

CHAPTER 12

A Compilation of Who's Who in Moweaqua and Community of 1976

This volume was compiled with the sole desire to renew and better acquaint you with your neighbors in hopes that we, the people of Moweaqua Community, continue the friendly and caring attitudes this small mid-American town has always held.

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Mrs. George Dobson
Mrs. James McLain

We are most grateful for the many hours the following volunteers gave of their time and effort in producing this volume of WHO'S WHO.

Thirty-seven people distributed and collected information sheets.

Eight Junior and Senior students in Miss Morrisey and Miss Potter's English classes made personal interviews.

Mr. George Dobson drove up and down country roads, stopping at each farm home, while his wife, Pat made quick calls delivering and collecting the information.

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INFORMATION SHEETS

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Josephine Adamson | Sylvia Jacobs |
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| Marjorie Dougan | Edith Vollmer |
| Madolyn Eckhardt | Sherry Wempen |
| Agnes Federman | Kay Woodard |
| Eleanor Giles | Lela Wooters |
| Earldine Gregory | Cleona Workman |
| Gertrude Hemer | Pauline Workman |
| Genelle Horn | Shirley Workman |
| | Billy B. Johnson |

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PLACES OF BUSINESS

NORTH MAIN — WEST SIDE

| | |
|---|----------------|
| American Legion Hall | 101 N. Main |
| Curiosity Shop, Harrelsons. | 105 N. Main |
| Harrelson's Antique Furniture. | 109 N. Main |
| Duez Shoe Store | 111 N. Main |
| Forston's Barber Shop | 113 N. Main |
| Edward Jokisch, Attorney. | 115 N. Main |
| Billiards | 117 N. Main |
| Long's Plumbing, Inc. | 119 N. Main |
| Moweaqua News. | 119 N. Main |
| Long's Apartments | 119 N. Main |
| Empire Gas Inc. | 119 N. Main |
| Haldon Ayars Realtor. | 123 N. Main |
| Hal Burgener Insurance | 123 N. Main |
| Mobil Oil Storage (unused station) | |
| Windel's Restaurant | 201 N. Main |
| Moweaqua Paint and Body, P. J. Cearlock. | 229 N. Main |
| Imperial Filling Station, Herschel Brooks, Mgr. | 325 N. Main |
| Moweaqua Packing Plant | N. Main, RFD 2 |

NORTH MAIN — EAST SIDE

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Ayars Bank Parking Lot | |
| Ayars State Bank | 106 N. Main |
| Paul Bresnan, O.D. | 106½ N. Main |
| Steve Tirpak Barber Shop | 108 N. Main |
| Johnny Ondes Pro Shop. | 112 N. Main |
| Fleetwood Oil Company | 114 N. Main |
| Northern Propane | 122 N. Main |
| Milo Deibert Photography. | 124 N. Main |
| Betty and Duane Brooks Home. | 130 N. Main |
| Vanco Filling Station, Leto Voudrie, Mgr. | 200 N. Main |
| Doc Bennett's Corvette Service | 430 N. Main |

SOUTH MAIN — WEST SIDE

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|---|-------------|
| J and D Bright Standard Station | 100 S. Main |
| Antique Workshop, Harrelson, Bradbury | 110 S. Main |
| Old Site of Jail and Landmark Brick Water Tower | |
| Callison Ford Sales | 130 S. Main |
| Moweaqua Bowling, Inc. | 200 S. Main |
| Hall's Jewelry and Gifts | 230 S. Main |

SOUTH MAIN — EAST SIDE

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|---|-------------|
| Masonic Lodge Building | 101 S. Main |
| T. J. Gorden Insurance Agency. | 113 S. Main |
| Ethel Waite's Beauty Shop | 115 S. Main |
| Located just under the number 115 on the front of Ethel's Shop is a brick with the following reading | |

OSCAR FRAZEE
MOAWEQUA

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|---|-------------|
| Jacob's Colonial Apartments. | 117 S. Main |
| Gale Stewart's Cleaners | 119 S. Main |
| Curl and Swirl Beauty, Linda Anderson, Operator. | 127 S. Main |
| Vacant lot | |
| Novota's TV | 129 S. Main |
| Minott Shell Station, Ed Reschke, Mgr. | 210 S. Main |
| Rollie Hardin Carnival Equipment | |
| L & W Star Market | 227 S. Main |
| McLain's Vegetable & Fruit Market. | 319 S. Main |
| Paul Knight Sign Service | 415 S. Main |

EAST MAIN — NORTH SIDE

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| Ayars Bank Parking Lot | 100 E. Main |
| Wright's Plumbing and Heating | 113 E. Main |
| Claude Vollmer's Garage | 115 E. Main |
| Printing by Elsie Snyder | 117 E. Main |
| Moweaqua City Hall | 119 E. Main |
| Moweaqua Police. | 119 E. Main |
| Moweaqua Library | 119 E. Main |
| Moweaqua Fire Protection | 119 E. Main |
| Drew Apartments — Old Telephone Building | |

EAST MAIN — SOUTH SIDE

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| Hight's Delight | 102 E. Main |
| Tom Biggs American Fixture Company | |
| Elene's Country Gift Shop and Ceramics | 108 E. Main |
| Moultrie-Shelby FS Inc., Ralph Wooters | 108 E. Main |
| Moweaqua Rotary Building | |
| Sherwood Funeral Home. | 118 E. Main |
| Dr. K. L. Pistorius, M.D. | 130 E. Main |
| Bohlen Seed Co. | 600 E. Main |
| Moweaqua Water Tower erected 1969 | |

The Old Fire Bell made of brass with the casting date 1893 was polished and placed on the standard of the new water tower. This bell originally hung on a wooden tower located on the east side of South Main near Ethel Waite's Beauty Shop. The Fire Department was located across the street on South Main near the location of the old landmark water tower.

WEST MAIN — NORTH SIDE

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| Memorial Bronze Standard on American Legion Building presented by Moweaqua Community in 1947 in honor of World War I and World War II Veterans. | |
| Sew and Save | 116 W. Main |
| Srnka's Thrift Shop | 116 W. Main |
| Sew Easy. | 118 W. Main (Empty) |
| Adamson Hardware. | 120 W. Main (Empty) |
| Woodcrafters | 122 W. Main (Empty) |
| Old Lyric Theater (built 1904) | (Empty) |
| Gail Seifert Insurance | 128 W. Main |
| Illinois Central Depot | 132 W. Main |
| Illinois Central Railroad | |
| Moweaqua Farmers Elevator | |
| Orville Schmahl Car Repairs. | 306 W. Main |

WEST MAIN — SOUTH SIDE

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|---|---------------|
| Dairy Isle | 107 W. Main |
| Moweaqua Post Office. | 115 W. Main |
| Hayes Hardware | 121 W. Main |
| Illinois Central Railroad | |
| Moweaqua Farmers Co-op Grain Company | |
| 16 new bins built 1974 | 475,000 bu. |
| Working elevator built 1963 | 250,000 bu. |
| 4 tanks of 32,000 each built 1959 | 128,000 bu. |
| Flat storage built 1959. | 200,000 bu. |
| Flat storage built 1961. | 200,000 bu. |
| 36 bins on south road built 1948 of 3,400 each | 122,400 bu. |
| Storage capacity. | 1,375,400 bu. |

OTHER LOCATIONS IN THE VILLAGE

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| Ralph Bridgman's Repairs | 100 block W. Wall |
| Bear Hybrid Grain Division | 100 block W. Wall |

Rainbow Wash Laundromat 100 block E. Wall
 CIPS 100 block N. Macon
 Hoffman's Repair Shop 403 N. Macon
 Inland Telephone Company 100 block S. Macon
 Burton Car Wash 100 block E. Elm
 Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home 314 E. Elm
 Hemer Fertilizer Company, Inc. 102 W. Cedar
 Huttes Brothers Inc., Concrete Products 230 W. Cherry
 Largen Grocery 219 S. Hanover
 Morrison's Trailer Repair & Accessories 249 Madison
 Ruot and Wright Contractors 200 W. Lake
 R & W Body Shop 200 W. Lake
 Burmah LP Gas Inc., Ed Hanley, Mgr. 308 S. East
 Gene Lower Insurance & Real Estate Allen Addition
 Shelby County Carpet Cleaning, Therman and Mike Morris 729 E. Warren
 Ken-Del General Contractors Pinkston Drive
 R & C Electricians, Gary Ringo & Steve Case
 Kenneth Radar, Fishing Equipment Vine Street
 Chapman Bait Shop 429 E. Locust
 Action Exterminating 505 Pinkston

RFD 1

Moweaqua Pumping Station — Corner of Shelby, Macon and Christian Counties, northwest of Moweaqua
 Gregory Grain Co.
 Fleetwood Oil Co., Bulk Plant
 Radford Grain Co-op
 Terry Smith Plumbing and Heating
 Standard Oil Division, Amoco Oil Co.

RFD 2

Kroenlein Karts
 Millie's Antiques — North on Route 51
 Moweaqua Liquid Fertilizer Co.
 Hilvety Airport
 Hilvety Machine Shop
 Ron Hogan Farm Tiling
 Bunning Seed Company
 Country Companies Insurance — G. Snyder
 Continental Oil Company
 Wright's Heating and Air

VILLAGE MALL

Robert Beyers, Attorney
 Fathauer's Super Market 119½ W. Main
 Funk's Insurance Agency
 Gina Lee Card & Gift Shop
 Lola's Fashion Shop
 Mental Health Center
 Newton's Real Estate & Bookkeeping
 Village Mall Beauty Shop
 Village Mall Restaurant
 Amling & Beyers, Attorneys
 Fathauer's Variety

BEAUTY SHOPS

Norma Allen
 Brenda Coffey
 Mary Connelly
 Curl & Swirl
 Marion Cutler
 Sharon Denton

Marge Minor
 Paulette's
 Freida Ramsey
 Helen Ribelin
 Rolling T-Beauty Shop
 Helen Smith
 Eloise Stewart
 Trudy's
 Village Mall
 Ethel Waite

Moweaqua Community School E. Pine
 Moweaqua City Park Hanover, Cedar, Putnam, Locust
 John Ashley Memorial Gun Club RFD 1, West
 Community Building 400 E. Warren
 Moweaqua Township Building 400 E. Warren

STREETS AND RESIDENCES

| Street | North | South | East | West |
|------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|
| Allen Drive and RFD | 11 | | | |
| Birch | 6 | | | |
| Bohlen Drive | 5 | | | |
| Cedar | | | 8 | 4 |
| Cherry | | | 30 | 1 |
| Chestnut | 11 | | | |
| East | | 31 | 12 | |
| Elm | 17 | | | |
| Franklin | | 3 | 4 | |
| Hanover | | 23 | 8 | |
| Hermanson Drive | 11 | | | |
| Humphrey Drive | 4 | | | |
| Kemper Trailer Court | 6 | | | |
| Locust | 7 | | | |
| Macon | | 37 | 12 | |
| Madison | 27 | | | |
| Main | | 26 | 23 | 27 |
| Maple | 7 | | | |
| Pine | 5 | | | |
| Pinkston Drive & Royce Court | 10 | | | |
| Plum | 21 | | | |
| Ponting | | 2 | 5 | |
| Putnam | | 24 | 9 | |
| Railroad | 4 | | | |
| Shelby | | 39 | 2 | |
| South | | | 34 | 7 |
| Tulip & W. Tulip | 8 | | | 6 |
| Vine | 12 | | | |
| Wall | | | 31 | 15 |
| Warren | 50 | | | |

ALLEN DRIVE & RR 2

ROYAL S. WISELEY RR 2 BOX 234

Roy says his father, Lewis Buchanon "Buck" Wiseley, was the most dedicated man that he has ever met. He was superintendent of Sunday School. In 1930, when Lewis suffered a stroke, he pointed upward, although he was unable to speak. Roy said he could not mistake the message in his eyes. His father had always described Heaven as a place with "many mansions in the sky." Roy will always believe that his father was permitted a glimpse into the "great beyond" and his eyes told Roy that it was even greater than he had ever imagined. Roy's father died about these days later.

Roy's mother had Lewis brought to the family home for the visitation. It was at that time that Roy realized the depth of his father's message. He learned that Lewis had been preaching to his fellow workers during the lunch hour. The most common remark at the visitation was that Lewis "lived as he preached; nothing 'put-on' about him."

Roy was born two miles southeast of Greenup on January 28, 1896. He quit school in 1912 and went to work for Western Union as a messenger. He was determined to become a telegraph operator. He was given a job at Western Union in Decatur in 1913. He volunteered for service during World War I in the signal corps. He was with the 26th Division Infantry as a signal man until the end of the war. He arrived back in the States in April 1919, and worked two weeks in Akron, Ohio, four months in Detroit, then came back to Decatur, going to work at the Evans Grain Company and he worked there for over forty-one years.

The Wiseleys originally came from Scotland, long before his father's time. His mother's family were the "Wickeisers" from Ohio.

Roy's home is around a hundred years old. He bought it from John Myers in 1951. Roy's wife, Marie Stringer, died in 1962. Her family has always lived in the Moweaqua vicinity. Roy was eighty years old in January. Roy and his wife had three children. They are: Madaline Dunn, who lives in Decatur, Robert (deceased), and Joan Pekovitch of Moweaqua. She has three children; Marcia (deceased), Sandra of Dennis, Florida, who has three children, and Pam is Joan's third daughter, and is at Rockford College.

WILLIS AND SALLY HILVETY SPRAGUE RR 2

Sally's great-grandfather on her mother's side, Ole Larson, was born in Gulbrandsen, Norway in 1849. He came to Chicago with his parents, Ole and Anna, shortly after the end of the Civil War. He was a cabinet maker and directed the church choir. Sally's great-grandmother, Ingeborg, came from Norway to Wisconsin in 1853 with her parents. She met Ole Larson in Chicago and they were married in 1874. They moved to a Norwegian settlement in Nebraska and established themselves on a homestead in 1876. Their eleven children all lived to be seventy or more years old.

The Larson's son, Casper, who was Sally's grandfather, continued farming in Nebraska after his father died. He married Sally's grandmother, Minnie Kolken, a school teacher, in 1911. They had seven children. Sally's mother, LaRue Larson, left home after graduating from high school to go to Omaha to enter nurses training. She met Sally's father there.

Sally's great-grandfather on her father's side, Felix Hilvety, came to America from Trapeau, Austria. In 1910, there was still an estate listed on the map in Austria named the "Hilvetyhof" after him. He married Francis McKenney from Pleasant Plains, Illinois. They had three children, Ernest, Luther, and Lulu. Sally's grandfather, Luther Hilvety, was born in Moweaqua. Luther and Sally had five children, Owen of Moweaqua, William of Herrick, Grace Spalding of Moweaqua, and Victor, Sally's father, of Macon.

Sally's father, Victor, was born on a farm northeast of Moweaqua. He decided to go west as a young man and met Sally's mother in Omaha, Nebraska. They moved back to Moweaqua and lived just east of the Hilvety airport, later moving to the home that stood west of the airport. Neither home is standing today. They moved to a home on the east side of Moweaqua park before moving to their home in Macon where Sally's grandfather, Luther, lived with them until he was killed while riding his motorcycle.

Sally's parents later built a new home in Macon where they are still living today. Sally has one brother, Richard, who lives with his wife, Ruth, and their three daughters, Laura, Vicky, and Rhonda, in Macon.

Willis is Corporate Labor Relations Manager for A. E. Staley in Decatur. Sally is a student nurse at DMH. They have three sons, Michael, who is a sophomore in high school, Kevin, in the eighth grade, and Eric, in the fifth grade.

See Ben Sprague for Sprague story.

HAROLD AND SHIRLEYANNE HOOTS ALLEN ALLEN ADDITION

Harold Dean is the son of Clarence and Effie Tolly Allen. One sister, Eileen, died when she was three years old. Harold is employed at Hemer Fertilizer Company in Moweaqua.

Shirley's parents are Melvin and Dorothy Nicky Hoots. Melvin died in 1963. Shirley's mother, Dorothy, married Oscar Garbiel in 1970 and lives in Macon. Shirley has a brother, Donald who is married to Beverly Bobbit of Decatur. Her sister, Beulah, married E. B. Boyer of Mt. Zion. Shirley is employed at the L & W Food Market.

The Allens have five children: James married Lola Dickinson and lives in Moweaqua, Louise married Glen Schinzler and lives in Decatur, Kenneth lives at home and works at Caterpillar, Linda Kay is a freshman and Dawn Michelle is in the third grade.

Harold and Shirley have one grandchild, Becky Schinzler, who is two years old. In 1966, the Allens bought the Flo Reighley property which was four acres. At that time, three acres were in Government Bins. When the lease expired, the bins were removed and they were annexed to the city, and were subdivided into six lots, which is now the Allen Addition. The Allen's built their home in 1967, and sold lots. William Newman was the first new home in the Allen Addition, which was followed by five more.

JERRY AND MARILYN HAYS KATER RR 2

Jerry works at Caterpillar in Decatur and Marilyn is a homemaker. Jerry was born in Macon, a son of Clifford and Goldie Wolf Kater, who farmed north of Macon. Great-grandfather carved wooden shoes in Germany. Grandfather Henry Kater was born in Germany and came to the Macon-Elwin area when he was five years old. Jerry is one of eight children.

Marilyn was born in Moweaqua, the daughter of Ray (deceased) and Emma Declerk Hays. Ray was a transport driver and lived all his life in Moweaqua. Ray and Emma had four children: Robert who married Mae Shuster, Ray (Bud) who married Linda Daughtery of Taylorville, Marilyn Kater, and Karen (Mrs. William) Jordan, RR 4, Decatur.

