edwards**, esq., by the Rev **C Dresser**, **Abraham Lincoln**, esq., to Miss **Mary Tod**, daughter of **Robert Tod**, esq., of Lexington, Ky." This tells a story in which every American is interested and the paper is believed to be the only copy in existence containing it. (*Chicago Times*) (*Copied as printed*)

### Wednesday, 17 February 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Life insurance statistics** show that in the last twenty-five years the average duration of life has increased by two years. This is encouraging and due manly to greater medical and surgical knowledge, improved sanitation and general better conditions of life. If more people would stop burning the candle at both ends by fast living and injudicious habits, the coming years would show an even greater increase in life. It is only too true, as the refrain of an old son says, "It is not the miles we travel, but the pace that kills". Certainly, the **pace** of our modern American life is too rapid and it is to that fact that we have so many nervous wrecks and sudden deaths.

(*Note: Interesting that this was written almost 100 years ago and today in 2004, we hear the same complaints – traveling the road of life too fast!*)

Suffering ended. **J J Combs** –An aged citizen is summoned to his eternal home after a stroke of paralysis which he suffered a couple of weeks ago – Funeral is Sunday in Macon. **Jabez J Combs**, an aged and highly respected citizen, died at his home in Macon on Thursday, the 11 February 1909, being at the time of his death, 84 years, 2 months and 4 days old. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of January, Mr. **Combs** suffered a stroke of paralysis, which, with other disease consequent to his old age, caused his death. Mr. **Combs** was the son of **William** and **Osenath Combs** and was born on a farm near Rushville, North Carolina, 7 December 1824. He was one of a family of eight children, five boys and three girls. The father, mother, one brother and two sisters have preceded him to the better land. He moved with his father from North Carolina to Indiana at the

age of nine years where he lived and grew to manhood. On 4 November 1849, he was united in marriage to Miss **Sarah J Whitaker** at the home of the bride's parents near Scotland, Greene Co, Indiana. They immediately moved to Scotland and went to housekeeping, living there and in that vicinity until the spring of 1861 when he moved to a farm near Mt Auburn, Christian Co, Illinois, where he resided for about three years when in the winter of 1864, he moved to Macon in order to give his children the advantage of the schools for an education and he has lived in the town and on a farm near there ever since. To this union were born twelve children, 6 boys and 6 girls, namely, **A J Combs** of Moweaqua, **E B Combs** of Macon, **James A Combs** of Douglas, Arizona, **W M Combs** of Macon, **Viola Combs**, who died in infancy, **E S** and **Joel A Combs** of Findlay, Illinois, Mrs. **Gladys Highly** and **Nora Thomlinson** of Macon, Mrs. **Ada Armstrong** of Niantic, Mrs. **Ethel Lindly** and **Sarah Patterson** of Macon, eleven of whom are living and who, with the wife, one brother living in Kansas, two brothers and one sister living in Indiana, are left to mourn his departure. **Jabez Combs** was a member of the Baptist Church at Moweaqua. He had, for more that sixty years, been affiliated with the Baptist Churches in Indiana and Illinois, a glorious service. He was buried in the Macon Cemetery from the Methodist Church of that city. Rev **J N Edmondson**, pastor of the First Baptist church of Moweaqua, assisted by others, conducted the funeral services.

The marriage of **Vollie Sims** and Miss **Irene Parker**, both living near this city occurred Thursday after noon in the presence of a few friends at the home of the officiating minister, Rev **T N Ewing**, pastor of the Grace M E Church in Decatur. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Sims**, southeast of town and is a practical young farmer. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Willis Parker** northeast of Moweaqua and an intelligent young lady well fitted for the duties of a housewife. Mr. and Mrs. **Sims** will reside on one of **I B Hyde's** farms southeast of town this year.

Mrs. **A C Ney**, formerly of Moweaqua, died at her home in Kansas Monday night. The corpse will arrive at Radford on Thursday. A message was received yesterday announcing the death of Mrs. **A C Ney** who passed peacefully away at her home near Bonner, Kansas, Monday evening, after an illness of several months duration. She was the wife of **A C Ney** who was mail carrier for a couple of years on Route No 5 out of this city. She moved with her husband and family to Kansas, hoping that a change of climate might improve her husband's health as well as her own. She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband and eight children. Mrs. **Ney** possessed an admirable Christian character. She was a tender, loving wife, a devoted mother and a sympathizing neighbor. The body will be brought here for burial and is expected to arrive at Radford tomorrow morning. The funeral will probably be held on Friday, but no definite plans have been made.

Rev **C P Pledger**, assistant to Evangelist **W A Sunday**, died of pneumonia at 4:45 AM Thursday morning. Mr. **Pledger** had been in the hospital for several days. He had been gradually growing worse and the last few days there was only small hopes of his recovery.

The marriage of **Jesse Calvin** of this city and Miss **Bessie Montague** of Shelbyville occurred in the latter city on Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock at the home of the officiating minister, **R H Robertson**. The groom is a son of the late **Jesse C Calvin** of Moweaqua and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph A Montague** of Shelbyville.

The three months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Bilyeu** living west of town died Tuesday night from an overdose of German Croup remedy, a patent medicine, which was given for croup. The child was given the dose Tuesday morning by its parents who hoped to relieve the choked condition and cure the disease. A physician was called about three o'clock in the afternoon and

did all that could be done to save the child's life, but it was too late. The parents are almost overcome with grief and have the sympathy of the entire community.

**Samuel Roebuck**, a millionaire octogenarian screen manufacturer, whose supposed eccentricities had caused him to be the center of more or less attention during the last two months, has died of pneumonia at his home in Brooklyn.

Rev **J B McBride** of Princeton, Iowa, one of the oldest Presbyterian ministers of the state, died at his home, aged 88 years. He went to Iowa over sixty years ago. Forty years ago he was a minister in a Cedar Rapids pulpit.

The murder of Miss **Clara Rosen** in Ottumwa, Iowa, remains a mystery. Ten suspects have been arrested, among them a Negro against whom the police claim to have some evidence.

**P Kellum**, editor of the *News* at College Corner, Indiana, was slain by **Clyde Henly**, who then committed suicide soon after the murder.

The body of **Smila Martorfeld**, the belle of the Greek colony at Duquesne, Pennsylvania, was found in the cellar of her home with her throat cut. It is believed she was slain.

Mrs. **Julia Parker Sparks**, widow of Gen **W A J Sparks**, former general land commissioner and later congressman, died in Carlyle at age 73 years. An operation for transfusion of blood prolonged her life only a week.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Winter**, residing 12 miles northwest of Pana, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Their eight children were present at the observance.

**W B Chiseman**, one of the wealthiest and best-known ranch owners of Belle Fourche, South Dakota, lost his life in Monday's blizzard while trying to recover sheep on the plains, some 60 miles northeast of here.

In Muscatine, Iowa, fearing to appear before Judge **Jackson**, charged with corrigibility, **Margaret Markes**, aged 16, eloped with **Joseph Pacey**, tramping through snow to Mayfield, ten miles north of Muscatine on Thursday night. They were almost frozen.

Yantisville news: Mr. **Roy Conley** and Miss **Dessie Macklin** were married at Miss **Macklin's** home on Wednesday night by Rev **Corley**. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Macklin** and Miss **Bessie Corley**. Mr. and Mrs. **Conley** will live on a farm near Prairie Home this year.

Allenboro news: Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Cunningham** attended the wedding of **Roy Shipman** and Miss **Hester Pearson** Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents near Bethany. Also the reception on Thursday at the home of **D W Shipman**.

Fame news: A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ora McDaniel** of Fame on Monday, 15 February 1909.

Prairie Home news: **John E Garman** received a message Friday of the death of his niece, Miss **Mary Black** at her home in Arkansas.

Prairie Home news: **Roy Conley** of Prairie Home and Miss **Dessie Macklin** of Yantisville were married on Wednesday. They will reside on the Stables farm north of Prairie Home.

Macon news: The funeral services of **Jas English**, who died last Friday after an illness of a few weeks, was held Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock from the Presbyterian Church, conducted by Rev **Robt Carson**.

Macon news: The funeral services of **J J Combs** who died Thursday night were held Sunday afternoon from the Methodist church. His death was due to a stroke of paralysis. He was aged 84 years. Rev **Edmondson**, Pastor of the Baptist church of Moweaqua conducted the services. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Richer**, a daughter, 11 February 1909.

Assumption Route 1. **Ed Cocane** and family mourn the loss of their infant babe. It was sick but a few days.

**A J Combs** who was visiting in Moweaqua on account of the serious condition and death of his father, **J J Combs** returned to his home in Haskel, Texas, on Monday.

Word was received here Tuesday evening from Decatur station that a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm McGinley** on 16 February 1909.

After a week's illness incident to old age, Uncle **John Holverson** passed to his eternal home on Wednesday morning, 27 January 1909, at 5 o'clock AM at the home of his nephew, **Henry Olson**, living near Fancy Prairie, Illinois. Funeral services were conducted at the residence by Rev **A R Allison** on Thursday at 11:30 AM after which the remains were taken to Moweaqua, Illinois, for interment. Mr. **Holverson** was a good man and was loved and respected by all who knew him. The following obituary reads: Mr. **John Holverson** was born on 4 August 1827 and he died 27 January 1909, aged 81 years, 5 months and 23 days. He was born in Arendal, Norway, and came to this country about 53 years ago. He was engaged in farming in the vicinity of Indian Point and later moved near Springfield where he resided for a few years. He then purchased a farm near Moweaqua, Illinois, where he resided until the death of his wife on 12 November 1903. The last five years of his life were spent at the home of **H Olson** where he died. He was a member of the Lutheran Church of Macon, Illinois. He was the father of five children, one dying in infancy and the others passing away in early manhood and womanhood. He was survived by eight grandchildren and a large circle of friends.

Wednesday, 24 February 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Henry Bunning** of near Moweaqua and Miss **Frances Zimmerman** were united in marriage in Decatur on Wednesday afternoon. They arrived here Tuesday evening and will go to housekeeping at once in the new house just completed on the groom's farm northeast of town. The groom is one of our most successful farmers and the bride is one of Harvel's brightest and most highly accomplished young ladies.

A pleasant surprise party was given Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J B Simpson** in the east part of town in honor of the 16<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter, **Viola Simpson**. About 35 guests were present and spent the evening playing games. Refreshments were served and an enjoyable time was had by all.

The marriage of **Frank Sheffler** of Prairie Home and Miss **Helen Campbell** of Mechanicsburg occurred Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **F P Sheffler**, living near Prairie Home, and is an industrious and intelligent young man, having won honors in his classes in the Millikin University in which school he has been a student the past two years. The bride is said to be a handsome and accomplished young lady, well qualified for the position as mistress of a home of which an exemplary young man is the head. Mr. and Mrs. **Scheffler** will reside this year on a farm near Mechanicsburg, owned by the bride's mother. Those attending from here were **F P Sheffler** and family, **C H Sheffler** and daughter, **Zella**, Mrs. **Mary Carpenter** and **DeForest Baird**.

Mrs. **Hannah Walter** died 18 February 1909 of heart trouble and other diseases consequent to old age at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Allie Wessels**, 4 ½ miles east of Oconee at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 23 days. She was born in Wurtenburg, Germany, and immigrated to America at the age of 8 years. She settled near Springfield, Illinois, afterwards moving to Boody, Illinois, and then to Shelby County, 2 ½ miles southeast of Radford where she lived most of the time for 30 years. She was married to **Michael Walter** in 1857. He preceded her to the other world twenty-two years ago. To this union were born eight children, two whom died in

childhood, a son and a daughter. Those remaining to mourn the loss of a kind mother are **William Walter, Henry and Mike Walter** of near Radford, **George Walter** and Mrs. **Allie Wessels** of near Oconee, and Mrs. **Lizzie Akenhauser** of Denver, Colorado. She was honest and upright in dealing with her neighbors and by her industrious and economical habits, she assisted her children in acquiring homes for themselves. It was her desire to have them all prosper and live in peace and harmony. May her rest be peaceful as the life she lived. Funeral services were conducted at the Salem M E Church, Saturday afternoon, 20 February by Rev **F W Nickel**. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Miss **Elizabeth Marshall** was hostess at a novelty shower at her home north of town Thursday night given in honor of Miss **Myrtle Rinehart**. The prospective bride was made to perform a number of practical stunts, which every housewife is supposed to have a thorough knowledge. Fourteen guests were present, all of whom lent a willing hand in assisting Miss **Rinehart** in cutting, fitting, and sewing such garments as the practical housekeeper has to make. Refreshments were served and all had an enjoyable time.

**Harley Abraham** of near Obed and Miss **Lelah Housh** of Pleak were married in St Louis last Tuesday. The groom is the second son of Wm Abraham and the bride is a daughter of **P B Housh**.

The funeral of Mrs. **A C Ney** who passed away at her home near Bonner Springs, Kansas, on Monday, 15 February 1909, took place at the Salem M E Church southeast of town on Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Rev. **Theodore Ludwig** and Rev **Nickel** officiated. **Rosa Amelia Ney**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Winter**, was born in Macon County, Illinois, 11 June 1867, her age at the time of her death was 41 years, 8 months and 4 days. In 1878 she moved with her parents to Shelby County, living southeast of Moweaqua where she grew to womanhood. She leaves to mourn her departure, a husband, two children, father, mother, four sisters, three brothers, and a host of friends. On 23 December 1890, she was united in marriage to **Albert C Ney**, to which union were born four children, **Clara Frances, Carl W, Edith**, who preceded her to the spirit world at nine years of age, and **Clarence Ney**, who died in infancy. Soon after marriage, she moved with her husband to Louisiana where they resided until December 1902 when they went to Bonner Springs, Kansas, to reside. In the following year on account of ill health, they returned to Moweaqua where they had lived until September 1908 when they moved again to Kansas. She was an affectionate wife and a loving mother, always a friend to those in need, especially the aged or suffering. She was ever ready to sacrifice her own comfort to minister to her loved ones. She was converted in her youth and joined the M E Church and lived a consistent Christian life until her death.

Obed news: **Harley Abraham** and Miss **Lee Housh** were married in St Louis one day last week. Saturday being **Charles Weakley's** birthday, about 30 of his friends planned a surprise on him. The affair was in the nature of an oyster supper (and Charles was sure reminded of the day). The evening was spent in games until a late hour when all departed wishing him many more birthdays.

Allenboro news: **Henry Bunning** and Miss **Frances Zimmerman** of Harvel were married in Decatur on Wednesday. They are expected her the first of the week where the groom has a new house just completed on his farm where they will go to housekeeping at once.

Prairie Home news: **Wm Conley** and Miss **Ora B LaCost** were married by Rev **Mason** at the home of the bride's mother on Wednesday, 17 February 1909. They will reside on the farm recently vacated by **Preston Thompson**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Query** of Fame have a daughter born to them 21 February 1909.

No school was held in Pleak on Friday owing to the funeral services of Mrs. **Albert Ney** who passed away in Bonner Springs, Kansas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Thomas**, a daughter on 21 February 1909.

**Wayne Ponting** and wife celebrated his birthday on Monday, it being his birthday, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting**.

Wednesday, 3 March 1909 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**James Marshall** and Miss **Myrtle Rinehart** were married at the Baptist Church Sunday at 6 PM in the presence of a large company of invited guests by the Rev **J N Edmondson**, pastor of the church. The ring ceremony was used, and Miss **Elizabeth Marshall**, sister of the bridegroom was the bridesmaid, and Mr. **Wallace Gordon** the best man. Others in the party were Mr. and Mrs. **P L Drew**, **Emery Marshall** and **Elva Leaf**, **Harley Gregory** and **Edna Leaf**. As Miss **Rosella Thomas** presided at the organ and played the Lohengrin wedding march, the wedding party advanced to the altar where the bride elect was presented by her sister, Miss **Elva Rinehart**. The church was tastefully decorated in colors of white and green - potted plants in profusion. Hearts and Flowers was played during the ceremony and while the ceremony was being pronounced. After the wedding a reception was held in the parlor of the parsonage. Miss **Rinehart** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Rinehart** of Jonesboro, Illinois, having been born and reared in that town. She is of an honorable and respected family and is a member of the Baptist Church at her old home. During the past year she has made her home with Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Snell** in this city. The groom is a son of Mrs. **Phoeba Marshall** north of town and is one of our most industrious and practical young farmers. Having grown to manhood here he has a wide circle of friends who wish him and his esteemed wife all the happiness and prosperity life can give. The couple will reside west of Moweaqua.

The marriage of **Harlow Burgener** of Moweaqua and Miss **Nelle Smith** was solemnized in St Louis Sunday, 21 February 1909, at the Laclede Hotel. Rev **W D Pittman** of the Christian church officiated. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Cal Smith** who for many years were residents of Shelby County, but moved to Colorado about two years ago. The groom is a son of **Christopher Burgener** and is an industrious young farmer. The report that the young people had never met until last Sunday in St Louis is a little bit of hot air stirred up by the *Globe Democrat* newspaper of that city. They have been acquainted for years and close ties of friendship had formed between them before the young lady went west. The young couple arrived in this city one day last week and will reside on a farm east of town this year.

Age is of no barrier when it comes to getting married. **Aquilla McGrath** is a farmer of Flat Branch township, Shelby county, and **Euphemia James** of Westervelt, four miles northeast of Pana, were married at the groom's home on Friday evening. The groom has seen 73 winters and the bride 63 summers. The strangest part of the affair is that both of the contracting parties had been married four times before, this making their fifth venture on the matrimonial seas. The license was procured by the bride. (*Pana Review*)

Mr. **Ambrose Gilliland**, one of Moweaqua's oldest and respected citizens passed away at his home in this city Monday afternoon, after a brief illness from pneumonia. His age was 79 years, 1 month and 17 days. He was a man who had a rugged constitution and enjoyed good health the most of his life. He was uptown Friday afternoon but went home early in the evening, having had a chill. His condition grew rapidly worse until the end came on Monday afternoon. He was universally esteemed and respected for his upright and honorable dealings with his fellow men and as a citizen and neighbor he had few superiors. He was a man of considerable wealth,

owning 280 acres of land adjoining Moweaqua, which he purchased for \$65 per acre and would probably sell now for \$200 per acre. He was a member of the G.A.R. Post of Moweaqua, Odd Fellows and Masons and was always a faithful attendant to all their meetings. Mr. **Gilliland** was born in Thornville, Ohio, 14 January 1830 and grew to manhood there. In 1855 he came to Shelbyville, Illinois, where he worked as a section foreman on the Big Four Railroad for a number of years. On 10 March 1856, he was united in marriage with Miss **Elizabeth Starns** in St Mary's, Ohio. To them were born four children, one of whom died in infancy. Those living are **Mary M, Eva, and Thomas A Gilliland**. He tried farming for a few years but when the call came for volunteers during the Civil War he enlisted in the 116<sup>th</sup> Illinois infantry and went to the front to save his country surviving in the war three years. After the war he was appointed clerk in the freight office at Moweaqua and was afterward appointed as station agent in which capacity he served until 1887 when he resigned his position and has since lived a retired life. Mrs. **Gilliland** dying on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of December 1879, he was again united in marriage to Mrs. **Lillie Hargrove** on 7 August 1887. To this union four children were born, one dying in infancy. Those living are **Elsworth, Grace and Leland**, who, with their mother and many friends are left to mourn his departure. The funeral services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Methodist church. Rev **Edmondson** pastor of the Baptist church officiated with the G.A.R. Post in charge and Odd Fellows and Masons attending in a body. A quartette composed of Dr **Sparling, C F Gaskill, T J Haslam and J E Longenbaugh** sang a number of appropriate selections. Pallbearers were **J L Klump, Dr Kyner, Wilbur Gregory, Wm Morris, J C Wilson and Chas Ahl**. Interment was in the north cemetery where the G. A. R. ritualistic services were held.

Miss **Myrtle Rinehart**, now Mrs. **Jas Marshall**, was the recipient of a kitchen shower given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **P L Drew**. During the evening a program consisting of music, both vocal and instrumental and select readings was rendered. About twenty friends were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent. Refreshments were served.

A **male baby**, probably two weeks old, was found hanging from girders of the railroad bridge a few miles west of Sterling. It was strangled to death and wrapped in several Chicago newspapers, which lead the police to believe the parents probably resided in Chicago.

Springfield news: Coroner **Rhodes** held an inquest into the circumstances of the death of **Charles Mulvany** who was found dead at the Wiggins farm. Evidence tended to show that **Mulvany** was a heavy drinker. His wife stated that at the time he left the house on the night of the Lincoln centennial celebration, he looked as if he was crazy.

The trial of **Albert Haag** on a charge of killing his father, **A H Haag** of Cullon was begun in Pontiac.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Workman**, a girl, 22 February 1909. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Bridgman**, a daughter on 26 February. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Hilvety**, a twelve-pound boy, 25 February 1909.

### Wednesday, 10 March 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Lemuel Parker**, one of the oldest citizens of the community, died at his home near Moweaqua on Wednesday evening about 5 o'clock PM of heart trouble. He was aged 81 years, 5 months and 27 days. Mr. **Parker**, having lived in this community for over half a century is known by a great many and those who knew him best loved him most. He was known as a kind and loving husband and father, a true friend and neighbor, and one who every day liveth in accord with the Golden Rule. He was a good citizen and as such took a deep interest in the moral welfare, not

only of his community, but of the state and nation as well. He was fair-minded and liberal in his views but unalterably opposed to dishonesty and duplicity in any walk of life. His words of counsel and advice will be missed by those who associated with him, but their lives will be the better because of having known him. **Lemuel Parker** was born 6 September 1827 in Cayugar Co, New York, the son of **Mathias** and **Susanah Parker**. When only eight years old his father died, and from that time he was compelled to earn his own living. At the age of eighteen, he came to Illinois and engaged in cutting cordwood in the Mississippi bottom near Quincy. Owing to a spring flood carrying away the wood he had cut during the winter, he was obliged to take charge of a small stock of merchandise in Peoria, Illinois, to secure his pay. After a short mercantile career, he disposed of his holding and returned to farm life in Pike County, Illinois. Here he was married in 1855 to Miss **Cena A Parker**, and the following year 1856 he moved to near Moweaqua and settled on the farm on which he lived until his death. To this union were born seven children, four of whom died in infancy, and three, **Willis F Parker**, **Chas M Parker** and Mrs. **Lydia A Bullock**, nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren, all of Moweaqua survive him. His wife preceded him to the better land on 27 May 1902 since which time his children have cared for him at the old Parker homestead. Mr. **Parker** is the last of a family of four, one brother and two sisters, but he is survived by three half brothers, **Jackson**, **Daniel**, and **James DeWitt**, and one half sister, Mrs. **Minerva Parker**, all residents of Iowa, except **James**, who resides in Pike County, Illinois. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at the Methodist church of this city. Rev **Edmondson** officiated. The pallbearers were **Luther Hilvety**, **Eugene Harper**, **Oscar Adamson**, **Floyd Tolson**, **Wm Thomas** and **Geo Shroll**. Interment in the cemetery southeast of town.

*Mrs. Gilliland's Death* - Passed peacefully away at her home in this city about 8 o'clock - funeral this afternoon. A pall of gloom has once more been cast over this community because of the death of Mrs. **Ambrose Gilliland** which occurred at her home in this city on Monday evening, 8 March 1909, after a brief illness from pneumonia. Her age was 50 years, 11 months and 22 days. Her death is doubly sad, following so soon after that of her husband, being only a few hours over a week. Another home is suddenly broken up and those of her household will long for a mother's counsel and loving sympathy. She was a woman of strong Christian character, patient, loving and self-sacrificing. She has been a member of the Presbyterian Church nearly all her life and was a member of the Rebekah Lodge for a number of years.

**Lillian D Potter Gilliland** was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 14 March 1858 and was united in marriage with **Wm Hargroves** on 12 March 1876. To this union was born one son, **Arnold Hargroves** who resides in Decatur. Her husband having died, she was united in marriage with **Ambrose Gilliland** of this city on 7 August 1887, and to them four children were born, one dying in infancy. Those living are **Ellsworth Gilliland**, **Grace** and **Leland Gilliland**, these, with four brothers, **I H Potter**, **M M Potter**, and **H M Potter** of Decatur and **E E Potter** of Litchfield, and two sisters, Mrs. **Ella Snyder** and Mrs. **J S Miller**, both of Moweaqua are left to mourn her departure. Services were held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock PM at the Presbyterian Church. Rev **Irwin** officiated.

Miss **Leola Miller** of Shelby County united in marriage with **Earl Deimer** of Belle Plain, Kansas. It was an ideal winter day in Kansas, 24 February 1909. The sun spread her most beautiful rays over all, the air rang with the beautiful notes of the birds, while the wedding bells rang out the marriage of Mr. **Earl Deimer** and Miss **Leola Miller** at 3 o'clock PM in the Christian church at Wellsville, Kansas. Rev **Roy Smith** officiated. The bride wore a dainty cream-colored gown and carried a wreath of daisies. The groom wore the conventional black.

Miss **Ona Spence** acted as bridesmaid and Mr. **Floyd Miller**, a brother of the bride as groomsman. After the ceremony and hearty congratulations, the happy couple made their way through the showers of rice to the bride's home where a most delicious supper awaited them. During the evening a reception was tendered them. About twenty young people were present and spent the evening in games and music. The bride is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Miller**, formerly of Obed, Illinois, now a resident of Kansas. She is a bright and attractive young lady with many accomplishments. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Deimer**, and is a well to do farmer of Belle Plain, Kansas, with many good qualities as a man. He has a house nicely furnished in which they will go to housekeeping after a brief visit with friends.