Jerry works for Caterpillar and Marilyn worked at Archer-Daniels until she retired in 1975. She enjoys being at home. They have two children: Terri Lyn, who is in the eighth grade and Michele Lyn, who is in the third grade. They built their new home in the Allen Addition in 1970.

**WILLIAM AND LOIS TRANTINA JONES
7 ALLEN DRIVE**

Dick was born in Assumption and is a farmer. His family originally came from Pennsylvania. Her grandparents lived in Lockport and Hindsboro; his in Oakley and Palestine. His parents lived in Decatur and Assumption. He and Lois moved here because they found a home they liked and liked the community.

Lois' family nationality includes Italian, German, Bohemian, English, and Scottish. Her family originally lived in Virginia and Oklahoma. She is a teacher, teaching in the Assumption school. She was born in Lockport.

Dick and Lois have a daughter, Denise, who is a student at the Moweaqua High School. Denise was born in Taylorville.

Their home was built by William Newman, Jr., in 1970. "Anyone would have to be mad to become chairman of the history book committee!!!"

**BRUCE AND JUDITH DONAHO
ALLEN DRIVE**

Bruce was born in Jackson, Michigan. He is employed by MVSS Debron Corp. and moved his family here because of employment. Judy was born in Kinmundy. She is a housewife and mother. The Donaho children are: Rusty, a junior, Sonya, a freshman, and Susan, who is an eighth grader. The Donaho home was built in 1969 and they are the only owners.

**JAMES AND BETTY BORNEMAN
ALLEN DRIVE**

James was born in Chaffee, Missouri. His grandparents lived in southeast Missouri, and his parents in Oran, Missouri. He is employed at Firestone Tire and Rubber Company in Decatur. Betty was born in Oran, Missouri. She is also employed at the Firestone plant. They moved from Decatur to Moweaqua because they thought it was such a nice clean town and would be a good place in which to rear their sons. The Borneman children are: Donald, who is a ninth grader, Jerry who is in seventh grade, and Mitchell, a fifth grader. The Borneman home was built in 1969 by Howard Sarver.

**MERLYN (GENE) AND JOANN WADDINGTON LOWER, JR.
4 ALLEN DRIVE**

Gene was born in Pana. His family originally came from Germany, but all grandparents and parents have lived in Illinois. He attended SIU for four years. He owns a Real Estate Agency and Insurance Agency. Joann was also born in Pana. Her ancestors were English and German. She is a mother, housewife, secretary and real estate salesperson.

Gene and Joann lived in Pana before moving to Moweaqua. Gene knew Kenny Cutler well and Kenny wanted to sell his insurance agency to Gene. They also like small towns because they were both reared in small towns; Gene in Pana, and Joann in Rosamond. They liked the idea of a small community school.

Joann's hobbies are sketching, sewing, macrame, candle-making and bowling. She loves all types of sports. Gene's hobbies are bowling, CB radios, and re-doing old cars, especially Corvettes. Roger, their son, loves cars along with his father. He also likes baseball, football, basketball, and collecting different kinds of beer cans and bottles. Gina, their daughter, has no hobbies as of yet, but she has a great imagination. Their new home was built in December 1970 and they moved into it in April 1971.

**STEVE AND CHARLENE CASE
ALLEN DRIVE**

Steve and Charlene were both born and reared in the Vandalia area. Steve works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur. He attended the Utterback Business College. Charlene is a housewife and mother. She attended Lincoln Christian College. Her nationality is of Irish, German and "American mixture."

Steve and Charlene lived in many towns before deciding to settle in Moweaqua. They lived in Brownstown, Cerro Gordo, Macon, and Findlay. They chose Moweaqua because of its looks, its school system, and churches. They built their home in 1969. Steve and Charlene have three children: Stacy, who is in the fourth grade, Shawn, in the second grade, and Shae Lynn, who is eleven months old.

**STANDISH DWAYNE AND DONNA SADDORIS BARNES
RR 2 BOX 29J**

Stan was born in Shelbyville. Miles Standish is an ancestor of Stan's father's side of the family. First born male members of each generation have been given the name "Standish" with the exception of one generation. Stan graduated from SIU with an Ag. Econ. degree. He is employed at the Caterpillar plant.

Donna was born in Decatur. Daniel Boone was Donna's great-great-great-grandfather's nephew, a descendent on Donna's mother's side of the family. Donna is a housewife. She graduated from SIU with an Assoc. degree in Secretarial Science.

Stan and Donna have three sons, Bryan Standish, age six, in the first grade, Brett Mathew, who is four years old and Brandon Saddoris, who is one year old. The Barnes home is owned by John Gorden.

**MILDRED JENKINS SANNER
RR 2**

Mildred's parents were Arthur and Estella Wood Jenkins. They were farmers un Upton, Kentucky. The town of Upton was named after George Upton, a great uncle of Millie. Millie was one of seven children. A sister, Mrs. Raymond (Marjorie) Roberts bought the Flanders' home on Elm where they reside.

Mildred and Karl lived in Des Moines when first married. After postal work and World War II, they moved to Decatur, then farmed east of Moweaqua. Following open heart

surgery, they moved in Moweaqua and together operated the Millie's Antique Shop. Karl died in 1974. Millie is continuing her Antique Shop on Route 51 north of Moweaqua.

One son, Donald married Lois Matlock. They have a son Ricky in 4th grade, and daughters, Dawn in 6th grade and Karla in first grade.

One daughter, Linda (Mrs. Don Kroenlein) of rural Moweaqua has a son, Rodney Paul, a preschooler and Andrea in first grade.

BIRCH

HOWARD AND MABEL KENDALL KNIGHT 103 BIRCH STREET

Howard started teaching agriculture in Moweaqua in fall of 1948 and is completing his 28th year. Mabel is a housewife. Howard's parents are Chester and Lena Dirkmyers Knight of Hamburg, Illinois. He is one of six children. Mabel is the daughter of Harvey and Tina Tedrow Kendall of Pittsfield, Illinois. Harvey was a hospital dietician at Louisiana, Mo. Mabel was one of eight children.

Howard and Mabel have one daughter, Mickey Sue, born 1950. She attended Moweaqua Schools and graduated from Western Illinois University with a Masters Degree in Home Economics and Special Education. She started teaching Home Economics in Dwight Public Schools in 1973. Mickey married Steve Lower of Paxton, February 28, 1976. He is a farm manager of People's Bank of Bloomington. They now live in Lexington, Illinois.

Mabel does volunteer work in the hospitals and with children. Howard was Principal of Hamburg Grade School for two years. He was in the Navy four years. He went to college at Western and U of I. Howard is an amateur photographer with a library of some 9,000 slides of agriculture and Moweaqua people. Their house was built in 1930 and owned by Daisy Workman Early.

CLARENCE AND ELEANOR BURKHART TILTON 108 BIRCH STREET

Clarence is the son of William and Anna Mae Kilbreth Tilton, of Irish descent, who lived at Geff, Mt. Auburn, Blue Mound-Macon area to Stonington. Clarence has one sister, Mrs. Alma (Ora) Winters, one brother, Aaron, in Taylorville.

Eleanor is the daughter of David and Evelyn Rhoades Burkhart of Assumption, Ill. She is of German and Irish descent. Her grandparents lived at Bingham, Ill. Eleanor had one step-brother, Albert Burkhart of Decatur. She came from a family of five girls and five boys. Her youngest sister is Mrs. Roy T. Cutler (Virginia) rural Moweaqua.

Clarence and Eleanor moved to Moweaqua in 1937 when Clarence started working for A. D. Day Chevrolet as a mechanic. Stop and Swap with A. D. Day — Chevrolet, a long gone familiar sign painted on pavement outside of Moweaqua where A. D. Day was in business. Clarence worked at Roy V. Snyder Motor Co. from 1942 until Roy sold out to Art Callison. Clarence is continuing at Callison Ford. Eleanor is a retired cashier at Walgreen Drugs of Decatur.

They have two daughters and one son, Paul (deceased 1933). Ruth Tilton married Carl Painter of Salem, Va. Carl is a Trainmaster for N&W and Ruth is a communications teacher in Salem. They have one son Christopher, a senior in

high school, and two girls, Carol, in high school and Jackie in Junior high. Sharon Ann Scott of Decatur married Gary Scott an engineer for N&W. Sharon is a key-punch operator in Decatur. They have one girl Kim, a sophomore, and two sons, James 8th grade, and Chad, 4th grade.

Clarence thinks Ford is a good automobile or he wouldn't be driving one.

MRS. JESSE (VIRDA WILLIAMS) CHAPMAN 112 BIRCH STREET

Jesse (deceased) was the son of A. V. Chapman who ran a poultry house and huckster wagon long ago. Jesse was one of five children, Oscar, Everett, Jesse, Myrtle Chapman Workman, and Minnie Chapman Moll. Jesse married Virda Williams. They had one daughter, Marie Doty Morrison (deceased). She has three grandchildren. Mrs. Jesse Chapman is 87 years old.

LEON AND EULAH KOHLBECKER PROCTOR 116 BIRCH STREET

Leon's parents were John and Lucinda Baker Proctor who were farmers around Moweaqua. John came from Kentucky and Lucinda, Hinton, Shelby Co. Leon was an only child. He attended Moweaqua School. He bought the Cassidy farm east of Moweaqua and married Bernice Burrel (deceased 1967). Lila Lee Burrel married Charles L. Michell, of Thomasboro, Ill. Leon was a painter for twenty years.

Eulah's parents are Emmett and Linnie Beckham Leek of Decatur. She was one of five children. She married Bernard Kohlbecker of Decatur and had four children, Bernard L. of Mt. Zion, Mrs. Michael (Roberta) Childs of Mt. Zion, Mrs. James (Diana) Queen of Va., and Mrs. Robert (Sue) Tucker of Decatur. She has twelve grandchildren. Bernard died in 1964. She married Leon in 1967 and moved to Moweaqua.

Eulah is an LPN at Woodland in Mt. Zion. "I like living in Moweaqua." Leon says "I think Moweaqua a good place to live or I wouldn't have stayed here all these years."

JOHN AND RUBY NOVOTA 115 BIRCH STREET

John works for Caterpillar Tractor Co. and Ruby is a domestic engineer. John was born in Czechoslovakia, the son of Steve and Mary Lacos Novota, Sr. He was one of four children. His brothers are Steve, Joe, and Charles. His grandparents were John and Mary Krall Novota.

Ruby is the daughter of Glenn and Alice Batson Farr. She is one of four children. Her sister is Anna Mae Farr Clifton and her brothers are John and Donald.

John and Ruby have two sons, Larry Boyd Novota, and John, Jr. Larry is a meat cutter in California and John, Jr. teaches and coaches at Rockford. John was in the service during World War II.

MRS. JOE (HELEN MARCH) SMITH 130 BIRCH STREET

Helen was a school teacher. She taught in Ocean Wave, Davis, Center, Willow Branch in Macon County, Penn Rural in Shelby Co., Old Moweaqua Grade School, New Moweaqua Grade School and retired after forty-one years in 1971.

Joe's parents were James and Florence Birley Smith. Florence was born in Sheffield, England and came to America in 1884.

Joe and Helen graduated in the same class in 1927. They married in 1942. Joe managed a Kroger store in Clinton, had Ice and Coal House in Moweaqua, was in the service in 1942, manager of Johnston's Grocery Store, Decatur Signal Depot and Kentucky Signal Depot. He retired in 1969; died April 1, 1974. They built their home in 1948. Helen's hobbies include crocheting, Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority, and church activities.

BOHLEN DRIVE

GERTRUDE WOOTERS MACKLIN 307 BOHLEN DRIVE

Gertrude's family, "The Alva L. Patricks" were living around Hammond when they packed all their belongings and went by train to homestead in North Dakota in 1907 or 1908. They arrived in the winter and lived in a tent until their house was built. They also housed their animals, except for chickens, in a tent. They used wagon boxes turned upside down for chicken houses. The next summer, their father built a sod house. Her mother said a rose bush bloomed the first summer. The house consisted of one large room with a dirt floor. With time and use the surface became like hard wood. Her mother could sweep it and used throw rugs on it just like an ordinary floor. Later, they laid flooring and added a wall, making two rooms.

Before leaving Illinois, her mother canned and preserved a lot of food for use until they could grow more. She packed eggs in barrels of salt, dried fruit, and made hominy. She also made the children's clothes. It was a very hard life for her for she was only twenty-six and had four children. Gertrude was born there in 1912, making the fifth child.

The Patricks lived in North Dakota for five years, but with drought, grass fires, wild horses and coyotes, they decided to come back to Illinois. They settled again around Hammond where her father farmed. They later moved east of Moweaqua and it was here that Gertrude met her first husband, Carl L. Wooters. He was the youngest child of George and Lizzie M. (Bunning) Wooters.

Carl and Gerturde were married in June of 1929. They have five children: Carl Blaine of Rantoul, Donald of Decatur, Larry of East Peoria, Linda Ford of Macon, and Pat Sarver of Davenport, Iowa. They have fifteen grandchildren. With the exception of two years, the Wooters family lived their married life east of Moweaqua, on the C. C. Miller farm. Carl died in 1964.

Later, Gertrude married W. S. (Sid) Macklin. In 1967, they moved to Moweaqua, where they built a new home in the Bohlen addition where Gertrude now resides. Sid died at the age of eighty in October of 1975. Sid was formerly married to Nora Ann Sammer. She died in 1963. They had one daughter, Loreta Kirk, of Park Forrest, and one granddaughter.

DENNIS AND MARY CAROL SANDERS KNELLER 310 BOHLEN DRIVE

Dennis was born in Shelbyville and works at the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur. Mary Carol was born in Decatur, and is a homemaker. The first member of the

Kneller family to come to America was John Kneller from Germany. He settled in Ohio.

Dennis and Mary Carol moved to Moweaqua to be closer to employment and relatives who are living here. Her family is German, English and Irish. They built their home in 1967. They have two children, Todd R. Kneller who is in the sixth grade and Timothy D. who is in the first grade. Family members who are seventy-five years old or more are Mary Carol's two grandmothers, Daisy D. Sanders and Martha Bohlen.

GLENN "COTTON" AND BETTY STEWART BOHLEN 305 BOHLEN DRIVE

"Cotton's" grandparents came to America from Germany at the early age of seventeen. His parents, Hanko and Martha Sanner Bohlen were born and reared in the Moweaqua-Sanner Chapel area. Cotton graduated from the Moweaqua school where he was active in athletics. Incidentally, he still holds the Meridian Conference pole vaulting record which is the oldest conference record still standing.

Betty is the daughter of Frank and Ivadean Stewart, formerly of Bethany. Her ancestors came to America from Scotland and settled in Pennsylvania.

Cotton is present owner of Bohlen Seed Company and his wife is his secretary. They built their home in 1966. The Bohlens have two sons. Dr. Joseph G. Bohlen (Ph.D., M.D.). He is married to the former Michelle Bilyeu of Assumption, is a registered nurse. They have a year old daughter, Sasha and reside in Minneapolis. Brent S. Bohlen was a June 1976 graduate of Harvard Law School. He is married to the former Mary Painter of Anchor, Illinois. Mary is Director of Public Relations at Lesley College, Cambridge, Mass.

PHILLIP AND BARBARA BOHLEN 301 BOHLEN DRIVE

The first member of the Bohlen family to come to America was Great-grandfather, Peter H. Bohlen and his wife, Jessie Maria Bohlen. Phil's grandparents settled in Illinois. Grandfather Hanko Bohlen died in June 1968. Grandmother Martha is still living at the age of eighty-six. She resides in a nursing home in Mt. Zion, Illinois. Phil's parents, Haldon and Doris Bohlen live in Moweaqua.

Barbara's family is of German and Irish descent and have always lived in Illinois. Her parents are Roscoe and Alberta Smith.

The Bohlen's home was built in 1966. They have four children. Tina Ferrari, senior at Moweaqua, Ronald Ferrari, junior, Debbie Ferrari, in the eighth grade, Robert Ferrari, in the sixth grade, and Dawn Bohlen, born in South Dakota and is a sixth grade student at Macon.

CARROLL AND JUDY SCROGIN 300 BOHLEN DRIVE

Carroll was born in Findlay and is Principal at Moweaqua High School. His father's family lived in Findlay, his mother's are from Westervelt. Judy was born in Effingham and her family have always lived in Illinois. She is a housewife and works part-time. Carroll and Judy moved to Moweaqua so that he could accept a teaching position. They built their home in August 1967.

The Scrogin family include: Pat Eytchison, born in Effingham, is a student in college, Bradley Scrogin, born in Decatur, and is in the fifth grade, and Stephanie Scrogin, born in Decatur, and is a third grade student.

Carroll and Judy moved to Moweaqua so that he could accept a teaching position. They built their home in August 1967.

EAST CEDAR

MAX AND SANDRA CALBURT BERRY 229 EAST CEDAR

Max teaches Social Studies in Moweaqua schools. He and Sandra graduated from Eastern Illinois University. Max was born in Paris, Illinois. His grandparents lived in Arkansas, his parents lived in Michigan, Texas, and Illinois. Sandra was born in Indianapolis. She is of Swedish descent and her family lived in Indiana.

The Berrys moved to Moweaqua because they like a small quiet community. Max has traveled extensively, and has a background of experience in various fields, some of which include electronics, radar, finance, radio, sales, telephone, restaurants and teaching. He is a Viet Nam veteran. Max and Sandra have one daughter, Vanessa Michele, who is two years old. They live in the Charlie Stout residence which was built in 1950.

ROBERT AND SHIRLEY LAWTON 319 EAST CEDAR

Bob is from Plymouth, Illinois, and Shirley is from Waverly. Both families ancestors trace back to the Revolutionary War. Bob taught in Waverly for nine years, Decatur one year and in Moweaqua for sixteen years. Shirley is a substitute teacher.

The Lawtons have two children: Cassandra is planning to attend SIU in the fall of 1976 as a Civil Engineering major. Kevin is attending Richland Community College. Bob and his family spent two years in American Samoa with an Educational Television Project. Their home was built around 1870. It formerly belonged to Don Drew.

ROBERT AND JANET OLIGER SIMMONS 303 EAST CEDAR

Robert is the son of Maynard and Bernadine Burrus Simmons of rural Moweaqua. Maynard works for Superior Welding Company. Robert is one of three children: Gary of rural Moweaqua, Robert of Moweaqua, and Cindy who is a senior at Moweaqua High School.

Janet is the daughter of Alvin and Ann Raper Olinger of Moweaqua. Alvin works in the meat department at Fathauer's. Janet is one of five children: Joyce Ann Hite of Moweaqua, Janet Simmons of Moweaqua, Judy a sophomore, Jodie, a fifth grader, and Jennifer, who is five years old.

Robert and Janet married in 1974. Robert is an apprentice electrician at IBEW in Decatur. Janet is secretary in Patient's Accounts at St. Mary's Hospital. Robert enjoys fishing, hunting, and ping pong. Janet enjoys singing and all kind of music.

DUANE AND HESTER ZIETY ADAMSON 315 EAST CEDAR

Duane is the son of David and Ollis Steidley Adamson. (See the Ephriham Adamson story.).

Hester is the daughter of Wesley and Annie Grimes Zietz. Wesley was a former mail carrier of the rural area, RR 2, for many years.

Duane retired from MVSS in 1974. Hester is a housewife, seamstress, and works in ceramics. The Adamsons have one son, Alan Adamson, of Florida who is Guidance Counselor at Ft. Lauderdale.

JOHN AND PATRICIA McGEE FUNK 329 EAST CEDAR

John is the son of William L. and Eva May Smith Funk, farmers in Christian County. The Funks originally came from Germany to Cass County in 1843. The Smiths were Pennsylvania Dutch, and they too, were farmers. John is one of four children: Lewis William of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Lucille from Terra Haute, Indiana, John of Moweaqua, and Robert who lives in Chico, California.

Patricia is the daughter of Roger and Vera Colbert McGee. Roger worked for MVSS and Vera was a school teacher from the time she was nineteen years of age until her death in 1973, which covers sixty years of teaching. The McGees came to Illinois from Tennessee in the early 1900's. They had one child, Patricia.

John has the John Funk Insurance Agency in the Moweaqua Mall. He has been in this business since 1949. Patricia teaches at Eisenhower High School in Decatur. They have two daughters: Carol Ann, who married Michael Hindman of Lake Sarah, Effingham. Carol is an instructor at Lakeland Junior College and Michael is with the Illinois Education Association. They have a daughter, Michelle, a freshman in high school. The Funks second daughter, Patricia Camille married Robert Moore, Jr., and lives in Decatur. Robert is Juvenile Officer with the city police. They have one daughter, Lori, who is four years old.

The Funk home is very old. Miss Rosella Thomas, deceased, lived in this house when a child, with an aunt and uncle, Wallace Gregory. The Funks have done extensive remodeling. John has served twelve years as Village Clerk and one term as Village Trustee. He is now serving as Secretary of Moweaqua Township Park Board. Hobbies are fishing, collecting Indian artifacts in the Moweaqua area.

VIRGIL AND VERA O'KELLEY YOUNKER 420 EAST CEDAR

Virgil's parents, Richard and Flora Henderson Younker, are of rural Assumption. He has one brother, Glen, who married Clara Mae Lewis of Assumption and lives in Blue Mound where he has a trailer park. Vera's parents, George and Lura McGee O'Kelley are an old family in rural Cowden. Vera has one sister.

The Younkers have seven children, Mrs. Edwin (Bette) Smiley of Bloomington, Robert, who married Marilyn Wydick, Leon of Decatur, Ralph of Forsyth, twins, Lois (deceased) and Louise Boyer of Moweaqua, and Pamela Shewmaker of Moweaqua. They have fourteen grandchildren.

Hobbies include shuffleboard, camping and playing cards. They moved to East Cedar street after retiring from forty years of farming. "If I didn't think Moweaqua was the greatest, I would move out." Their house was built in 1955 and was formerly owned by Wooters and Burton families.

**ALICE NEWMAN KNECHT
507 EAST CEDAR**

Alice is the daughter of William and Gertrude Brown Newman of Moweaqua. She is employed at the L & W Market. Alice married Richard Knecht, now deceased. She moved to Moweaqua from Phoenix, Arizona. She came here because she likes the advantages of a small town.

Alice has seven children: Pamela, a senior, who works at Windel's, Brian, a junior, Sheila, a sophomore, Rebecca, a freshman, Angela, a seventh grader, Phillip, who is in first grade, and Michelle, who is in Kindergarten. Alice purchased her mobile home from Robert Flemming in 1975.

**CHARLES AND MARILYN MEROLD BROOKS, SR.
529 EAST CEDAR**

Charles is the son of Hershel and Pansy Schumake of Moweaqua and Decatur. Marilyn is the daughter of John and Mary Ferrel Merold of Decatur. Charles was born in Moweaqua, Marilyn was born in Decatur. Marilyn's family nationality is German. Her grandfather, Joseph Merold, came to America at the age of five.

Charles' grandfather Brooks ran a meat market on Main Street during the 1920 and 30's. Charles was one of the last three babies born in the old Moweaqua hospital. The Brooks moved from Shelbyville and Decatur to Moweaqua because relatives live here and it is Charles' hometown. Charles and Marilyn have two children: Charles, Jr., who is in the first grade, and Adam, who is four years old.

WEST CEDAR

**WARREN AND CINDA ASHLEY JORDAN
103 WEST CEDAR**

Warren's parents are Herbert and Helen Protsman Jordan, farmers in the Assumption area. Warren is one of five children, Lyle of Assumption, Dale of Decatur, Ralph of Moweaqua, Robert of Assumption and Warren of Moweaqua.

Cinda's parents are John and Rosalie Davis Ashley, farmers southwest of Moweaqua. John was raised by grandfather John Lawrence. John died in an airplane accident with Rollin Sloan enroute to Moline for combine repairs on September 26, 1967. Cinda has two brothers, John Martin who married Debra Stone and lives on the homeplace west of Moweaqua, and Thomas Lee who married Nancy Hoover of Washington, Illinois, who is a Ford car salesman. In 1971 Rosalie Ashley married D. E. Robinson living in Taylorville, Illinois.

Warren works for Bear Hybrid Seed Co. in Decatur and Cinda is a homemaker. Cinda's only surviving grandmother on her side is Mrs. Chloe Davis Bilyeu of Moweaqua who will be eighty three on June 21, 1976.

**EULA EMBREE
107 WEST CEDAR**

Eula Riley married William Embree (deceased). They had three children, Mildred Embree Harris of Moweaqua, Lucy Voyles of Decatur and William of Decatur.

**MILDRED HARRIS
109 WEST CEDAR**

Mildred's parents are William and Eula Riley Embree. William worked for Wabash in Decatur. Mildred is one of three children. Her sister Lucy Voyles and brother, William live in Decatur. Mildred married Lawrence Harris (deceased 1973) whose father was William Harris. Lawrence was one of a family of six from the Vandalia area.

Lawrence and Mildred were married in 1935. He was an electrician. Mildred moved to the mobile home in Moweaqua in 1974. They have one daughter, Donna Harris Andrews of Decatur.

**CECIL AND BETTY RHODES BAKER
RR 1, BOX 200**

Cecil was born in Beecher City, the son of Charlie and Nellie Griffith Baker who live in Assumption. Cecil married Betty Rhodes in 1950. Betty's parents, George Henry and Julia Dial Rhodes are both deceased. Betty was born in St. Elmo. Cecil has two brothers and three sisters. Betty has three brothers (one is deceased) and two sisters.

Cecil works at Muellers and has for twenty-six years. Cecil and Betty moved into this house eighteen years ago, coming from Assumption. They have six children, Mrs. Gregory (Brenda) Cochran of Decatur, Mrs. David (Pam) Nave of Moweaqua, Mrs. James (Jane) Davis of Indiana, son, Chuck who works at Northtown Ford in Decatur lives at home, daughter, Cheryl, a senior at Moweaqua High lives at home, son Billy in seventh grade at Moweaqua and lives at home. Cecil and Betty have one grandson, Aaron and one granddaughter, Jamie.

EAST CHERRY

**GROVER JENKINS
105 EAST CHERRY**

Grover was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, previously lived in Chicago but came back to his hometown. His parents, Charley and Rachel Jenkins were born in Moweaqua. There were four children born to this union, Grover, Flossie, Homer and Charley.

"I have been told I have the oldest house in town. It previously was the old post office that was situated where the office of Dr. Pistorius now stands.

I have been serving this community for twenty-six years, working in Gale Stewart's Gulf Station for twenty-three years then going to work for George Fleetwood, now back at the first station under the name of Vanco, managed by Leto Voudrie.

I recall the great mine disaster of Dec. 24, 1932 which claimed the lives of fifty-four men. I sat at the upstairs window and watched them bring the bodies from the mine. My Grandfather Hayes used to haul coal from the mine with his horse and wagon.

My father was night watchman in Moweaqua from 1928-1932. I remember when he rang the curfew on the old water tower at 9:00 o'clock at night, there wasn't a child in sight. He did a lot of tiling for the town and farmers. I helped him weekends and days off from school.

I remember the "good old days" when they had a state policeman riding motorcycles. When you went somewhere in

the wintertime, you heated bricks on the stove and put them in the car to keep your feet warm.

My brother Charles was killed in an auto accident in 1952 at the age of twenty-three. My brother, Homer, had it made — he joined the Army when he was 17 served thirty years. He traveled all over the world and retired as a Lt. Col."

ORA AND ALMA TILTON WINTER 109 EAST CHERRY

Ora and Alma Tilton were married forty-six years ago here in Moweaqua by the Rev. Phillip Johnson. Alma has lived most of her life in the Moweaqua area. Her parents came here from Fairfield, Illinois when she was six months old. Her father and mother were Henry and Anna Tilton. There were seven children: Charles Franklin, Aaron and Alvin (twins), Rena and Raymond (twins), Clarence and Alma. Back in 1920 and 21 they lived at the Henry Otta farm. Alma attended school at Long Grove, the teacher then was Pearl Eystone. Later they lived at the old Ludwig home, but at the time they lived there it was owned by Thomas Dugan. The Ludwig Cemetery and the old home back of it now hold many memories for Ora and Alma. Ora and wife moved to their present home on Cherry Street thirty-three years ago on March 1, 1943. Before that time it was known as the Mike Kraynok home. The approximate date of when this residence was built would be about 1902.

"Back in 1941 when we had the Shelby County Fair here, I was on the Fair Committee. Jack Perryman and I were using the fire hose to water down the park for dust at night. It was sometime around midnight and the men were asleep who took care of the cattle and machinery. Most of them were sleeping out in the open. We thought it would be fun to give them a shower. It wasn't. They arose; we left, only to come back another day."

JOHN AND BEATRICE ROBINSON ONDES 110 EAST CHERRY

John is the son of George and Mary Marie Supinie Ondes. George was born in Austria, came to east coast and worked in Boston in shoe and hat factories, coal mines of Pennsylvania, came into Illinois and worked in the coal mines in Frankfort. He met Mary Supinie in West Frankfort and married in 1913. They moved to Moweaqua to this home. He was killed in the mine disaster of 1932. Mary made her home with John the rest of her life. John had two sisters, Mary Ondes, deceased 1938, worked at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, and Ann married Henry Pistorius and lives in Springfield. Ann works at Springfield clinic and retired from State of Illinois.

Beatrice is the daughter of Roy E. and Mildred (Davidson) Robinson. Roy had polio at three years of age. His legs were paralyzed from the waist down. He attended the U. of I. at Champaign, also a mechanical school in Kansas City, Missouri. They married in 1916. Roy operated a garage, did radio work for Atwater Kent radios, and made a good living sitting on boxes and using a skate board to move around on. He was always self-supporting for his family. In 1944 he moved to the country one mile south, seven miles east where he built his own home. Roy died in 1974. Mildred continues to live on the farm. Beatrice had one brother, Leo, who died in 1919, and a sister, Mildred Swickard of Clinton. Mildred works for Spurgeon's Department Store and her husband works for an insurance company.

John started working for Coffmans when he was thirteen years old. He worked for Joe, Jay and Verne Coffman at Coffman's Mill for twenty-three years and at Lyric Theater for Coffman's. In addition, Jay Coffman and John were in the Golf Club business.

When John returned from the Air Force in 1945, he took the golf business over for himself. Jay had started photo shop in 1942. They were in the same building. John has been in the golf business to date, forty-four years. John also has twenty-one years in the clothing business now with Myers Bros. He also runs Johnny's Pro Shop on North Main St.

Beatrice has been cashier at Decatur Macon County Hospital 1951-1956. Retired to housewife now. She takes care of Pro Shop business at home.

"I just like Moweaqua — quiet and lots of good friends here."

LOUISE SMART 115 EAST CHERRY

The name of the first member of our family of which I have any knowledge was named Synan and came to America from Cork Island, England. He settled in the state of Virginia. My great grandfather, Edward M. Sumpter, married Martha W. Synan in 1850 and moved to Kentucky where their daughter Sarah J. Sumpter was born. She married Frank Jackson in 1872 and to that union mother, Ada V. Jackson, was born, and a son, Frank W. Jackson. Grandfather Jackson came from Jefferson City, Missouri. Ada Jackson married William M. Crain and to this union three children were born, namely, Frank J., Louise and Harold Crain. In 1948 Raymond R. Smart and Louise Crain were married in Taylorville, Illinois.

Louise has resided at 115 East Cherry since March, 1959, the George Virdens being the former owners. She worked for Dr. and Mrs. Sparling at the Nursing Home as cook for over twelve years. After the closing, she went to work for the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co., Automatic Canteen Corporation, and the for Interstate United Corporation. She has worked there for the past ten years.

EUGENE R. AND JOANNE DANIELS GILBERT 119 EAST CHERRY

Eugene, before graduating from Moweaqua High School worked part time at L & W Market. He is now employed at Mississippi Valley where he is marker.

Eugene lived around Stonington, later moving with his family to Blue Mound, Illinois. In 1954 Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Gilbert moved to 312 E. South St., Moweaqua, Illinois where they now live. His grandparents on both sides of the family have been deceased for over thirty years.

Joanne lived in Taylorville, Illinois. She was born at home in Clarksdale, Illinois, but was rushed to Springfield Hospital, being only three pounds at birth. She graduated from Taylorville High School in 1966, working half days at the Lord's Apparel Dress Shop in her senior year. She worked with a friend, Janet Brooks, whose father worked with Eugene Gilbert at L & W Market. She was anxious that Joanne and Eugene meet so arranged a blind date. After a short time they became engaged and were married September 4, 1966. They lived in Taylorville until May, 1968 at which time they moved to Moweaqua. The house in which they live was purchased in 1971. They have made numerous improvements.

To this union three children were born, namely, Patricia Joanne, third grade, Eugenia Ann, first grade, and John Robert, four years of age.

Joanne's grandfather, Sylvester Durbin, lived in Clarksdale and Palmer, Illinois most of his life. Her mother, Gertrude R. Daniels, lived in Taylorville, moving to Moweaqua in 1968. She has resided in Shelbyville, Illinois since 1972.

**PAUL AND DIANA DeCLERK WORKMAN
126 EAST CHERRY**

Paul is the son of Melvin C. and Wanda Myers Workman. Melvin is deceased, 1971, and Wanda worked at G.E., now living in Harristown. Paul is one of five children, Melvin Jr. married Pamela Dews of Assumption living in Decatur, Terry married Jane Coombe of Macon and teaches and coaches in Moweaqua, Paul and Phillip of Moweaqua, and Karin of Louisiana.

Diana is the daughter of Phillip and Mary Lou Herrick DeClerk of Moweaqua. Phillip works at Borg-Warner. Diana has a sister, Mary Jo, of Moweaqua.

Paul and Diana were married in 1971 and moved to present address in 1975.

Paul is a car salesman at Fehrenbach, and had a degree in Education from EIU in 1974. Diana is a housewife and works at Decatur Memorial Hospital. They have a son, Michael Aaron, one year old.

Paul belongs to Moweaqua Softball Association on the "Ruot & Wright" team.

**NINA FULTON
130 EAST CHERRY**

Nina was born in St. Elmo, Illinois. She was employed as licensed practical nurse, Americana Health Care Center, Decatur, Illinois.

The first member of the family in America, Robert Fulton's father, came from England. He settled in Pennsylvania. Grandparents lived in Fayette County. Parents lived in St. James, Brownstown, St. Elmo, Decatur and Moweaqua, Illinois. They were of English, Irish, German, French and Indian ancestry.

Nina Fulton previously lived in St. Elmo, and Decatur, Illinois. She bought a house in Moweaqua and moved in 1971. The house was previously owned by the following, Ezekiel and Mary E. Prescott 1901, Alva Hughes 1901, Mike Senerado 1904, Susan Herich and Pauline Senerado 1923, Cecelia and Oliver Oventile 1926, James and Peggy Bright 1961, Jake and Nellie Pinkston 1963, Katie Bech 1963, Ethel and Paul Jordan, Corrine and Elmer Miller, Irma and Fred Stiner 1967, Clarence E. and Maud K. Marmor 1968, Jane G. Stephens 1970, Harold and Gladys Fulton 1971 and Nina E. Fulton 1975.

**DANNY AND DEBORAH SENTON YANCY
202 EAST CHERRY**

Danny works at the Macon Lumber Co. The first member of this family to settle in America was Samuel Yancy who came from Ireland and settled in Kansas. They have two children, Thomas Joseph, two years old and Tanya Lynn, one year old.