*Dr Harriet M Day of this city becomes the wife of Mr. Elkin Chandler of Decatur.* The marriage of Mr. **Elkin Chandler** of Decatur and Miss **Harriet M Day** of this city occurred Tuesday evening in Chicago at the home of the bride's aunt, Miss **Emma March** in the presence of a few members of the family, Mrs. **Day**, Mrs. **M E Morton**, Miss **Mary C Day** and a few friends. The ceremony was performed by Dr **Mitchell** of St James M E Church. Dr **Day** was one of Moweaqua's most highly accomplished and esteemed ladies, a daughter of Mrs. **H F Day** and from early childhood, Moweaqua has been her home though many years were spent in Chicago fitting herself for the practice of medicine. She graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1902 and returned to Moweaqua for the practice of her chosen profession where she built up a large and lucrative practice and has been one of the most successful practitioners in Central Illinois. In order that she might broaden her knowledge of the profession, she spent last summer abroad visiting many hospitals and medical institutions. Possessing that gentle fascination of grace and manner that inspires confidence and esteem, she has endeared herself to a host of friends who will regret to see her leave Moweaqua but will ever hold her in endearing remembrances. Mr. **Chandler** is a member of the firm of **Chandler and Gray**, automobile dealers of Decatur and has, for many years, been the Central Illinois representatives of **Nelson Baker and Co**, a wholesale drug company of Detroit, Michigan, and in which his business trips to Moweaqua has won the friendship of many of the business people in town. About six months ago he established a first class garage in Decatur and became a dealer in automobiles. Mr. and Mrs. **Chandler** will reside for the present, until their permanent home is in readiness at 571 W Prairie Avenue, Decatur, and will be home to friends and relatives after 15 April 1909. Dr **H M Duckwall** has purchased the entire stock of drugs of Dr **Day** and will move into the suite of rooms formerly occupied by her. He will open his office in Moweaqua on Thursday.

Notice of final settlement on the estate of **Thomas Hudson, Jr.**, deceased will be made on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of March 1909 at the courthouse in Shelby County, Illinois. **Ralph W Snyder**, executor.

**John Holverson**, who passed away several weeks ago at the home of his nephew, **Henry Olson** at Fancy Prairie, provides in his will that his entire estate go to his widow, **Gunella Holverson**, including a 40-acre farm in Christian county. At her death the estate is to be divided share and share alike between his daughter, **Anna Tackelson**, stepson, **Thos Tackelson** and the children of his deceased son, **Henry Holverson**. He provided that his direct heirs pay his granddaughter, **Anna Rosenbarger** - \$150. The will names **Valentine Snyder, Jr.** as executor.

Macon news: Miss **Maud Andrews** entertained a number of her lady friends last Saturday evening in honor of Miss **Lena Draper** whose engagement to Mr. **Tom Hoskins** of Alabama was announced during the evening. The house was beautifully decorated in hearts and the game

of progressive hearts was played during the evening. Present were Mesdames **J M Turner, Fred Wilson, M Chamberlain, J Edmondson, W B Traugher, H R Woodcock, O E Daggett, Karl Hoover, Wm Schuyler, Misses Ruth Edmondson, Lilly and Lena Draper, Bernice and Ida Higgins, Jessie Whittaker and Mae Jacobs.**

Mr. and Mrs. **Clem Scribner** have a new baby girl who arrived at their home on 4 March 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Parker** attended the funeral of the latter's brother in law, **Benjamin Bridgman** at Vandalia on Monday of last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eli Leaf**, a son born 4 March 1909.

Mrs. **H F Day** went to Chicago the first of the week to be present at the marriage of her daughter, Miss **Harriet M Day.**

Word was received here Tuesday announcing the death of the little three-year-old son of Rev and Mrs. **A D Cooper** which occurred at their home in St Joseph, Missouri, on Tuesday of last week. The funeral was held in the Baptist church of which Rev **Cooper** was pastor, conducted by the five ministers of the city.

**W H Vandeventer** came up from Vernon, Illinois, to attend the funeral of **Ambrose Gilliland.**

**Wednesday, 17 March 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**SHOOTING AFFRAY!** **Orlie Hill**, manager of a Nickelodeon in this city shoots **Leon Scarlette.** Death came Friday! **Hill** is arrested on charge of murder and sent to Shelbyville in the custody of the sheriff. Preliminary hearing yesterday. Released on bond. A blot is once more placed upon Moweaqua's fair name by a shooting affray, which occurred in Ribelin's Hall where a nickelodeon had been in operation all winter under the direction and management of **Orlie Hill**, a wealthy man about 35 years of age. **Leon 'Slate' Scarlette** and a few of his friends were occupying rear seats in the hall and were making considerable noise, more than the proprietor thought should be tolerated. These men, it is alleged had attended a beer drinking early in the evening and went to the theatre considerably under the influence of the liquor, taking seats on the back of their chairs. Manager **Hill** quietly stepped over to the men and asked them to get down and be quiet. It is said the men became very noisy and abusive then Mr. **Hill** ordered them out of the place and stepped to the ticket window and gave them their money back. **Scarlette** demanded more money, where upon the refusal of the manager to give him the amount he asked, became over abusive with threats of violence and with oaths told Mr. **Hill** they would get him when he came out. The ejected parties were slow in leaving and when **Scarlette** had reached the fourth step descending, he turned and again began to curse and threaten Mr. **Hill** when he followed after **Scarlette** and gave him a push with his foot in the back precipitating him to the bottom of the steps though **Scarlette** remained on his feet. Angered with that kind of treatment and with threats of violence and amid shouts of "Go get him" by his friends, it is alleged **Scarlette** ascended the stairs and followed Mr. **Hill** inside, through the swinging doors, and grabbed him and struck him, knocking partially down, when it is said Mr. **Hill** fired a revolver. **Scarlette** staggered and then as though dazed, went down the side aisle of the hall, but came back immediately. **Scarlette**, it is alleged grabbed a chair and started toward the manager, who was then in the ticket office. But he evidently began to feel his wound and did not go any further. **Hill** called to some men to 'Take him away from here' and they did. The wounded man was taken to Dr **Sparling's** office where with Drs **Duckwall** and **Bowman** an examination disclosed the fact that the bullet had penetrated **Scarlette's** abdomen and that he was seriously, if not fatally wounded. The wounded man was taken to St Mary's Hospital where he died Friday morning. Immediately after the shooting, **Hill** gave himself up to Deputy Sheriff **Housh** and a

Justice of the Peace was sent for who issued a warrant on a complaint, charging **Hill** with 'an assault with a deadly weapon.' The preliminary hearing was set for Friday morning and Mr. **Hill** was released on bond. After Mr. **Scarlette's** death, the charge was changed to murder and **Hill** was taken to Shelbyville and placed in the custody of the sheriff who allowed the prisoner to remain at a hotel under guard to await the preliminary examination, which was held yesterday in the city. Sheriff **Heinz** arrived with Mr. **Hill** on the early train for the trial and the case began at 10 o'clock AM. State's Attorney **F E Latch** conducted the prosecution while attorneys **D W Williamson** of Edwardsville, **Wm Chew** of Shelbyville and **S S Clapper** of this city defended Mr. **Hill**. The evidence in this trial was practically the same as the foregoing statement and showed conclusively that **Hill** did all he could to get away from **Scarlette**, but was seized by him and held by the neck and received repeated blows upon the head before the fatal shot was fired. The court decided that **Hill** should be held to meet the action of the Grand Jury, but that the crime is not murder with malice aforethought, but it is a crime of manslaughter and, therefore, the prisoner should be admitted to bail and fixed the amount at \$5,000. The bond was quickly given with **V Snyder** and **Ralph W Snyder** as bondsmen.

*Facts about Hill:* **Orlie Hill** is a single man and came to this city last fall where he has since been conducting a moving picture show. He was formerly a stockbroker at which business he has gained considerable wealth. He owns a drug store in the south part of the state, which he bought at Sheriff's sale and owns property in several other cities. Mr. **Hill** says the report that he owns two saloons is false and states further that he has not even seen his stock of drugs in the store mentioned above. Mr. **Hill** is of a reticent disposition, and since he has been in this city has conducted himself in a quiet, peaceable manner and appears to be a gentleman with considerable polish and manners. He has a brother and sister in California and one brother in Florida. He is resting easy and says he has not fears as to the outcome of the final trial.

*Scarlette's funeral held:* The funeral of **Leon 'Slate' Scarlette** was held Sunday afternoon from the home of his brother, **Delos Scarlette**. Rev **J N Edmondson**, pastor of the Baptist church officiated. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery southeast of town. Many beautiful floral offerings were sent by friends from here and from Decatur. A lovely sheaf of pink carnations and ferns was given by the Moweaqua ball team, in which Mr. **Scarlette** was a pitcher and main stay of the crack Moweaqua team in 1905 and 1906 when all visiting teams were defeated.

**Omar Leon Scarlette** was born in Moweaqua on 5 February 1879. His father, **Bartley Scarlette** was, for several years, police magistrate of this city and later served as postmaster during Cleveland's final term. When the boy was twelve years age the family moved to Champaign, but remained there only about 18 months, going from there to Chicago where they lived about seven months and then returned to Moweaqua. Here he learned the cigar business from **Harry Staunton** and worked at this trade for some time. He became a pitcher in the Moweaqua baseball team in 1901 and played with the team several seasons. He was also a coal miner. His parents are both dead. He leaves on sister, Mrs. **E E Bussey** of Taylorville, and two brothers, **William** of California and **Delos Scarlette** of Moweaqua.

**Ray Scribner** died at the home of his parents in this city Sunday morning after a long illness - Funeral is Tuesday afternoon. The death of **Ray Scribner** occurred at his home in this city Sunday morning after a long illness from pulmonary trouble. One year ago this month he went to Chattanooga, Tennessee, for his health. In June last, he went to Colorado where he remained until last October when he returned home and except being part of the time with his sister, Mrs. **G W Harris** of Peoria, he has been with his homefolks in Moweaqua. He took his bed about two months ago and has borne his severe suffering bravely and patiently until the end came

Sunday morning at 6 o'clock AM. **Ray Northcutt Scribner**, the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. **James Harvey Scribner**, was born in Blue Mound, Illinois, on 8 July 1884 and died in Moweaqua, Illinois on 14 March 1909, aged 24 years, 8 months and 6 days. While he was still young the family moved to their farm west of Moweaqua where **Ray** remained until he was seventeen years old. The next year he attended the Moweaqua High School. The following year he attended Brown's Business College in Decatur. He then worked for about four years for the Bell's Drug Store, Decatur. This being most too confining for him, he worked for one with his brother, Leslie on the home farm west of town where in the fall he contracted a disease known as typhoid pneumonia. This proved to be the beginning of a long and serious sickness, which finally resulted in his death. The funeral was held at the Methodist church in this city on Tuesday afternoon with Rev **J P Edgar** officiating, assisted by Rev **Edmondson**. Pallbearers were **R C Doake, Wm Eperly, Ear Scanlon, Geo Tierney, Earl Keckley** and **Claire Watson** of Decatur, all friends of the deceased. The remains were laid to rest in the North Cemetery. On Wednesday, 10 March 1909, the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Reed** of Yantisville, was remembered in a fitting respect by their children who presented to their father and mother, an elegant gold watch apiece, as tributes of respect and appreciation of their parents. The Misses **Alkires** of Assumption, nieces of Mr. and Mrs. **Reed** presented them a large gold spoon, which was highly appreciated by Mr. and Mrs. **Reed**. Many of the neighbors and friends were in attendance and enjoyed the day in such a sociable way, demonstrating the fact that nobody can be better entertained than at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Reed**. About the noon hour by Mr. **Reed's** watch, the guests were invited to a dinner served by the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. **Reed**, unexcelled in bounty, modern in variety, up to date in quality and was served with such cheerful and generous manners as to cause appetites to be appeased after a long hard fought struggle to capture and imprison the dinner as though it were the only enemy of the occasion. Uncle **Sol Yantis** reminded us of the 'boy on the burning deck'. But had to surrender and within a few minutes, after, reinforcements came till no one would have known that such a conflict had ensued unless you had interviewed Uncle **Sol** instead of the dinner table. Those present and serving valiantly in the days engagements were **G W Yantis, Jas Weir, Henry Yantis** and wife, **Sol Yantis** and wife, **Jim French** and Mother, Mr. and Mrs. **Carter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Syfert**, Mr. and Mrs. **Fraily**, Mr. and Mrs. **Pres Hunter**, Mrs. **Levi Corley** and daughter, and the 'Gizzard Eater'. Mr. and Mrs. **Reed** are enjoying fairly good health. Their daughters, Mrs. **Effie Rawlings** of Colorado, Mrs. **Hall** of Patoka, Illinois, **O T** and **Homer** and Miss **Flora Reed** were at home, only **Oscar** of Shreveport, Louisiana, being absent. Mrs. **French** was the only one present who was at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. **Reed** 50 years ago. Uncle **Joe** says there are many changes in the ways of the people now from that of fifty years ago. At that time they never had the table so elegantly adorned at the meals as they do now, they never ate pie with a fork; there was only one buggy in his part of Indiana, young people rode horseback or walked; they used instead of chewing gum and candy, maple sugar and persimmons as luxuries. Moweaqua - **Ambrose Gilliland** is dead. **Gilliland** got the capital prize in a Louisiana lottery about twenty years ago just before the government broke up the business. Holding the lucky number, he drew one fifth of \$75,000. Col **Charles H Weygant**, who commanded the famous One Hundred and Twenty-fourth New York volunteers, known as the '**Orange Blossoms**' dropped dead of heart disease while sitting at his desk writing in Newburg, New York. He was seventy years old.

Capt **Merrit H Insley**, one of the oldest and wealthiest citizens of Leavenworth, Kansas, died, aged 75. Capt **Insley** served with distinction through the Civil War and was one of the special guards appointed to guard the White House in 1861.

Prairie Home news: Miss **Ella McClelland** of near Pleak is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. **Harris Baird**.

Elm Grove news: Last Thursday being Mrs. **Pontius'** birthday her children came home to spend the day with her. All were present except Mrs. **Corley** of Westervelt. Her friends and neighbors remembered her with a postal shower. She received over 300 cards.

**J H Kirker** received a telegram one day last week announcing the death of his brother, **W E Kirker** of Lincoln, Nebraska. The cause of his death was pneumonia.

**Curtis Leaf** was very pleasantly surprised at his home in this city Thursday night by about twenty of his friends. The affair was given in honor of his sixteenth birthday. The evening was most pleasantly spent in playing games. Refreshments were served. **Curtis** was the recipient of an elegant ring, the gift from the guests.

Wednesday, 24 March 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The death of Miss **Mabel Hempel**, a former Moweaqua girl, occurred at her home in Decatur early Wednesday morning from consumption, which was the culmination of a severe attack of pneumonia. She spent several months in the south and west hoping to regain her health but failed. Her age was 20 years. Miss **Hempel** was born in Moweaqua and moved with her mother to Decatur about eight years ago where she has since lived. During the past seven years she has been one of the efficient clerks in Linn and Scruggs store. The funeral was held Friday afternoon in Decatur. She has many friends in Moweaqua who regret her untimely death.

Sometimes in the beautiful sun kissed springtime the little flower we welcome as the snowdrop, droops and dies, but its delicate face has inspired us to hope and perfumed our lives with thoughts of purity. It was so with "our baby". **Harry Jordan Longenbaugh**, the twin son of Mr. and Mrs. **J E Longenbaugh**, who passed away Thursday night at age one month and nine days. The sunshine of love could not warm his life nor the affection of parenthood beguile him from drooping. His breath went out like the exhalation of a sweetly fragrant minion of the woodland and in his stead is left only a holy and beautiful memory. Services were conducted at the family residence on Saturday morning. The small body was laid to rest in the West cemetery. **Helen Day, Mildred Frazee, Goldie Wempen** and **Goldie Proctor** acting as honorary pallbearers.

The marriage of **Chas W Hudson** of this city and Miss **Gertrude Pouley** of Macon was solemnized Thursday afternoon in Springfield, Judge **J W Owens** officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Pouley** of Macon. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Joshua Hudson** of this city. The young couple will make their home in Moweaqua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F Fowler** on 16 March 1909, a fine son.

Macon news: Mrs. **Felix Beschle** of Decatur was in town Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Florence Browning**.

Pleak news: **Homer Pinkston** and wife attended the funeral of the latter's sister in Decatur and also the burial at Shady Grove.

Saturday evening about forty persons gathered at the home of **F P Sheffler**, as a surprise to **Frank Sheffler, Jr.** who was recently married. The crowd gave the bride and groom a regular serenade for a while but finally quieted down and went inside. Games were played and several initiations were enjoyed. Refreshments were served. (Prairie Home news)

Pana news: **Leone Scarlette** died in the hospital from a bullet wound alleged to have been inflicted by **Orlie Hill** of Moweaqua. **Hill** was out on bond but was afterwards arrested and brought to Pana. He was later taken to Shelbyville on a charge of murder.

Greenville: In an outbuilding at his home in Sorento, **William T Enloe**, a politician in Shoe Creek Township was found dead by his wife. Death was due to heart disease. He was about 73 years old and was an old soldier.

Leaf River: **Joseph B Kealing** of Indianapolis former United States District Attorney for Indiana, married Mrs. **Leora E Franken** at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Meyers**.

Pana: **David Andrew**, 78 years old, resident of this city for 60 years died after a lingering illness.

**Chas Colbert** was called to Windsor Thursday on account of the serious illness of his mother. Mrs. **Colbert's** death occurred Friday night. Funeral was held on Sunday afternoon.

Wednesday, 31 March 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Helen Irene Querry**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Querry** who passed away Sunday 28 March 1909, at the age of one month and seven days. The little one was never well and death came as a release from its sufferings, although the heartbroken parents feel that their loss is almost greater than they can bear. A short funeral service was held at the home on Tuesday morning conducted by Elder **B Smock** after which the remains were taken to Union cemetery near Oreana, Illinois, for interment, there to await the coming of Him who said, 'Suffer the little children and forbid them not, to come unto me, for such is the kingdom of Heaven.'

The marriage of **Ralph Simpson** of Decatur and **Minnie Stiner** of this city was solemnized Wednesday afternoon in Maroa, Rev **Harding** officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Stiner** and is a highly esteemed young lady. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **J G Simpson**. The young couple will make their home in Decatur.

**T L Miller** of Paxton, aged 79 years, a pioneer settler, is dead from paralysis followed by pneumonia. He left three children and numerous other relatives. Mr. **Miller** was a California emigrant in 1849 and acquired a fortune in gold and stocks. He also left a 200-acre farm near Paxton. His funeral services were held from the Christian church.

An Italian, supposed to be **Luigi Garaventa**, on the way from Reno, Nevada, to Italy, was found unconscious on the Illinois Central tracks near Perry, Illinois. Upon his body was nearly \$400 in gold. **Luigi** was attacked for purposes of robbery and thrown from the train. He was fatally hurt.

Pontiac: **Albert Haag**, who was found guilty of manslaughter in the circuit court here ten days ago was sentenced to the Joliet penitentiary Judge **Patton** for an indefinite period. **Haag**, who is but 22 years of age, was tried and found guilty of killing his father last July.

Pueblo, Colorado, the remains of **Peter Dieter**, a young rancher of near Pueblo was found buried under a straw stack yesterday by ranchers. Two bullet holes were found in the body.

Sterling: The three months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Null**, living west of this city, was smothered to death while sleeping between the couple in bed.

Danville: **John Willeford**, alleged murderer of **Noah File** of Reno was denied bail in the circuit court and was committed to jail to await the September term.

Taylorville: Mrs. **Elijah A Miller**, 79 years old, died after an hour's illness. She was a former resident of Sangamon County.

Tuscola: **William Haddo**, 17 years old, the night caller for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois railroad at Villa Grove, was killed instantly when struck by the yard engine there.

Freeport: **John Elliott**, a resident of Queenstown, Ireland, threw himself in front of a St Paul railroad train and was killed. He had a ticket home in his pocket.

Virginia: **William Stephenson**, 96 years old, the oldest resident of Cass County, died at the family residence near little Havana.

Fame news: The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Querry** died on Sunday afternoon at their home east of Assumption. Mr. and Mrs. **Querry** have the sympathy of their many friends in their sad bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Rettig** have a new daughter, born 20 March 1909.

Notice of final settlement in the estate of **Nathan Humphrey**, deceased. Final settlement will be made on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 1909. **Walter Humphrey, Nathan Humphrey**, executors.

Notice of final settlement in the estate of **Patrick Dowd**, deceased. Final settlement will be made on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 1909. **Wm J Dowd**, Executor.

Births: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ewing Davis** on 21 March 1909, a boy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas W Roff**, 21 March 1909, a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Haner**, 14 March 1909, a girl. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Jordan**, a son, 26 March 1909.

**J S Yohe** of this city is exhibiting an elegant gold-headed cane, the gift of his son, **J E Yohe** of Decatur as a birthday present.

Wednesday, 7 April 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Velma Clipston**, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Clipston**, living three and one half miles north east of Moweaqua, died at the home of her parents Monday morning after an illness of about three weeks. Her illness started with La Grippe, which suddenly developed into pneumonia. Her age was 13 years, 7 months and 4 days. She was bright, happy, and a cheerful girl, and always carried sunshine with her wherever she went. She had always a smile and a pleasant word for her friends and companions. Her death comes as a dark shadow to friends and relatives who loved her so dearly. She leaves to mourn her departure, her parents, four sisters, one brother and two aged grandmothers, Mrs. **M Tolson** and Mrs. **J R Clipston**. The funeral services were held at the family residence this morning at 10 o'clock AM. Rev **J P Edgar**, Pastor of the M E Church officiated. Interment was in the North Cemetery.

**J C Tryon**, a former citizen of Moweaqua, died at his home in Monte Vista, Colorado, after an illness of only four days from pneumonia. He had not been in good health for some time being afflicted with Bright's disease, but the immediate cause of his death was pneumonia. He had talked of coming back to Illinois to live among old friends and spend his last days. His age was sixty years. Mr. **Tryon** was born in Green County, Indiana, in 1849 and grew to manhood there. About the age of twenty-four, he came to Illinois and located near Macon, later residing near Moweaqua. For several years he resided in town and three years ago he moved to Colorado for the health of his wife. He was united with the Methodist church and remained a member of the church until his death. In the spring of 1874 he was united in marriage to Miss **Bertha Putch**, and to this union thirteen children were born, twelve of whom, with the wife, are left to mourn his departure. Of the children who were present at the funeral were Mrs. **Sallie Hadden**, Mrs. **Lewis Moss** and **Ray Tryon** of near Blue Mound, Mrs. **Mamie Halbert** of near East St Louis, Mrs. **Gertie Vulmer** of Pana. One sister, Mrs. **Osborn** of Bedford, Indiana, one brother, **Thomas** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **Rosa Lovell**, **Otto Putch**, Mrs. **Jas Gabriel**, and Mrs. **Lina Baford** of Macon and vicinity, brother and sisters of Mrs. **J C Tryon**. Mr. **Tryon** was loving, devoted and even indulgent as a father, true as a friend and honest as a man. The body was brought to this city, arriving here Friday morning, accompanied by his son-in-law, **Lewis Moss**,

who was called to his bedside in Colorado last week. The funeral was held Friday afternoon at the Methodist Church. Rev **J P Edgar** officiated. Pallbearers were **H M Day, Jas Beard, Jos Armstrong, Henry Wempen, Frank Hudson** and **Delos Scarlette**. Interment in the West Cemetery.

*A Pioneer Gone!* **J R Clipston**, one of the pioneer and wealthy citizens of this community, passed away at his home north east of Moweaqua Monday at noon after a lingering illness of dropsy. He was born in England 82 years ago and came to America during his early manhood and has been a resident of this community for over forty years where he owns a large farm. He is survived by his wife and five children, **Grant, Charles, Elmer, Mrs. Chris Slaughter** and Mrs. **John Winchel** of Blue Mound. The funeral will be held tomorrow from the family residence at 9 o'clock. Rev **Edgar** officiating. Interment will be in the cemetery at Macon.

**Clark Brookshire**, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Brookshier**, living three miles north of Moweaqua was crushed beneath the wheels of a load of sand early Thursday morning and almost instantly killed. The wagon was driven by the child's father at the sand bank on his farm and the little child had been playing near the wagon, but the father supposed he had gone to the house until he heard the stifled screams of the little fellow as he started to drive out with his load when it was discovered that the wheel had passed over the child's body and death followed a short time later. Services were held Saturday morning from the family residence. Rev **D G Dungan**, pastor of the Christian Church officiated. The parents have been almost prostrated with grief. The entire community extends sympathy to this family. (Note: In the same article, the name '**Brookshire**' and '**Brookshier**' were spelled differently. I have copied this article verbatim.)

**Frank 'Buff' Anderson** died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **M D Anderson** in this city on Tuesday morning about 5 o'clock AM after an illness of a couple of weeks duration from a complication of diseases. He was born in Christian county this state on 15 January 1874, aged 35 years, 2 months and 20 days. He is survived by a wife and three children, two sons and one daughter, one son having preceded him to the great beyond about a year ago. He is also survived by his mother and father and seven sisters, Mrs. **W A Catherwood** and Mrs. **Estel Board** of this city, Mrs. **George Jackson** and Mrs. **Guy Robertson** of Decatur, Mrs. **Chas Hise** and Mrs. **J E Graham** of St Louis and Mrs. **S C Miller** of Findlay, Illinois. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **J N Edmondson** from the Anderson residence this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock PM.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas** gave a birthday party Monday evening at their home from seven to ten o'clock pm for their daughter, **Katie** in honor of her sixteenth birthday. Thirty-five guests were present and all report a fine time. A beautiful ring was received by Miss **Coultas** and delicious refreshments were served.

Stonington news: The youthful love dream of **Pearl Ingle**, 14 years old and **Jim Reesit**, 18 years old, was cruelly blasted when they were taken in custody at Decatur where they intended to be married. The mother of the girl balked the pair's plans. She telephone the Decatur police of the tender age of the couple and the pair returned to Stonington.

Jacksonville: Rev **William McKendree McElfresh**, 84 years, pioneer Methodist minister and member of the Illinois conference since 1861, died at his home in Jacksonville. He retired from active ministry. Mr. **McElfresh** spent a retired life. Surviving are his wife and one daughter, Mrs. **Blair** of this city.

Lincoln: **Henry C Montgomery**, 84 years old, prominent and wealthy Logan County citizen, died at his home in Atlanta. He was an ardent abolitionist before the Civil War and he was active in transporting hundreds of Negroes from slavery in the south to Canada.

Peoria: The body of **Archibald Gerrow**, a wealthy farmer and an elder of the Presbyterian church of Henry, was found in Swan Lake. **Gerrow** disappeared a month ago and domestic trouble was said to be the cause.

Mrs. **Mary A Shippy**, mother of Chicago Chief of Police **George M Shippy** and a pioneer resident of Chicago, died at the German-American hospital in Chicago at the age of 78 years.