**ETHEL CORP
201½ EAST CHERRY**

Ethel's parents were Lloyd Thomas and Helen G. Decker Parker of Dewitt County near Clinton. She is one of a family of five children. She married Williard Todd, lived in Assumption and Moweaqua area. Williard died in 1966. Their children are Norman Todd who lives at South Pekin, Judy Todd at home, Wayne Todd, at Maroa, and Ronnie Todd of Moweaqua. She has eight grandchildren.

Ethel married Chester Corp (deceased 1975) and lived in Pekin. After his death, she sold the home in Pekin and moved back to Moweaqua where she felt more at home, having previously lived here fifteen years ago.

**JAMES D. BRIGHT
210 EAST CHERRY**

James was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, and is employed by J & D Standard. Peggy J. Bright was born in Decatur, Illinois. There are two children, John T. Bright eighth grade, R. Dean Bright seventh grade. Peggy J. Bright's ancestors were English and French.

**RANDALL WILLIAMS
212 EAST CHERRY**

Randall was born in Pana, Illinois and is employed by Midland Telephone Company.

The first member of the Williams family in America was Samuel Yancy who came from Ireland. He settled in the state of Kansas. Randall's grandparents lived in Mt. Washington, Kentucky and parents lived in Moweaqua.

Jo Ellen Williams was born in Springfield, Illinois. Her family were of English descent and lived in Kentucky.

The Williams have one daughter, Jennifer Williams.

**MARIE GOBERT WOOTERS
221 EAST CHERRY**

Carl (deceased 1973) was the son of William and Katie (Rettig) Wooters. He had one brother, Otis (deceased) of Pocatello, Idaho.

Pearl Marie is the daughter of Samuel and Minnie (Henry) Gobert, farmers in Oakland, Illinois.

At age nine Marie had two grandfathers and two grandmothers, maternal and paternal, a great grandfather and a great grandmother living in Kansas, Illinois. Her one brother, Arthur Gobert is in the Nursing Home in Charleston, Illinois.

Carl and Marie have lived mostly in Moweaqua. Carl worked at Oaks Products for twenty-one years and construction for Chasteen. Carl and Marie would have been married fifty-one years in 1973. They enjoyed vacations and trips together.

They had four children, Louise Weakly (Warren), R.R., Moweaqua, Carl Junior married Jean Matlock of Moweaqua, Norma Jean Fatthauer of Sacramento, California, and Vivian married John Supina of East Stroudsburg, Pa. They have five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Marie is retired and has lived in the family home for thirty-five years.

"It's a good place to live and Carl's hometown."

**EVERETT UPRIGHT
224 EAST CHERRY**

Everett was born in Paris, Illinois and is employed at John Deere Lawn & Leisure, Mt. Zion, Illinois. Brenda Upright was born in Meridian, Mississippi. She is a housewife. Her ancestors are of Irish descent. They have one child, Gerald Upright, pre-schooler.

Everett's hobbies are stock car racing, bowling, swimming, snowmobile riding, tennis, and CB's. Brenda's hobbies are skating, ceramics, swimming, bowling, tennis, biking and plants.

**OWEN AND MARGARET HARRISON YANCY, SR.
230 EAST CHERRY**

Owen works for Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. in Decatur. He and his wife moved here about six years ago from Kentucky. The first member of his family in America was Samuel Yancy who came from Ireland.

Owen and Margaret have four children, Owen, Jr., Moweaqua, Stanley, Elizabethtown, Ky., Danny, Moweaqua, and JoEllyn Williams, Moweaqua.

**JAMES GREGORY AND CATHY BOLTZ HIBBARD
234 EAST CHERRY**

Gregg works at Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur and Cathy is employed at Kentucky Litho Co. in Macon. Gregg has always lived in Moweaqua, but Cathy previously lived in Hoopston and Effingham, moving here when her dad accepted his job here. Cathy enjoys reading, knitting and swimming. Gregg plays baseball and golfs.

**HAROLD AND SUSAN RHOADES
229 EAST CHERRY**

The first member of Harold Rhoades family came to America from Wales. He settled in Illinois. Grandparents live in Ramsey and Assumption, Illinois. Harold Rhoades brought his family from Detroit, Michigan, which was his birthplace, because he wanted to get out of a large city. They have just recently come to Moweaqua and he is employed at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Illinois. They have one child, Robert Rhoades, a pre-schooler.

Susan Rhoades was born in Decatur, Illinois and she is a housewife. Susan's family are of English, German and Indian descent. Her family lives in Illinois.

**WAYNE E. AND RUTH ANN WOLFE
223 EAST CHERRY**

Wayne is employed as truck driver for PreFab Transit and was born in Decatur, Illinois. Ruth Ann was born in Covington, Tennessee and she is a housewife. Grandparents of Wayne Wolfe live in Minnesota. Parents live in Decatur, Illinois. Ruth's parents live in Covington, Tennessee. Grandparents live in Covington, Tennessee and Ripley, Tennessee. They are of Irish descent.

The Wolfe family moved to Moweaqua, Illinois from Decatur, Illinois because they preferred a small town in which to live. They enjoy traveling as a hobby. They have two children, Charles Wayne in the fifth grade, and Chris Carl in the fourth grade.

**JAMES AND CLARA JACKSON GIST
219 EAST CHERRY**

James and Clara lived in Meadows, Illinois and moved to Moweaqua about eight years ago. He is a mechanic at the Shell Station. Both James and Clara were born in Alabama.

They have a daughter, Janice Gregory. They have two grandchildren.

**DONALD AND ELAINE COOK DANCE
201 EAST CHERRY**

Donald was born in Paris, Illinois and is employed at Staleys. Elaine was born in Moweaqua, Illinois. To this union three children were born: David, Ronald, Donette, who all attend Moweaqua Unit Schools. Russell is a pre-schooler. The house in which the Dance family live was built around 1905. It was previously owned by Florence Webber. Elaine Cook Dance was of Irish and German descent. The family lived in Illinois. Two of the children of Lloyd and Vivian Scarlette Cook make their homes in Moweaqua. They are Russell Cook and Elaine Cook Dance.

"Looking back in the past my great grandfather Bartley Scarlette came to Moweaqua when the town was about eight years old. He was born in 1830 in Tennessee. He and his family came here around 1860. In 1878 he was elected Representative to the General Assembly from this District. He married Mary Magdalen Hack who was half Indian. She was well known as a champion canary raiser. A girl and two boys were born to this union. Bartley was postmaster and was very proud that his daughter later became deputy postmistress."

His grandfather, De Loss, son of Bartley, was one of the Champion Amateur Baseball Team members in 1903. Moweaqua was very proud of this team of champions. De Loss was also elected Police Magistrate for a number of years, as well as Justice of the Peace. He was married to Myrtle Calvin in February 1900. She was also born and raised in Moweaqua. They had four children, Archie, Vivian, Wayne and Mildred. Two sons followed in his foot steps as baseball players. Kenneth, son of Archie, is keeping the name of Scarlette. He is a state trooper and has been for sixteen years.

**JAMES AND HILDA NEHIB WOODARD
302 EAST CHERRY**

James' parents are deceased. They were farmers all their lives from Gila, Illinois. His one sister, Bethel Loy, of Newton, is also deceased. Hilda is the daughter of John Edward and Elizabeth String Nehib of Gainesville, Texas. They were farmers and raised cotton. Hilda is third from the youngest of nine children. Most of them live in central Texas. Both grandparents came from Germany to North Dakota.

James and Hilda married in 1945 while James was stationed in Pecos, Texas in the Army. James has served refrigeration for Wards the last ten years, prior to that he was at Sears for eleven years. Hilda worked at GE seven years. On discharge from service, he came north from Newton looking for work and a new home. They bought this home in 1955. They have six children. Don married Sue Otta of Moweaqua, Patricia Jean Scribner of Decatur, Robert married Kay Kemper of Moweaqua, Jeanette Lou Pinnell of Decatur, Linda Marie Woodard works at OES, Macon, and John Edward is a freshman. They have nine grandchildren.

James loves to fish. He says, "I like a small town."

LOTTIE STOVER
309 EAST CHERRY

Lottie and her husband Dan had three children, Maxine Tomlinson, Moweaqua, Thomas Daniel, Jr. (deceased), and Laura Lea (deceased); also a stepson, Raymond Sinclair Stover is deceased.

See Lottie Stover's story elsewhere in this book.

MARY ALICE MORRISSEY
306 EAST CHERRY

Mary is the daughter of John and Alice Elvin Morrissey. John was a wholesale grocery salesman and Alice a school teacher. They lived in Bloomington. She has one brother, John Morrissey living in Montezuma, Iowa. He has three children, Jean, University of Iowa, Jack, University of Missouri, and Katie, a senior.

Merna, Illinois, fifteen miles east of Bloomington, was named after Mary Alice's great grandparents. All her ancestors are Irish. She graduated from ISU and has her MA from the University of Illinois. She has taught in Moweaqua for four years. Her hobbies are reading and traveling. "Even though I've only been in Moweaqua Schools a short time, I'm enjoying being here."

DELLA DANCE
307 EAST CHERRY

Della was born in Coles County, Illinois. She graduated from Paris High School and is retired from F. W. Means Company. Her father and mother sold the farm and moved to Paris, Illinois when she was twelve years old. After graduating from high school she went to Decatur where she obtained employment at the Bell Telephone Co. She worked there until her marriage in 1922. She lived in the Decatur area until she retired and moved to Moweaqua in February, 1967. Her ancestors on her mother's side were English. Her father's ancestors were German. She has one child, Donald Dance, and four grandchildren living in Moweaqua.

An uncle, Harvey Gross, of Paris, Illinois recently celebrated his 96th birthday. He began practicing law in Paris in 1912, and still has his office in downtown Paris. He now practices on a limited scale but is quite an exception as both her parents died at age 75.

MRS. VIVIAN I. McELROY
311 EAST CHERRY

Husband Gail (deceased) was born in Cowden, Illinois.

The first member of her family in America was King S. Manes who came from Germany. He settled in the state of Illinois. Her grandparents lived in Effingham, Illinois as did her parents. She has always lived in Moweaqua. The house in which she lives was built in 1865. Previous owners were William Newman and Jake Newman. Vivian's mother was of English and Indian ancestry, her grandfather was German.

In June of 1892 George and Eliza Roff and family of Indiana decided to come to Illinois. They loaded a covered wagon and when the trip had ended they were in Moweaqua. They purchased a three room house where Bob Adams now lives. The family was too large for the small house so they purchased another three room house and moved it to the home site. Grandmother Roff then moved years later to the house where Florence Jackson now lives.

Children of Mrs. Vivian McElroy are: Charles Nelson, Mountain Home, Ark., Joan Emel, Sullivan, Illinois, Norma Evans, Shumway, and Betty Adams, Moweaqua. There are sixteen grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

GUY M. AND ZELMA ALICE MOORE
315 EAST CHERRY

Guy M. Moore is an Illinois Central retired engineer and Zelma Alice Moore is a housewife. William Harvey Moore was the first member of their family in America, coming here from England. Guy's parents lived in Christian County and his parents lived in Moweaqua, Illinois, and this is his birthplace. This residence was built in the late 1800's, exact date unknown. Other owners were Hank Hays and John and Mae Skiff. The nationality of Zelma's family was French and Indian. They lived in Illinois.

"My great-grandparents came to Illinois with Abraham Lincoln. The Lincolns went on to Sangamon County, while the Hays family went to Christian County. Old Granny was a great friend of Lincoln. Abe was supposed to have split rails for her to pay for a suit she wove and made for him. She died in 1899 at the age of 99 years. I do not know if they were neighbors before coming to Illinois or if they had met on the road.

Guy and Zelma's children are: William Ray, killed in the Korean War 1952, Robert Moore, Moweaqua and Richard Moore, Moweaqua.

ROGER AND SUE SHIELDS ATER
316 EAST CHERRY

Roger was born in Decatur, Illinois and is employed as a mechanic. Sue was born in Mt. Vernon, Illinois and is a housewife. They have four children: Tod Ater, five years old, kindergarten; Chris, four years old; Stacey, two years old; and Tracey, one year old.

The first member of Roger Ater's family to settle in America was named Peck and came in 1620. They were of Dutch origin. The Aters came from Germany in the 1700's. Both families settled in Ohio. Grandparents on the Johnson side lived in Lockport, Illinois. Grandparents on the Ater side lived in Macon, Illinois. Parents Ralph and Isabelle Ater lived in Macon until 1953. There were four children: Beverly, James, Arthur and Roger.

The first member of Sue's family to live in America was John Shields. He was born in England in 1732 and died in Orange County, Virginia in 1779. Her grandparents were Nelson and Cora Shields from Mt. Vernon, Illinois. Grandmother died in 1931, grandfather in 1964. There were five children: Howard, Findley, Paul, Glen and June. Grandparents Albert and Hannah Leonard had seven children: James, George, Harold, Charles, Maxine, Gladys and an infant son who died at birth. Her parents, Glen and Maxine Shield, lived in Mt. Vernon, Illinois until the summer of 1954. They had four children: Judith, Jean, James, and Sue. They moved here because her father worked at Caterpillar. Our nationality is German, Scotch, Irish and English.

"My fifth great-grandfather Shadrack Bond was the first Governor of Illinois."

FRED AND RUTH FURNISH RAMBO, JR.
319 EAST CHERRY

Fred is employed at Stonington Co-op Grain Co. The first member of the family to settle in America was a grand-

mother, Mrs. Ed (Rosa) Buckley Jones from England who settled in Ohio. Fred and Ruth lived in Piatt, Christian and Moultrie Counties before coming to Moweaqua to farm. Their house was moved in from the Wheatley farm by Jake Pinkston.

Joe Welch, Ruth's grandfather, was in the Civil War. Her brother has the bullet which wounded him. Her father's relatives by the name of Harpers were from the Harpers Ferry area. She has milk glass dish that was brought to Illinois from Madison County, Ohio by Ruth Clemmons Coon, grandmother of her grandfather James H. Furnish.

Fred and Ruth have a grandson, Jamie Henderson, who lived with them and is a sophomore in high school.

They have six children, Shirley Grove, East Moline; Homer Lynn, Decatur; Linda Wiseman, Moweaqua; Mabel Ruth Crawley, Decatur; Barbara Ann Reynolds, Decatur; and Vivian Stiner of Moweaqua. They have seventeen grandchildren with the oldest in college.

DEAN AND CHRISTENA NEWMAN WRIGHT 320 EAST CHERRY

Dean Wright was born in Moweaqua, and is a partner in J. & D. Standard Station. Christena was born in Moweaqua and is self-employed in Stanley Products.

Dean Bright and Christena Newman Bright have lived on Cherry Street almost all of their thirty-seven years of married life. Her grandfather Newman came from Germany when he was nineteen years of age. He settled in Moweaqua and with his wife, Christena DeBrun, raised seven children. He built the home in which Dean and Christena now reside about 75 or 80 years ago. Christena had one sister, Mrs. Joe Hibbard.

The Brights had eight children, seven of whom are living, Jim, Leslie, Richard, Nancy live in Moweaqua. Steve lives in Stonington, Mary Catherine lives in Decatur, and Charles lives in Berwyn, Illinois. All were educated in Moweaqua Schools with the exception of Charles, who went to Jacksonville Illinois School of the Deaf, with two years of college in Minnesota. The Brights have ten grandchildren.

Dean's parents came from the Boulder-Keysport area. They settled here some sixty-five years ago and had ten children, Dean being the next to the youngest. Although raised on a farm, Dean has always liked mechanics and is now in partnership with his oldest son in the J & D Standard Station.

Dean and Christena like to bowl and travel. Christena has been a Stanley Home Products dealer for six years and has earned several trips for them through the company.

EDWIN C. AND SHARON BRIGHT RESCHKE 325 EAST CHERRY

Edwin C. Reschke was born in Chicago, Illinois. He is a high school graduate and attended college. He is employed at the L & W Market, more recently at Shell Station.

Grandparents lived in Moweaqua, Illinois. Parents lived in Moweaqua and Chicago, Illinois. Edward previously lived in the eastern part of the U.S., although he was raised in Moweaqua and has relatives here. He is the son of Elmer Reschke of Chicago, Illinois and the late Katherine (Cameron) Floski. His Aunt Christine (Cameron) Gregory, lives in the former David Cameron home.

Sharon Bright Reschke is the daughter of Mrs. Helena Bilyeu Bright and the late Charles E. Bright. She is a sister

to eight, of whom, she is next to the youngest. Sharon lived her entire life in the Moweaqua area. Edwin and Sharon have a son, Michael Edwin, three years of age.

MRS MALCOLM (NORMA LINN) STEWART 326 EAST CHERRY

Mrs. Malcolm Stewart was born in Moweaqua, Illinois. She graduated from Moweaqua High School and Decatur School of Beauty Culture.

Lieutenant Commander and Mrs. Malcolm Stewart were both born and raised in the Moweaqua area. They have one child, Pamela Jean, who resides in Springfield, Virginia. She is a legal secretary at the Export Import Bank of the United States in Washington, D.C.

Malcolm is the grandson of the late Malcolm and Gwendolyn Stewart, and son of M. Wayne Stewart (deceased) and Vera M. Stewart of Tucson, Arizona. He is a graduate of Lincoln High School, Lincoln, Illinois and a B.A. from the University of Arizona, Masters from Naval Post Graduate School, Monterey, California.

Norma is the daughter of Otis J. Linn (deceased) and Angie G. Linn of this city. Norma is a graduate of Moweaqua High School and the Decatur School of Beauty Culture.

The Stewarts have lived in Moweaqua, Decatur, Tucson, Arizona; Casa Grande, Arizona; St. Simons Island, Ga.; San Diego, Calif.; Valejo, Calif.; Monterey, Calif.; Newport, R.I.; Norfolk, Va.; and Springfield, Va.

WEST CHERRY

RICHARD AND SUSAN E. WELLS TRUEBLOOD 129 WEST CHERRY

Richard Trueblood was born in Pana, Illinois. Susan was born in Decatur, Illinois. Richard has a grandmother, Leora Snyder of Moweaqua, Illinois. His parents, Richard and Helen Trueblood live at Macon, Illinois. Susan's grandparents, Dora E. Wells and Marie O. White, live at Macon, Illinois and Mt. Zion, Illinois respectively. Her parents, Donald and Mary Wells, live at RR 1, Macon, Illinois.

Richard and Susan were married August 4, 1974, and after their marriage bought the house in which they live. The house was built in 1892. Former owners were: Ezekiel Prescott, George Crew, Ralph Snyder, Salbert Hays, Charles Howard, Jr., Angelo Tintori, Rollie Scribner, Rosemary Scribner and Richard Trueblood.

They both love the outdoors. Their hobbies are: fishing, camping, swimming and boating.

CHESTNUT

PAUL AND JUANITA BOGER JEFFERSON 105 CHESTNUT

Paul was born in Newcastle, Indiana, the son of Paul Sr. and Effie Rockhill Jefferson. He was schooled in Muncie. Both sets of grandparents live in or near Newcastle. Juanita was born in Petersburg, Indiana, the daughter of Virgil and Myrtle Miley Boger. She received her schooling in Peters-

burg. Both sets of grandparents were born and reared in Petersburg. Juanita's ancestors migrated from Germany and settled on farm land in what is now Olney, Illinois. They later moved into southern Indiana.

The Jeffersons have one child, Sharon Kay Jefferson Gaither, who lives in Mt. Zion. She graduated from high school in Moweaqua. She has three children: Jeffery Scot, who is four, Jason Eric, who is two and one-half, and Jennifer Michelle, who is seven months old. The Jeffersons moved to Moweaqua in 1956. Paul has been employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company since 1955. They moved to Moweaqua when they sought employment. They liked the town because it is close to work. "It is clean, quiet, and an enjoyable place to live."

Their house was built around 1949 and formerly occupied by Sid Curry and Mark Cutler. The Jeffersons purchased the property in 1961.

**GERALD AND MARY RUTGER
227 CHESTNUT**

Gerald's former ancestors settled in Rhode Island, but his grandparents and parents have always lived in Illinois. Gerald was born in Noble. He is employed at Caterpillar in Decatur. Mary teaches Home Economics in Moweaqua.

One of Gerald's ancestors, Admiral Rutgers gave a vast amount of money to the University of New Jersey for a library. The school was then named Rutgers University. A brother, Dr. Neil Rutger, is a professor of Agriculture at UCLA. He works for the United States Department of Agriculture. He makes trips to the Orient to instruct the people how to farm and produce better quality rice.

The Rutgers have two children. Ronald, who works for the Army Corps of Engineers in Peoria. Teresa Rutger Waller, who lives in Indianapolis. She received a masters degree in zoology at the U. of I.

Grandma Jennie Marie Pierce of Geff, lived to be 101 years of age. She died in 1960.

**LARRY AND PATRICIA HUFFAKER ADAMSON
303 EAST CHESTNUT**

Larry's parents, Dwight and Bernice Bailey Adamson, were from the Moweaqua area. They had four children: Eleanor (Mrs. Norman Jordan) Blue Mound; Arlene (Mrs. Jim Sammons) Hillsboro; Vernon (Bunny) Moweaqua; and Larry, also of Moweaqua.

Pat's parents, Forest and Ann M. Huffaker, were from Blue Mound. They had seven children: Mrs. Bettie Damery of Decatur, Eugene of Mt. Zion, Richard, New Bern, North Carolina, Robert of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Mrs. Larry (Pat) Adamson of Moweaqua, Mrs. Diane Helms of Blue Mound, and Mrs. Kenneth (Gloria) Chapman of Findlay.

The Adamson children are: Susan Michelle, a junior in high school; Sean Michael, a sixth grader; and Scott Matthew, who is a fifth grader.

Larry is a company man at Caterpillar. They bought their home from Pat Bales of California, in 1964. The house was built in 1883. Pat says, "I have one neighbor whom I think of as a grandmother. She is just a great person in my estimation — Mrs. Pearl Humphrey."

**CLIFFORD AND SHIRLEY TRUE COWGER
311 EAST CHESTNUT**

Clifford was born in Decatur, a son of Earl and Marie Hibbs Cowger, who live in Blue Mound. They had nine children: Mrs. (Gene) Shirley Lunsford of Stonington; Mike, who married Rosalie Whitaker, and they live in Decatur; Clifford Stephen who lives in Macon; Mrs. Roger (Anne) Gulick who lives in Decatur; twins Lynette and Lynn of Blue Mound; and Monica and Scott who are both living in Blue Mound. Clifford worked for Cornbelt FS in Macon.

Shirley's parents, Norman and Betty True, live in Moweaqua. They have three girls, Mrs. Clifford (Shirley Cowger), Mrs. Harold (Susan) Rhoades, and Mrs. Wayne (Donna) Morelan, all of Moweaqua.

The Cowger children are Lisa Ann, who is in third grade and Norman Earl who is four years old. The Cowgers moved from Blue Mound in 1966 when they were unmarried and bought their home from Fred Shuster in 1975.

**PEARL HUMPHREY
319 EAST CHESTNUT**

(See other part of book for story)

**GLENN AND LAURA BRADFORD JACKSON
320 EAST CHESTNUT**

Glenn's parents, Andy and Stella Beckett Jackson, were farmers from the Ramsey area. They had nine children, six of who are still living. Ruth lives in Bement, Glenn in Moweaqua, Mrs. Edith Whitaker in Macon, Mrs. Orville (Fern) Richards, also in Macon, Mrs. Kedric (Vada) Robinson, of Peoria, and Paul, who lives in Moweaqua.

Laura's parents, William Henry and Hattie R. Hopper Bradford were farmers around Mt. Vernon. They had four children, Mrs. Alva (Della) Eskridge of Corydon, Indiana, Henry of Peoria, Mrs. Glenn (Laura Jackson, Moweaqua, and Lucille of Denver, Colorado.

Glenn and Laura have five children: Glenn, who married June Whacker from Ohio and lives in New Bedford, Mass., Robert who married Roberta Hopkins of Macon, living on the farm there, Andy married Carol Foxworthy of Hoopston and teaches school in Elgin, James married Ruth Ann Pease of Decatur and works at Vega Enterprises, and Mrs. Mike (Linda Lou) Ketzner lives in Flora, Illinois and works at Spartans Company.

Son Glenn has a noteworthy position with Borg-Warner. He is an engineer who recently returned after six and one-half years in Wales, England. He is now located at New Bedford, Mass.

Glenn retired from the N & W and farming in 1974 after fifty years. He and Laura moved to Laura's father's house in 1974 from the Orville Richards farm southeast of Macon. Their grandson, Floyd Allen Beard, lives with them. He is in the fifth grade.

**MRS. ROBERT (CLARA JANE) WHITE
329 EAST CHESTNUT**

Robert's parents were Ray and May McConnell White, farmers from Prairie Home. They were both of Irish ancestry. His family originally came from Kentucky. Captain Robert White was on two weeks active duty in the Air Force

Reserves when he was killed over Greenville, Alabama when two planes collided in 1955. Robert's dad had two sisters, Mrs. Norman (Margaret) Lee of Peoria, who opened the first Kroger store in Moweaqua, located where the Legion Hall is now. The other sister is Mrs. Marvin (Millie) Mathias Branyan.

Clara Jane's parents were Will and Clara Atteberry Heriot. She is one of six children: Laverne, James, Wayne, Margaret, Glen, and Clara. Clara's dad studied on his own and learned to be an electrician. He was an electrician and Pit Boss until the mine disaster. After the mine closed, he took care of the water works and did electrical work. He wired many of the farm houses when the REA came into being here.

Clara Jane is a rural mail carrier on Route 2 serving 230 families. She drives 81 miles per day six days a week. "I think the people on the route become personal friends. They are most helpful when I have car trouble (in and out of ditches). The surprises I sometimes find in the mail box breaks the monotony of the daily trip."

Robert and Clara Jane's children are: Pam (Mrs. Richard Herman), of Elgin, who has one child; Connie (Mrs. Jim Mills) of Moweaqua has one child; and Robert, who married Nancy Rule of Decatur and has one child. He works at Muellers.

In 1957, Clara Jane had the house that formerly belonged to Belle and Maude Daughtery torn down and built a new house in that location.

JOSEPH AND LOIS HUSTEDT NOVOTA 400 EAST CHESTNUT

Joe is the son of Steve and Mary Lakof Novota. Steve was born in British Columbia and Mary was born in Virginia. These families went back to Hungary after having come to the United States. They ended up at the same village, met, and were married in Hungary. John and Steve, Joe's brothers, were born in Hungary. Then Steve, Sr. came to Virginia, worked in the mines, later sent for his wife and sons. Joe was born in Virginia. They moved to Moweaqua when the fourth son, Charles (Lolly) was born. Joe attended Chillicothe Business College in Missouri and was a telegrapher in the Navy.

Lois is the daughter of Dick and Fannie Ennen Hustedt. Dick came from Germany at nine years of age and lived in Minnesota on a homestead. Fannie's family was of German descent living in Minnesota. They moved to Gilman, Illinois and were farmers. Dick became the Allis Chalmers Implement Dealer. Lois is seventh of a family of eight children. She received her RN from Burnham Hospital and Cook County Hospital. She and Joe were married in 1946. They lived in Patoka, Illinois, but came to Moweaqua in 1948. They built their home in 1951. Joe is now General Chairman of Brotherhood of Railroad, Airline, and Steamship Clerks. He commutes weekly to his office in Chicago.

Lois worked for twenty-five years at the hospitals in Decatur, and is now retired. She devotes her spare time to "Right to Life." She, with a friend, organized the Right to Life Chapter in Decatur in 1968. She has served as Educational Director for the State of Illinois. She lectures to schools, churches, and civic groups at no charge.

Joe and Lois have three sons: Mick is vice president of the Florida National Bank in Pensacola. He married Linda Minor of Moweaqua and they have one son, Scott, who is four years old. Joe, Jr. Lives at home and works at ADM in Decatur. Matt is a junior in high school.

Joe likes hunting and fishing, while Lois enjoys house plants and rug making.

JAMES AND BARBARA WILLIAMS ALLSOP 506 EAST CHESTNUT

Jim was originally reared around Stewardson. His family moved to Moweaqua in 1965 when he resided with his parents, Carl and Marcella Allsop, two brothers, Floyd and Kevin, and a sister Carla. He graduated from Moweaqua High School and went to work at Caterpillar for a short time. He was drafted into the Army in March of 1971. After serving two years, he resumed his job at Caterpillar.

Barb was originally from Olney, where she lived for thirteen years. She moved to Moweaqua in 1967 when her father was transferred by CIPS to Moweaqua. Her parents are Floyd and Eileen Williams and brothers are Rod, Moweaqua, Tom, also Moweaqua, and sister Bonnie, who lives on a farm near Oblong. Barb is a graduate of Moweaqua High School.

Jim and Barb have a daughter, Rhonda. They live in a house formerly owned by Harold and Barbara Parker.

DENNIS AND DEBBIE ADCOCK NASH 510 EAST CHESTNUT

Dennis is the son of Louis and Virginia Brown Nash of Macon. His dad has worked many years at Muellers in Decatur. His mother works at a restaurant in Dalton City. Dennis is one of five children: Lonnie of Tennessee, Linda Hackney of Macon, Paulette Harvey of Mt. Zion, Dennis of Moweaqua, and Kevin of Macon.

Debbie is the daughter of Neil and Pauline Lee Adcock who are farmers of rural Macon. She is one of six children: Debbie of Moweaqua, Jeanette Redmond of Decatur, Carol, Cheryl, Brian, and Steve of Macon.

Debbie and Dennis married in 1972 and moved to Moweaqua in 1973. They have two children: Daryl, who is two and one-half years old and David, who was born on March 27, 1976. Dennis has worked at Firestone four years.

ROBERT AND MILDRED THOMPSON BAKER 630 EAST CHESTNUT

Robert is the son of Jesse D. and Lucille Warmoth Baker, retired farmers of Cerro Gordo. Robert is one of fourteen children. All the children are living except one twin that didn't survive. All of the children live in Central Illinois. Robert's parents have celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Mildred is the daughter of James C. and Mary Lou Zena Beaty Thompson of Graham, Texas. James works in the oil fields. Mildred in one of six children, four living in Texas, and one brother lives in Decatur.

Robert and Mildred married in 1956 and lived in Decatur area towns. They built their new home in Moweaqua in 1973. Robert works at Staleys. He has been there for twenty-one years. Mildred is a housewife. Their hobbies are remodeling homes and collecting antiques.

The four Baker children are: Robin Lucille, who is attending Lakeland College, majoring in business and works in the telephone office in Mattoon; Robert Andrew, Jr., is a sophomore in high school; Rodney Lynn is a freshman; and Randall Allen is a second grader.

"Neat, clean and friendly town."

NORTH EAST

MRS. HERBERT (HELEN) JORDAN 110 NORTH EAST

Herbert Jordan (deceased, 1968) was a son of James and Florence Gregory Jordan. He married Helen Protsman, daughter of Lawrence and Bess Weakley Protsman. Grandparents were Cyrus and Clara Moll Weakley and John and Mary Huff Protsman. Great-grandfather Moll came from Germany to Pennsylvania and lived in rural Findlay.

Helen and Herbert lived on different farms in Shelby County until Herbert passed away. Helen then moved to this address. Helen lived in Moweaqua when a young child when her father, Lawrence Protsman, was in the hardware store. Her grandfather, Cyrus Weakley, served as Mayor of Moweaqua.

Herbert and Helen had five children: Lyle of rural Assumption; Ralph of rural Moweaqua; Robert of rural Assumption; Dale of Decatur; and Warren of Moweaqua. They have fifteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

SAM AND CONNIE SCRIBNER PERRYMAN 113 NORTH EAST

Sam's parents are Gilbert (Jack) and Mildred Zindel Perryman of Moweaqua. He has one sister, Mrs. James (Nadine) Dial of rural Moweaqua. Connie's parents are Sidney M. and Allie Curry (deceased April 1975) Scribner. She has four sisters, Mrs. Paul (Jean) Dailey of Assumption, Mrs. Wanda Adams of Shelbyville Restorium, Mrs. James D. (Clara June) Crowe of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Carl (Donna Cook of Florida. Connie's father will be 76 May 1, 1976 — Sid Scribner.

Sam works for Caterpillar Tractor Co. He has been there twenty-one years. Sam graduated from Moweaqua High School. Connie graduated from Moweaqua High School and works for Funks Insurance Agency for the last four years. Their daughter, LuAnn Perryman, is a senior at Moweaqua High and will graduate in the spring.

MICHAEL AND GAIL BRADBURY HICKMAN 118 NORTH EAST

Michael was born in Shelbyville, the son of Fred Hickman. He lived in Gays, Illinois from birth to age twenty. He attended Gays Grade School, Windsor Jr. and Sr. High School, and attended Lakeland Jr. College for two semesters. Gail was born in Decatur, the daughter of James and Marge Bradbury. She has been a resident of Moweaqua since birth. She graduated from Moweaqua High School and attended Lakeland Jr. College for one year and Rockford College in Rockford, Illinois for one semester.

Michael moved to Moweaqua when he was employed by PPG in Mt. Zion.

Michael's grandparents lived around Mattoon as long as can be remembered. Gail's mother's side has lived around Illinois. Her father's side lived in Oklahoma and her great-grandfather was an Oklahoma Sooner.

PAUL SMOCK 119 NORTH EAST

Paul's parents were Barnett and Eva Ashcraft Smock. Barnett was a Baptist minister, one of the very first

ministers of Little Flock Baptist Church ten miles southeast. Paul was born within two miles of this church in Flat Branch Township. The family moved to Moweaqua in 1909 where Harold and Millie Allen live now, where both parents died. Ashcrafts are traced back to early American settlers. Paul was an only child by the second marriage. He has two half-brothers, John and Albert Smock and a half-sister, Lydia (Mrs. Samuel Longenbaugh).

Mildred was the daughter of Forrest and Lillian Nye Jarnagin, who lived in Shelbyville. She was one of five children.

Paul and Mildred married in 1932 and always lived in Moweaqua. Paul has worked at Ayars State Bank since graduation from Moweaqua High School. Daughter Beverly (Mrs. Robert Hight) bought the Bert McCarty Place, three miles east and three miles north of Moweaqua where they make their home.

Beverly is a teacher in the Mt. Zion Elementary School and Robert is a plumber and farmer. They have two daughters, Marcia, fifth grade and Amy, third grade.

HAROLD AND MILDRED MADDOX ALLEN 128 NORTH EAST

At the age of eleven years, Harold A. Allen made his home with Raymond and Beulah Day, his aunt and uncle, after the death of his parents, George and Lura Abel Allen of Blue Mound. He stayed with the Days until his marriage to Mildred Maddox October 1, 1939. His occupations were farming, now moulder at CB&Q. After his service in the Marine Corps he returned to CB&Q then started to work for MVSS in 1956. They moved to the present location in 1961. Hobbies are fishing and gardening.