Births: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Shride**, a son, 5 April. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bland**, a daughter, born 2 April. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Henderson**, a daughter, 29 March 1909.

Allenboro news: **Velma Clipston**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Bud Clipston** died Monday morning after an illness of about a week. **J R Clipston** quietly passed away Monday at noon after a lingering illness with dropsy. The family have the sympathy of all of the community in their double bereavement.

Pleasant View news: Mrs. **Chas Bean** and Mrs. **Roush** of Blue Mound attended the funeral Saturday of the little child of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Brookshier** who accidentally got run over by a load of sand on Thursday.

Elm Grove news: **Wm Keilman** received a dispatch Sunday evening notifying him of his father's death at Oreole, Indiana.

Mrs. **Pearl Henderson** of this city and **Frank Davis** of Pana were married in St Louis on Thursday. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J D Henderson** of this city and the groom is a miner of considerable importance in the order of United Mine Workers of Illinois, being at present, Sub-District President. Mr. and Mrs. **Davis** will reside in Decatur.

The death of Mrs. **Mary Groninger**, wife of **Frederic Groninger**, living northwest of Moweaqua occurred Monday morning from dropsy. Her age was 50 years, 3 months and 19 days. Services were held from the family residence at 2 PM today.

#### Wednesday, 14 April 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Wm Hill** celebrated his eighty-second birthday at his home near Obed Friday with a big dinner at which thirty or more of his friends and neighbors were present. The affair was one of the most enjoyable ever held in that vicinity in many a day. Mr. **Hill** is one of the old pioneers of Shelby County having been born and raised in this county and never lived anywhere else. In this particular, Mr. **Hill** has the honors with **Beverly Armstrong** as a close second. Mr. **Hill** resides at the old home place with his son, **J M Hill** and family.

Mrs. **J C Tryon**, wife of the late **J C Tryon** died at her home in Colorado, Wednesday evening after a brief illness from pneumonia. She was aged 54 years, 1 month, and 18 days. Mrs. **Tryon** was the former **Bertha Putch**, and was born near Belleville, St Clair County, Illinois, on 7 February 1855. In April 1874, she was united in marriage with **J C Tryon** who recently died and was brought to Illinois for burial, and whose funeral was held at the Methodist Church on 2 April of this year. Five married daughters, Mrs. **Sallie Hadden**, Mrs. **Blanch Gaskin**, Mrs. **Gertie Vollmer**, Mrs. **Mamie Halbert** and Mrs. **Lina Moss**, and one son, **Ray Tryon** are in Illinois, and the seven younger children, **Fred**, **Ora**, **Glenn**, **Tommy**, **Owen**, **Fern** and **Jennie** are in Monte Vista, Colorado. There are three sisters and one brother of Mrs. **Tryon** who live in this immediate neighborhood, Mrs. **Lina Bafford** of Macon, Mrs. **Jennie Jostes** of Ohlman, Mrs. **Clara Gabriel**, and **Otto Putch** near Blue Mound. With the exception of about three years, the family resided in and near Moweaqua. About thirteen years ago, Mrs. **Tryon** united with the

Christian church in Moweaqua and was still a member at her death. Being a mother of twelve children, she had many home cares, which took up her time so nearly that she was deprived of attending often the public services and also taking any public part in them. As a neighbor and friend, she is spoken of in the highest terms. Her life was also a trial in another way, being afflicted many years with asthma. The body of the deceased arrived here Monday morning. The funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church. Rev **J P Edgar** officiated at the services. Interment was in the North Cemetery.

On Easter eve at 8:30 o'clock PM, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **L G Stich** in Decatur occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Mayme Stich** to **William J Hawley**. This was one of the prettiest home affairs of the season. Dr **Horace Reed** was the officiating minister. Dr **Reed** married the parents of the bride just thirty-two years ago. After the ceremony congratulations were received and a wedding supper was then served in the hall on the third floor. The color scheme at the main table being pink and green and at the smaller table where the bride and groom, escorts and parents sat, the color scheme was white and green. A four-course wedding supper was served. The bride wore a gown of cream silk trimmed in satin and Irish point baby lace. The ceremony was performed in a bower of ferns and asparagus from the top of which hung a huge white wedding bell. The couple were recipients of numerous and handsome presents, including silverware and china. The brother of the bride, **W R Stich** of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, presented the couple with an imported Spanish rocker. A complete set of imported Irish linen was received from the brothers of the groom in Wisconsin. The bride has lived until the last month with her parents on their farm in Milan Township in Macon County. For four years she was one of Macon County's most successful schoolteachers. The groom has lived for twenty years near Moweaqua until last month when he moved on the farm belonging to the parents of the bride, which he has been farming for himself. He is a most exemplary young man and a prosperous farmer. The young couple will go to farming immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jos Duncan** entertained about twenty of their friends at their home southeast of town Saturday evening in honor of the former's birthday. The evening was spent in a social way and a most enjoyable time is reported. Refreshments were served.

Born to **Walter Kepner** and wife of Pleasant View on Wednesday, a little daughter.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mrs. **Anna Brinker** attended the birthday dinner at Grandpa **Hill's** last Friday. He turned 82 years old.

Greenfield news: **Isaac Hardin**, a wealthy farmer, residing four miles east of Greenfield, is lying at the point of death, with no chance of recovery, with his skull crushed caused by the breaking of a large joist in his barn while raising a sick horse by means of ropes and pulleys which were attached the joist overhead.

Decatur: The lifeless and distorted body of **Simon Spraker** of Windsor, Shelby County, was found hanging to a limb of an apple tree.

The funeral of **Joseph K Clipston**, who died at his home northeast of Moweaqua on Monday of last week was held at the family residence on Thursday at 9 o'clock A.M. Rev **Edgar**, pastor of the Methodist church of this city, officiated at the services. Appropriate music was provided by a quartette composed of Mrs. **A J Combs**, Miss **Rosella Thomas**, Messrs **J W Gregory** and **Morton Gregory**. Interment was in the Macon cemetery. He was 81 years, 11 months and 17 days of age. Mr. **Clipston** was born 22 April 1827 in North Hamptonshire, England, and was christened at Warton, England. He came to America in 1851 and resided in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, three years, then he went to California for two years, returning to Pennsylvania, where he was united in marriage to Miss **Merthine Francis** on 5 February 1857 at Morristown.

The same year he came to Illinois and settled near Moweaqua, Shelby Co, where he and his faithful companion have enjoyed 52 years of married life. Unto them were born five boys and two girls. His widow, five children, seven grand children, one brother and one sister survive him. Card of thanks from the family for neighbors and friends for all their kindnesses during the recent sickness and death of our husband and father.

**W N Snyder** was the recipient of a pleasant surprise given Saturday evening at his home south of town in honor of his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. The affair was planned and executed by his wife and the surprise on 'Willie' was complete. An elegant 6 o'clock dinner was served. Covers were laid for twelve, the guests being Sunday school classmates.

Yantisville news: Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Donnel** are the proud parents of a little daughter that came to gladden their hearts and home about two weeks ago.

Mrs. **Wm Durham** came down from Chicago last week to attend the funeral of her niece, Miss **Velma Clipston**.

Mr. and Mrs. **B F Ribelin** attended the funeral of the former's sister, Mrs. **Stringer** in Decatur on Sunday afternoon.

The household goods of **Ambrose** and **Lillie D Gilliland**, both deceased, will be sold at public auction at the late residence in this city on Thursday, 22 April 1909 at one o'clock PM.

#### Wednesday, 21 April 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Moweaqua proudly boasts of a family that has five generations living and thirty-two descendants – one great- great grandchild.* Moweaqua proudly boasts that one of its best known and most highly respected families have five generations living. **E W Poole**, the oldest of the group, was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, in 1818 and will be 91 years old next June. During his early years he was a carpenter. In 1881 he came to Illinois where he has since made his home. Mr. **Poole** is vigorous for one of his advanced age and enjoys unusually good health. He has three children, all of whom are living. They are **James Poole** of Linter, Mrs. **B Scruggs** of Decatur and Mrs. **W H Cheatam** of Moweaqua. There are 16 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, making in all, 32 descendants. Mrs. **Wm H Cheatham**, the second oldest of the group, was born in Washington County, Kentucky, in 1843, and is a resident of Moweaqua. **T G Cheatham** was born in Washington, Kentucky, in June 1861, and came to Illinois when 15 years old. He is a farmer and dairyman and is a highly respected citizen. He is one of the most prominent workers in the Presbyterian Church where he has held the position of Sunday School Superintendent for several years. His daughter, Mrs. **C B Parker**, was born in Illinois in 1888, and lives one and one half miles northeast of Moweaqua. Little **Mildred Elizabeth Parker** is five months old and the only great-great grandchild and thus represents the fifth generation of this family.

**Charles Leaf**, the little five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Eli Leaf**, died of pneumonia on Monday about noon at the home of his parents in this city after an illness of about one week. The services were held this afternoon at the Baptist church, Rev **Edmondson** officiating. Interment was in North Cemetery.

Miss **Grace Yantis** died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Solomon Yantis**, near Yantisville, Saturday afternoon after an illness of several months' duration from which a complication of diseases developed which finally resulted in dropsy. Her age was about 32 years. She was an energetic young lady, a true friend, and her devotion to those she loved would make a bright chapter in any life. Nothing but the thought of the loving hand that has removed her can reconcile those who loved her to her absence. She was a kind, loving daughter,

and her devotion to the family circle had no limit. She is survived by her parents, five brothers, and three sisters, all of whom were present at the funeral except Mrs. **Fritz** of Oklahoma. The funeral services were held at the Union church on Monday at 2:30 o'clock PM, conducted by Rev **Shaffer**, of Westervelt and was attended by a large crowd of sympathetic friends. The pallbearers were **Daniel, Henry, Milton, Harley, Roy** and **George Yantis**, all brothers of the deceased, except the latter.

Mt Vernon news: Three pioneers died her recently. They were **Susan Buck**, 82 years of age, **John Kincheloe**, 74 years and **John Taylor**, 54. Old age and heart trouble are the causes given. Mrs. **Buck** was a member of one of the oldest southern Illinois families.

Carlinville: Mrs. **A E Hughes**, wife of former County Treasurer, **T P Hughes**, died after a lingering illness.

Executor's notice of final settlement of the estate of **Hannah Walter**, deceased will be made on Monday, 7 June 1909 at the Shelby County courthouse, Shelbyville, Illinois. **Philip G Ludwig**, Executor.

Administratrix notice of final settlement of the estate of **Ambrose Gilliland**, deceased, will be made on 7 June 1909 at the county court house, Shelbyville, Illinois. **Mary M Gilliland**, Administratrix. Sale of personal property of the deceased consisting of one manure spreader, one milk cow, about three tons of clover hay, about twenty bushels of corn, some hard coal, some lard, a lawn mower, and a lot of miscellaneous tools and garden tools will be offered at public sale on 22 April 1909 at one o'clock.

Maple Grove news: **Ora Simpson** and wife attended a birthday dinner at **Otto Bryson's** home near Pleak on Sunday. Elm Grove attendees included Mrs. **John Barbre** who was at the dinner on Sunday and **Wm Jesse** and family who also attended the celebration.

Pleak news: Aunt **Mary Jagers** received forty beautiful post cards last Thursday in honor of her seventieth birthday.

Mrs. **R M Keller** was called to Chicago on Thursday evening on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. **Rigey**. The body was taken to Lancaster, Ohio, where the funeral was held and interment made.

Tuesday, the 13<sup>th</sup> of April 1909, being **Grandma Joster's** 71<sup>st</sup> birthday, her friends and relatives gave her a post card shower. She received eighty-one beautiful cards in her honor.

Administratrix's Sale of real estate: **Pollie Snell**, Administratrix of the estate of **James Elmer Snell**, deceased will be held 10 April 1909. Estate vs. **Frederick P Snell, Eliza Snell, Frank Snell, William P Snell, Cora Snyder, Madah Snell, Roy Snell, Clifton Snell, Mark Snell, Pollie Snell, William McGinley, Oscar Yarnell** and **T O Holcomb** and Co Bankers, Estate of **James Elmer Snell**.

**J M Housh**, Administrator of the estate of **Henry Nickau**, deceased vs. **Henry Nickau, Louis Nickau, Bertha Nickau, Gustave Nickau, Ida Karston, Hedwig Rothe, Anna Hayner, Minnie Hudson, T E Hudson, Margaret Snyder, M E Snyder, Ralph Ayars, Hiram Rettig** and the unknown heirs of **Henry Nickau**, deceased. Property to be sold to pay debts. Signed: **J T Zimmer**, Clerk, Shelbyville, Illinois, 13 April 1909.

**Mary Adams**, deceased, property was sold at Administratrix sale on Saturday in Moweaqua and was purchased by **Ray Gregory** for \$1,160.

A happy home wedding occurred on Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, **A J Syfert** and wife, who live near Ainsworth, Nebraska. At the appointed time the bridal couple, **Andrew Jackson** of Moweaqua and Miss **Maggie M Syfert** were ushered into the parlor by a wedding march played by Mrs. **W D McCord** and Rev **V R Beebe** of the Ainsworth

Methodist church pronounced the sacred words which united the two happy hearts. After the ceremony and congratulations, the guests were ushered to the dining room where a bountiful repast was greatly enjoyed. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present. The bride wore a choice gown of cream silk and the groom wore the conventional black. The bride is a young lady who is held in the highest esteem of all who know her and the groom is a young man of sterling worth who is very favorably known to many in this vicinity. This worthy couple will go to housekeeping immediately on the farm just south of Mr. **Syfert's**. The groom has the home furnished for his bride. Many useful and costly gifts were received among which were: celery tray, **H A Hays** and wife; vase, Mrs. **Lula Noftger**; seashells, Miss **Irene Padgett**; silver tea set, Mr. **J F Stivison**; silver gravy ladle, **Orville Osborne** and wife; set of silver spoons, Mrs. **C W Whitehead**, **W H Frits** and wife, **Cleveland Peek** and wife, **W B Syfert** and wife; carving set and rocking chair, **John Maher** and wife; salt and pepper shaker, Mrs. **Eva Dickson**; silver lamp, Mrs. **Kuhre** and **Fred**; box bonbons, **Chas Anderson** and wife; table linen, **W G Townsend** and wife; bed spread, Mr. **Linten**; fruit dishes, Mr. **Glenn**; table linen, **Ed McDonald** and wife; towels, **J S Wilkinson** and wife; parlor clock, **R E Syfert**; towel holder, **Ed Syfert**; \$200 in gold, **A J Syfert** and wife; spoons and tray, **Theodore Ritter** and **Lucile McCord**; hem stitched table cloth, five sacks of flour, **W D McCord** and wife; silver cake basket, **Herman Primmer** and wife.

Wednesday, 28 April 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The case of **Orlie Hill**, who was recently indicted by the Shelby county grand jury for the murder of **Leon Scarlette** of this city, was up before Judge **Rose** in the circuit court at Shelbyville one day last week on motion to release the defendant on bond. Ordinarily murder is not aailable offense, but sometimes circumstances will change it and make it so, where the evidence strongly shows that the defendant would be found not guilty by a jury or that the offense was manslaughter. The evidence given in Judge **Rose's** court was the same as that given in the Justice court at this place on 16 March when the defendant was released on bond. Judge **Rose** took the case under advisement and after reviewing the evidence, called the motion and admitted the defendant to bail. Mr. **Hill** returned to Moweaqua and had no trouble in making a bond that would satisfy any court in the United States and for almost any amount, since it was signed by seventeen of Moweaqua's finest citizens.

Mrs. **Hannah Stine Smith**, wife of **Wm Smith** of Decatur, died Friday evening, 16 April 1909, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **B J Keating** of New Haven, Connecticut. Her death came after several weeks' illness from pneumonia, being at the time of her death, 59 years old. Mrs. **Smith** had not been in good health for several years, having been afflicted with a complication of diseases. She was born in McVeytown, Pennsylvania, and after her marriage to **Wm Smith**, she was a resident of Moweaqua for about thirty-two years. She later resided in Decatur and then went to New Haven, Connecticut to make her home with her daughter. Mrs. **Smith** is survived by her husband and two daughters, Mrs. **W H Moll** of Decatur, Mrs. **Keating** of New Haven, Connecticut, and seven grandchildren. The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock PM in New Haven.

Decatur – The funeral of **James M Jones**, a pioneer resident of Sangamon County, who died suddenly of heart failure, was held here. Mr. **Jones** was born on 19 March 1839 in Sangamon County and was engaged in farming for many years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, having served in the Second Illinois Cavalry.

Bloomington – **John Louis Orendorff**, the first white child born in McLean County, Illinois, died at the age of 87 years. He was the best-known pioneer of central Illinois.

Prairie Home news: Friday night about 50 of her friends gathered to surprise Mrs. **Lulu Beck** on the occasion of her birthday. The surprise was successful and a very pleasant evening was spent. A rocking chair and a set of silver spoons were presented to Mrs. **Beck**.

Macon news: Mr. and Mrs. **M H Davis** of Decatur were in town on Monday to attend the funeral of Mr. **Frank Williams**. **Frank Williams** died Sunday morning after an illness of a few weeks. The funeral services were held on Monday afternoon at 2 PM from the Methodist church. Rev **J W Ekman** of Decatur, a former pastor, conducted the services. Interment was in the Macon Cemetery.

About forty persons were delightfully entertained Monday evening at the home of **Chas D Stump** who resides near Obed. The affair was given in honor of Mr. **Stump's** birthday and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After a cakewalk, which furnished much amusement, and **Charles** had been duly rolled under the bed, the company was ushered into the dining room and were served with dainty refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Tolly** now occupy the home of the late **Sarah Porter** and have the care of the two children, **Talmadge** and **Maude**. Mrs. **Bissett**, the former housekeeper left Thursday for her home in Missouri.

Mr. and Mrs. **Levi Cotterell**, formerly of Mattoon, died of pneumonia at the home of **J C Thompson** last week. Mrs. **Cotterell** died on the 19<sup>th</sup>, being sick just a week. Mr. **Cotterell** was taken sick the day following and lived just six days. They were relatives of **J C Thompson** and Mrs. **Herman Wempen**, besides a host of other relatives who mourn their loss. Interment was in the Tolly Cemetery.

Word was received here the first of the week announcing the death of **L S Kilborn** at his home in Long Beach, California, where he went some time ago for the benefit of his wife's health. The cause of his death was heart failure. Mr. **Kilborn** was the father of our former townsman and businessman, **Ernest J Kilborn**, who is now a traveling salesman in Oklahoma for the **Parlin and Orendorf Implement Co**. Mr. **Kilborn** was an old soldier and well and favorably known here.

Supplement to the Moweaqua News for Wednesday, 28 April 1909:

Elm Grove news: Mr. **Diviney** died Tuesday of lung fever leaving a wife and six children, only one of which is large enough to work. The remains were taken to Holland for burial. The Masons were in charge of the services.

Wednesday, 5 May 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Martin Reatherford** passed away at her home after a bout of cancer. The death of Mrs. **Martin Reatherford** occurred at her home in this city Thursday afternoon after a long illness from cancer of the mouth. She was aged 55 years, 7 months and 4 days. She, with her husband and family, have resided in Moweaqua during the past sixteen years and during her affliction she bore her suffering with Christian patience and faith. **Sarah Jane**, as she was usually called was united in marriage with Mr. **Chat Cotheron** on 22 February, thirty-three years ago. To this union four children were born, three of whom are dead. Mrs. **Lucina Reatherford** still survives. Her first husband died about thirty years ago. She was then united in marriage with **Martin Reatherford** about twenty six years ago and of this union, four children were born, two of whom are dead and two, Mrs. **Annie Hall** and **Willis Reatherford**, along with her husband, survive. She also raised four stepchildren, **Sherman, Henry, Ezekiel** and **Aaron Reatherford**. She was

a member of the Baptist church since her first marriage. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Baptist church. Rev **J N Edmondson**, pastor of the church officiated at the services.

The **Snell Will** case involves the sale of real estate property. **Pollie Snell**, Administratrix of the estate of **James Elmer Snell**, deceased, vs. **Frederick P Snell, Eliza Snell, Frank Snell, William P Snell, Cora Snyder, Madah Snell, Roy Snell, Clifton Snell, Mark Snell, Pollie Snell, William McGinley, Oscar Yarnell**, and **T O Holcomb & Co Bankers, James Elmer Snell Estate**. Sale will be held 10 May 1909 in front of the post office in the city of Moweaqua. Real estate is described as: The south east quarter of the South west quarter of section 16 in township 13, north range 2 east of third principal meridian in the county of Shelby and state of Illinois, containing 40 acres, more or less.

Mount Carmel: '**Lib**' **Lucas**, keeper of a river front dive, and her son, **Jesse** were found guilty by a jury of the murder of **Clyde Showalter**, a young farmer, who had come to town with a large roll of bills to 'have a good time' and whose body was found in the river. Mother and son were sentenced to life imprisonment. The municipal election occurred in the course of the trial and the community was treated to the unusual prisoner accused of murder to the polls. The officer entered the booth with **Lucas** while he marked his ballot.

Jacksonville: **George W Stanley** of Pleasant Hill, Pike county, committed suicide here at the central hospital for the insane by hanging himself to the transom of his room. He was missed at the supper hour and a search was made of his room where he was found. He had made a rope of twine, using the washstand to reach the transom. He was 59 years of age.

**Edward Stith** of Springfield, while removing from one farm to another near Havana, was thrown from his wagon and killed when the team ran away. His wife and child probably were also fatally injured.

Sterling: **Charles A Hamilton**, Sheriff of Whiteside county, treasurer of the Illinois Sheriff's association, died at a sanitarium at Lincoln, Nebraska, aged 51 years.

Summit: **John Hahnowitz**, 24 years old, died of a fractured skull. According to the Cicero police, he was injured in a fight with a fellow worker, **Matthew Frugo**, 23 years old. **Frugo** was held pending the inquest.

Danville: **John Cooke** of Hoopeston, a prisoner in the county jail here, was willfully dying of starvation. For more than a week he had not taken food and he was said he was determined to die. He declined to give a peace bond for which his wife sued.

Executor's notice of settlement of all claims against the estate of **Hannah Walter**, deceased, will be made Monday the 7<sup>th</sup> of June. **Philip G Ludwig**, executor.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W P Sanner** on 30 April 1909, a girl.

Assumption Route # 1: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hes Munson** on 29 April, a fine boy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred Burgener** on 29 April, an eight-pound girl.

Prairie Home news: **John** and **James Garman** attended the funeral of their cousin, Mrs. **Mary Millikin** at Macon on Friday.

Executor's notice is given for the final settlement and adjustment of all claims against the estate of **John Holverson**, deceased, on Monday, 5 July 1909 at the Shelby County Courthouse.

**Valentine Snyder, Jr.**, Executor.

Rev **J P Edgar** attended the funeral of his aunt at Arcola one day last week.

Pleak news: Mr. and Mrs. **John Pinkston** spent Sunday with their son, **Fred**, it being his birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lawrence Smith**, a son on 5 May 1909.

**Wednesday, 12 May 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The marriage of **Harley R Gregory**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Gregory** of this city and Miss **Edna Grier** of Gays was solemnized at noon on Wednesday of last week in Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J N Edmondson**, pastor of the Baptist church in this city in the presence of a few friends and relatives, including **Everette** and Miss **Pearl Gregory**, brother and sister of the groom. Thursday morning, Mr. and Mrs. **Gregory** returned to Moweaqua where the groom had a pretty cottage already furnished for his new bride. Mr. **Gregory** is cashier of the First National Bank in this city, a hustling young businessman and one of Moweaqua's best citizens. The bride is a charming young lady, the daughter of Dr and Mrs. **D D Grier** of Gays. She has a wide circle of friends in the vicinity of Gays and is also well known here, having visited them a number of times.

*Orlie Hill will be tried for the murder of Leon Scarlett – Case set for Friday. The March term of court reconvened at Shelbyville Monday morning with Judge A M Rose presiding. Criminal settings have been made for this week and next.* The most important case to be heard is that of **Orlie Hill**, charged with the murder of **Leon Scarlette** of this city in the former's moving picture theater several months ago. The case is set for Friday. It is likely that Mr. **Hill** will make a plea of self-defense. On Thursday the case of **Estel Board** of this city charged with burglary and larceny will be tried again. The case has been tried twice and resulted in a hung jury each time. Other cases set for this term are the people vs. **Edward Easley** and **John Stivison**, charged with gaming; the People vs. **H E Travis**, selling liquor without a license (two charges); the People vs. **James Higgins**, selling liquor without a license. After the above cases were set for a hearing Judge **Rose** had seceded to continue all except the case of **Orlie Hill** charged with murder until the next term of court.

The death of Miss **Susie Reighley**, youngest daughter of **W S Reighley**, occurred at her home in this city Sunday afternoon, 9 May 1909, about 1 o'clock PM. She had been ill for several days and after a few days' illness, her condition worsened which resulted in uraemic poison. She had been for many months, afflicted with rheumatism, but had recovered to a certain extent until one day last week when she was caught in a heavy rain while returning from Taylorville causing her recent illness. She was born in Moweaqua on 15 April 1891 and died at the age of 18 years and 24 days, leaving a father, two sisters, **Flo** and **May**, both of whom reside at home, and two brothers, **Selkirk** of Nevada and **Ezekiel** of near Taylorville to mourn her departure. Her mother, having died 17 years ago. She spent her entire life in this city, attending the public school and had many acquaintances among whom she was held in high esteem. In 1906 she was converted in the Davis meetings in the Christian church and has since been a member. The funeral services were held at 2:30 o'clock with Rev **D G Dungan** officiating in the presence of a large assembly of friends at the family residence. A quartette composed of Misses **Pearl Kirk**, **Hester Smith**, and **C W Rice** and **Ray Kirk** several appropriate selections. The floral display was large and very beautiful. Interment was in the West cemetery.

**W J Palmer**, formerly of this city and Mrs. **Tillie McIntyre** of Assumption were married in St Louis on Thursday of last week. Mr. **Palmer** now resides on a farm northwest of Assumption. Mt Vernon – A dynamite bomb was the means employed by **Carson Maron**, a farmer, 45 years old living in Belle River, south of this city, to commit suicide. **Maron** took the explosive to an outbuilding. The structure was blown to bits and his body was scattered over the premises. He left a letter declaring his intentions to take his life.