Mildred L. Allen born of Irish and German ancestry. fathers settled in Carolina, then migrated to southern Illinois and Missouri. Parents were Ray and Elvina Staker Maddox. Mother died when she was two years old and her sister Frances was six weeks. When Mildred was three, her father remarried Laura Bledsoe of Hannibal, Missouri. Spent a good share of her life in Missouri and Illinois. Attended high schools in Mendon and Quincy, Illinois, Shreveport, Louisiana, Cedar Rapids, Iowa and graduated at Sedalia, Missouri. Had two years nursing school. Her sister Frances Burkhalter lives at Shell Knob, Missouri in the heart of the Ozarks Table Rock Lake, Turkey Mountain Estates. Her daughter, Jean Ann, her husband and four children live at Del Mar, California. She teaches disturbed children of high school age. Her nephew, Richard Burkhalter, wife and two sons live at Aurora, Illinois. He is a professional engineer with Armour Dial Co.

Mildred's hobbies are singing, sewing, and crafts. Mildred and Harold are members of the Christian Church.

February 19, 1970, the Decatur Review wrote an article about the invasion of Iwo Jima. This article recalled memories of this was on its 25th anniversary by Harold A. Allen. There were pictures of Harold in the uniform of the Marine Corps and as an employee of Mississippi Valley. Harold recalled the unpleasant memories of the war. As gunner in an amphibious tank, his unit was the first to precede the infantry to clear the way on this island and other islands in the Marinas prior to Iwo Jima.

HELENA BILYEU BRIGHT
129 NORTH EAST

Helena Bilyeu, daughter of Isom and Malinda Adams Bilyeu, and her three brothers, Franklin, Roy, and Vernie, were born in the house known now as Breeze Hill Farm. Her parents were farming this land. Helena was born in 1907. Her grandparents were Isom and Lydia Bilyeu Adams. Ison Adams gave the land for Pleasant Ridge School. The school stands unused three miles west and one mile north of Moweaqua. Her father, Isom Bilyeu, had show horses which took many prizes in the early 1900's. Her great-grandparents were Ellington and Elizabeth Gordon Adams.

Helena married in 1928 Charles Edwin Bright, the son of George Washington and Katherine Links Bright. In 1963, Charles and two other men were killed in an auto accident near Jacksonville, Illinois. Helena moved to town and for ten years has been a W. T. Rawleigh Products Dealer. This company is celebrating its eighty-seventh anniversary this year.

She is the mother of nine daughters with nineteen years between the oldest and the youngest. They are Geraldine Hearn of Decatur, Charlene Waite deceased 1974, Aileen Dunlop of Monticello, Gwendolene Jackson, Emily Moore, Marabeth Sarver, Carolyn Downs, Sharon Reschke of Moweaqua and Marilyn Sarver of Silver Springs, Florida.

Helena spent her school days at Jacobs School, one mile west of Moweaqua. Roy Moore moved it to Madison Street and made it into a home. She remembers teachers Earl Gregory, Gwendolyn Yantis, Eva Holbey, J. A. Hands, Ellis Kuhle and Pearle Mouche. She has memories of Nate Skiff riding horseback over muddy roads delivering the mail, and later setting their clocks by faithful Harry Bramblett, mail carrier.

TIM AND MARY ELLEN LEHMAN GILLETT
210 NORTH EAST

Tim's parents are Glen and Alverna Zindel Gillett. Alverna died in 1957. Later Glen married Marie Hettinger, lived in Decatur. Mary Ellen is the daughter of Sam and Helen Sporleder Lehman of rural Moweaqua. Sam farms and Helen teaches school in Shelbyville.

Mary Ellen's ancestor, William Bone, came from Ulster, Ireland about 1700, and settled in southeast Pennsylvania. Eventually the Bones came to Illinois and settled in Shelbyville and Bethany. A William Bone came to Bethany from Nashville, Tennessee in 1828 where he traded his farm in Tennessee for a five wagon team. He broke the first prairie in Moultrie County in 1828. He was the first one buried in Bone and Mitchell Cemetery in Bethany. The tombstone is still there.

Tim and Mary Ellen were married in 1968 at Little Flock while Tim was in the Air Force. They moved to Moweaqua in 1972. Tim and Mary Ellen have two children, Scott, six years and in kindergarten, born in Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, and Stacy, twenty-three months old. Tim works at Firestone, and Mary Ellen is a housewife and mother.

Mary Ellen has four sisters and four brothers living in this area, Mrs. Ronald (Dolores) Sloan, Mrs. Gary (Rosie) Shuck, Janice Lehman of Flat Branch Township, Tamra Lehman of Flat Branch Township, Phil of rural Assumption, Mike who is moving to Cowden from Moweaqua, Joe a senior at Moweaqua High, and John, seventh grader.

DEBBIE DONNELLY
212 NORTH EAST

Debbie has been employed at Assumption Jr.-Sr. High School since August 1973. The first member of their family in America was Thomas Donnelly from Ireland in 1881 who settled in Iowa. Her parents and grandparents are from Springfield. She lived with her parents until she was employed at Assumption.

LIBBY McINTYRE
212 NORTH EAST

Libby is a teacher in Assumption. James McIntyre was the first member of her family in America. He came from Scotland to Canada and from Canada to Newman, Illinois in 1865 and settled on a farm north of Newman. Her grandparents are from Sidell and Newman, her parents from Newman. She lived with her parents in Newman until she began teaching in Assumption in 1973.

PAUL AND ELIZABETH SCHULL SCRIBNER
213 NORTH EAST

Paul's parents were Clem and Hannah Lawrence Scribner, farmers at Moweaqua. The Scribners and Lawrences were old settlers of the Moweaqua area. Clem and Hannah had five girls and seven boys, including two set of twins. Bessie Marshall of Moweaqua and her twin sister Essie died in infancy. Maurice married Edna Wadkins of Decatur. Rollie married Myrtle Dowd, Lawrence lives in Findlay, Sidney married Allie Curry of Moweaqua. Clem and Lucille live in Missouri, John and Nancy were twins, also. John married Ida Cooper of Moweaqua and Nancy married Joseph Johnson of Phoenix. Paul married Elizabeth Schull. Mary married Robert Kendall, and Minnie married Leslie Allison.

Elizabeth's parents were Arley and Nellie Schull of Winchester, Illinois. Arley is deceased. Nellie is ninety-four years and commutes between Moweaqua and Los Angeles sharing her time with Elizabeth and son, Murl in Los Angeles. Elizabeth is one of four children, Jessie Scott of Decatur, Thelma Batley of Winchester, Murl lives in Los Angeles and is Secretary and Treasurer of Fred Schmid Associates Designers. Elizabeth married Paul Scribner.

Paul and Elizabeth live in Moweaqua. Elizabeth worked at A. E. Staley almost thirty-two years, retiring in 1974. Paul is a carpenter working for himself. He retains his workshop in the rear of his residence. He retired in 1970. Paul and Elizabeth make the trip to California yearly to visit brother Murl and Mrs. Schull. Paul loves to fish and garden and Elizabeth crochets, sews and generally keeps busy.

CARL AND WINIFRED WORKMAN GIBERSON
KREUTZKAMPF
216 NORTH EAST

Carl and Winifred and son Chris, live at 216 North East St., Moweaqua. Carl, a salesman for Farm Equipment Sales Co. in Bloomington, Illinois, was born in Milford, Iowa, the son of Albert and Pearl Wade Kreutzkampff. He graduated from high school at Terril, Iowa; served four years in the Marine Corps. Returning home from the service, he attended and graduated from Iowa State University. He was a member of the TKE fraternity.

Carl's grandfather, Carl Christian Kreutzkampf, was born in Germany; then moved to Denmark. He married Adalia Peterson. They came to the United States in the early 1900's and settled in New York City, later moving to Boston, then to Iowa.

Carl married Winifred Giberson, March 2, 1962. They have one son, Chris William, born February 2, 1964. Winifred was born in Moweaqua, the daughter of Charles and Eva Dotson Workman. She graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1941. She married Robert Giberson in 1941. They were parents of three children: Carole Roberta Giberson born June 13, 1942, she married James McLain, December 6, 1963; Ronald Raymond Giberson born November 6, 1944, married Carol Edwards in November 1964, graduated from the State Police Academy in June 1967, lives in Athens, Illinois where he is a State Policeman; and Gerald Alan Giberson, born June 30, 1948, living in Canada. They have four grandchildren.

Robert Giberson died December 21, 1956.

**ROY AND JEANNE LINN
219 NORTH EAST**

Roy and Jeanne moved from Pana to Moweaqua because it is Roy's hometown. They have two children, Daniel Lee Rea, fifth grade and Michael Dennis Rae, kindergarten.

**DAVID AND KATHLEEN WILLIAMS THRASHER
222 NORTH EAST**

David, age twenty-four, was born in Burkesville, Kentucky, graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1970 and is employed at Purity Baking Co. as maintenance foreman. His parents, James and Eldean Thrasher moved from Kentucky to Illinois in 1962. His grandparents are Luther (deceased) and Della Thrasher and Mr. and Mrs. Jess Vincent of Moweaqua.

Kathleen's parents are separate families, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Williams and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Neilson. Kathleen was born in Pana and graduated from Moweaqua High in 1971.

David and Kathleen were married in 1971 at the General Baptist Church. They have one son, Shane David, four years old and a new daughter, Julie Kathleen, born March 20, 1976.

They bought their home in 1972. It was built in 1893. Other owners were George Tolly and John and Mary Morrison much later.

**WILLARD AND DOROTHY NATION VINCENT
227 NORTH EAST**

Willard's parents, John and Hester West Vincent had nine children. Grandpa Vincent settled in Tennessee, parents lived in Bement. Dorothy's parents Dillard and Sally Ashin-hurst Nation had four girls. Dorothy and Willard have two daughters, Joyce Cole who has two children, Jeff and Jill, and Nancy Ellison. They built their home on N. East Street in 1962.

**DONALD D. AND NANCY A. BRIGHT GILES
228 NORTH EAST**

Donald D. Giles is employed at Archer Daniels Midland Co. and Nancy is a housewife. Donald Giles and Nancy Bright Giles live at 328 E. Cherry Street since they were married one and one-half years ago. They have one child

whose name is Michael. Both Donald and Nancy were raised in Moweaqua attended school here. Donald is the son of Glenn and Eleanor Giles. Nancy is the daughter of Dean and Christena Bright. Both their parents were born and raised in Moweaqua.

**RONALD AND MARY LOU YOUNG MORRELL
302 NORTH EAST**

Ron's parents are Albert and Gladys Linn Morrell. Ron married Mary Lou Young of Macon. He is the oldest of Albert's five children. He was born in the Old Moweaqua Hospital and Dr. Pistorius delivered him. Mary Lou has a brother Jesse Young in the Air Force who married an English girl in England. Jesse's three children lived in Moweaqua for a year while he was in Guam. They attended Moweaqua School in 1972.

Ron was in the Army, 1967-69, served in Viet Nam and was with his brother Gary over there at the same time, at the same location, for two months. Ron and Mary Lou have three children, Jerry, first grade, Steven, kindergarten, and Bradley, two years.

**DWIGHT AND BETTY CHRISTIE ESKEW
305 NORTH EAST**

Dwight was born in Bethany, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Eskew. Betty, born at Walker, was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Christie. Dwight and Betty were married in Cheyenne, Wyoming where he was stationed in the Service. He served four years, two of those being overseas in the European War Zone. They have two sons, Bob and Terry who lived all their lives in Moweaqua. They both served in the Marines and Army, both in Viet Nam at the same time. Dwight and Betty also have a smaller son, Eric, who goes to Moweaqua Grade School.

Betty's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Christie, lived most of their lives in Walker. Dwight's grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Hancock, live in Sullivan. If Grandmother Hancock lives to July 29 of this year she will be 101 years old.

**ALBERT AND GLADYS LINN MORRELL
318 NORTH EAST**

(See Joshua Hudson Story).

Albert, son of Marcel Sr. and Louisa Morrell is employed by A. W. Cash Valve, Decatur. After Army Air Corps service, he married Gladys Linn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Linn of Moweaqua. Their home on East Street was owned and built by George and Rebecca Long in 1904.

They have five children, Ron, married Mary Lou Young of Macon, works at Firestone and lives in Moweaqua. They have three sons, Jerry, Steven, and Bradley. Gary married Alene Craft of Findlay, works at Caterpillar and lives in Moweaqua. They have three children, Debby, Terry, and Angela. Diane married Daniel Harding of Decatur and is at Joanne's Hair Fashions, Decatur. They have one son, Brandon, and are living in Decatur. Brenda married Billy Adams of Moweaqua and lives in Moweaqua. She is employed at Fair Haven Christian Home. Jeffery, at home, is in the seventh grade.

J. PATRICK AND TRUDY CROWE DOWNEY
319 NORTH EAST

John's parents are Robert F. and Dorothy Price Downey of Moweaqua. He is one of five children, Connie Addison, Janelle Waggoner of Indianapolis, James of Lagotee, Indiana, Dorothy Winberry of Elwin and J. Patrick. Trudy is the daughter of Don and June Scribner Crowe of Moweaqua. She is one of four children, Martha Sadowski of Decatur, Trudy Downey of Moweaqua, James and Doug of Moweaqua. Moweaqua.

John has worked at B. F. Goodrich for two years. Trudy has a beauty shop in her home. Trudy has lived most of her life in Moweaqua. They were married in 1973 and bought their home. Their house was built in the late 1800s and former owner was Ralph Denton.

"Like Moweaqua—nice friendly clean little town." Trudy's grandfather Sid Scribner will be seventy-six in May 1976. They were blessed with baby boy, Brian Keith, born August 7, 1975 and then there is "Satan," family pet.

GOLDIE CUTLER
320 NORTH EAST

Grand parents were first of family to come to America from Yorkshire, England when real young. They were Thomas W. Coultas, who married Jane Green, in 1824. They settled on farm near Winchester, Illinois. Other grand-parents, Mrs. Katie A. Huckenhull Tankersley, was born in England, her husband T. W. Tankersley was born near Winchester on a farm. Goldie's parents. William and Adaline Tankersley Coultas were married at Winchester, 1881, then came to Moweaqua and settled on farm three and one half miles southeast of Moweaqua. Goldie has always lived in Moweaqua except for a few years near Tower Hill on farm. *After her husband's death, she came back to Moweaqua, her hometown.*

Goldie kept house for her father, Wm. Coultas. After his death she married Carl Cutler in 1938. Goldie's brothers, Anson and Ernst stayed at home until after father's death, then bought a home in Ramsey—now retired. Carl deceased 1960 while living on farm near Tower Hill. Carl's parents were Sherman and Amanda Housh Cutler. Goldie's sister, Katie, is in Pana Health Care Center. Katie's son Paul and Georgia Cutler live on a farm east of Moweaqua and another son Kenneth lives in California. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sanner now live on Goldie's father's farm. Father built the house in 1893. Chris Friedley was head carpenter. It was a well built house. Goldie will be eighty-one on June 4, 1976.

DON AND DOROTHY RAGLAND STEWART
321 NORTH EAST

Don and Dorothy were born in Monticello, Illinois. Don's parents, Jesse and Cora Henderson Stewart were English, born and raised in Champaign County. Parents are deceased. Don's mother was English (Henderson) born in Nancy, Kentucky. Her great-grandmother was an Indian but doesn't know the tribe. That generation is all dead and no way to find out. But the Indian features, high cheek bones, dark brown shiny hair, willowy figures are still showing up in the now generation mostly the female sex.

Dorothy's parents were Charles and Beulah Kelly Ragland. Father born in Hodgenville, Kentucky and came to Illinois in 1901. They were farmers. Dorothy's mother was

Irish (Kelly) born in Shumway, Illinois on a farm handed down from her grandfather who came directly from Ireland. Whether he first settled in the east before coming to Illinois, isn't known. Part of the Kelly farm is now part of Lake Sara.

Don has worked at Caterpillar twenty years. They moved from Monticello to Decatur, to Moweaqua in 1962 to live in a small town. Don has two sons, Steve and Mike, both of Moweaqua. Dorothy has two daughters in Sidney, Ohio and one son in Lexington, Kentucky. Don's hobby is fishing and Dorothy likes needlework.

TIM AND CAROL THOMAN MOORE
326 NORTH EAST

Tim's parents are Howard and Clee Wyatt Moore of Carlinville. His father is a contractor for steel buildings. He has a brother, Mike, also of Carlinville. Carol is the daughter of Floyd and Marjorie Alber Thoman who farm in Vandalia. Floyd's mother, Mrs. Edith Thomas Thoman, lived in the country and attended Little Flock Church before she was married in 1890. The Thomases were related to Matlocks. Carol has two sisters, Mrs. John (Mary) Leidner, of Vandalia and Mrs. John (Joann) Burnam of Rock Hill, Missouri.

Tim has taught third grade for three years. He does carpenter work and refinishes furniture in his spare time. Carol teaches second grade in Decatur Schools, has taught almost six years. Tim and Carol moved to Moweaqua in 1971 to the Trailer Court. They bought lots from Postons, set their trailer, and are now building their new home there.

WALTER "ROCKY" AND SARAH JUNE LEWIS
327 NORTH EAST

Rocky was born in Moweaqua and Sarah June in Blue Mound. Betty Dial, Tammy Dial, Teresa Dial, Kevin Dial, Troy Dial were all born in Moweaqua. Their parents and grandparents were from Illinois.

CARL AND FLOSSIE McQUALITY AUSTIN, SR.
329 NORTH EAST

Carl's parents were Wm. and Mary Workman Austin. He was one of seven children. His great-grandparents, who were the Austins, homesteaded west of Moweaqua. They had a three sided building with a loft to sleep in. The roof was covered with cane pummies. Wild cats would get on the roof and pull back the pummies to look in, according to great-grandfather Austin.

Flossie's parents, John William and Alvina Bitter McQuality had six children, Robert of Macon and Moweaqua, John (deceased), Hallie (deceased), Flossie, and Fred McQuality in Decatur with sister, Mary Meek.

Carl worked on construction for many years, and worked for the State in Springfield for almost seven years until retirement.