Funeral services were held in Bloomington over the body of **Porter McDougal Smith** of Chicago who killed his sweetheart, **Helen Ayer Marden**, on the campus of the Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts, and then shot himself.

Falling into a well near Mason, **John Holtslaw**, a prominent farmer of Mason County, aged 74, was drowned before he could be rescued.

Belvidere: **Edward M Calkins**, shoe merchant with **Calkins and Cook** for a quarter of a century and for many years township treasurer of Belvidere, died suddenly.

Quincy – **Chauncey S Castle**, aged 56, member of the last state legislature and prominent as a store manufacturer, is dead.

Mattoon: The coroner was called to Oakland where Mrs. **Samuel Brading** had died most suddenly while feeding her chickens in the back yard of her home.

Chicago: **August Moos**, 82 years old, a wealthy retired silk merchant, and father of **Julius** and **Joseph Moos** of the firm of **Moos Brothers**, cigar and tobacco dealers, committed suicide by hanging himself from a bedpost.

**Luther Lawler** was called to Shobonier Friday on account of the death of his brother, **John Lawler**. **John LaFief** went down Sunday to attend the funeral.

Walker: Miss **Zelma Tolby** was pleasantly entertained last Saturday afternoon in honor of her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Owing to the rain, quite a few could not be present, but all who went, report a fine time was had. Refreshments were served.

Wednesday, 19 May 1909 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

The marriage of **Roy Wolfe** of Pleak and Miss **May Andell** of Winchester was solemnized Sunday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Andell** near Winchester, Illinois in the presence of about 50 invited guests with Rev **Coach** officiating. Refreshments were served during the evening and many beautiful and useful presents were received. The bride is a charming young lady with many excellent traits of character and accomplishments. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Wolfe** southeast of town and is one of the best young men of Flat Branch. Industrious as a farmer, quiet and assuming in manner and exemplary in his habits, he is destined to make a success in life. The happy couple returned to the groom's parents Monday evening where they will reside. Mr. and Mrs. **Wolfe** expect to move to this city for permanent residence in the near future, leaving the young couple to manage the farm. Those who attended the wedding from here were Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Coultas** and **Alfred Burgener**.

In the murder case of **Orlie Hill** of this city who was charged with the murder of **Leon Scarlette** on 10 March 1909 in the former's moving picture show at Moweaqua, was tried in the circuit court on Monday and Tuesday with Judge **Rose** presiding. The defendant's plea was self-defense and was ably represented by Attys **Wm Chew** of Shelbyville. **S S Clapper** of this city and **D G Williamson** of Edwardsville, while **F E Latch**, State's Attorney, looked after the prosecution alone. The taking of the evidence began at 1:30 o'clock PM on Monday afternoon and was all in at noon on Tuesday. The pleas of the attorneys and the instruction of the judge were finished by 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon after which the jury took the case and returned a verdict of acquittal about eleven o'clock PM on Tuesday night.

The marriage of **C E Frederick** of Springfield and **Frankie L North** of Mechanicsburg was solemnized Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents in the presence of a number of invited guests. Those attending from here were Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Jacobs**, **Delos** and Miss **Hester Smith**.

Walker news: Mrs. **David Ater** and daughter, **Bess**, attended the funeral of the former's sister at Cerro Gordo last Friday.

Fame news: **Emanuel Mose** is quite low at this writing with a complication of diseases. His death is expected at most any time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Jacobs**, a girl on 14 May 1909.

Mount Vernon: The family of **Peter A Whitlock** of Mt Vernon have received word from Jonesboro, Arkansas, to the effect that the body of Mr. **Whitlock** has been found in the St Francis River at that place, papers in his pockets disclosing his identity.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W R Snyder** a son on 17 May 1909.

Mrs. **Henry Beebe** died at her home in Assumption Thursday evening at the age of 36 years. Her death was caused from a tumor. She is survived by her husband, two sisters and three brothers, **Eva** and **Ida Traughber**, and **Len, Thomas** and **Peter Traughber**, all of Assumption. The funeral was conducted at the family residence by Rev **Bennington** Sunday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment was in the Traughber cemetery northwest of Moweaqua.

### Wednesday, 26 May 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Last Sunday, 23 May being Mrs. **Anna Tolly's** birthday, her husband planned and executed a surprise on her at their home near Assumption. About 130 guests were present. All report a good time and an abundance of good things to eat. A few from town attended.

The Appellate Court one day last week reversed and remanded to the circuit court of Shelby county because of errors in instructions in the case of **Robert McCray**, administrator of the estate of **Thos McCray**, deceased, who was killed in an accident at the mine. **Thos McCray** was killed in the Moweaqua mine on 28 June 1905 while working as a mule driver. He was drawing a train of loaded coal cards down one of the entries when in some manner his cars ran into another train, which had become stalled. When the crash came, **McCray** was thrown from his seat and killed.

**Pollie Snell**, Administratrix of the estate of **James Elmer Snell**, deceased, will sell at public auction 40 acres of land located in Flat Branch Township next Saturday at the north door of the post office in this city. Date of sale is 29 May 1909.

Walker news: Mrs. **Geo Culbertson** and daughter, Miss **Hazel**, attended the funeral of Mrs. **Geo Gibson** in Macon on Sunday afternoon.

The remains of the late Mrs. **George Gibson** of Janesville, Wisconsin, were brought to Macon late Saturday evening. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. **Culbertson** in the west part of town. The interment was in the Macon cemetery.

Mt Sterling: **Elijah Hunsaker**, believed to be the oldest citizen in Brown county, observed his ninety-ninth birthday anniversary at the home of his son in Pea Ridge Township. Mr. **Hunsaker** has been totally blind for 40 years. The gathering was a basket picnic and friends for miles around came to congratulate the old resident.

Rock Island news: Even gossips gasped when details of the suit of Mrs. **Jane Harris**, asking \$150,000 damages from Mrs. **Grace Velie Harper**, former resident of Rock Island and Moline, and Davenport, Iowa, for alleged alienation of affections of Mrs. **Harris'** husband, **Sidney Harris**, became known.

Eureka: The remains of Mrs. **George Collendar** were brought here from Canton, Missouri, for burial. The deceased lived here with her children, Prof and Mrs. **Carl Johnna**, president of Canton University. She was 98 years old.

Paxton news: Mrs. **Matilda Lepper**, aged 85 years, died at her late home here. She was a pioneer settler, having resided in Paxton some 50 years.

**Wednesday, 2 Jun 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

After the decision of the jury that he was 'not guilty' of the murder of **Leon Scarlett, Orlie Hill** left Shelbyville for his home in Moweaqua.

Springfield: News of the sudden death of **Oran Pope** at Kemmerer, Wyoming, has been received in this city by his brother, **William M Pope**.

Paxton: **John M Hanley**, a pioneer settler and one of the first and foremost successful teachers in the city schools of Paxton, died suddenly at his home in Winamac, Indiana. His funeral services were held in Paxton under Masonic auspices.

Prairie Home news: Wednesday being **Lucile Beck's** birthday, her parents invited a number of little girl friends to spend from two to six with her. A good time was enjoyed. Refreshments of ice cream, cake and candy was served.

Miss **Ola Hudson** living east of town entertained a number of her friends Thursday at her home in honor of her birthday. Those present from town were Mr. and Mrs. **L A Green** and daughter, **Blanch**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Housam**, Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Stroh**, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Scholtz** and children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R Dorsey**, a daughter on 26 May 1909.

The **Elmer Snell** (Deceased) land consisting of 40 acres in Flat Branch was sold Saturday at the north door of the post office in this city. It was purchased by **L P Hoffman** for \$3,240 with the provision that the purchaser pay \$120 each year during the life of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell**, whose ages are 82 and 76 respectively. It is figured that Mr. **Hoffman** will have to make payments for at least 10 years according to the mortuary tables.

Miss **Catherine Kyner** was hostess to a number of her little friends Saturday evening at her home in this city. The affair was given in honor of her 13<sup>th</sup> birthday. Music and games were the pastime of the evening. Refreshments were served, and a pleasant time was had by all attending.

**Albert C Elmers** died Thursday morning at his home in Decatur. Death was caused by the infirmities of old age. He was born at Hanover, Germany, on 16 March 1829, making him a little over 80 years old. He came to America while a young man, settling near Moweaqua. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal church for 43 years. He was married 51 years ago, and is survived by his wife and four children, **William** and **Henry Elmers**, living near this city and Mrs. **Mary Pelton** and Miss **Caroline Elmers**, both of Decatur. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock on Friday from the family residence.

**Wm Day Kilborn** is the name of the bright-eyed little boy that arrived at the home of **Ernest J Kilborn**, Enid, Oklahoma, on Saturday, 29 May 1909. "Not a lifeless, useless toy, we've a lively, bouncing boy". Thus spoke the proud papa as he went down the street the next morning. Mother and son are said to be doing nicely. The sunshine brought into the home by this little arrival, will more than compensate for the father for a little extra 'hustle'.

Triplets – two girls and a boy were born prematurely to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Foster** of this city on Monday evening, 31 May 1909. They lived only a couple of hours. The mother is doing nicely.

**Wednesday, 9 Jun 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*W B Stringer, one of the Pioneer Business Men of Moweaqua dies at his home in Decatur –* Funeral Sunday Afternoon. **W B Stringer**, one of the pioneer businessmen of Moweaqua passed

away at his home in Decatur Friday after a long illness induced by a complication of diseases due to old age. He was 86 years old, having been born near Mt Sterling, Kentucky, on 25 November 1823 and grew to manhood there. In 1862 he came to Illinois, opening a general store in this city. After a number of years he removed to Blue Mound where he continued the mercantile business. After operating a store there for thirteen years, he moved to Decatur and lived a retired life. In 1858 the deceased was married to Miss **Mary A Ribelin**, a sister of our fellow townsman, **B F Ribelin**. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. **Rawlings** of Chanute, Kansas, his wife having died only a short time ago. Mr. **Stringer** was a staunch Democrat in national affairs but in local elections he voted independent of party affiliation. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and also was affiliated with the Odd fellows. He owned, at the time of his death, a magnificent farm in Christian Co, besides his home in Decatur. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the family residence.

East St Louis. **John McLean** gave up his life in a vain attempt to save five-year-old **Laura Staten** from drowning in Cahokia creek. The child had accompanied her parents on a fishing excursion and she and her mother fell into the water when a plank on which they were seated broke. **Joseph Parrish** rescued Mrs. **Staten** and the child's father swam after his daughter. **McLean** jumped into the water when **Staten** was seized with cramps. The swift current bore **McLean** beyond the reach of aid. **Staten** was rescued.

Mascoutah: The body of **Jacob Baehr**, 62 years old, was found in the basement of an abandoned mill. He had drowned in six inches of water. **Baehr** had been missing since May 6, despite the efforts of his son, **Irwin Baehr** of Minneapolis to find him. The dead man is supposed to have fallen face downward into the basement and to have drowned before recovering consciousness.

Murphysboro: **Fritz Zerbert**, a farmer residing near Jacob, about 15 miles from here, was hit on the head and killed by **Benjamin Deckenhardt**, a farm hand. The men had been building a house and had a dispute about lumber. **Deckenhardt** escaped towards the Mississippi River with a posse pursuing. **Zerbert**, who was 44 years old, is survived by a wife and four children.

Kewanee: **Stephen Lyle**, seven-year-old son of **Max Lyle**, was killed between here and Neponset by being dragged by a horse to which he had tied himself. The horse ran a half-mile, kicking the boy at every leap. Another boy the same age, **Stanley Wenchez** was killed by the kick of a horse tied in front of his home.

Waverly: The death of **Frank Rantz**, one of Morgan county's wealthiest residents occurred at the family residence in this city after an illness of several weeks. Decedent was 80 years old, and was a native of France but had lived in this country the greater part of his life.

Allenboro: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bunning**, 3 June 1909, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Smith** of Pana, a son born on 3 June 1909.

**Mary Agnes Schnurr Jostes** was born in Sondelflugen, Wurttenburg, Germany, on 13 April 1834 where her early years were spent. She came to America in 1861, worked for a time in New Haven, Connecticut, then at Pana, Moweaqua and Decatur, where she was married to **Wm Jostes** on 24 January 1857. Six children were born to this union, three sons and three daughters. She lived at Boody, Illinois, from the time of her marriage until about five years ago when she was with her daughter, moved to the Fame community, where she has since resided. She was brought up and confirmed in the Lutheran church in Germany, and soon after her marriage was converted and joined the M E Church at Boody, of which church she remained a faithful member until the time of her death. She was also a member of Fame's Woman's Missionary Society. She entered into life eternal Sunday evening, 6 June 1909 at the age of 71 years, 1 month and

23 days. Her husband preceded her in death 23 years ago. Three sons and one daughter died in infancy. There are left to mourn the departure of a kind mother, two daughters, Mrs. **Minnie Schnacle** of Shelby, Iowa, and Mrs. **Carrie Fathauer** of Moweaqua, Illinois. A brother in Canada and a brother in Germany also survive. Ten grandchildren mourn the loss of a devoted grandmother. Other relatives also survive. Her quiet spirit, her devoted life, her faithfulness to the church and missionary society endeared her to all who knew her and she will be sorely missed in the home, neighborhood and church, but we sorrow not as those who have no hope. Her life was lived for God and inspired others in that direction. During her last illness, asthma, she repeatedly expressed her readiness to go and spent time in prayer and the reading of the word of God. She is at home with God. Services were conducted at the Fame church on Wednesday morning where the sermon was preached by Rev **F W Nickel** and at the Macon M E Church where Rev **J G Fidler** of El Paso preached. Interment was in the Macon cemetery. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas E Woodwring** a son on 2 June 1909.

**Wednesday, 16 Jun 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Word was received here Monday announcing the death of Mrs. **A B Longenbaugh**, which occurred Monday morning at Kirksville, Missouri, where she underwent an operation for a tumor. The operation was performed Sunday afternoon but because of her general physical condition she did not have the strength and vitality that is necessary for recovery. She had been in poor health for several years and her suffering was intense but was borne with patience and courage. She is about 50 years of age. Mrs. **Longenbaugh** was born in Indiana and moved with her parents to Illinois where she resided with them in Pickaway Township for a number of years. She was united in marriage with **A B Longenbaugh** and after a few years she and her husband moved to Louisiana where they have since lived. She is survived by her husband and son, **Melvin Longenbaugh**, and two sisters, Mrs. **Leona Wright** of Findlay, Mrs. **Collier** of Bethany and three brothers, **Marvin Pogue** of Findlay, **Chas M** and **Hiram Pogue** of Prairie Home. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon from the church of Christ in Findlay. Rev **Sommer** officiated. Interment was in the Antioch cemetery.

Allenboro: **Ralph Wempen** celebrated his sixth birthday Tuesday afternoon. Seventeen children were present aged 4 to 10 years, and a jolly little company they were. Refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. **Levi Hill** have a new son born 14 June 1909.

The loss on the **Decatur Cereal Company's** plant, the largest white corn meal mill in the world, which was destroyed by fire is \$291,500, insurance \$160,000. It will be rebuilt. Pipeman **John E Sheehy**, who was killed by falling timber, leaves a wife and three children. Four other firemen narrowly escaped death. Several workmen displayed courage in fighting the flames. Foreman **Collins** climbing up three stories by means of he cables in the elevator shaft and closed the fire doors, which protected the warehouse.

**Wednesday, 23 Jun 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Edward Slaughter**, formerly of Moweaqua died in St Mary's hospital Sunday afternoon. He was a son of **Herman** and **Jennie Slaughter** and was born in Madison County in 1861, and was in his 48<sup>th</sup> year at the time of his death. He is survived by his mother and three brothers, **Christopher, Herman** and **Henry**. The remains were brought to Moweaqua on the 10 o'clock train, and a short funeral service was held by Rev **Williams**, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Woodlawn cemetery where interment was made.

*Ezekiel Prescott, one of Moweaqua's Pioneer Citizens Passed to the Great Beyond Sunday morning – funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon.* **Ezekiel Prescott**, one of the pioneer citizens of Moweaqua, died at his home in this city Sunday morning about 9:30 o'clock A M after an illness of about two months from diseases consequent to old age. The direct cause of his death being uraemic poisoning. His age was 80 years, 10 months and 20 days. He was a man of superior ability and intelligence and held the office of village president and justice of the peace in Moweaqua for many years. He was also a charter member of the I. O. O. F. Lodge in Moweaqua from which he held a jewel as the oldest member of the Lodge. Mr. **Prescott** was a native of Maine, his place of birth, being at Waterville, where he saw the light of day on 30 July 1828. He lived the life of a pioneer and developed that strength of manhood, which was so, marked in the decedent for he was strong in his convictions, always conceding to every man the same right. He came to Illinois in 1853 more than fifty six years ago and after a hearty breakfast in Springfield, he started out across the great prairies and arrived in Moweaqua about 9 o'clock in the evening of the same day, having walked the entire distance and was tired, hungry and wet to the waist, yet full of vigor and was a man of great physique. The winter of 1853 was an open one, mud and water everywhere. Before arriving in Moweaqua, Mr. **Prescott** waded through many sloughs, the water often being 2 ½ feet deep. He was pleased with the little village and settled down here and with the exception of a few years spent in California and Kansas, he made this city his home. He was one of the oldest men of the community and has seen Moweaqua grow from a village with a few scattered buildings to a thriving little city of about 2,000 inhabitants. On 16 June 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss **Mary E Taylor**. To this union ten children were born, four dying in infancy, **Luther** dying at the age of 18, and Mrs. **W S Reighley** in 1892. Those living are Mrs. **J B Simpson**, Mrs. **L F Rettig**, Mrs. **Dudley Porter**, **John A Prescott**, all of this city. He is also survived by his wife, 19 grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, one sister, Mrs. **Etta Hinds**, and one half brother, **Everette M Stacy** of Skowhegan, Maine, four half sisters, Mrs. **Alice Flagg**, Mrs. **Myra Sullivan**, Mrs. **Wm Warren** and **Celia**, all living in Massachusetts, and one stepmother of Massachusetts who is 93 years old. Mr. **Prescott** started out even with the world, his only capital being a clear brain, strong muscle, and an courageous heart, but these were worth more to him than money, and by their aid he has been more than ordinarily successful in acquiring wealth. Busy years followed his location here and prosperity smiled upon his efforts, and he often judiciously invested his money in real estate, and at the time of his death, owned large tracts of land in this and Christian counties and also in Minnesota, and was considered a very wealthy man. The funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church, Rev **J P Edgar** officiating, assisted by the other ministers of the town, in the presence of a large concourse of friends. The remains were escorted to the church by the Odd Fellows who, at the conclusion of the services at the church marched to the West Side cemetery where the remains were laid to rest with the last rites of the Order. The pallbearers were **Phil Hoffman**, **Charles Ahl**, **C D Sanner**, **Wm Morris**, **Wm Tolson**, **Gid Housh**, **B F Hudson**, and **M H Miller**.

Obed news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Tolly** on Sunday, a daughter.

Macon news: Mrs. **S Lanham** and son, **Floyd**, were called to Mt Pulaski last Friday on account of the death of Mrs. **Lanham's** father.

Assumption Route 1 news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jack Sheehan** on 16 June, a big boy. Both mother and babe are getting along as well as could be expected.

Sterling news: **George Turner**, a farmer, met a horrible death falling into a ditch, lines about his shoulders, pulled his horses on him, forcing him into the mud, smothering him. The horse's flesh was torn by the dying man's teeth in attempt to get out.

Bloomington news: Miss **Abel Leavitt** and **Oscar Wahl** were drowned when an automobile in which they were riding fell from a bridge into a creek near San Jose, Mason County. There were pinned under the machine.

Delavan news: When **Myers Baessler** threw gasoline on to a bonfire the flames shot up, burning him in a serious manner. He mistook the gasoline for coal oil.

Taylorville news: While asleep in bed with her mother, the four week old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Hohenstein**, who reside near Mt Auburn, died of strangulation.

A post card shower was given Miss **Emma Ludwig** in honor of her birthday last Friday. She received 120 beautiful cards.

**Wednesday, 30 Jun 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The marriage of Miss **Essa Armstrong** and **Roy G Stine**, both of Moweaqua took place at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. **B A Dickerson** on East Prairie Street in Decatur on Sunday afternoon. The wedding was a quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends being present. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J C Willits**, pastor of the First Methodist Church in the parlor of the Dickerson home. The bride is the youngest daughter of **Wm Armstrong**, southeast of town and is a lady of many excellent traits of character. During the past year she has been one of the trusted clerks in Bowman & Hudson's Drug Store and through her amiable disposition and delightful manners she has made many friends here. The groom is the only son of Mrs. **Tilly Stine** of this city and is one of Moweaqua's best and promising young men. He has been engaged in the undertaking business for a number of years and there is perhaps no young man in Moweaqua better thought of than **Roy Stine**. The happy couple returned home Sunday evening, driving from Walker to this city, thus avoiding the shower of rice, which had been promised them.

Champaign News: A fair June bride was Miss **Winifred Hazel Clifford** of 204 Charles Street, who was married at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon to Mr. **Horace Healey Morgan** of Chicago. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J W Van Cleave**, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **A C Clifford**. Only a few relatives and friends were present. The house was prettily decorated with red and white carnations and plants. To the strains of the bridal march from Lohengrin played by Miss **Maud Bacon**, the principals took their places in the parlor, unattended. The bridal march was played softly during the service. The new Mrs. **Morgan** is a graduate of the Champaign high school and graduated from the University of Illinois in a four-year's course, Class of 1908. For the past year she was principal of the high school at Moweaqua. Mr. **Morgan** is also a University of Illinois man, graduating in engineering with the class of 1906. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Morgan** of Loda and holds a responsible position with the Webster Manufacturing Company in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. **Morgan** left at six o'clock Monday evening for Chicago and will reside at 35 North St Louis Avenue, being 'at home' after August 1.

The last will and testament of the late **Ezekiel Prescott** was read by **V Snyder** to the family Saturday morning and from the best information we can get, it is thought that the estate will amount to about \$90,000. The provisions of the will are as follows: One third of the personal property is bequeathed to his wife, together with her award and one fifth of the real estate. Mrs. **J B Simpson** is to receive \$2,000 in cash to be deducted from her one fifth, the balance to be

placed in trust. At her death, \$500 is to go to her two daughters, **Lena** and **Viola Simpson**, the rest of her children to share equally. Mrs. **Lewis Rettig** and **John A Prescott** are each to receive one fifth and **John E Prescott**, the only grandchild bearing the name of the deceased, is to receive \$2,500 in trust for educational purposes. Mrs. **Dudley Porter** is to receive \$3,500 in cash. The children of **W S Reighley** viz. **Selkirk, Flo, May, Ezekiel** and **Susie Reighley** are each to receive \$200. Mrs. **Etta Hinds**, sister of the deceased, is to receive \$500.

That good old bird and friend of the human race—the stork, made a visit at the home of Prof **Wm Harris** at Altamont Friday morning and left the nicest pair of twin boys that it had at its disposal. The mother and little ones are doing nicely and the attending physician gives the encouraging report, that with proper care, Prof **Harris** will speedily recover from his 'son stroke'.

Madison news: Two children of Mrs. **Frank Clark** of Iroquois fell from a moving train near here and were killed. Mrs. **Clark** was on her way to visit her parents at Grand Rapid, Michigan. With her she had her three children, **Frank**, aged ten, **Hugh** aged 8 and a baby, seven months old. While Mrs. **Clark** was busy with the baby, the boys wandered to the platform of the Pullman car and it is believed fell through the space between the two vestibules, ordinarily protected by a flap. The train progressed several miles before Mrs. **Clark** discovered that her boys were missing. The train was backed up to Madison and the bodies were found.

Elgin news: After being separated from her brother from early childhood, Miss **Geraldine Long**, a pretty Marengo school teacher, met him for the first time, newspaper publicity bringing about the happy reunion. **Urel Long** and **Geraldine Long** were separated by the death of their parents when children, being adopted by families. **Urel** was adopted by a family in Chicago, where he has since resided.

Paxton news: The evidence in the case of **Joseph B Klein**, the militia man on trial in Ford county circuit court for the murder of **Earl Nelson** at Kankakee 15 August 1908, during the Springfield riots, is all in. Attorney **O H Wylie** made the opening address to the jury.

Bloomington: Mrs. **Adolph Kolb** died in a dentist's chair at Arthur following the administering of chloroform and after ten teeth had been extracted.

Belleville: When a heavy suitcase fell from the rack over where she was sitting in a passenger car and struck her on the head, Mrs. **Theodore Hausmann** received injuries, which may cause her death.

Champaign news: The betrothal of **Elsie**, the daughter of **William E Curtis**, the famous newspaper correspondent and writer, has been announced to **G M Mattis**, who is a nephew of Congressman **McKinley**.

Fairfield news: The coroner's jury held **Herbert O Pinnick** blameless for the deaths of Dr **Charles L Leininger** and **Frank McCullough**. **Pinnick** was attacked as the result of a feud caused by his attentions to local young women and he fired three shots, resulting in the killing of two men and wounding of another.

Allenboro news: **Howard Renfro** and Mrs. **Mary Shettters** were married in Decatur on Wednesday.

Pleak news: Mr. and Mrs. **W C Bradley** gave a surprise party on their son, **Gus Bradley**, in honor of his twentieth birthday Thursday evening, 24 June 1909. About thirty guests being present at the celebration. Refreshments consisting of ice cream and cake were served. All departed at a late hour reporting a good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Hays**, a girl on 22 June 1909.

**Wednesday, 7 Jul 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The marriage of Miss **Iva Hays** of this city and **Thomas Row** of New Haven, Missouri, occurred in Decatur on Monday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. **Sackville** on North Clayton Street. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A D Hays** of this city and the groom is a son of Mrs. **Jennie Green** of New Haven, Missouri. Mr. and Mrs. **Row** will make their home in Decatur where Mr. **Row** has a position at the Davis Livery Barn.

The entire list of real estate holdings of the late Mrs. **Nancy Pogue** have been sold, bringing a total of \$28,000. The real estate consisted of 200 acres of land in Pickaway Township and the home residence in Findlay. The purchasers were **Frank Lofland**, 85 acres, **Hiram M Pogue**, 75 acres, and Mrs. **Leona Wright**, 40 acres and the Findlay property.