Carl and Flossie have seven children. Carl, Jr. lives in Moweaqua and has three children, Dorothy Mae Thompson lives in Decatur and has a sixteen year old daughter. Charles lives in Moweaqua and has five children, John lives in Moweaqua and has two girls. Darlene Durbin lives in Macon and has two boys. Jerry is single and lives in Florida; Judith Mary Hutchins lives in Decatur and has one son and one daughter. Their home was formerly owned by Daughtery, William Austin, and John Scribner.

**PAUL AND FERN LOCKWOOD BRUMMETT
402 NORTH EAST**

Paul Brummett was born in Montgomery County. He is employed at the school in maintenance. Fern was born in Moweaqua, Illinois. They have one son, Roger Brummett. They have not always lived in Moweaqua. They came from Montgomery County to work in the Moweaqua Packing Plant.

**GEORGE AND MERCEDES MOUCHE BECKETT
412 NORTH EAST**

George's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Beckett were from Macon. He was one of six children. Mercedes' parents are Wilmer and Grace Pratt Mouche. Wilmer's father, Armond Pierre Mouche was born in France and came to Blue Mound at age eight with his mother and brother Jewell, eleven years old. Worked the cost of their passage after they arrived in Blue Mound. Grandfather George Dean came north and fought his own brothers in the Civil War. Mercedes has one brother in Chicago.

George and Mercedes came from Macon to Moweaqua about twenty years ago to Pratt-Mouche timber home. They bought this home in 1968. George works at Borg-Warner and Mercedes is a retired beautician. They have three children, Darrell married Carolyn Cutler and lives in Taylorville. He is in insurance and real estate. They have three children. Phil married Elizabeth Tippett from Walker and lives in Decatur. He works at Wagners. They have two girls. Duane Allen married Connie Jones from Decatur. They live in Decatur and he works at Firestone.

George loves golf. "I think Moweaqua is a wonderful place to live. You can walk down streets at night and feel safe."

**ROBERT AND JUDITH PENDALL BROWN
413 NORTH EAST**

Robert's parents, Andy and Lula Cluter Brown, of Pana had four children. Robert has worked as switchman at N&W Railroad for eleven years. Judith's parents are Bill, of Arizona, and Olive Johnson Pendall in Zeigler, Illinois. She has three brothers and three sisters living in Illinois. Judith works for Eastern Star Home as a nurse's aid. She enjoys working with older people.

Robert and Judith have three children, Robby Louis, a freshman, Rhonda Lynn, eighth grader, and Rae Lynn, five years old. All names have initials of RLB. Robert and Judith were living in Chicago and moved to Moweaqua in 1966-67 to get out of big city and close to employment. Robert enjoys hunting, fishing, and camping. Judith raises flowers, loves roses especially, has a beautiful lavender rose and is hoping to get a black rose started.

**DONALD AND ETHEL JONES RANDLE
421 NORTH EAST**

Donald, son of Lorenzo Randle (deceased), came from a family of twelve. He works at Knox Freight in Decatur. Ethel, daughter of James and Rachel Forehand Jones, has four brothers.

Donald and Ethel have two children, Mrs. Robert (Ellen) Tabaka, Olney, who has three children, and Dennis,

Wapella, Illinois has one son. They moved from Litchfield, to Taylorville, to Moweaqua in 1972 to be closer to work. They live in a mobile home. "We like the smaller town. Just happened to find this spot and we like it here real well." Ethel's hobby is her four grandchildren, her pride and joy. Donald enjoys bowling.

**FLOYD AND VIOLA PHILLIPS HOWARD
426 NORTH EAST**

Floyd is the son of Benjamin Harrison and Ethel Worley Howard. Benjamin is a telephone lineman in southern Illinois. Floyd is one of three children, Kenneth (deceased), Howard in Decatur, and Floyd of Moweaqua.

Viola is the daughter of Mason and Nora Bare Phillips. Mason is a carpenter and Nora, a seamstress, lived in Findlay. Grandfather Bare moved from Findlay, Ohio to Findlay, Illinois in a covered wagon. Viola was six weeks old. That's how Findlay, Illinois got it's name. They had a town meeting to decide on a name. "Why not call it Findlay, Illinois?" And so it was done. Aunt Cleta Perry, born in Findlay, ninety-one years old lives in Decatur and can verify this. Viola was the youngest of seven children. She has two brothers in Decatur.

Floyd and Viola moved to Assumption and lived there all their married life. They moved to Moweaqua after selling home in Assumption in 1974. Floyd is retired from twenty-nine years with Mueller in 1975. They have nine children, Elsie DeWilde of Pana, Robert of California, Shirley Porter of Nokomis, James of Toulon who is principal of high school, Donna House (Mrs. James) of Assumption, Mary Himes (Mrs. James) of Tower Hill, Duane of Lincoln, Arthur of Boston, Massachusetts, and Karen Parr of Decatur. They have twenty-two grandchildren. Floyd works part time as security guard for Burns Security Co. "We just like Moweaqua—no taverns. People are so good and friendly."

**KAY TAYLOR
428 NORTH EAST**

Kay's great-grandfather's brother Thomas Nolan helped with the founding of Shelbyville. Her great-grandmother was a half-breed, her father was Dutch and mother was Indian. Kay has two children, Lisa fifth grade and Anthony, preschool.

**JIMMIE AND JOYCE COOK CRAFT
430 NORTH EAST**

Jimmie's parents, Danis and Mary Woodworth Craft are from Arkansas but have been living in Findlay since 1950. His grandparents live in Arkansas and Shelbyville. Jimmie has three sisters and two brothers, Mrs. Richard (Marie) Hubbard, Findlay, Mrs. Larry (Neladene) Carlock, Findlay, Hughie Craft, Blue Mound, Larry Delmar Craft, Moweaqua and Alene Morrell, Assumption. Joyce's parents are Russell and Lexie Cook of Moweaqua. Joyce has two brothers and two sisters, Vivian McLeod, Rick, Bob, and Lynette.

Jimmie and Joyce built their home; tore down the old Valentine Winters house and built new house in 1972. Joyce and Jimmie have two children, Carol Ann, five years and Gary, two years. Jimmie works at Caterpillar and Joyce occasionally works for her previous employer, Huttes Bros. in Moweaqua.

SOUTH EAST

HALDON AND DORIS BILYEU BOHLEN 115 SOUTH EAST

Haldon was born east of Moweaqua and is a farmer. Doris was born west of Moweaqua and is a homemaker. They have eight children and eighteen grandchildren. Grandfather Peter H. Bohlen came to America at the age of seventeen from Ostfriesland, Germany and settled near Moweaqua. They have lived at the present address since building it in 1951. Haldon's mother is Martha Bohlen, age 86. Their children are Phillip, a farmer, who is married to Barbara Smith and lives near Moweaqua; Barbara, a stenotypist of Walnut Creek, California; John, works in Intelligence with the Army, and is married to Judy McLean of Mt. Zion; David a curator at the State Museum, married to Judy Waddell from Moweaqua and lives in Springfield, Illinois; Thomas, an architect, married Sharon Saddoris from Moweaqua, lives and works in Decatur; Kenneth, a computer operator, married Sandra Thomas from Moweaqua and lives in Springfield; Anne, married to Dan Morris of Moweaqua, and lives here; Roger, married to Susan Snyder from Moweaqua lives in Ft. Collins, Colorado, and is engaged in restaurant work.

ROSA MAY PORTWOOD 210 SOUTH EAST

Rosa May Logerot Portwood was born in Kankakee, Illinois. Her parents were Joseph Emil and Henrietta Bertrand Logerot. Rosie's father came to America when three months old. He was a barber for over fifty years. Her grandfather Logerot was a night watchman in Assumption for many years. When her grandfather Bertrand died as a very young man, he left his widow with seven small children to raise. She did washings on a washboard to provide for her children and raised them all to adulthood.

Rosa's mother died when Rosa was just four years old, and her sister, Amanda, who was eighteen years of age at the time took over the responsibilities of the mother. Amanda is still living and is now eighty six years old. When Amanda married, Rosa went to live with her and stayed until she was old enough to go to school. Her father sent her to school in Manteno to a Catholic convent and she attended there for four years. After that she attended schools in Fairbury, Forrest, and Bloomington.

Sister Amanda and her husband August Frank moved to Moweaqua where he had found employment in the mine. At the continual pleas of Amanda, Rosa and her father moved to Moweaqua where Rosa met her future husband, Roy Stephan Portwood at a dance in the Moweaqua Dance Hall. She and Roy lived together for fifty three happy years and had two children, Earl Edward of Moweaqua and Laura Pearl (Mrs. James) Warnick now of Elwin. Twin granddaughters, Kathy Renne and Julie Kay Warnick were the pride and joy of their grandfather and are a source of real joy to their grandmother.

Roy Stephan Portwood was the son of William and Laura Isabelle Gordon Portwood. He was born in a log cabin southeast of Moweaqua and received his schooling in this community. For fifty seven years Roy was in the lumber business and for many years operated the Moweaqua Lumber Yard.

Roy and Rosa opened their hearts and home to many members of their family. They kept Rosa's father for

eighteen years. When her brother died leaving two small orphaned children, Roy and Rosa took them into their home and raised them as their own. Emil Logerot now lives in California and Vivien Logerot Woodring lives with her Aunt Rosa now. Rosa's sister Lillie lived with them for over eight years after Roy's brother John lost his wife, Ivey, he, too moved in and still remains as a permanent member of the family. John is eighty four years old. They live in the home that Rosa and Roy built in 1961.

FRED AND NORMA ZINDEL SCHORFHEIDE 220 SOUTH EAST

Fred's parents, Fred and Caroline Doelling Schorfheide are farmers in Washington County, Illinois. Fred has five sisters. Norma is the youngest child of Ernest W. and Frances Perry Zindel. The other children are Carroll of Casey, Ernest (Joe), Moweaqua, and Amelia (Mrs. Reginald) Adams of Moweaqua. Ernest was a farmer west of Moweaqua in Prairieon Township. They came in 1913 from Kinmundry, Illinois.

Fred was in World War II with Wayne Lowe, Jr. During the Moweaqua Centennial in 1952 he came to Moweaqua to visit and fell in love with Norma. They married in 1953, built their home in 1968. Fred is general contractor for L. E. DeVore, Decatur. Norma is the first woman to serve on Moweaqua Town Board. She is General Chairman of Moweaqua Bicentennial Celebration. Norma and Fred have two sons, Alan, a freshman in Civil Engineering at U. of I. and Phillip, a junior at Moweaqua High School.

PAUL J. AND BETTY J. HOWARD CEARLOCK 225 SOUTH EAST

Paul is a local businessman. He owns and operates the Moweaqua Paint and Auto Body Shop. His parents Clifford and Reta Von Wilson live in Moweaqua having moved here many years ago from Fayette County where they were born. Paul's grandparents were all from Fayette County, Illinois. The CEARLOCK is derived from a Franco-German name GERLACH. The Gerlachs were probably French Huegenots in the Palitinate on the west side of the Rhine River. Early pioneer Gerlachs made their way to England as Palitinate refugees, victims of religious persecutions. By the compassionate grace of Queen Anne of England they came to America around 1709 and 1710 arriving first in New York. Paul's bloodline is typically American, a melting pot of various nationalities.

Betty works for the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur as an Accountant. Her parents were Charles Ladd and Pearl Louise Standley Howard. Betty is a full blooded Moweaquan. She was born and raised here and her parents were both raised in this community too. It is difficult to say who of her ancestors came to America first because she is a descendant of many early American pioneers. Betty's grandfather Standley came to the Obed area from Morgan County, Illinois and married Mary Ann Mathias who came from Hocking County, Ohio to visit relatives in the Obed area. Charles B. Howard, her other grandfather came here from Christian County, Illinois where he was raised, but he came from Pike County, Ohio with his parents when a small child. His wife Frances Wilbourn Scott was originally from Petersburg and Rochester, Illinois.

P.J. and Betty are parents of two children Loreta Louise Cearlock Pistorius of Richardson, Texas and Paul James Cearlock of Fraser, Michigan. They have two grandsons, Brian James Cearlock and Benjamin Luke Pistorius.

M. J. CORBY
229 SOUTH EAST

Mike is the son of Andrew and Anna (Dzuris) Corby of Moweaqua. They both came from Czechoslovakia at the turn of the century. They married in Streator, Illinois in 1901. They came to visit friends and stayed in Moweaqua. He is one of five children. John married Margaret Leitch of Bethany who had two daughters; Jeanine, deceased in infancy, and Charlene married and living in Springfield. John's wife Margaret lives in Springfield, at this date. Andrew married Anna Lucille Snyder of Moweaqua and had two daughters, Mary Ann Gordon and Shelia Antonacci of Marion, Illinois. Michael and George are of Moweaqua. Anna died in 1918 at age fourteen months during flu epidemic. Andrew Sr., John, and Andrew Jr. were killed in the mine disaster in 1932.

Evelyn was the daughter of Lon and Luella Housh Mathias. Lon worked for Standard Oil Company from Bethany. He died in 1923. After Lon's death "Lelle" and family moved to Moweaqua. She died in 1938. Evelyn's mother's family were Tot Bethards, Nelle Gregory, Gid Housh, Earl House, Lelle Mathias and Jesse Snyder. Lon and Luella's children were Evelyn, Elizabeth married Marvin Schultz, of San Angelo, Texas and Gloria married Corwin Foulke, of San Juan Capistrano, California.

Evelyn worked for Judge S. S. Clapper, Signal Depot, Decatur Signal Depot Credit Union until her death in 1971. Mike and Evelyn graduated in the same class from Moweaqua in 1928. They married in 1931. Mike started as coach and teacher for sixteen years, Moweaqua nine years, Roxanna 4 years, and three years at Stonington. Mike became principal at Moweaqua one year and Superintendent for sixteen years at Moweaqua Community Unit School.

Their son, Richard taught school twelve years. He was in Peace Corps at Sierra Leone, West Africa. He taught history and music in Bo Gov't. school there. Richard has a MA degree in Music from Millikin and an MA in history from Western. He will receive his PhD in African Studies from Indiana University this spring. He is organist at the Methodist Church. Patricia Lou married Charles McAnally of Normal, Illinois. Pat is an Associate Professor at ISU in Special Education, Deaf and Hard Hearing. She is working toward a doctorate. Charles works at Illinois Soldiers and Sailors Children's School in Administration, also working on his masters degree. One daughter, Patricia Lyn is twelve years old and one son Michael is eleven years old. Jean married Edwin Hort and lives in Newport Beach, California. Edwin teaches art in Junior High School and Jean teaches elementary school. Cindy is eleven years old and Andrew is in kindergarten.

Mike's hobbies include fishing and traveling. "Moweaqua has been good to me and I think it is the best place in the world to live."

ELIZABETH HIBBARD AND LEOLA
300 SOUTH EAST STREET

Elizabeth came to this country in 1910 at the age of twenty and lived at Niantic, Illinois until moving here in 1915. She came from Sheffield, England and is 85 years old. Her uncle, Joseph Birley was the first member of her family come to this country from Sheffield, England. Their house was built in 1955. Former owners were Earl Portwood and

Lloyd Carroll. Her husband, Walter, passed away in 1930. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Their children are Leola who lives with her mother, Joe of Moweaqua and John of Lexington, Kentucky.

RICHARD AND BARBARA ANDREWS JOSTES
301 SOUTH EAST

Richard is a teacher at Macon, Illinois. The first member of his family in America was Frederick William Jostes from Prussia, Germany, who settled in Iowa and then Boody, Illinois. Richard moved here in 1960 employed as teacher and coach. They moved into their present home in 1964. Barbara was born in Walker, Illinois and works for U.S. Postal Service in Bethany. His father, Harry Jostes is 80 years old.

They have four children and three grandchildren. Carol, of Lincoln, a teacher; Mark of Moweaqua, a teacher; Brent, of Decatur a factory worker; and Randal a student at U. of I.

LAWRENCE AND SANDRA SMALL BURGNER
305 SOUTH EAST

Larry was born in Moweaqua Hospital. He graduated from Moweaqua High School and served two years with the U. S. Army, stationed in Korea for one year. He is self-employed, Hemer Fertilizer Company, Inc. of Moweaqua. Sandra was also born in Moweaqua Hospital. She graduated from Moweaqua High School and from Millikin University with a B.S. degree. She is employed at St. Mary's Hospital as Medical Technologist. Their house was built in 1966.

The first family member to come to this country was Samuel Burgener from Switzerland in 1847. He settled in Gallion, Ohio and later moved to Richland County, Illinois in 1849. Sandra's family came from Germany.

ED AND JUDY REED HANLEY
308 SOUTH EAST STREET

Ed was born in Moweaqua Hospital and is manager of Burmah LP Gas. Judy was born in Effingham, Illinois and is a homemaker. They lived in Macon but moved here because they liked it better and they knew most of the people. Their house was built in 1956. Former owners were Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. Don Trulock and Mr. and Mrs. James Mauck. They have one daughter, Kim, age four.

V. EARL AND DORIS SUMMERS HOUSE
310 SOUTH EAST

Earl was born in Benton, Illinois. He worked at Caterpillar in Peoria until he transferred to Decatur Caterpillar in 1955. He is a tool and die maker. He collects Indian artifacts and does stone cutting and polishing. Doris was born in West Frankfort and is a homemaker and a cook at Moweaqua School. Their house was built in 1954. Former owners are Roy Portwood and Grace Spalding. They have four daughters, Wini, a graduate of U. of I. married to Ray Day and lives in Metamora, Illinois; Barbara of Moweaqua and employed at Kentucky Lithograph, Macon, Illinois; Sandi, a high school senior, and Earleen a 7th grader.