**Phil Standley** of Moweaqua has been given until 1 August by the court to file an explanatory affidavit why he has not paid his wife alimony as decreed by the court some time ago. If no good explanations are made, **Standley** will be cited for contempt of court. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Paxton news: **Herman Lyons**, aged 25 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Lyons**, of this city, died from ulceration of the stomach aggravated by eating ripe cherries and drinking ginger ale, producing rupture of the stomach. His funeral was held at the Lutheran church.

Fulton: **Wray Gleason**, a farmer, living near Thomson, becoming enraged at his wife, endeavored to kill her with a revolver, but **Pearl McKee**, the 17-year-old daughter of Mrs. **Gleason**, interfered and received the bullet in the face. **Gleason** was arrested.

Taylorville news: **James Moore**, 17 years of age, a member of the township high school football and baseball teams, and a fine swimmer, was seized with cramps while swimming in a creek near here, and was drowned in the presence of a dozen companions.

Mt Vernon news: Mrs. **Charles Newman** was killed by lightning at her home west of Mount Vernon. She was carrying a child in her arms when struck, but the child escaped injury. She leaves a husband and eight children.

Mt Vernon news: Word was received here from Alvin, Texas, to the effect that **James Blake** of this city had been murdered by two boys at Alvin.

Elgin news: **Will Kreinbrink**, aged 18 years, was seized with cramps and drowned while bathing in the Fox River.

Bushnell: **James Cole**, a resident of Bushnell since the town started in 1855, banker since 1882, head of the First National Bank from 1892 to 1906 and later President of Cole's Trust and Savings Bank here, died at age 85.

Pleasant View news: **Jim Beckett** and wife attended the **Haudlin-Rugh** wedding in Decatur on Wednesday evening.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **H J Elmers**, a daughter on 1 July 1909.

**Dean Klump** was given a surprise party in honor of his sixth birthday Friday afternoon by his mother, Mrs. **John Klump** of this city.

Miss **Marie Adams** entertained about twenty of her friends Wednesday evening in honor of her nineteenth birthday anniversary.

**Tom C Ponting** informs us that his brother, **John Ponting** in Ohio, who was paralyzed a couple of weeks ago cannot recover. His age is 88 years.

**Wednesday, 14 Jul 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

One of the oldest residents of Moweaqua, **N Francis**, celebrated his seventy-seventh birthday in a quiet manner at his home in this city Saturday, 10 July, only the members of his family being present. While Mr. **Francis** is nearing the goal so far as the years allotted to man are concerned,

he is quite active as a businessman and citizen of Moweaqua and bids fair to live many years yet. Mr. **Francis** is a native of New Jersey, coming to Illinois in 1866 and after working a year or so here, he went to Kansas, returning to Moweaqua in 1874 and taught school here in the old school house with **John Goodwin** as principal. After teaching for a couple of years he went into business with **M K Duncan**, buying the lumberyard which he owns at present. In a year or so he became the sole owner and has successfully conducted a lumber business in this city for about thirty years.

Sunday, 11 July 1909, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas E Beard** entertained a number of their friends at their home in this city at a 12 o'clock dinner, given in honor of the former's birthday.

The marriage of **Earl Standley** of this city and Miss **Lucile Head** of Fairfield, Illinois, occurred in Jacksonville Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs.

**Montgomery**. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends by Rev **J P Whiting**, pastor of the First Baptist Church of that city. The bride has held the position of bookkeeper in the Central telephone exchange in this city for sometime and the groom is one of Moweaqua's practical young men, having always lived in this community is well known to everyone. He has held the position of electrician with the Moweaqua Electrical Co and has a wide circle of friends who unite in extending hearty congratulations to the happy couple. They will go to housekeeping soon and expect to make this city their home.

Richview news: A bolt of lightning struck and instantly killed Mrs. **Charles Newman** at her home three miles southeast of Richview. Mrs. **Newman** was in the act of going into the smoke house to close the doors in a rainstorm when struck only a few feet from the kitchen door of the home.

Champaign news: **Eugene Mack** and **Jerry Ryan** are being held without bond for the murder of **George Kaiser** whose body was dragged from a pond. The accused say the three went swimming on Sunday afternoon and they left **Kaiser** in the pond. Bruises on the face and throat indicate that **Kaiser** had been assaulted.

Allenboro news: Mrs. **J W Lamb** gave her son, **Ollie Lamb**, a surprise dinner Friday, it being his birthday. Only relatives were present.

*Limon Herald*: The following is clipped from the *Limon Herald*, edited by **Wm Schnet**, formerly of this city. The stork called at the home of the editor early Wednesday morning and left a nine-pound girl. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Proctor** a daughter, 8 July 1909.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John C Workman**, a daughter on 9 July.

Relatives and friends here of Mrs. **John H Bilyeu** of Oklahoma were grieved to learn of her death, which occurred at her home on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 1909, caused by dropsy and a complication of diseases.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Bilyeu**, a girl who arrived on 12 July 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. **W R Penny** were pleasantly surprised by a post card shower on their thirty-fifth wedding anniversary, 2 July 1909, when they received fifty-five beautiful post cards.

#### Wednesday, 21 Jul 1909 issue. Moweaqua News:

**Cecil E Coventry** and Miss **Bertha A Melcher** both of Findlay were married last Wednesday by Rev **M B Spayd**, presiding elder of the Springfield district of United Brethren churches at his home in Decatur. Mr. **Coventry** is assistant cashier of the Findlay Bank and Miss **Melcher** was formerly one of the Findlay teachers. The couple left on a trip to Chicago.

The death of **Lloyd Watson Snell** occurred in this city Saturday night about 10 o'clock PM at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell**, after a brief but painful illness from appendicitis, aged 27 years, 10 months and 24 days. He was born in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 23 July 1881, and when seven years old, his parents moved to Moweaqua where he lived until his marriage to Miss **Myrtle Riley** of Moweaqua on 26 June 1902. Immediately after his marriage he and his wife moved to a farm in Flat Branch Township where he lived until his death, the last few years living on the old home place of his Grandfather **Snell**. During the revival conducted by Miss **Cartright** in 1900, **Lloyd** was converted and placed his membership with the Presbyterian church of Moweaqua and was still a member at the time of his death. He was a member of the Lodge of Kings of Pythias. **Lloyd** was of a cheerful, pleasant disposition, industrious, honest and upright on all his dealings, a devoted husband and father, a splendid friend and neighbor and one who will be sadly missed by all who were near to him. He leaves to mourn his early departure, a devoted wife and two daughters, **Frances** and **Kathryn**, a father, mother, one brother, Grandfather and Grandmother **Snell**, Grandmother **Watson**, one aunt, Mrs. **Karl Snyder**, and two uncles, **Ed Watson** of Assumption and **Will Snell** of Washington. The funeral was held from the family residence on Tuesday morning at 10:30 o'clock AM, with Rev **Williamson**, Pastor of the Presbyterian church officiating. The concourse of sympathetic friends assembled to do homage to the memory of the deceased far exceeded the capacity of the house. At the conclusion of the services, the remains were escorted to Woodlawn cemetery by the Knights of Pythias where the last rites of the Order were performed.

**Tom C Ponting** gives account of the **Ludwig Birthday** surprise – the first of the kind he ever attended: Mrs. **Ponting** and I were invited out last Saturday to a birthday party. We were requested to be there at 10 o'clock in the morning. I couldn't understand this request, but we got there on time and found about fifty people there ahead of us. I hadn't been there long before I found out it was not only a birthday party, but also a surprise party. This was the first surprise party I ever attended, and it was a surprise indeed. It was carried out in splendid order. The birthday was that of Mrs. **Elizabeth Ludwig**, about 4 ½ miles southeast of town. They persuaded her to visit one of the daughters for several days last week. She wanted to go home Friday but they made excuses and promised to take her on Saturday. All carriages were put out of the way before she arrived so that she would suspect nothing. Everybody was told to keep quiet when she came, and she was sent into the sitting room alone. It was certainly a surprise to her to see forty or fifty of her old neighbors and some new ones get up and shake hands with her. They had such a dinner and in such good order that it would have been good enough for the King of England or Emperor of Germany. Mrs. **Ludwig** has eight children living and all doing well. They were all raised in the country. I was the means of the Ludwig family settling in this party of the country, and I never felt prouder of it than that day. Signed: **Tom C Ponting**

Walker news: Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Plate** and little daughter left yesterday for Polo to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Plate's** mother, Mrs. **Coursey**, whose death occurred on Saturday.

Obed news: **Dexter Reamer** and **Edith Cutler** were married Sunday evening. **Karl**

**Longenbaugh** of Moweaqua is visiting at his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. **G H Jordan**.

Pleak news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Carroll** on Friday, 16 July 1909, twins – a boy and a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Pea**, a girl on 15 July 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Wright** and Miss **Lena Johnson** attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. **Wright's** grandfather at Sullivan on Saturday.

Wheaton news: **Robert W Gates** dropped dead at his home from heart disease at the age of 73 years. He was a member of the Eightieth Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War and was a justice of the peace. He left a widow, three sons, and a daughter.

Carlinville news: Mr. and Mrs. **John Basso** and son, Michael, aged four years, are seriously ill at their home in Benld, in this county, and their two year old daughter is dead, all caused from eating poison mushrooms.

Petersburg news: **Ephraim C Reed**, an extensive land owner and well known resident of Menard County, died at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. **L A Ridge**, near Sweetwater.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Tryon**, 10 July 1909, a daughter.

**Samuel Carpenter of near Tower Hill commits Suicide.** The lifeless body of **Samuel Carpenter**, a farmer residing near Tower Hill, was found hanging from a rafter of the barn at his home at six o'clock Sunday morning. The cause of his rash act is unknown, but it is thought that suffering from rheumatism brought about the decision to commit suicide. Death had taken place fully an hour before the body was found by his wife. The decedent had had no trouble of any kind, and seemed to be in the best of spirits when he left the house to do up the morning chores. He had milked the cows and fed the horses when it appears the unconquerable desire to take his own life seized upon him. It is not thought that the act was premeditated as Mr. **Carpenter** did not seem to be despondent. Coroner **Kenail** held an inquest over the remains Sunday afternoon, the verdict being in accordance with the facts set forth in the foregoing. **Samuel Carpenter** was born in England 59 years ago. He had been a resident of Illinois for forty years. He had been a resident of the farm where he died since moving there from assumption two years ago. He leased a farm near Tower Hill and seemed to be getting along nicely, except for frequent attacks of rheumatism. He leaves a wife and four children. Mr. **Carpenter** was a brother in law to **T J Gorden** of Prairieton Township, and was well known here, having spent many years of his life in this community. The funeral was held at 1 o'clock this afternoon at Assumption.

**Geo A Kautz** returned from Ohio, Monday, where he had been called several weeks ago on account of the illness of his brother, Capt **Fred Kautz**. The death of Capt **Kautz** occurred on Thursday, 15 July 1909, and the funeral was held on Saturday.

Wednesday, 28 Jul 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Viola Hudson**, widow of **Thomas Hudson, Jr.**, late of Moweaqua, has recently been appointed guardian of her three minor children, **James Edward**, aged 16; **Zoe**, aged 12, and **Ralph**, aged 11 years. The children are heirs to an estate of a distant relative who recently died in England. Mrs. **Hudson** has filed her bond with **Ralph Snyder** and **Karl R Snyder** as sureties.

Word was received here the first of the week announcing the death of Mrs. **Eli Ruffner**, formerly of this community. Several years ago they moved to Louisiana where they were engaged in rice farming near Jennings, but on account of the failing health of Mrs. **Ruffner**, they went to Denver, Colorado. Mrs. **Ruffner** died on Saturday, 24 July 1909 and the remains were shipped to Jennings, Louisiana where the funeral services were held. Mrs. **Ruffner** was a sister to Mrs. **Henry Wempen** of this city.

Obed: Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Mathias** are the proud parents of a son born on Sunday.

Prairie Home news: Born to **Thomas Henton** and wife on 21 July 1909, a daughter.

Obit of **Samuel Carpenter**: **Samuel Carpenter** was born in Huntington Shire, England, on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 1850 and departed this life 18 July 1909. He was at the time of his death, 58 years, 11 months and 4 days of age. He came to the United States in the fall and winter of

1860 and for a short time made his home in the state of Ohio where he worked on a farm. He afterward removed to Illinois, settling in the vicinity of Moweaqua, Illinois, where on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of March A D 1878, he was united in marriage to Miss **Sarah Lamb** of near that place. Seven children were born to bless this happy union of whom **Laurella** and **Elizabeth** have preceded their father to the spirit world where we trust they are blessed with eternal joy. The remaining children, **Sadie**, wife of **Sidney Winter** of Gillespie, Illinois, **Thomas**, **Edith**, and little **Floyd**, together with the mother remain to mourn the departure of a kind, indulgent father and a tender, loving husband. (Note: Only six children were listed although it states seven children were born to this union). Deceased became a Christian in early life at Old Liberty Church of Christ of Christian County under the preaching of **A D Northcutt**. He was faithful to his Christian duty as far as opportunity permitted, always attending the house of worship and supporting the Lord's work in every way he could. He was good-natured, kind hearted and genial. He was an honest, industrious citizen, who with the proper regard for the duties one owes to his family, worked unceasingly and untiringly for the support and happiness of those he loved and for whom it seemed there were no tasks too hard, nor hardships too severe for him to undertake. Services were conducted by **H L Veach** of Pana, Illinois, at the Christian church at Assumption on 21 July 1909. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery, Assumption.

Born to Dr **B F Hudson** and wife, a son on 23 July.

Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting** were called to Ohio one day last week on account of the serious illness of Mr. **Ponting's** brother, **John Ponting** who is suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. **Ponting** is in his 88<sup>th</sup> year and his death is expected at any time.

Clinton news: An appeal from the verdict breaking the **Snell will** has been prayed to the supreme court, and the proponents believe that the upper court will sustain their position that the testator was of sound mind and disposing capacity at the time of making the instrument which attempted to disinherit his only surviving son, **Richard Snell**, out of \$750,000. **Richard Snell** declared that he had no fear of the record going to the higher court. If the will remains broken and the action of the jury sustained by the supreme court, **Mabelle Snell McNamara** will receive nothing and the property will be divided one half to **Richard Snell**, or about \$750,000, and the remaining one-half equally between Mrs. **Lena Densmore**, **Thornton Snell** and **Harry Snell**, children of **Col Snell's** deceased son, **Thornton Snell**.

Clinton news: **Henry Smith** was fatally injured when his horse reared, fell backward, driving the pommel of the saddle into his stomach.

#### Wednesday, 4 Aug 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Miss **Irma Cook** was hostess at a party given at her home in this city Thursday night in honor of her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. About twenty guests were present and spent the evening playing games and listening to music. She was the recipient of a handsome locket and chain, the gift of the guests. Mr. **Raymond Townsend** and Miss **Faye Breeding**, two of Obed's most popular young people were united in marriage last Thursday evening at the U Parsonage, Rev **H D Hudson** officiating. The bride is the second daughter of the late **W T Breeding** of White Lake, South Dakota, and the groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **G W Townsend** of Moweaqua. They will reside at the home of their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. **R L Townsend** while they are gone on a prospecting tour in the northwest, and at the return, the newly married couple will leave for South Dakota.

Simplicity and elegance were the distinctive features of the marriage for Miss **Alta Jacobs** and Mr. **Thos Porter**, both of this city, which occurred at 8 o'clock Monday evening at the home of

the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **S J Jacobs**. The ceremony was performed by Rev **J P Edgar**, pastor of the local Methodist church, in the presence of the members of the families of the contracting parties. The parlors were beautifully decorated with ferns and cut flowers and the guests waited with pleasurable excitement for the appearance of the bridal couple, who at the appointed hour, took their position in the front room where the ceremony was performed. The wedding march was played by Mrs. **George Jacobs**. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk mull and the groom wore the conventional black. The bride is the youngest daughter of **S J Jacobs** and is one of Moweaqua's choicest and most esteemed young ladies. She spent a year in the University of Illinois and is a lady of many accomplishments and a musician of considerable ability. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Dudley Porter** and is a bright young man with many excellent traits of character. The happy couple will reside on a farm north of town belonging to the groom's father. They expect to go to housekeeping about the first of September. Monday afternoon the bride-elect was given a novelty shower by a company of her friends. She was induced to go up town, and while she was taken away the guests arrived, and on her return she was happily surprised to find about twenty of her friends there, with many beautiful gifts. Before the guests took their departure they placed the bride-to-be in a delivery wagon and drove up town where the bride and groom to be were placed on the city dray and with a number of their friends were driven through the principal streets of the city.

Carmi news: After having lived together for 30 years and then divorcing, **Bailey McGhee** told his former wife that he was lonesome without her and she replied that the same was true of her. **McGhee** drove to Mills Shoals Township on the same mission he had made the same trip for 30 years ago with a marriage license in his pocket and the couple were reunited. They have five children.

Jerseyville news: Refusing medical aid and insisting that his injuries were slight, **Edward Kullenberger** died at his home in Madison county from hurts sustained while engaged in breaking a colt. **Kullenberger** was owner of the Plasa King Farm and was known throughout the state as a farmer and raiser of registered fruit.

Clinton: The body of a man found in the Missouri river 30 miles east of Kansas City, was identified as that of **J C Gray** of Clinton. The body evidently had been in the water several weeks. It was found near the scene of the Wabash wreck on Saturday. There was nothing that showed what caused his death.

Bloomington news: Falling from an Erie freight train at the Roosevelt avenue crossing while coming into this city, **William Crabtree**, a hobo, aged 30 years, whose home is in Portsmouth, Ohio, suffered the loss of both legs and died at St Joseph's hospital.

Iola news: While making ice cream at the home of a neighbor, **Earl Landreth**, aged 12 years, was killed by a bolt of lightning.

Final report of the administrator of the estate of **Mary Middlekauf**, deceased will be made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August 1909 at the Shelby County courthouse in Shelbyville. **H E Travis**, Administrator.

Walker news: **Leo** and **Leila Jacobs** entertained a few of their most intimate friends Saturday evening in honor of their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. The evening was very pleasantly spent in out door games and vocal and instrumental music. Dainty refreshments were served after which all departed wishing **Leo** and **Leila** many more happy birthdays. Present were Misses **Ethyl** and **Hazel Culbertson**, **Jessie Miller**, **Faye Lancaster** and **Bessie** and **Leila Jacobs**, Messrs **Gilbert** and **Eldo Coffman**, **Warren Tankersley**, **Ross Miller** and **Leo** and **Williard Jacobs**.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Stradley** on 31 July 1909, a 10-½ pound son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Claude Land**, a girl on 4 August 1909.

Wednesday, 11 Aug 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Lois Adams** entertained a few girl friends Friday afternoon at her beautiful country home, the occasion being her ninth birthday. Before leaving the girls gave her a generous shower of water and put her to bed. Games were played and refreshments were served during the afternoon.

Miss **Sallie Simpson** was very pleasantly surprised at her home on Sunday, the occasion being her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. Seventy of her relatives and friends gathered Sunday afternoon. Refreshments consisting of ice cream, cake, lemonade, and bananas were served to which all did ample justice. The evening was pleasantly spent in social conversation. Mr. and Mrs. **Clarence Burris** favored the crowd by singing, which was enjoyed by all. Late in the afternoon they dispersed having had a jolly good time and wishing Miss **Sally** many happy returns of the day.

Macon news: The funeral of Mrs. **J Cotner** whose death was caused by typhoid fever and a paralytic stroke was held Friday afternoon from the Presbyterian Church. The services were conducted by Rev **Willard**. Interment was in the Macon cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lon Tolly**, a son on 6 August 1909.

Taylorville news: Claiming that she does not know his whereabouts and that he deserted her on 27 May 1906, Mrs. **Carrie F Neer**, who was married to **George Neer** on 14 March 1900, has commenced suit for divorce.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Marshall** have a new daughter who was born on 10 August 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Newman** have a new daughter born on 10 August 1909.

**J M Portwood** returned from Doris City, Iowa, one day last week where they had been attending the funeral of Mrs. **D T Attebery**, whose death occurred 2 August 1909 from consumption.

**Matilda A Southworth Ruffner**, was born in Christian County, Illinois, on 18 May 1859 and went home to God on 24 July 1909. In 1879 she was joined in holy wedlock to Bro **E A Ruffner**. As a result of this happy union four children were born, three daughters and one son, Mrs. **A E Sargent** of Jennings, Mrs. **O E Himes** of Denver, and **Wanda** and **Merle Ruffner**, who are of tender years. Brother and Sister **Ruffner** came to Louisiana in 1903 and engaged in the rice industry here. Sister **Ruffner** was born the second time when she was a young girl and immediately joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. About fifteen years ago when her husband was converted at the same altar she was restored to her first love, and from that day until she was called to come home she has lived a faithful and consecrated life in the service of Jesus. During her sickness she talked with her husband and daughter about her prospects of Heaven and on each occasion she expressed her willingness and preparation for that Heavenly country. When the end came it was peaceful and quiet with a light that is not seen on land or sea, she fell asleep in the arms of Jesus whom she served and loved while on earth. Sister **Ruffner** leaves two brothers and two sisters, four heartbroken children and a grief stricken husband to mourn her departure. (*Jennings Times-Record*, Jennings, Louisiana)

Wednesday, 18 Aug 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **J R Drake** was tendered a most delightful surprise birthday dinner by her many friends at her home four miles southeast of town on Friday, 13 August 1909. About fifty guests were present.

*Peabody estate goes to court.* A case concerning the settlement of the **Samuel Peabody** estate is in trial in the county court. When Mr. **Peabody** died about a year ago he left an estate consisting of 240 acres of land in Stonington Township, Christian county, which in his will, he

directed should be turned over to his widow for use during her lifetime and that at her death the land should be sold and the proceeds go to the Missionary Society of the Baptist church. The widow was not satisfied with the will and renounced it. The court decided that Mrs. **Peabody** was entitled to one half of the property and the missionary society the other half, and directed that the executor, **Henry A Peabody**, sell the 120 acres which was half the estate and turn the proceeds over to the society. The land was sold for \$14,000 or \$120 an acre. The trustees of the Missionary Society are all eastern men and were not satisfied with the price received, and are now trying to get the sale set aside claiming that the land is worth \$150 an acre or about \$18,000. Mr. **Peabody** says the improvements on the land are all run down and that there was a big drainage assessment against the land, which the purchaser must assume. For that reason the land sold cheaper than it would had it been well improved and free of encumbrances.

**A E Brinker** of Obed and **Martha Woolf** of near Moweaqua were united in marriage on Wednesday afternoon in Decatur by Judge **O W Smith** in the county clerk's office at the courthouse. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends.

Paxton news: Visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **William La Vernway**, whom he had not seen in years, **John Ryan** of Olmsteadville, New York, dropped dead, so great was his joy at meeting her.

Although it was announced in Fairfield that she was to marry **Nathan Medler**, Miss **Rose Hallafield** eloped early on the morn of her marriage with **John F Shillings** and made a wild early morning ride to Albion where they were married as **Medler** waited for him to join her.

Nauvoo news: One of the four surviving widows of **Brigham Young** died at Salt Lake City. She was **Maanah K J C T Young**. She was married to **Young** in Nauvoo before the westward pilgrimage of the Mormons. No children were born to her.

Fame news: Mrs. **Ben Winter** received a message Sunday morning announcing the death of her father, Mr. **Henderson** of Winfield, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. **Winter** left on the five o'clock train Sunday evening to attend the funeral.

**J W Greaves** received a telegram from Pawnee Rock, Kansas, Monday evening stating that his brother-in-law, **Henry Lamb** was dying. Mr. **Greaves** left Tuesday morning for Mr. **Lamb's** home.

#### Wednesday, 23 Aug 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Ida Prescott** entertained a number of her little friends at a birthday party at her home on the West side on Monday. About a dozen little girls were present and a most delightful afternoon was spent.

McLeansboro news: **Eldon Wright**, the nine-year-old son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. **C C Wright** of this city, was drowned while bathing with some other small boys in a pond one mile southwest of here.

Kankakee news: By the death of a relative, **Samuel Garner**, a bootblack, has fallen heir to a tract of 80 acres near St Louis valued at \$24,000 and has given away his stand to become a farmer.

Pana news: **John Koogle**, well known resident of this city, was run over by a Baltimore and Ohio train and died from injuries suffered in the accident. Both of his arms were so lacerated that amputation was required.

LaSalle news: Blood poisoning resulting from the extraction of a tooth last January caused the death of **Michael Szczesny**.

Cairo: Seized with cramps while swimming with a number of companions in the Ohio River, **William Ashlan**, aged 14 years, was drowned.

**Edwin H Henderson**, formerly a resident of Flat Branch Township, died in a hayfield near his residence eleven miles north west of Winfield, Kansas, about 7 o'clock Saturday evening, 14 August 1909. A physician was immediately summoned but life was extinct. The coroner was called and satisfied himself that death was due to heart failure, therefore no inquest was held. Mr. **Henderson** had been raking hay and when the sons returned after unloading hay at the barn, they found him lying by the horses. Three traces were unhitched, the team having remained perfectly quiet. He was born in Macoupin Co, Illinois, on 27 April 1844 and was the youngest son of **Nathaniel** and **Martha Henderson**. At the age of seventeen years he enlisted in the Union Army in Co E, 10<sup>th</sup> Illinois Cavalry, to which he served three years. At Barr, Illinois, on 25 December 1872, under the preaching of Elder **Smithson**, he was converted to the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ, to which he closely adhered till the close of his life. He was married in 1878 and lived for a number of years near Eagleville, Missouri. In 1883 he moved to Shelby County, Illinois, and united with the Bethany Presbyterian Church near Assumption. In February 1906 he moved to Winfield, Kansas, in the hopes of bettering his health and for a time the change was beneficial. He was a man of honor and integrity, full of life and energy, a devoted courteous husband, a kind father and ever thoughtful of the welfare of those dear to him. He leaves a wife and five children, all of whom were present at the funeral. They are **Harvey G Henderson** of Los Angeles, California, **Earl, Willie** and **Burdette** living near Winfield, and Mrs. **B F Winter** of Moweaqua, four grandchildren, an aged sister, Mrs. **Mary Drum** of Canton, Kansas, and a brother **J O Henderson** of Barr, Illinois. The funeral services were conducted by Dr **L E Sims**, assisted by Rev **King**, at the late residence on Thursday morning, 19 August. Interment in the Mt Vernon cemetery near Winfield.

The marriage of **Floyd E Miller** and Miss **Tona V Spence** occurred Tuesday evening, 17 August at the home of the bride's parents in Sumner County, Kansas. At the appointed hour the guests assembled in the parlor and when all was in readiness, **Arthur Scheller** played a beautiful wedding march as the Christian minister led the young couple to the parlor where he pronounced them husband and wife. The bride was beautifully attired in a dainty cream gown and carried a bouquet of white roses. The groom wore the conventional black. After congratulations all were ushered to the dining room where an elegant supper was served. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Spence**, well-to-do people who reside on a farm in Sumner County, Kansas. She is said to be an estimable young lady, loved by all and one who is an active working in the church and Sunday school. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Miller** who formerly resided near Moweaqua. He is an industrious young man and has many excellent traits of character. Mr. **Miller** has a house already furnished and after a brief visit with relatives, the happy couple will go to housekeeping.

Wednesday, 1 Sep 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Emma Hays**, a former resident of Moweaqua, committed suicide in Springfield on Sunday by taking morphine. Doubt exists as to the woman's real name, but it is said that she was married to **Henry Hays** of Moweaqua until it was found that she had never been divorced from **Joe Derry** of Springfield, a former husband. When this was discovered by Mr. **Hays**, she left Moweaqua and returned to Springfield to live. Before her marriage to Mr. **Derry**, she was the wife of **M O Croffman**, of Springfield, who died a few years ago. Mr. **Hays** of Moweaqua was

notified of the woman's death by telegram from **C M Rhodes**, the coroner of Sangamon County, last night. Despondency is the cause advanced for the woman's action.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cross** on 25 August 1909, a daughter.

Maple Grove news: Miss **Sallie Simpson** and **Roscoe Jesse** were married at Decatur last Thursday. They were accompanied by the bride's sister, Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Bryson**. They will reside with the bride's parents until spring.

Born to Mrs. **Myrtle Snell** a son on 28 August 1909.

**J W Greaves** returned Friday evening from Kansas where he had been attending the funeral of his brother-in-law, **Henry Lamb**, whose death occurred last Sunday after a lingering illness from diseases consequent to old age, the direct cause being paralysis.

Mrs. **Prescott** and son, **John**, executors of the **Ezekiel Prescott** estate, recently sold the 70-acre farm near Radford belonging to the estate to **Ed Hight** of Macon for \$125 per acre.

Judge **Grider** has announced his decision in the matter of the estate of the late **Samuel A Peabody**, mention of which was recently made in the *News*. Two beneficiaries of the will, the Baptist Missionary Societies, brought suit to set aside the deed, setting forth four objections. First that the societies had the right to elect whether they should take half the land or half the cash; second that the widow, having renounced the will, acted the same as her death, and that they had the right to take possession of their share at once; third, that the price received for the land was inadequate, and fourth, the assessment of \$545 as costs against the estate by the executor, **Henry A Peabody**, claiming that the costs should be paid out of the personal property. Judge **Grider** overruled the first three objections and sustained the fourth. It is likely that the case will be taken to the circuit court for further litigation

**Wednesday, 8 Sep 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

In the matter in which **Philip Standley** was ordered by the court to show what dispositions he had made of money received from the sale of property, touching his ability to pay \$100 alimony assessed by the court some time ago, **Standley** declared that he had lost \$6,000 in three days in the shipment of cattle, that he was absolutely without any means and that he had to borrow money to pay his railroad fare to Shelbyville. Upon this presentation of the matter, Judge **McBride** declined to hold him in contempt of court for not paying the alimony though the order still stands against him, and will become operative should he come into possession of any property.

Maple Grove news: Quite a crowd of jolly young people assembled at the home of **Lou Carrol** Saturday evening to remind **Clyde** of his seventeenth birthday. Games and music were indulged in during the evening and delicious refreshments were served. The crowd departed wishing the young man many more happy birthdays.

The sale of personal property of **Ezekiel Prescott**, deceased, will be on Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 1909 at the late residence of said deceased in Moweaqua, Illinois. Property consists of several stoves, coal heating stove, cook stove, gasoline stove, carpets, lace curtains, blankets, beds and bedsteads, lamps, rockers, chairs, fencing wire, and other articles too numerous to mention. **Mary E Prescott** and **John A Prescott**, Executors.

**S S Clapper**, guardian of the **Bernice E Roff**, a minor, sold the Roff property consisting of a house and one and one half lots in the east part of town at public sale on Saturday afternoon in this city. It was purchased by **M S Ayars** for \$ 505. This amount is only about half of what the property is worth.

*Notice:* Having left my bed and board, notice is hereby given that I will not stand responsible for any debts hereafter made or contracted by my wife. Signed: **Walter S Foster.**

Allenboro news: **H J Long** was called to Wichita, Kansas, last week on account of the death of one of his relatives.

Bloomington news: **Samuel Mosiman**, prominent Peoria business men and member of the firm of Mosiman and Co grain dealers, was killed and his brother, **Joseph Mosiman**, fatally injured when their automobile was struck by an interurban car at Schallenberger's crossing, one mile east of Morton. **John Garber**, brother-in-law of **Samuel Mosiman** was riding in the automobile at the time of the accident but escaped injury. The machine was totally demolished.

Greenfield news: **John Pranger**, aged 40 years, and **Beverly H Gross**, aged 19, were instantly killed during a wind and rain storm by falling timbers from a silo they were erecting on the farm of **V E Barnes** in the southwest part of this county. Both men were dead when removed from the wrecked silo five minutes after the accident. **Pranger** leaves a wife and nine children.

**Gross** was single. The coroner's jury exonerated all from blame.

Petersburg: After escaping with his life in two runaway accidents, **Charles Vogt** is dead at his home near Petersburg as the result of an accident of the same nature. **Vogt**, who resided six miles west of town was preparing to go to church and had hitched a team of young colts to a spring wagon. The team became frightened and the man was thrown from the vehicle with great force causing his death.

Wednesday, 15 Sep 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The death of **Edward D Cole** occurred Friday morning at 9 o'clock in Jacksonville after a long illness from a complication of diseases aged 65 years, 5 months and 7 days. Mr. **Cole** was a native of New York and came west in the early 1860s and settled in Macon. He was married to Miss **Maybe Ruby** of Macon on 27 September 1872. To this union were born five children, two girls and three boys. **Charles Edward** died in infancy and **Otto Edison** died at the age of 16 years. The mother died on 19 July 1891. There remains to mourn his departure, two daughters and one son, Mrs. **A D Kyner**, Mrs. **P L Drew** of this city and **Rome E Cole** of Texas, also two grandchildren, **Mayme** and **Catherine Kyner** of this city. Mr. **Cole** was engaged in the harness business for a number of years in Macon. He was a charter member of the Macon Masonic Lodge and resided at that place until his health began to fail when he moved to Moweaqua to make his home with his daughters. He was converted during the Shannon revival here last fall and immediately united with the Presbyterian Church. He often expressed the wish that he had become a Christian much earlier in life but said, "*I will now do all that I can to try to make up for lost time*". The funeral was held at Macon from the Presbyterian Church at 10 o'clock Sunday morning and was conducted by Rev **Williams** of this city. Interment was in Macon cemetery.

About thirty friends and relatives of **Charles E Jackson** gathered at his home northwest of town Sunday with well-filled baskets to help celebrate this 25<sup>th</sup> birthday. The table was spread on the lawn under a large shade tree. After dinner a good time was spent in music and social conversation after which they presented him with a handsome rocking chair as a token of remembrance.

Thursday, 9 September 1909, being **Grandpa Pinkston's** 89<sup>th</sup> birthday, over fifty of his friends, neighbors and relatives sought to make the day pleasant by coming in with baskets laden with all the goodies which nature and good cooks could supply. The day was rather a gloomy one, but that was forgotten when all eyes beheld the table, groaning under its weight of goodies and they

all wore on their faces, the smile that won't come off. The day was spent in social conversation and playing ball in the evening. Watermelon and muskmelon was partaken of to which all did ample justice (especially **Will Abraham**). Grandpa **Pinkston** is enjoying very good health considering his age and seemed to enjoy the day. He received several gifts. The crowd dispersed about five o'clock wishing him many more birthdays.

The marriage of **Wm Tanner** and Miss **Irma Mumaw**, both of this city, were united in marriage last Monday evening at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. **Chester Craven**. They will reside on a farm west of town.

Quincy news: Walking in his sleep, **John Clemens** fell from the open window in his room on the third floor of a boarding house, struck against a fire escape, and then hit the concrete walk with such force that he received injuries which resulted in his death.

Macon news: The remains of the late **Ed Cole** formerly a resident of Macon were brought here Sunday morning for burial. The services were conducted in the Presbyterian Church.

Again we hear the sound of wedding bells in the state of Kansas, this time they announce the marriage of **Fleetah B Miller** to **W J Ward**, both of Sumner County, Kansas, on 7 September at 3:30 o'clock PM. They were united in the holy bonds of matrimony in the Christian church at Wellington, Kansas, in the presence of a number of friends and relatives. The bride wore a dainty cream-colored gown and carried a wreath of daisies while the groom wore the conventional black. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Miller** formerly of Obed, Illinois, and the groom is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Ward** of Sumner County, Kansas. The bride is a promising young lady of many good qualities, industrious and a faithful worker in church and Sunday school. The groom is an industrious young man, indulges in no bad habits, is a prominent young farmer, and is highly esteemed by his many associates for his excellent qualities. After hearty congratulations the young couple made their way through the shower of rice to the train on which they left for Wichita where they will spend a few days with relatives after which they will return to a farm near Belle Plain, Kansas.

Wednesday, 22 Sep 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **John Koma** of this city died at an early hour Saturday morning. The child was about three weeks old and had always been very weak and delicate. No physician had been called hence no death certificate could be given by one. Coroner **Jake Kensil** of Shelbyville, was called and held an inquest on Saturday afternoon. He was driven over by chauffeur, **Everette Gregory**, in company with Deputy Sheriff **Frank Stone** and **Irv Douthit**. The child was taken to Pana on Sunday morning and the funeral was held there Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock PM.

Yantisville news: Uncle **Isaac Longenbach** has been in poor health during the past week. He has been confined to his room and is quite feeble. If he lives until 17 December 1909, he will be 88 years old.

Allenboro news: Wednesday being **Henry Arnold's** birthday, he was given a dinner at the home of his father, **W A Arnold**.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Mr. and Mrs. **John McGinley** attended the funeral of Mr. **Propeck** of near Brunswick last Wednesday.

Miss **Grace Steidley** of this city and Mr. **Harry Haden** of Pana were united in marriage in Decatur Tuesday afternoon. Miss **Steidley** was one of Moweaqua's bright young ladies and has held a position in the central telephone office for over a year. Mr. **Hayden** is a barber by trade and is said to be an excellent young man. They will reside in Pana.

**Wednesday, 29 Sep 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**W M V Smith** died at his home near Elm Grove on Friday, 24 September 1909 after a lingering illness from Bright's disease, aged 77 years, 7 months and 20 days. He had been confined to his bed for about ten weeks and had been in very poor health during the past twenty years. He was a devoted husband and a kind indulgent father. His convictions, whether right or wrong were honest and since resulting from much careful study and analysis on his part and with which he calmly met the fate of all flesh. **William Mounterville Smith** was born on 4 February 1832 in Scioto County, Ohio, and grew to manhood there. On 17 July 1853, he was united in marriage with Miss **Lydia Snyder**. To this union one son, **William H Smith** was born. He came to Illinois in the early 1860s and located on a farm near Blue Mound where he resided for a number of years. At a later date he moved to Shelby County, residing on a farm near Elm Grove, which was his home until his death. His wife dying 18 August 1862, he was again united in marriage with Miss **Elizabeth J Galford** on 12 January 1863. To this union nine children were born, one dying in infancy and **John W** at the age of 39. The remaining ones are **James** of Atwood, Mrs. **Marion Ruffner** of Millersville, Mrs. **John Powell** of Macon, Mrs. **Joe McGrath** near Assumption, **Dick, May** and **Joe** at home. In the year 1868 he was converted and united with Cumberland Presbyterian church at Madison near Boody, Illinois, and although he never moved his membership from that church, he lived a consistent life and died in the triumphs of the Christian faith. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence on Sunday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev **Bankson** of Blue Mound. Interment was in Woodlawn cemetery north of town.

**Ruth Maurine Evans**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J P Evans** living southeast of town died on Thursday, 23 September 1909, after a month's illness from a complication of diseases, the immediate cause of its death being spinal meningitis, aged 2 years, one month and 13 days. During her illness, the child suffered intensely and all that medical skill, kind hearts, and careful nursing could do was done for the little one, but of no avail. Her breath went out like the exaltation of a sweetly fragrant minion of the woodland. She was an exceedingly bright child and was loved by everyone that knew her. She was the only child in the home and the grief stricken parents have the sympathy of the entire community. The funeral services were held at the Little Flock church on Saturday at 11 o'clock A.M. Rev E E Bundy, pastor of Locust Grove officiated. Interment in the cemetery nearby. The pallbearers were Misses **Neva** and **Goldie Bridgman, Maude Pontius** and **Nora Kirk**. *Card of Thanks:* We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their ever-faithful assistance to us during the sickness and death of our darling babe. Mr. and Mrs. **John Evans**.

Miss **May Matheny** of Bethany and **Chas A Neill** of Windsor were quietly married at the home of **Lafe Tallman** in Shelbyville Monday afternoon. The bride is a daughter of **Ed Matheny** and is a very popular young lady of Bethany and is well known in Moweaqua. The groom is a son of **Samuel R Neill** near Windsor. They will live on a farm near Windsor.

At 7:30 o'clock PM, Tuesday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, living south east of Moweaqua, occurred the marriage of their daughter Miss **Dessie** to Mr. **Jas E Terrell** of Holden, Missouri. Officiating was Rev **J P Edgar**, pastor of the Methodist church of this city. The ceremony took place in the parlor, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The bride and groom stood beneath a bower of flowers. Hearty congratulations followed the ceremony and then the guests were escorted to the dining room where an elegant supper was served. Many beautiful presents were received. The bride is the oldest daughter of

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas** and is a young lady possessing many charming requisites of character and is highly esteemed by all who know her. The groom, Mr. **Terrell** is one of the most successful and prosperous farmers and stockmen of Missouri and is said to be an excellent young man. He and his bride expect to leave for their future home near Holden, Missouri, the first of the week. Those who attended the wedding from a distance were Mrs. **Terrell** of Holden, Missouri, mother of the groom and Mr. and Mrs. **Leonard Coultas** of Decatur.

The death of **Emanuel Mose**, a well known resident of this community, occurred Sunday night at his home south of town, from the effects of sciatic rheumatism, aged 65 years, 8 months and 4 days. Mr. **Mose** was born 22 January 1844 in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland. He was married **Nancy Roads** on 16 August 1866, and who died 7 February 1875. To this union were born two children, **Henry**, who survives his father, and **Alice** who died in infancy. He was married again on 30 July 1882 to **Anna Elizabeth Russell**. To this union were born four children, **Orba, Walter, Clarence** and **Carrie**, all of whom are living. He moved from Maryland to Indiana where he resided for seven years, and from there he moved to this community in 1885 where he resided until his death. He was converted at an early age and united with the U B church then the M E Church South. After coming to this community he united with the Fame United Evangelical Church of which he remained a member in good standing until his death. He was ever faithful to his Master and to the church, was loyal to his vows and supported the church in its different departments of work according to his ability. He was honest and upright in his dealings with his fellow men. He was afflicted with rheumatism since 1 Nov 1908 and was confined to his bed most of the time, but never murmured nor complained but longed to be relieved and be at home with his Savior. His last admonition to his family was that the boys keep a home for mother and sister, that they should all live a Christian life and be prepared for death and remember that there is one who is waiting and calling for them on the other shore. He leaves a devoted wife, four sons, one daughter, one sister, three brothers, three grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn his departure. The funeral services were conducted at the Salem M E church on Tuesday morning by Rev. **F W Nickel**. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

The **Daniel Moll** farm, consisting of 160 acres near Obed was sold by **John A Prescott**, executor of the **Prescott** estate to **Henry Atkinson** of near Todd's Point for \$19,000.

The relatives and friends of Mrs. **Lewis Connor** gathered at her home in the east part of town last Thursday, 23 September, to remind her that she was seventy years old and they assembled to help her celebrate the occasion. She received a post card shower as well as several very useful presents. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and music.

Maple Grove news: **W S Miller, John Evans** and daughter and Mrs. **Chas Miller** of Decatur attended the funeral of **Wm Smith** on Sunday.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Weir Schintzler**, a big boy who arrive on 22 September 1909.

**W R Penny** and family went to Argenta Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Susan Evans**, mother of Mrs. **Penny**.

Mrs. **J R Smith** is now 'grandma' a letter received by her this morning from her son, **Clifton Snell**, informing her of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. **Snell** at their home in Navina, Oklahoma, on Monday. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Patterson** have a new little girl born 23 September 1909.

A birthday surprise was planned and carried out Tuesday evening by **J W Stombaugh** and his neighbors northeast of town. The affair was given in honor of the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of Mrs.

**Stombaugh.** About 50 guests were present and a most delightful evening was spent. Games and music formed pleasant diversions and delicious refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Mr. and Mrs. **C S Rodman** have a daughter born to them in Quincy on 22 September 1909.

**Wednesday, 6 Oct 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Rawlings** near Yantisville will occur the marriage of their oldest daughter, Miss **Onita** to Dr **George E Lyon** of Obed at 6:30 o'clock PM this evening. The wedding will be a quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties having been invited. Miss **Laura Syfert**, an intimate friend of the bride will play the wedding march, and the ceremony will be performed by Rev **Schaffer** of the Ridge Church. Miss **Rawlings** is a highly accomplished young lady, a graduate of Shelbyville high school, and a successful teacher in the schools of Shelby County. She comes from one of the best families of the community and is capable of filling the home she will adorn with happiness and will prove to be a helpmate and companion to the husband she has chosen to honor with her hand. Dr **Lyon** is a physician at Obed and is considered one of the substantial men and best practitioners in the county. He is an active worker in the church and Sunday school and has a wide circle of friends in the community.

Monday about ten o'clock the two-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Mike Tierpak** in the south part of town was burned so badly that death followed soon afterward. The child was found in the street with its clothing on fire, the blaze reaching above its head. Dr **Duckwall** was called and did all that could be done to save the little one's life but it had inhaled the flames, and its body was burned into a crisp, thus death could only be the result. How the child's clothing caught fire is not known, but it is thought the little one had been playing with matches. The child was taken to Pana for burial yesterday evening. Coroner **Kensil** was summoned and came over from Shelbyville Tuesday accompanied by **G C Kranser** and **O L Lewis** and held an inquest Tuesday afternoon. The fact is occasionally overlooked that all deaths from violence, casualty or any undue means are to be referred to the coroner. This inadvertence sometimes causes embarrassment to the physician and distress to the survivors by interrupting or delaying the burial.

On Tuesday morning at six o'clock after an illness of almost three weeks occurred the death of **D W Poole** at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **W H Cheatham** of this city. **David Wilson Poole** was born in Nelson County, Kentucky, on 17 June 1818, and he died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 5 October 1909, aged 91 years, 4 months and 13 days. In March 1842 he was united in marriage to Miss **Louisa Curtsinger** of Washington County, Kentucky, where they lived until 1881, coming thence to Illinois and settling in Macon County near Prairie Hall. Three children were born to them, all of whom were with him during his last illness. About seventeen years ago Mr. **Poole's** wife died since which time he has made his home with his children, Mrs. **W H Cheatham** of this city, Mrs. **B Scruggs** of Decatur, and **Jas H Poole** of Lintner, Illinois. Besides these he leaves fifteen grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild to mourn his departure. Mr. **Poole** joined the church of the United Brethren near Linter about 20 years ago since which time he has lived a consistent Christian life, observing the Golden Rule in his every day life and lending a helping hand always to those who needed it. The body was taken to Lintner this morning where the funeral service will be held after which interment will take place at the old Turner Cemetery near Lovington.

The one-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Portwood** of this city died suddenly Saturday evening about 7 o'clock PM of acute congestion of the stomach. The child had always been very

delicate and was taken by its mother to the restaurant on Saturday evening, where it was permitted to eat ice cream, which threw it into a congestive chill. It was taken to Dr **Bowman's** office where it received medical attention, and everything that could be done to save the child's life was done, but it expired in a short time after reaching the doctor's office. The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon and interment was in the Tolly cemetery southeast of town.

Prairie Home news: Married in Shelbyville on 29 September by Rev **Robertson**, Miss **Zerilda Henton** of Prairie Home and **J B Deadman** of near Findlay.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D M Cooley**, a girl on Sunday, 3 October 1909.

Miss **Ina Jackson's** friends gave her a post card shower on Monday, 4 October as a remembrance of her sixteenth birthday. She also received several other presents, which she appreciated very much.

Mrs. **Martha Van Treis** died 1 October 1909 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **W W Waltz** west of town after an illness of five or six months. Her age was 63 years, 11 months and 21 days. She was born in DeKalb County, Indiana, on 9 October 1846, and was united in marriage with **George Waltz** in 1868. To this union were born two children, **Frances**, and Mrs. **Waltz**, the latter alone survives her. She was a member of the Central Presbyterian church and lived a consistent Christian life. The funeral was held at the home of her daughter, Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock AM. Rev Edgar officiating. The corpse was taken to Maroa Sunday on the noon train for interment. (Note: Copied as written in the *News*, however, her name was first given as **Martha Van Treis**, then stated she married **George Waltz**, and her daughter's name was also '**Waltz**'. Not sure if this is an error in the paper or not.)

#### Wednesday, 13 Oct 1909 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

The death of **Chas B Groom** occurred at his home in Flat Branch Township on Thursday morning 7 October 1909, aged 49 years, 8 months and 25 days. He had not been well for some years, had suffered intensely with asthma and heart trouble and death came as a sweet relief. The cause of death was given as cardiac dropsy. Mr. **Groom** was born in Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, and came to this community in 1883, taught school for a while, but his health failed and he returned to farming. By the practice of economy and careful management and hard work, he found a home for himself and his loved ones. He was married on 16 October 1889 at Moweaqua to Miss **Mary Ellen Smith**. To this union were born 4 children, 2 sons and 2 daughters. One of the daughters died in infancy. He had served as assessor of this township and at the time of his death was school director of Fame District. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity and also a member of the M. W. A. There remains to mourn the departure of a kind brother, loving father and devoted husband, 2 sisters, Mrs. **Duncan** of Decatur and Mrs. **Bethel** of St Cloud, Mo (Note: Not sure if they mean Missouri or Minnesota – copied as written), one daughter, **Alta**, two sons, **Floyd** and **Russell**, the sorrowing widow and other relatives besides a host of friends. The funeral services were conducted at the Fame Church on Sunday afternoon by **Theo Ludwig** and **F W Nickel** and was largely attended. Interment was in the Salem Cemetery.

**Harold Rice**, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Rice** of this city was run over by an automobile Sunday afternoon at the **Groom funeral** and his left leg was broken above the knee. As the procession was forming at the house, the boy was knocked down by someone passing, and the car backed over him with the above results. Drs **Sparling**, **Stults** and **Duckwall** rendered aid, and the little fellow is getting along nicely.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Armstrong** on 11 October 1909 in Mississippi, a ten-pound boy. Mother and babe are doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong** were recently of this city, but left for the south last January.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Day** a daughter on 9 October 1909.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Stanley Pontius** a daughter who arrived on 10 October 1909.

Mr. **John Stradley** received a message Saturday that an aunt from Oklahoma had started out here to visit them and took sick and died in St Louis.

Pleasant View news: Mrs. **Geo Lowe** and daughter, **Bessie** attended the funeral of Mr. **Duan** in Decatur.

Lerna: The life of **James F Ashbrook**, one of the oldest and best-known farmers in this section, was crushed out when a large white oak tree, which he was helping to cut down fell upon him, bringing him instant death.

### Wednesday, 20 Oct 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

On Thursday, 7 October Mrs. **Obe Harris** passed peacefully away at her home near Tobinsport, Indiana, after two years of suffering from lung trouble. She was 23 years of age. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Armstrong** formerly of this city, and was born in Flat Branch Township on 7 October 1886. She united with the Christian church of Moweaqua at the age of fourteen to which faith she remained faithful until death. She expressed her desire to go and asked them all to meet her in the better world. She was united in marriage to **Obe Harris** on 14 February 1906. Two children were born to this union, one of which died in infancy. She leaves one child, **Zema**, a husband, father, mother, and two sisters, Miss **Jennie Armstrong** and Mrs. **John Braden** of West Point, Mississippi. **Richard Armstrong** of Atlanta, Georgia, **Wm E Armstrong** of Tower Hill, none of which except mother were permitted to attend the funeral which was held on Sunday at the M E Church near Tobinsport, Indiana, and the attendance was large.

A pleasant surprise was planned on Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Moll** in honor of Mrs. **Moll's** fifty-second birthday. At noon last Sunday relatives and friends with well-filled baskets suddenly appeared. The surprise was complete. Mr. and Mrs. **Moll** were each presented with a beautiful rocking chair.

*Peabody estate settled!* **Henry A Peabody**, executor of the estate of the late **Samuel N Peabody** has made his final report to the county court and has asked his discharge from further service. This is the estate that was taken into court by the widow, **Maria Peabody**, who elected to take her share of the estate under the statute rather than under the will, which gave her a life estate, the property finally going to two Baptist societies. Mr. **Peabody** reports that \$5,009.834 was received from the sale of personal property. Of this he paid out \$3,065.53, leaving a balance of \$1,040.31 to be distributed - \$520.15 to the widow, and one half of the balance to each of the Missionary Societies that were the legatees. Mrs. **Peabody** retains one half the real estate as her share under the statute. The other undivided half was for \$14,009, and \$700 each has been paid to the American Baptist Union and the American Baptist Home Missionary Society.

**Albert Sprague** died at the family residence in this city Thursday afternoon of cancer. He had been ill about two years. He was born in Ohio sixty-nine year ago. The family had been living in Moweaqua and community for about thirty years. He is survived by his wife, one son, **James W Sprague** of Decatur, and one daughter, Mrs. **A D Black** of Blue Mound. The funeral services were held at the Baptist church Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock PM. Rev **J N Edmondson**, Pastor of the church officiated at the service.

Allenboro news: Mrs. **J K Clipstone** whose health has been rapidly failing is now at the point of death.

Mr. and Mrs. **Earl Jacobs** has a son born 16 October. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E C Com---**(cannot read - print too pale) - a son on 14 October.

**Wednesday, 27 Oct 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*A good man gone. Death comes after a brief illness. Was well known here. **Valentine Snyder**, the first of the family to die for 60 years passed peacefully away at his home in this city Monday morning.* Monday morning at his home in this city, there passed away of Moweaqua's best and most highly respected citizens, **Valentine Snyder, Jr.** An unusually active life closed when he entered the portals and the span of nearly 65 years of his life ended in the last sleep at 10:10 o'clock Monday morning. Death came peacefully and it was apparent early in the morning that he could not long survive. Uraemic poisoning is assigned as the cause of his death. His exact age was 64 years 11 months and 27 days. Although the poisonous malady which caused his death had been coming on for years, and he had had several severe attacks, yet he was a strong man physically and became seriously ill less than a week ago. The disease by that time had such a hold upon him that all medical aid could not save him. A specialist came from Chicago Friday night and gave some encouragement so that for a few days, reports were more favorable. On Sunday morning he became unconscious and the end came peacefully the next morning. Mr. **Snyder** was interested in everything that promoted the welfare of Moweaqua. He was a member and officer of the Methodist church, the secretary of the Moweaqua Mining Company and as administrator of many estates, has been the guardian of many children. The community will feel his loss more than that of any one man, for his influence as an upright, capable, generous and kindhearted man cannot be estimated. His keen business foresight and his knowledge of men and affairs together with a great loving heart overflowing with kindness and sympathy made him admired by everyone and his wise counsel was sought continually by all classes of people. Men came to him for advice and the poor, the widows and the fatherless have lost their best friend. His friends were numbered by the thousands and his death comes as a shock to all who knew him. He loved his family with an almost excessive devotion and was never so happy as when they were all at home together. Mr. **Snyder** has always taken much interest in the church and Sunday School, and has been an officer or teacher in the latter almost all his life. Such characters as **Valentine Snyder** do not die—it is simply a spiritual transition to a higher and holier condition, and it is sweet to know that the end came in beautiful Christian confidence, in the presence of a wife and children, brothers, sisters and other loved ones. Mr. **Snyder** was always a warm friend to the *News* and his friendship was reciprocated by us. We love him as a man and as an exponent of the highest citizenship. To the bereaved family the *News* can only extend sincere sympathy in behalf of a sorrowful community. Mr. **Snyder** was born in Christian County, ¼ mile west of Moweaqua, on the old home place on 28 October 1844, and died in Moweaqua on 25 October 1909. He was the fourth son of **Michael** and **Margaret Kautz Schneider** (Note: As spelled in article). The family name having been analyzed many years ago for convenience in spelling. One brother, **Peter**, died when a year old, in 1848, and this is the first death among the children in the family since then, sixty one years ago. Four brothers, **Michael**, **William J**, **Christopher** and **Adam** are still living, and two sisters, Mrs. **Margaret Ponting** and Mrs. **Caroline Gregory**. He was married on 14 September 1870 to **Lillian Snow**, who survives him. They built their present home two years later. Ten children were born to them, one of whom, **Frederick** died in infancy. The others are **Clarence E** of

Chicago, **Karl R, Ralph W**, Mrs. **Irene Whallon** of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Mrs. **Mattie Andrews, Roy V, James Blaine, Cedric M** and **Margaret K** of Moweaqua. All the children were at home at time of their father's death, except Mrs. **Whallon** who returned to Altoona only a week ago, and **Clarence** who left for Chicago on Sunday night. All of the children and grandchildren were present at the funeral. Mr. **Snyder's** first business venture was a general store which he opened with **Geo A Kautz**, in 1867. This was successfully conducted until 1874 when they sold the store to **Adam Snyder** and opened the bank which is still carried on under the name **V Snyder & Co.** **John Friedley** was a third partner in the undertaking. He left the company in 1880. Two sons, **Karl** and **Ralph** have been with the bank with their father since 1896 when Mr. **Kautz** retired. The funeral occurred on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the M E Church. Rev **Edgar** conducting the service assisted by other ministers in town. Appropriate music was furnished by a male quartette composed of Messrs **J T Haslam, C F Gaskill, Dr Sparling** and **J E Longenbaugh**. A beautiful tribute was shown by the six sons who honored their father by acting as bearers to his last resting place. The floral offerings were profusive and exquisite. Never did lovelier flowers bear silent testimony or loving friends. The altar at the church presented a beautiful floral picture not soon forgotten. In respect to the deceased, all business houses closed and school was dismissed for the funeral. At the conclusion of the services at the church, the body was laid to rest in the West Side Cemetery.

Prairie Home news: The 18<sup>th</sup> being Mrs. **E R Harper's** birthday, about 35 of her neighbors went to her home that evening to remind her of it. Oysters were served and all left wishing Mrs. **Harper** many more birthdays.

Allenboro news: Mr. **Jesse Clipstone** of Warrensburg attended the funeral of his aunt on Sunday. Mrs. **J K Clipstone** died on Friday morning at 3 o'clock and was buried Sunday at Macon. Mrs. **Mary Davis** of Decatur and Mrs. **Kate Winchel** of Blue Mound are spending a few days this week at the home of the **Clipstone Brothers**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Emmet Isom** a son on 25 October 1909.

Miss **Myrthine Clipston**, an old resident, died Friday afternoon at her home five miles northeast of Moweaqua after an illness of several weeks. Her death was caused by the infirmities of old age. Her maiden name was **Francis** and she was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania, on 2 February 1838 at which place she lived until she was united in marriage to **Joseph K Clipston** on 5 February 1857. She immediately came west and settled on a farm near Moweaqua where she resided until her death on 22 October 1909, at the age of 71 years, 8 months and 20 days. Unto them were born five children, **Charles, Kathrine Winchel** of Blue Mound, **Jennie Slaughter, Grant** and **Elmer** all of whom survive her, also eight grandchildren of whom all survive her but one. She is also survived by two brothers and one sister in Pennsylvania. She united with the Dunkard denomination in her early days. Sometime after coming to Illinois she was united with the Christian Church west of Moweaqua. Mr. **Clipston** died last spring. The funeral was held on Sunday morning at the family residence at 10 o'clock with Rev **J P Edgar**, pastor of the Methodist church of this city officiating. A quartette composed of Mrs. **Combs**, Miss **Alma Edmondson**, Messrs **J W Gregory** and **Morton Gregory** furnished the music. Interment was in the Macon cemetery.

**M Snyder Jr.** celebrated the 75th anniversary of his birth at his residence in this city on Saturday, 23 October. All of the children were present as was Mrs. **Jas Vickery** of Almyra, Arkansas, whose birthday occurs on the same day. She arrived just in time Saturday to participate in a bountiful feast spread for the occasion. Last year Mr. **Snyder** celebrated his birthday with Mrs. **Vickery** at her home in Arkansas. The event proved to be a most enjoyable

one and long to be remembered by those present. Mr. **Snyder** is one of Moweaqua's best citizens, his residence here of more than 28 years having won for him the highest regard of all. Retiring from the activities of life a number of years ago, he can look back upon his long life as one of success and happiness.

Mr. and Mrs. **M S Ayars** threw open the doors of their beautiful home on Monday evening and bid cordial welcome to a number of their friends in honor of their fifteenth marriage anniversary. Games and music formed pleasant diversions. Refreshments were served. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. **C F Gaskill**, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Ahl**, Mr. and Mrs. **H M Day**, Mr. and Mrs. **Kyner**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Morris** and Miss **Edna Day**.

The marriage of **J T Walker** of this city and Miss **Sarah E Magee** of Assumption occurred in Decatur about noon Monday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W E Walker** on West Decatur Street. Rev **J W Eckman** officiated. Mr. **Walker** is one of the substantial and prominent men of Moweaqua and until about a year ago was engaged in the grain business in this city. Mr. **Walker** and his bride have gone on a wedding trip through Kansas and other western states, and upon their return they plan to make Assumption their home.

Plenk news: Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Sims** entertained several to dinner on Sunday in honor of Rev **J D Morgan's** 74<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Wednesday, 3 Nov 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mr. and Mrs. **Beverly Armstrong** quietly celebrated their 62<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary last Friday, 29 October 1909. Mrs. **Joe Smith** and Miss **Florence** and little **Josephine Christman** of Tower Hill, Mrs. **Wm Sims**, Mrs. **R G Stine** and Mrs. **Ed Shride** of Moweaqua and Mrs. **Irene Sims** spent the day with them, but did not know of the anniversary until they arrived. Mrs. **Armstrong** prepared the dinner for the company while Uncle **Beverly** husked about 35 bushels of corn.

**Clarence J Stroh** of this city and Miss **Jessie Taylor** of Taylorville were principals in a wedding which took place at 7 o'clock Sunday evening at the home of the bride. The nuptials came as a surprise to their many friends. Their plans were kept a secret by the members of their families, and they were married and out of the city before any of their friends were aware of their marriage. In fact, hardly anyone had suspected that they even contemplated being married. The bride is the oldest daughter of **Frank Taylor**, a Taylorville barber. She is a graduate of the township high school, having been a member of the class of 1909. The groom is a son of **Chas Stroh**, the cigar manufacturer. Both the parties have been friends and are highly esteemed. The groom is engaged in the cigar business here with his brother, **Dan Stroh** and will make Moweaqua his home.

Mrs. **W H Pontius** died at her home near Elm Grove at an early hour this morning, the result of a paralytic stroke, which she received about seven years ago. She had been an invalid and in a helpless condition ever since that time. Her husband died a year ago last June. She was about 62 years of age. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Locust Grove.

Dr and Mrs. **W T Bowman** entertained at a five o'clock dinner on Tuesday, a few of their friends. The occasion was in honor of the Doctor's and Miss **Mattie Snell's** birthdays. An enjoyable time was had by all.

The **V Snyder and Co. - Bankers** - established in 1874 - ran an ad to their patrons to inform them that the banking business will be continued as heretofore and that they will give the same efficient service and courteous treatment as in the past. Your accounts and loyalty are greatly appreciated. The owner of the bank, **V Snyder** died a short time ago.

Maple Grove news: **Sherman Pearson** and family, **Charles** and **Will Harris**, Mr. and Mrs. **Will Keilman**, Mrs. **Maggie Cox** and daughter, **Maurine**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Cox** of Indiana were entertained at the home of **B Pearson**, the occasion being Mrs. **Pearson's** birthday. An elegant dinner was served to which all did ample justice.

Real estate sale of the late **Ezekiel Prescott** will be held 27 November 1909. Signed: **Mary E Prescott** and **John A Prescott**. The sale includes 5 plots of property as well as the residence of the late **Ezekiel Prescott** located in Moweaqua and includes the large 8 room family home as well as a barn, granary, out buildings, cribs, wells, cistern and plenty of fruit and shade trees. The **Day family** was entertained at a dinner on Sunday at the home of **Elkin Chandler** in Decatur. The dinner was given in honor of the birthdays of Mrs. **Day** and Dr **Chandler** (the former **Harriet Day**)

**Wednesday, 10 Nov 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Stephen Potsic** was instantly killed Friday morning about 9:30 o'clock in the Moweaqua mine by falling slate. His entry had been sounded and was thought to be in a safe condition when a large rock or piece of slate fell, striking the miner on the forehead and crushing his skull, causing instant death. He had worked in the mine all his life and was an exceptionally bright and industrious young man. Quiet, reticent and never known to have been troublesome or unkind with his associate. He was born in Caseyville, Indiana, and came here about fourteen years ago with his parents. His age was 21 years and 2 months. Besides his father and mother he leaves two brothers and four sisters to mourn his departure. His body was taken to Pana Sunday morning where the funeral was held in the afternoon and interment in the Catholic cemetery.

*Obit:* Mrs. **Catherine Ann Pontius**, who for seven and a half years had been greatly afflicted, much of the time suffered intensely, departed this life to the reward the rest prepared for the people of God. The end came on Wednesday morning at her home. Mrs. **Pontius** was a kind mother and loving wife, a good neighbor, and her sweet Christian spirit and willing service for the good of others has won for her many friends. The deceased was the daughter of **Robert** and **Martha Morral** born in Pickaway County, Ohio, 11 March 1847, and died at her home in Shelby County, Illinois, 3 November 1909. She was aged 62 years, 6 months and 11 days. She was married to **Wm H Pontius** on 18 Dec 1866. To this union were born eleven children, three of whom died in infancy and one, **Mary Etta**, wife of **G R Bridgman** died on 15 February 1908. Seven children, **Addie May Bridgman**, **Laura Belle Pontius**, **Harry Wilson Pontius**, **Martha Edith Corley**, **Milton Stanley Pontius**, **Hattie Myrtle Warner**, **Katie Alice Christman**, eighteen grandchildren and one sister, **Jennie Roth** of Ashville, Ohio, still survive to mourn her departure. Early in life she accepted and found Christ as her Savior and united with the United Brethren in Christ and ever since has lived a consistent Christian life. Services were held at Locust Grove on Thursday, 4 November 1909, at 2:00 o'clock PM. Rev **E E Bundy** officiated in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Interment was in the cemetery nearby.

Assumption Route # 1 news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Cunningham**, 3 November 1909, a big baby girl. News came that Mr. and Mrs. **James Munson** are the proud parents of a big baby boy born on 7 November.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **Mary Carpenter** was called to Ottoway, Kansas, on Thursday on account of the death of her brother-in-law, **Harry Hankins**.

Elm Grove news: Mrs. **Sarah Yantis** and son **Ed** of Decatur attended Mrs. **Pontius'** funeral last week.

Fame news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Schnackle** in Iowa, a daughter. They formerly lived in this vicinity.

Cards were received here one day last week announcing the birth of a son at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Riggins** at Mulberry Grove.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Workman**, a girl born on 4 November.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A W Deach**, a girl, 2 November.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nate Langley**, a girl on 7 November.

Miss **Wilhamina Rettig** entertained a number of her little friends at her home south of town on Tuesday in honor of her eleventh birthday.

Grandma **Brooks** who has been suffering with bronchial trouble for several weeks is reported no better. She is over eighty years old and it is feared that she cannot survive long.

Wednesday, 17 Nov 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**J F Jenkins**, who conducted the Piano contest for the *News* during the summer, died at St Mary's hospital on Friday about noon. He was sick for a couple of weeks with appendicitis and was taken to the hospital last Sunday to be operated on, but he had delayed the operation until it was too late to save his life. He was about 40 years of age. His relatives live in Texas and by their direction, his funeral was held in Decatur on Sunday. Interment was in the Greenwood cemetery.

Miss **Hally Smith** entertained a number of her friends at an afternoon party at her home on Saturday in honor of her fourteenth birthday. Games were played and refreshments were served. The guests were the freshman high school class and a few close friends.

**George S Terry** died suddenly about 9:00 o'clock AM Thursday morning in Shelbyville. Mr. **Terry** was sitting in the office of Atty **W E Lowe** conversing and apparently was in good spirits, being jovial as usual, when death overtook him. He fell over into the arms of Mr. **Lowe** and died without the semblance of a struggle. A physician was immediately summoned but life was extinct before his arrival. Apoplexy is given as the cause of his death. Mr. **Terry** was born in Okaw Township on 1 March 1841. He was raised on the farm and after his marriage continued to follow the agricultural duties until he and his family moved to Shelbyville in the year 1868 in which year he was appointed deputy sheriff by Sheriff **J R Moore**. After serving a term in this capacity Mr. **Terry** then opened up a mercantile store which he conducted until 1893 when he gave up the store business to take up auctioneering which work he follow up until the time of his death. Mr. **Terry** was a member of the local lodge of Odd Fellows and Woodmen, had \$2,000 life insurance in the latter order. He is survived by his widow and eight children, five sons and three daughters, one of the latter being Mrs. **M Gabbart** of Moweaqua. The funeral services were held from the Methodist church on Friday afternoon. Rev **Rigg** officiating. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery.

Monday, 15 November being Mrs. **Elizabeth Housh's** 84<sup>th</sup> birthday, her relatives and friends pleasantly reminded her on Sunday of the occasion by arriving at her home near Pleak about noon with well filled baskets. A delicious dinner was served and a pleasant day was spent. Although the weather was very inclement quite a crowd assembled in honor of the occasion and to cheer and make happy one of the pioneer settlers of the community. Mrs. **Housh** has been quite poorly during the past week but when the guests began to depart, 'Grandma' said she was feeling fine. Several nice and useful presents were given to her with wishes for her to enjoy many more happy birthdays.

The last will and testament of the late **Valentine Snyder** has been filed for probate and in accordance with one of the provisions letters of administration have been issued to two sons, **Karl R Snyder** and **Ralph W Snyder** and the executors were required to furnish no bond. After providing for the payment of all just debts and funeral expenses, the testator provides: First that the sum of \$500 be given to the trustees of the Moweaqua Methodist Episcopal church to be held as a trust fund, invested, and the income and profits to be applied annually to the incidental expenses of the church. Second that his gold watch and chain become the property of his son, **Cedric M Snyder**. Third that his present home become the property of his wife, **Lillie Snyder**, to be used by her as long as she lives; providing that with her consent, it may be sold, one half the proceeds to be invested in a new home for her and the balance given to her. Fourth that the executors appropriate \$5,000 in cash and 20 shares in the capital stock of the Moweaqua Coal Mining and Manufacturing Company to be held in trust, the interest, profits and dividends arising there from to be paid the widow, and at her death the shares of stock be sold and the proceeds divided equally among the children. That, it being his intention that his children should have equal shares in his estate, each one to whom advances had been made should be charged with such sums and they be deducted from their shares. That **Karl R** and **Ralph W** be given the undivided one-third share in the bank building and lot on which it stands, each to be charged with \$750 against his share of the estate. That all personal, real and mixed property not heretofore provided for shall become the property of the children, share and share alike, and that the executor be not required to settle the estate within the required statutory time limit unless such settlement be deemed expedient. The heirs to the estate which is large are: Mrs. **Lille Snyder**, the widow sons and daughter are as follows, **Clarence E Snyder**, Wilmette, Illinois, **Karl R Snyder** and **Ralph W Snyder**, Moweaqua, Illinois, **Lillian I Whallon**, Altoona, Pennsylvania, **Mattie M Andrews**, **Roy V Snyder**, **James B Snyder**, **Cedric M Snyder**, and **Margaret K Snyder**, Moweaqua. The death of Mr. **Snyder**, who was guardian for several minor children living in Moweaqua, made necessary the appointment of new guardians which was done in the county court on Friday as follows: **Ralph W Snyder** was made guardian of **Grace** and **Leland Gilliland**, aged 14 and 12 years, respectfully, and filed his bond in the sum of \$2,500, **J A Prescott**, **J T Walker** and **J W Greaves** as sureties. **Ralph W Snyder** was made guardian of **John Schumaker**, aged 13 years, and filed his bond in the sum of \$6,000 with **W F Corrington**, **Frank Snell** and **J A Prescott** as sureties. **Karl R Snyder** was appointed the guardian of **Theresa Schumaker**, aged 11 years, and filed his bond in the sum of \$6,000 with **J W Greaves**, **A L Adams**, and **J T Walker** as sureties. **Karl R Snyder** was made guardian of **Oscar T Dietz**, aged 18 years, and filed his bond in the sum of \$1,500 with **J A Prescott**, **J T Haslam** and **Tom C Ponting** as sureties. **Karl R Snyder** was made guardian of **Grover E Eakin**, aged 10 years, and filed bond in the sum of \$400 with **J A Prescott** and **S S Clapper** as sureties. **Ralph W Snyder** was appointed administrator of the late **Lillian D Gilliland** estate and filed his bond in the sum of \$2,000 with **W F Corrington** and **Frank Snell** as sureties. Pleasant View news: The Mr. **Brookshiers** and wives were called to Blue Mound Wednesday by the sudden death of their cousin, Miss **Logan**. Miss **Mollie Gilliland** was in Shelbyville Tuesday in interest of the Gilliland partition suit. Judge **Clapper** of this city is there looking after her interests. **Walter Humphrey** returned from Michigan Monday night where he had been called on account of the serious illness and death of his sister, Mrs. **Emma Price**. Her death occurred last Wednesday and the funeral was held on Sunday. Her malady was heart and stomach trouble and she was aged 78 years.

Mrs. **Rebecca Elsum** entertained a number of friends and relatives today at a 12 o'clock dinner at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Chas Ahl** in honor of her birthday. The guests out of town were **Elkin Chandler** and family of Decatur and **Frank Homrighous** and family of Assumption.

Pleak: The surprise dinner that was given Sunday in honor of Grandma **Housh's** 84<sup>th</sup> birthday was well attended and she received many beautiful presents.

Mrs. **Sarah Rice's** condition has been quite critical for several days. Dr **Pratz** of Chicago and other out of town relatives were called at her bedside the first of the week. She is said to be growing weaker and death is expected at any time.

Wednesday, 24 Nov 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

**J E Gregory** is very low. A telegram was received here this morning from Rev **E K Schults** of Ft Myer, Florida, stating that **J E Gregory** is very low and that the friends and relatives here should expect the worst. *Later:* Word was just received of the death of **J E Gregory** last night. The remains will be brought here on Saturday. Funeral at 2:00 o'clock PM on Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Church.

**K R Snyder** and **Ralph W Snyder** for **V Snyder, Jr.**, deceased, guardian of **Frank Schumaker** of this city, have submitted their final report to County Judge **Grider**, showing the receipts and expenditures. A balance of \$1,106.47 is turned over to the boy who reached his majority on 8 November last.

Mrs. **Sarah Rice** still survives and her condition remains about the same. Food has been given by hypodermic process for some time but does not seem to furnish much nourishment and the result is that she grows weaker.

An informal announcement of the marriage of **Hubert Hunter** of Phoenix, Arizona, to Miss **Willa Frances Hickman** of the same place came to us on Monday. Owing to the serious illness of the groom's mother, the wedding was a quiet affair, being attended by only a few intimate friends and relatives of the contracting parties, and took place in the Presbyterian Church in Phoenix on 18 September 1909, the announcement failing to reach us by a delay in the mail. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Hunter**, formerly of Yantisville who are well known to many of our readers. **Hubert** is a bright and capable young man, a graduate of Stanford University and one who is destined to make his mark in the world. During the past year he has been on the editorial staff of the *Phoenix Daily Gazette* and for some time has been holding the responsible position of city editor. The bride is said to be a quiet cultured young lady, a graduate of State Normal College of West Virginia, an elocutionist of considerable ability and for many years a teacher in the public schools of Arizona.

Pana news: Miss **Elizabeth King**, aged 23, a schoolteacher, committed suicide by drinking strychnine. Despondency over her school duties, which, it is said, were not pleasant, was the cause.

Carmi news: **Edward Smith** and **Leeman Mitchell** had a quarrel over dice. **Smith**, accused of manipulating the ivories, drew a pistol and killed **Mitchell**. **Smith** was arrested.

Paxton: The body of Mrs. **Sarah P Rea**, who died at the home of her son in law, **W O Smith** in Ludlow, was sent to Mahomet for burial. She was 90 years old.

Mattoon: **Patrick Welch**, oil inspector for the city of Mattoon, aged 65 years, was struck by a Big Four switch engine and killed instantly.

Peoria: **Emmett Gardner**, 17 years old, is dead as a result of the accidental discharge of a shotgun in the hands of his companion, **Earl Bliss**, while the two, with **Gardner's** father, were hunting five miles northeast of Peoria. A shot penetrated the lad's brain through his left eye.

Walker news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Plate**, a son. Mr. **Plate** was formerly operator here but moved to Maroa a short time ago.

Prairie Home news: Born to **Wm Moon** and wife on 20 November, a son.

Born to **Floyd Cox** and wife on 16 November, a daughter.

The **Prescott real estate** sale, property of the late **Ezekiel Prescott**, consisting of several farms and some town properties will be sold at executors sale at the front door of the post office in Moweaqua next Saturday.

**Wednesday, 1 Dec 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Harry Hays**, aged 68 years, of this city, and **Mary Evans**, aged 60 of Decatur were joined in matrimony on Wednesday in the latter city.

*A Good Woman Gone.* Mrs. **Sarah Rice** dies at her home in this city on Friday morning of cancer of the stomach – Funeral Sunday morning. Mrs. **Sarah Rice**, one of Moweaqua's oldest and most prominent citizens died at her home in this city on Friday morning, 26 November of cancer of the stomach. She had been critically ill for several weeks, during which time her suffering was intense so that death came as a great relief. There was much of the pioneer condition surrounding her early farm life and in all these circumstances she proved herself a woman of unusual resources and effectiveness. There was scarcely a home through all the neighborhood where her ministering hand and cheerful word was not felt and heard. The night was not too dark, the mud too deep, the roads too rough or the winds too chilly to keep her from duty's call. For more than fifty years she had been a devoted believer in and follower of Jesus Christ as her personal Savior. At the age of fourteen she united with the Christian church and all through these years has been a loyal and exemplary member. It was in the service of her master that the flower and fragrance of her faith bloomed and bore its sweetest fruit age. She could truly say 'for me to live in Christ to die is gain'. 'I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith'. She was a Deborrah and a Dorcas, a Mary and Martha. Mrs. **Rice**, whose maiden name was **Sarah Elizabeth Yocum** was born on 5 January 1842 near Brazil, Indiana, being at the time of her death, 67 years, 10 months and 21 days. At the age of 20 she was united in marriage to **Martin V Adams**. They moved to Illinois in the same year and settled on a farm near Moweaqua. To this union three children were born, one of whom, Mrs. **Thos Knowles** of Moweaqua still survives her. This happy home was not permitted to continue but a few years, as death invaded it and took her from the husband of her youth. After the death of her husband, she returned to her Indiana home. Two years later, she married **George Fallis Rice** of Moweaqua and again returned to her former home neighborhood. To this union five children were born, **Chas W Rice** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **J W Yantis** deceased, Mrs. **F D Pratz** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **Frank Clark** of Decatur, and Mrs. **A R Spicer** of Dixon. To this union Mr. **Rice** brought three daughters and three sons as step children, Mrs. **Ed Smith**, **George A** and **David Rice**, Mrs. **Wm Wash**, Mrs. **T C Markwell** and **John Rice**. In the fall of 1891, Mr. and Mrs. **Rice** moved to Moweaqua from the farm. Eight years later, Mr. **Rice** died. Since then Mrs. **Rice** has resided at her present home. She is survived by one brother and three sisters, two of whom, Mrs. **M W Yocum** and Mrs. **Maggie Hardin** were present. She is also survived by one son, four daughters, two stepsons, one stepdaughter, eleven grand children, thirteen step-grand children and three great-grandchildren. The funeral services were held at the Christian church on

Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock and the concourse of sympathetic friends assembled to do homage to the memory the deceased, far exceeded the capacity of the church. Services were conducted by Rev. **A R Spicer** of Dixon, a son in law and Rev. **Yocum** of Taylorville, a brother in law of the deceased. A beautiful tribute was shown by the sons and sons in law, **C F Rice, George Rice, Frank Clark, E O Smith, Thos Knowles** and **Dr Pratz** who honored the mother by acting as bearers to her last resting place. The ladies of the W C T U of which organization the deceased was an honored member attended in a body. Interment was in the West cemetery.

**Gregory** Obit: Many of the representative citizens of Moweaqua and community assembled at the Baptist church in this city on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock to attend the funeral services of **James E Gregory**, a prominent and respected citizen of this city, who died at the home of Rev **E K Shultz** in Ft Myers, Florida, Tuesday night of last week. The body, accompanied by Mrs. **Gregory** and Rev **Shultz** arrived here Saturday on the 11:38 AM train and laid in state at his home in this city until 12 o'clock Sunday. The seating capacity of the church was taxed to the utmost, and all that could get inside listened with both reverence and respect to the services conducted by Rev **Edmondson**, pastor of the church and Rev **Shultz**, a former pastor. The floral offerings were very handsome. The casket was covered with a blanket of flowers and the number of bouquets and designs attested to the high esteem in which Mr. **Gregory** was held by a large number of friends. Following the services, many of these same friends accompanied the remains to the Woodlawn cemetery north of town where they were solemnly consigned to their last resting place. Pallbearers were **Wm Griffith, J W Angel, P L Drew, D A Adamson, L P Bullock**, and **Will G Thompson**. **James Edwin Gregory** was born on 3 January 1844 in Perry County, Indiana, and died in Ft Myers, Florida, on 23 November 1909, aged 65 years, 10 months and 20 days. His death was the result of a complication of diseases from which he had been a sufferer for more than 12 years past. He had only recently gone to Florida with the hope of the southern climate benefiting his health. He and his wife had comfortable quarters with the family of Rev **E K Shultz**, one of the former pastors of the Baptist church of this city. Mr. **Gregory** spent his early life in the state of his birth, up to 1862, when at the call of his country, he enlisted in Col L, 13<sup>th</sup> Ind Calvary, under the command of Col **Johnson**, at the early age of 17 years. During this mighty struggle, three of which he served, he was present and took part in the following engagements: Franklin, Tennessee; Nashville, Tennessee; and Mobile, Alabama. On account of his tender years he was recipient of many favors by his officers. The stern determined and daring qualities that afterward were made so manifest in his life were the possessions of the boy. Near Selma, Alabama, when General **N B Forst** had surrounded General **Gordon Granger**, the deceased rode forth and saluted the General and asked the question: "What are you going to do, General?" Whereupon the general replied we will fight them to the end or words to that effect. Young **Gregory** replied, "That suits me, General". He had a horror of being taken prisoner. Immediately after his discharge from the service, which occurred at Indianapolis in December 1865, he came to Shelby County, Illinois. By dint of self-denial and by prudent habits, he saved up and sent home sufficient money to buy a 40-acre plot of fine land in Shelby County. The same was purchased and paid for out of his own earnings long before he came home. **J E Gregory** was converted at the age of 14 years, united with the Gilead Baptist church, Perry County, Indiana, and baptized by Rev **J Brown** in the Ohio River. The faith of the young man was a sheet anchor to his life and character during the great struggle of the war of the states, the period so many of the less fortunate soldiers contracted vicious habits which followed them to their graves. Mr. **Gregory** at the time of his death was the senior deacon of the Baptist church from which he was buried. His hand was always open to every financial and spiritual

need. He was united in marriage first to Miss **Debbie A Parks** on 15 January 1869. This marriage was indeed happy, the wife sharing with him his devotion to his church and every good cause, but after a long period of happiness, she was called to the better land on 5 April 1898. His second marriage, which was also very happy, was to Miss **Rosine Pogue**, 10 May 1899. **James E Gregory** was one of the prime movers in the organization of the present First National Bank in Moweaqua, which was organized on 10 June 1905. He served as president of the board until his death, besides he, with others, promoted the sinking of the coal shaft in this city and was otherwise engaged in various forms of mercantile business. He was postmaster in this city for two terms, eight years. He was the oldest member of the family of **Edward** and **Elizabeth Winchel Gregory**, consisting of seven children, six boys and one girl. The sister and only sister of the family, **Laura Rosella Thomas**, died on 29 March 1880. The brothers are **John L, T J, Wallace, Frank** and **Richard**, all of whom still live and were present at the funeral. The deceased had no children either by his first or second marriage but there are a large number of nieces and nephews in whom he felt a fatherly interest. The community loses a useful citizen, the church, the Modern Woodmen, the Masonic Lodge and G A R Post, a valuable member. *(Note: See 'Sketches' section of this book for a portrait of this individual)*

Kewanee: Miss **Edith Maple** of Quincy who was visiting at the farmhouse of her brother near here and had seemed in good health, fell dead from heart disease while getting out of bed.

Allenboro news: Mr. and Mrs. **J C Thompson** attended the funeral Friday of a nephew of the latter who was killed near Middlesworth in jumping from a moving train, striking his head on a switch post.

Pleasant View news: Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Gregory** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Rice** in Moweaqua on Sunday.

**Samuel Parks** and family of Kansas arrived here Friday evening to attend the funeral of **J E Gregory**.

Prairie Home news: Mr. and Mrs. **Clem Scribner** visited their daughter, **Bessie Marshall** and new grandson near Bethany on Wednesday.

**R I Smith** and family and **J Smith** and family of Taylorville were in the city on Sunday attending the funerals of **J E Gregory** and Mrs. **Sarah Rice**. They were entertained at dinner at the home of **John W Smith**. Mr. and Mrs. **John Pogue**, Mr. and Mrs. **C M Powell** of Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. **W G Long** of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. **J G Thompson** of Decatur were in the city on Sunday attending the funeral of Mr. **Gregory**.

**J Wheeler Brown** and daughter, Miss **Agnes** of Blue Mound were in the city Sunday attending the funerals of Mrs. **Rice** and Mr. **Gregory**. They were entertained at the home of **J W Angel**. The prices for the estate of **Ezekiel Prescott** land sale were good. The prices paid for real estate belonging to the **Ezekiel Prescott** estate here Saturday at the executor's sale was very satisfactory to all concerned. The sale brought a total of \$26,642. The 77 acres of unimproved land adjoining the city of Moweaqua on the south were sold to **Oscar Frazee** for \$181 per acre. **Ralph Snyder** bought the business building consisting of three storerooms and an opera house for \$7,500. He also bought the Prescott home place. The price paid was \$2,450. The 17 acres of improved land in Prairieton Township was purchased by **L F Rettig** for \$115 per acre as was also the eight-acre tract of timber west of town. The price for the latter was \$110 per acre. **Ed Ruffner** of East St Louis is visiting at the homes of **Frank Ruffner**, **Wm Coultas**, and **Cleasant Coultas**, southeast of town.

**Wilbur Glenn Jacobs**, the six weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Earl Jacobs** died of acute indigestion on Monday evening at the home of its parents southeast of town. The funeral

services were held Tuesday afternoon at the family residence. Rev **Edgar**, Pastor of the Methodist Church officiated. Interment in Woodlawn Cemetery north of town.

Mrs. **R J Carsell** and daughter Miss **Addie** returned Sunday evening from Alton, Indiana, where they spent six weeks with the former's father and other relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hario Burgener**, a son, 22 November. To Mr. and Mrs. **Laconte**, a son, 24 November, to Mr. and Mrs. **W J Brooks**, a son, 22 November and to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Holland**, a daughter, born 29 November 1909.

**George Roberts** died at the home of his son, **R E Roberts** in Blue Mound on Tuesday, the cause of his death being asthma with a complication of diseases. He leaves a wife and two sons, **R E Roberts** of Blue Mound and **Harry Roberts** of this city, the latter being an adopted son. The funeral was held in Blue Mound today and interment was in Woodlawn cemetery north of town.

Wednesday, 8 Dec 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Rice's** Will Filed: The will of the late **Sarah E Rice** of Moweaqua was filed for probate on Wednesday, and by its terms, her son, **Charles W Rice** is appointed executor to serve without bond. Mrs. **Rice** provided that all her just debts and funeral expenses should be paid out, her daughter, **Mary E Knowles**, should be given an undivided one third interest in the north east quarter of the north west quarter of Section 23, Town 14, Range 1, and directs that the remainder and residue of her property shall be given in equal shares to her children and heirs, namely:

**George F Rice**, **Enda F Pratz**, Moweaqua, **Mary L Clark** of Decatur, **Sue B Spicer** of Dixon, **Charles W Rice** of Moweaqua, all children, and **Ethel Yantis** of Decatur, **Edna Yantis** of Dixon, **Gwendolin** and **Halden V Yantis** of Moweaqua, grandchildren, to have one share collectively. The grandchildren are the heirs of Mrs. **Rice's** daughter, **Rachel Yantis**, deceased, and from their distributive share of the estate, the sum of \$218 advanced to their mother is to be taken. (Note: See 'Sketches' section of this book for a portrait of this individual)

**Harold Workman**, the little two-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Workman** living southwest of town fell into an old, abandoned well Wednesday afternoon and was drowned. The boy had followed his father into the field, and when the child came to the well, which was covered with old rails, he fell between two of the rails and dropped into the water, which was about ten feet deep. The mother's attention was attracted by the barking of the dog, and on missing the child she followed the dog to the well where she heard the cries of the little fellow. She ran for the father who did not know that the child had followed him, but when they returned to the well, the child had gone to the bottom. The body was taken to the home where an inquest was held on Thursday morning. The funeral was held on Friday.

Obed news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Cole**, a son on 4 December.

Wednesday, 15 Dec 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The will of the late **James E Gregory** of this city was filed for probate on Monday and by its terms, his wife, **Rosine Gregory** and **Harley R Gregory** are appointed executors to serve without bond. Mr. **Gregory** provided that after all his just debts and funeral expenses should be paid, his brothers **John L**, **Thomas J**, **Wallace**, **Frank**, and **Richard** and his nephew, **Harley R Gregory** should have in equal shares, all his bank stock in the First National Bank of Moweaqua and directs that **Thomas J Gregory**, **Wallace Gregory**, **Richard Gregory** and **Rosella M Thomas**, shall have in equal parts, twenty share in the Moweaqua Building and Loan Association. He also directs that a certain promissory note for \$500 due 25 September in the year 1912 be given to **John E Thomas**, and a certain promissory note for \$500 due

25 September 1913 be given to **Fred C Thomas**. To his wife, **Rosine Gregory** he bequeaths his home residence during her natural life and at her death he directs that the same shall go in equal shares to **James Everette Gregory, Pearl, Lawrence, Earl, Debbie** and **Halden Gregory**. The rest and residue of his property of every kind and character, real, personal or mixed, including cash, notes, and accounts be given to his wife as her absolute property forever.

**Wesley Warren** of Westervelt has been appointed administrator of the estate of the late **Catherine A Pontius** of Elm Grove and an inventory of the property puts a value of \$5,600 on the real estate, which consists of 40 acres of land in Pickaway Township. The personal property was valued at \$462.20

Attorney **Howland J Hamlin**, former Attorney General of Illinois, and one of the best and most successful lawyers in Central Illinois, died at his home in Shelbyville on Sunday afternoon at the age of 59 years. He contracted pneumonia following his return from a pleasure trip to Florida a week ago causing his death. For a quarter of a century Mr. **Hamlin** was one of the most prominent figures in Illinois politics. He was well known in Moweaqua and the sad news was received with regret.

The marriage of Miss **Pearl Tryon** of this city and **Wm Dillman, Jr.** of Illiopolis was solemnized at the court house Monday afternoon, Judge **O W Smith** officiating.

Marion news: **Thomas Presley** and **Thomas Smith** were jailed in this city, charged with the murder of **James Hickey** at Johnson City, 12 November. Warrants are out for eight others, two of whom are women. The murder is surrounded by mystery. **Hickey** was hauled from the place of murder in a buggy that two women had hired and taken from a stable in Johnson City the night of the murder.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Cliff Winchel** of Roanoke, Louisiana, on 15 December 1909, a daughter. Easton news: Mystery still shrouds the death of Mrs. **Ischmael** who was fatally shot here. **Joy Royston**, who was with the woman at the time of the shooting, insists that she first fired at him, then turned the weapon upon herself. A letter which the dying woman in a moment of consciousness told **Don Cheek**, her brother, would explain all, cannot be located.

Born to **C H Sanner** and wife of Prairie Home on 8 December, a daughter.

Pleasant View news: Quite a few from this vicinity attended the **Mooney-Harting** wedding.

Fame news: **Adam Ellrich** received a message Sunday announcing the death of his former neighbor, **Henry Pistorius** of Decatur on Saturday at one o'clock. Funeral services were held at the Boody M E Church on Tuesday. He was 67 years old and was the father of seven children, six girls and one boy. He was the father of **Alvin Pistorius** formerly of Moweaqua, but now of Missouri.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W I Brookshier** on 8 December 1909, a girl.

**Henry Bess** of Rosamond died in this city on Wednesday after a short illness with pneumonia, aged 31 years. Mr. **Bess** had been in failing health for several months with lung trouble. Many physicians were consulted in hopes of saving his life but to no avail. He was sent to Colorado some time ago but the climate did not improve his condition and he returned home. A couple of months ago he was brought from the home of his father to this city in order that he might receive treatment from one of our physicians and was getting along nicely but with the severe change in the weather, he contracted a severe cold which developed into pneumonia. Owing to the weak condition of his lungs, he could not withstand the attack. He was cared for at the home of **J H Highley**. The relatives left to mourn the loss of a dutiful and loving brother are the father, **D C Bess** of Rosamond, three brothers, **Dwight** of Rosamond, **Eugene** of Colorado, **Elmer Bess** who

is, at this time enlisted in the United States Navy, and one sister, Mrs. **J W Christner** of Rosamond. The remains were taken to Rosamond for the funeral burial.

**Wednesday, 22 December 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**C W Taggart** is lying in a critical condition at the home of his daughter Mrs. **L C Cox** near Prairie Home the result of a run away accident which he experienced a couple of weeks ago. Mr. **Taggart** was driving his favorite horse to a sleigh when the shafts came loose, causing the horse to take freight and run. Mr. **Taggart** was thrown heavily to the ground but at the time was not thought to have been injured much. It has since developed that he was injured internally and is now lying at the point of death. *Note:* Word comes to us as we go to press that Mr. **Taggart** is dead. His death occurred about 11 o'clock today.

Mrs. **Henry Brink**, age 36 years, died suddenly at her home south of town this morning about 2:30 o'clock. She had been suffering for sometime with neuralgia, but the immediate cause of death was paralysis. Besides her husband, she leaves a son, two years old and a host of friends to mourn her departure. Services will be held at the Salem church on Friday after noon at 2 o'clock.

Word was received here Monday announcing the death of **Emmet Gregory** who stepped from a west bound train near Cloverport, Kentucky, on Friday night and fell over a trestle thirty feet to the ground, causing his death at an early hour on Saturday morning. The train was approaching the station and had whistled when an air brake pipe burst and the train stopped on the trestle over Skillman's bottom, a few yards from the station. **Gregory**, like several other passengers, thought the stop was for Cloverport, and he stepped off the train and fell to the bottom about thirty feet. He was taken to the infirmary of his uncle, Dr **A A Simons**. **Gregory** was thirty-two years of age and leaves a wife and three children. Mrs. **Gregory** was formerly Miss **Mary LaHeist**, of Cloverport. He was the son of Mrs. **Grant Gregory**, who was expecting him home that night for a visit. He lived in New Albany, Indiana, but was reared at Cloverport. He was a cousin to the **Gregory's** of here.

The tract of 240 acres of farm land lying east of Moweaqua owned by the late **Ambrose Gilliland** has been divided between the six heirs, vis **Mary, Eva, Thomas, Elsworth, Grace** and **Leland Gilliland**, each getting forty acres. This division suit has caused much interest in the community. The land is considered very valuable and a number had tried to buy it for speculation. There yet remains 16 acres of farm land a town property to be divided.

**Mertie M Myers**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **J P Myers** of Prairieton Township died of appendicitis about 9 o'clock Friday night at St Mary's Hospital in Decatur. The remains were brought to Moweaqua Saturday morning, and the funeral services were conducted from the Old Stonington church at 11 o'clock on Sunday. The deceased was 14 years and 11 months old, besides his parents he is survived by two sisters and four brothers.

**John Jackson** and Miss **Martha Mathes** both of Prairieton Township were united in marriage in Decatur on Saturday, 18 December. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Mathes** west of town.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J W Ireland** on 16 Dec 1909, a son.

Notice is given for the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March 1910 for the settling of the estate of **Valentine Snyder, Jr.**, deceased. **Karl R** and **Ralph W Snyder**, executors.

Final settlement will be made on estate of **Henry Nichau**, deceased. (Note: Notice says announcement was made on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1909 and final settlement will be made on 7<sup>th</sup> day of January 1909 (as written)).

Obed: Miss **Frances Jordan** was called to Jacksonville Tuesday morning on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. **Frank Masters**.

Prairie Home news: Married in Decatur by Rev **Penhallegon** on 14 December were **Mary R Carpenter** and **Charles H Sheffler**. Mrs. **Elmer Pelton** of Decatur spent a few days here last week visiting her father, **C W Taggart** who was critically hurt in a runaway sleigh accident. Mr. **Taggart** died later.

The funeral of a former Blue Mound parishioner, Mrs. **Thomas Gabriel** whose death occurred Thursday at the home of her daughter Mrs. **Lee** in Decatur was conducted last Friday. She was 82 years of age.

Administrator's notice of final settlement for estate of **Clara M Schumacher**, deceased, was announced. Will come up for approval on 17 January 1910 at Shelbyville courthouse.

Mrs. **Robertson** attended the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. **Wm McDaniel** at Elwin on Friday.

A telegram was received here on Saturday morning announcing the death of Mrs. **L C Uhl** of Smith Center, Kansas. Her death occurred Friday from cancer of the stomach. Mrs. **Uhl** was a sister of **Wm Widick** of this city and of Mrs. **H C Miller**, southeast of town.

Prairie Home news: Married in Decatur, 21 December, **Chas Condiff** and Mrs. **Delia Wright**. **Mark L Taggart** of Oklahoma came to Prairie Home on Thursday on account of the death of his father, **C W Taggart**.

**Karl** and **Ralph Snyder**, executors of the estate of **Valentine Snyder, Jr.** received \$4,000 from the Aetna life insurance co and \$ 6,000 from the Mutual Life Insurance Company against the life insurance policies held by **Valentine Snyder, Jr.**, deceased.

Having received an invitation to dine at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **G H Jordan** near Obed on Christmas at a dinner given in honor of their newly married son, **Lloyd Jordan** and his wife, we started from town about 11 o'clock through the raging snow storm and after several mix-ups in the drifts, we landed all right and feet foremost at the parental home where we met the rest of the family. (no name given of the writer).

The marriage of Mr. **Clarence J Vandeventer** and Miss **Grace Dixon** of Decatur was solemnized on Friday evening in the first Presbyterian Church in Decatur by Rev **Penhallegon** in the presence of the relatives and a few immediate friends. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. **Jennie Dickson** and is quite well known here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Marshall**, a daughter, 22 Dec. To Mr. and Mrs. **L Sarver**, a boy, who arrived on 24 December; to Mr. and Mrs. **John Ayers**, a boy, born on 29 Dec and to Mr. and Mrs. **O L Scribner**, a boy, born on 24 December.

**John Angel** received a telegram announcing the death of his cousin, **John Angel** of Maroa. The funeral will be held tomorrow.

**John McGrath** and family attended the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs. **Delaney** at Assumption today, whose death occurred on Sunday at the age of 86 years. Mr. and Mrs. **James Myers** and daughter, Miss **Myers** of Lexington, Illinois, who were spending the holidays with Mrs. **Robert Gilliland**, were called home by the death of \_\_\_\_ (Note: part of the paper was missing) who was accidentally shot while out hunting.

### Wednesday, 29 Dec 1909 issue, Moweaqua News:

The funeral of Mrs. **Henry Brink** whose death occurred Wednesday morning was held Friday afternoon at the Salem church in the presence of a large concourse of relatives and friends. Rev **Schultz** of Springfield officiated, assisted by Rev **Nichol** of Fame. **Amelia Brink, nee Ludwig**, was born on 8 April 1870 in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, and died

22 December 1909, aged 39 years, 8 months and 14 days. She was reared in a Christian home and at an early age gave her heart to Christ and united with the German M E Church in 1883 of which she remained a faithful and active member until her death. For many years she was a Sunday school teacher and organist. Prior to her marriage for many years she was at home and cared for her parents ever looking after their comfort and welfare. Since her father's death, her mother often spent many pleasant and consoling hours in her home. She was united in marriage to **Henry E Brink** on 25 Feb 1904. This marriage was blessed with one son, now two years old. The last two months, especially she manifested an unusual interest in the church and her relatives, and in the last few days was much concerned about teaching her little boy a prayer. She was sick for only a week. During the night she suffered very much and longed for sleep and asked her husband to pray that she might sleep. It was not in human power to grant her this request but the Lord satisfied her with by granting her the sleep of the saints. Her sister asked her, "Are you ready to go to Jesus? Are you going now?" Not being able to speak she nodded assent and her spirit took its flight to the better land. There remain to mourn her departure, a kind, devoted husband, her son, **Venice**, an aged mother, two sisters, six brothers, six sisters-in-law besides many other relatives and friends. Those present from a distance were Rev **A Ludwig**, **Hy Hoffman**, **Arthur Brink**, **Chas Brink**, from Nashville, Illinois, and **Otto Ludwig** from Rockville, Missouri.

A Quiet Wedding: **Lloyd E Jordan** and --- married in Decatur. (*Note: Rest of article missing*) The funeral of **C W Taggart** whose death occurred last Wednesday was held Friday afternoon at the Prairie Home church with Rev **Mason** of Bethany officiating. A large number of his long time friends attended to pay a last tribute of love and respect to his memory. **Calvin William Taggart** was born in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania, on 13 September 1833 and died 22 December 1909 at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. **A L Cox** of Prairie Home at the ripe age of 76 years, 3 months and 9 days. He lived in his native country until 1835 when he moved to Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, remaining there until 11 May 1850. In that year he came to Illinois settling at Ridott, Stephenson County, where he resided until October 1864 moving thence to Prairie Home, Illinois, where the remainder of his life was spent usefully and honorably. He was united in marriage to **Esther Ann McNaul** on 15 July 1858. To this union were born 4 children, Mrs. **Emma L Cox** of Prairie Home, Illinois, **Clinton O Taggart** who died at the age of 29, Mrs. **Belle A Pelton** of Decatur, Illinois, and **Clark L Taggart** of Isabelle, Oklahoma. Mr. **Taggart** was the youngest of six children, all the others preceding him to the spirit land. In 1890 he was bereft in the death of his faithful wife, the devoted mother of their children. Long years since in his early life he professed his faith in Christ and united with the church. Upon his removal to this vicinity he united with this flock in 1866 while they yet worshiped in the little old school house before the church was erected. During all these years since he has been a faithful and devoted member, always deeply interested in the welfare of the church and community and doing what he could to maintain services and work of the church. He was in a pre-eminent sense a willing service and there remains for him, the "Well done, good and faithful servant."

Mother is called. Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner** passed away Friday morning after a long illness from tuberculosis. On last Friday morning at 4 o'clock the spirit of Mrs. **J Harvey Scribner** left its frail tenement of clay and took its peaceful flight into a death land. Once more are we reminded that 'Death rides on every passing breeze and lurks on every flower'. It has again invaded this home and this time laid its hand upon the devoted wife and mother. **Elizabeth Northcutt**, daughter of Elder **Andrew D Northcutt** and wife was born on the old home far four miles west

of Moweaqua on 23 October 1856, where she lived with her parents until her marriage to **J Harvey Scribner** on 28 September 1876. To this union were born nine children, eight of whom are living, viz **Leslie O** of Moweaqua, **Leonard** of Decatur, Mrs. **Matie Harris** of Peoria and **Parke, Hazel L, Merle L, Ruby A,** and **Wayne**, all at home. **Ray N**, having died last March at the age of 24 years. She was a member of one of the pioneer families of Christian county of whom there were seven children. All are living, viz Mrs. **Laura Whitmire, Anna Firey, Fred, Will, James** and **Jesse Northcutt**, her aged mother, Mrs. **Mary J Northcutt** is still living at the ripe age of 84 years. Mrs. **Scribner** united with Liberty Christian church 33 years ago under the ministry of Elder **F M Guinn**, and she and her sister, **Anna**, uniting with the church at the same time. She afterward held membership with the church at Blue Mound and at her death, she held membership with the Central Christian Church in Decatur. Her life was spent in devotion to her family, her children being special objects of her motherly care, as a friend and neighbor, she was kind and true. As a wife and mother, loyal to all the interests of the home and was a firm believer in the teachings and practices of the church of her choice, of which her father was one of the pioneer preachers and firm defenders. For about a year Mrs. **Scribner** has been very feeble in health, and for the last four weeks she was confined to her bed and quietly passed away on Friday, 24 December 1909, at the age of 53 years, 2 months and one day. The funeral was held in Moweaqua. (*Note: Rest of article missing*).

*(NOTE: In an effort to extract as much information as possible for this period, I also ordered a copy of the Moweaqua News, 1909, on microfilm from the Illinois State Historical Library. Their issue this newspaper for 29 December 1909 was totally missing, thus this is the most information I could record for this period of time.)*

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