**CHESTER AND GENELLE CORLEY HORN
330 SOUTH EAST STREET**

Chester was born in Fayette County, Illinois and lived in Herrick until they moved to Moweaqua in 1969. He works at Caterpillar Assembly Work Standards. Genelle was born in Shelby County, Illinois and lived in Herrick. The Horns moved here to be closer to his work and chose Moweaqua for the church and school. They both graduated from Herrick High School. This house was moved in from near the three mile corner by Russ Cook, and two rooms were added, and sold to Harold and Sandra Massey who remodeled it. The Horns purchased it in 1969.

They have five children all born in Christian County, Illinois. Patricia, a graduate of E.I.U. is married to Stephen Jordan of Moweaqua; Renda, a student at Illinois State, Normal; Curtis, a high school junior; Kelly, an eighth grader, and Kerry a sixth grader. Ancestors came from Virginia. Both sets of parents were born and raised around Herrick.

**TERRY AND DIANE ESKEW
410 SOUTH EAST**

Terry was born and raised here. He is employed at Moweaqua Paint and Body Shop. Dianne was born in Massachusetts and moved to California. She attended El Camino College two years. They moved back to Terry's home town and built their house in 1974. They have one son, David. Diane demonstrates a line of crystal, china and stemware. Diane's great great grandfather Telfer came from Scotland to Massachusetts.

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**RAYMOND AND MARJORIE JENKINS ROBERTS
201 ELM**

Raymond's parents were Eli and Etta Roberts in Virginia and West Virginia. He is one of six children. Marjorie's parents, Shelburn and Stella Wood Jenkins, came from Hardin County in Kentucky. She was one of seven in her family. A sister lives in Moweaqua, Mildred Jenkins Sanner.

Ray and Marjorie have twins, Belinda, Mrs. Elston Flinker, of Elizabethtown, Kentucky, and Brenda, Mrs. Frank Donehoo, in the military career, recently from Germany. They bought the Lucille Flanders home in 1975. They lived in California seventeen years, came back to home in Kentucky, returned to California to construction work. Her sister, Millie suggested they move here. "I like the quietness of Moweaqua but miss the city life—with choice of good restaurants open late at night."

**HAROLD AND RUTH DURCK WILCOX
220 ELM**

Harold's parents, C. Fred and Cora Della Etchison Wilcox, were farmers from Virden and Moweaqua. Harold's grandparents were Chas. and Lina Barrick Wilcox and George and Helen Wanda Etchison. Harold had a younger brother who died in infancy. Ruth's parents, Harold Hiram and Mary Ellen Still Durck were from Kentucky and Cannelton, Ind. Her grandparents, were George and Laura Bartles Durck. The Bartles family were among the first settlers of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Mathias Ambrose and Anna Belle Rayls Still. These grandparents came to Illinois to seek their fortune. Ruth came with them in 1914. Ruth

was five years old and recalls the high floods on the Ohio River at Cannelton, Indiana forced the family to move upstairs or move out temporarily. Ruth has a half-brother, Loy Durck, living in Anaheim, California.

Harold attended Jacobs and Pleasant Flower rural schools finishing at U. of I. Ruth attended MacMurray College, Jacksonville, majoring in music. She has graciously shared this musical ability, both piano and voice, with Moweaqua Community in church and on many occasions. Harold and Ruth have three children; Frederick of Lake Villa, Illinois, has two children, Jeffry and Susan, Jane Carolyn Vest of Blue Mound has four children, Amy, Phillip, Darcey, and Joyce, and Mary Angela Stoen of Ryan Lake, Minnesota has four children, Donna, Carrie, Dory, and Howard. Harold and Ruth have retired to this house built in 1918 by Bud Wilson for Charles Hipes. Other owners were Pearl Humphrey and Mrs. Tillie Tankersley.

**EDWARD AND DAPHNE WILLMS
226 ELM**

Edward's parents were Louis and Bertha Groth Willms, farmers in Kansas. Bertha was six years old when she came to Missouri from Germany. She was the youngest of nine children. One sister is living in Lyons, Kansas.

Daphne is the daughter of Lester and Amy Hubbard Martinie, farmers in Kansas. She has one brother, Joseph.

Edward and Daphne married forty years ago. They came to Moweaqua in 1961 from Lyons, Kansas to work for Continental Oil Co. He worked for them twenty-nine years before retiring. They bought this home from Mary Longenbaugh in 1974. Edward and Daphne have two children, Arnetta Neimuth of Moweaqua. She has four children, Terry, Gary, a senior in high school, Sharon a freshman in high school, and Mike, eighth grade. Their son, Arnold, is a CPA in Hannibal, Missouri, married Jackie Davis from Macon. Edward and Daphne have five grandsons and one granddaughter.

Edward is enjoying retirement doing odd jobs especially outdoor work. Daphne keeps busy sewing and doing yard work. "We retired here so you know we like it here — love our grandchildren. I can't quilt but I loved helping put the Bicentennial Quilt together."

**FANNIE MACKEY MOSS
304 ELM**

Fannie was born in Denison, Texas in 1889. She was married to Leslie Moss who died in 1965. They have one daughter, Neva May, who married Harry Pipes (now deceased). Neva May and Harry Pipes had a son, Allan, born in 1943 and lives in Cheney, Washington. Neva May graduated in 1934 from the same Old Brick School where her father Leslie graduated in 1906 in Moweaqua. Leslie became a rural mail carrier for life.

Fannie is the only person alive now who was living in her block sixty-two years ago. This block includes the former Stine-Hodge Funeral Home.

Fannie's grandfather, Dudley Watson, married Mary Jane Robinson (cousin of Martha Washington, wife of George Washington) in Kentucky. Due to slavery, he freed all the slaves on his plantation and left Kentucky moving his family of twelve children to Moweaqua in 1858. He bought a farm west of Moweaqua, where he farmed until his death. His sons were soldiers in the Civil War. He often preached at the Old Hardshell Baptist Church, across the road from Pleak, east of Moweaqua.

Fannie's mother, Rebecca Watson, married James P. Mackey of Archibald, Pa. Fannie Mackey married Leslie H. Moss, Moweaqua, June 23, 1913. It was this marriage that brought Fannie Mackey from Springfield, Ohio to Moweaqua, where she has lived for over sixty-two years.

When Leslie Moss purchased their home it was sixty years old and Fannie has lived there sixty-two years, making it one hundred twenty years now. The former owner was Sam Sanner.

Fannie's father was Irish and her mother was of English descent. Fannie tells a true story about her grandfather Dudley Watson. He was preaching on a Sunday many years ago in the Hardshell Baptist Church across from Pleak Store (old building gone), when a young man entered the church on a donkey and rode it down the aisle, much to the preacher's surprise.

Fannie could write more things of interest from washboards and heavy irons to electric washing machine and electric irons; from coal oil lamps to electric lights; from coal heaters to fuel oil and gas heaters; from wells and rain water tanks to water in pipes into the house, even hot water; from the wash tub for baths to the big bathroom tubs, hot and cold baths; from horse and carriage to Model T Ford with isinglass to Cadillacs and glass windows. Oh, the old grey mare ain't what she used to be; **she is better.**

**JEAN STINE HODGE
307 ELM**

Chester, a native of Bloomington, Illinois, was the son of William and Belle Jones Hodge. Jean is the only child of Roy G. and Essie Armstrong Stine. Roy's parents were Robert and Matilda Coulter Stine, of Mifflin County, Pennsylvania. Robert Stine came to Moweaqua in 1860 with his parents, Samuel and Elizabeth Macklin Stine. Matilda came in 1875 with her parents, Samuel and Mary Stine Coulter. Roy Stine continued in his father's funeral business. Essie was the daughter of William and Emma Garey Armstrong. The Armstrongs were very early pioneer settlers moving to Shelby County 1825-26 from Madison County, Illinois.

Chester and Jean were married in 1930, and came to Moweaqua in 1931. Chester, Jean, and Essie continued with the Stine-Hodge Funeral business until retirement in 1969.

Essie died February 24, 1974 age eighty-nine years old; Chester died May 13, 1974. The children of Chester and Jean are Audrey Carol (Mrs. E. C. Carnigie) of Wheat Ridge, Colorado, in the Denver area, where they are partners in Business Enterprises. Son, Brett Reatherford, attends Moweaqua High School. Daughter Sherry J. Reatherford, ninth grade in Colorado.

Chester B. Hodge married Margaret Titus of Moweaqua. He is an electrical engineer in Delaware, Ohio. They have a daughter Teresa, a freshman, and a son, Thomas, in sixth grade. Robert S. Hodge married Dolores Hopkins. Robert is an art teacher in Elk Grove High School. Dolores teaches elementary school in Bloomington, Illinois. R. Garey Hodge is an art teacher and boys tennis coach at Lanphier High School in Springfield.

Jean's hobbies are painting and reading history.

**LLOYD AND JUNE SPEAR WAKELAND
309 ELM**

Lloyd's parents are Dennis and Ruby Laughlin Wakeland of Middlesworth. Lloyd is one of eight children. His brother

Paul lives in Macon and his sister Mrs. Robert (Mary) Lee lives in Westervelt. June's parents are Clem and Ruby Swanker Spear. She is one of six children. Her sister is Mrs. Dale (Zula) Hennings of Moweaqua. Lloyd's grandparents live in Findlay, Illinois and Morgantown, Kentucky.

The Wakeland home was at one time the maternity ward of the Moweaqua Hospital owned and operated by Dr. J. L. Sparling. Lloyd is retired from the U.S. Air Force and is self-employed. Lloyd and June are very busy making homes and yards beautiful for the Bicentennial Celebration.

Lloyd and June have two children: Tammy born in Thessalonika, Greece, a junior in Moweaqua High School; and Tracy, born in San Antonio, Texas, in sixth grade in Moweaqua School.

**MARIE ADAMS PUMPHREY
310 ELM**

Marie's parents, Isom and Eva Tanner Adams had four children; Mrs. George (Beatrice) Pumphrey, Pekin; Mrs. Marie Pumphrey, Moweaqua; Mrs. Frank (Hazel) Jackson, Pekin; and Isom Adams, Jr. (deceased).

Her parents lived in a small house on the grandparents farm until after the grandparents death and then moved into the grandparents large house. It was destroyed by fire in the 1920's. The parents moved the small house to the place, added on and remodeled. They continued to live on the farm as long as they were able to take care of themselves.

Marie has three children: Eddie Pumphrey, Jr., Josephine Pumphrey Hagen, and Haldon Pumphrey.

**BESSIE CLIPSTON SANNER
311 ELM**

Bessie's parents were Grant and Belle Tolson Clipston. She is one of seven children: Velma (deceased), Pearl, Mrs. Vollie Merryman (deceased September 1975), Bessie, Athol, Mrs. Fred Kimberly, Bloomington (deceased December 1975), Frances, Mrs. Gerald Cole of Decatur, Helen, Mrs. Jack Smith, and Ralph Clipston married Mary Catherine Wheeler, of Mesa Arizona, formerly of Moweaqua.

The first member of the family in America was Mark Tolson, Nov. 2, 1837, from Earlhester, England, who settled in Rhode Island.

Arthur's parents were Will Sanner and Anna Otta. Arthur had three brothers and three sisters. Clarence lives in Decatur, Edward Sanner lives in Moweaqua, Wm. Sanner of R.R. Moweaqua, Lena Hill in Brazil, Indiana, and Nora and Augusta, both deceased. Arthur Sanner married Bessie Clipston Sanner in 1919. They farmed east of Moweaqua in Sanner Chapel area. After Arthur died, she bought this house in 1969 from Russell Cook. This home was built from lumber from the Moweaqua Hospital which originally was located at this site.

Their children are Pearl (Mrs. Woody Cox) of Moweaqua who has one daughter, Patty Powell, who has one son; and Margaret Naomie Gresbaum of Maroa, who has one son, Artie.

**FREDA ROACH GREGORY
316 ELM**

Earl's parents are Richard and Alice Parks Gregory, residents of Moweaqua. Grandparents were Edward Greg and Elizabeth Winchell. Earl is one of eight children: Harley,

Maude Easley Bales, Everett married Christeen Cameron, Pearl of Lincoln Manor Nursing Home, Lawrence of Moweaqua, Earl of Moweaqua, Deborah (Mrs. Roy Richardson) of Moweaqua, and Haldon. Earl graduated 1911 and taught in three rural schools, Pleak, Jacobs and Forest Hill. He attended the U. of I. Engineering School for three years. He was a veteran of World War I.

The first hardware store was Gregory Bros. on Main Street in 1900. The store was moved to West Main in 1904. Earl married Freda Roach in 1923 and continued in R. Gregory & Sons Store until retirement.

Freda was the daughter of Albert and Bertha Browning Roach of Lovington. She was an only child. Albert died at twenty-three years. Bertha married Joseph Gregory and lived on a farm in Pleasant View Township. They bought the Davis House, now Eleanor Hight Home about 1920 and moved to Moweaqua. Later, Joe and Bertha moved to Shelbyville, where Joe died. Bertha made her home with daughter Henerietta Pitzer in Springfield, and at Freda's home in Moweaqua. Freda had four half sisters: Mrs. Robert (Helen) Pollard, deceased, Mrs. Robert (Katheryn) Foster of New Jersey, Mrs. Don (Dorothy) Herren of Michigan, and Henrietta (Mrs. Don Pitzer) of Springfield, deceased.

Earl and Freda have one daughter, Mrs. Roy (Barbara) Mahaffa of Rockford. Her husband is an engineering salesman and Barbara teaches kindergarten. They have three children: Gregory, eighteen years, Julia, fourteen years, and Sarah, twelve years.

Earl's residence was built in 1914 by Silvers.

GEORGE AND MARY HERMAN LOCKART

320 ELM

George works for Northern Propane Gas Co. and Mary is secretary for the Moweaqua School. They have two children, Michael, who is married and has three children, Lori, Kevin and Eric. He and his wife, Donna Landreth Lockart, live in Waxahachie, Texas, where he is district manager of the Northern Propane Gas Co., and Marianne Simmons, who is married to Steve Simmons and lives in Mt. Zion along with her son, Brett Andricks. Marianne is a claims adjuster with the All State Ins. Co. of Decatur and her husband is with the Mt. Zion Street and Water Department.

The first member of their family to come to America was the father of Jacob Lockart who came from Germany in the late 1770's. Jacob Lockart was born in Lancaster, Ohio on January 27, 1807. He came to Illinois from Ohio in 1850 and settled two and one-half miles southwest of Cowden, Illinois. The first Jacob Lockart would be George's great, great grandfather. One of Jacob's ten children, George Washington Lockart, was the father of Jacob Harrison Lockart and Jesse Lockart who both moved from Cowden to the Moweaqua area in March 1916. Jacob H. Lockart's three children, George Thomas Lockart, Virginia Adams and Wanda Baird still live in the village of Moweaqua.

George and Mary's house was built in 1906. Former owners were John Myers and Glenn Bohlen.

EVA SMITH SPARLING

327 ELM

Eva's parents are B. F. and Emaline Cooley Smith. Eva was one of four children: Mervel, Bessie Beason, Eva Sparling and Walter Johnson.

Wm. Sparling, M.D. came to America from Ireland when he was two years old. He settled in Moweaqua in 1876. His son, James L. Sparling, followed in his father's footsteps and became a doctor, driving horse and buggy to make his calls. In 1924 Dr. Jas. L. Sparling and wife Elsie (deceased) established the Moweaqua Hospital which served the community for many years.

Dr. Sparling's children are Mrs. Dean (Mary Jane) Klump of Jacksonville, Illinois and James L. Sparling, Jr. of Moweaqua. There are four grandchildren.

Dr. J. L. Sparling married Eva Smith of Macon County Hospital, Decatur, graduating in 1924 in P.G., anesthesia, x-ray, and laboratory R.N. She retired in 1966.

Dr. Sparling's hobby was raising and showing International and National Rhode Island Red chickens. Eva Sparling became the largest breeder of Dachshunds in the midwest. She produced thirty-one champions in twenty-six years.

WAYNE AND MAXINE HUMPHREY HEMER

336 ELM

The Hemer family came from Germany and settled in Indiana. Henry Hemer's parents then moved to Illinois in the 1880's and settled at Moweaqua where the young Robert Hunters now live. Henry Hemer was quite an old time fiddler, winning many blue ribbons in fiddling contests. He played for dances for many years. Wayne, son of Henry Hemer, was born near Moweaqua and has spent his entire life in this area. He married Maxine Humphrey in 1940. They have a daughter, Patricia, who teaches school in Macon, Illinois, is married to Ralph Krug of Moweaqua. Wayne and Maxine live at 336 Elm St. This is one of the oldest houses in Moweaqua. They purchased it in 1944 from Miss Mattie Snell.

Wayne was general chairman of Moweaqua Centennial in 1952. He was elected mayor in 1953 and served for sixteen years.

Maxine was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Humphrey. She was born and raised in the Moweaqua area. She graduated from MHS in 1930 and also graduated from the Heller School of Beauty Culture. She owned and operated a shop in Findlay before their marriage. They belong to the Methodist Church. Together they owned and operated the Hemer Fertilizer Co. They retired in 1973 and sold their business to their son-in-law, Ralph Krug, and Larry Burgener.

ELSIE WORKMAN SNYDER

337 ELM

Elsie is the owner of a printing plant in Moweaqua. Mrs. Claude V. (Elsie M. Workman) Snyder was the fourth child of Charles C. and Eva Etta Dotson Workman. She was born April 18, 1913 in Christian County, near Moweaqua. Upon graduation from the Moweaqua High School in 1930, Elsie went to the Moweaqua News, where she was employed as linotype operator, and continued in this line of work. She married Claude V. Snyder, son of C. Eugene and Grace B. Coffman Snyder, on August 23, 1937. To this union was born one daughter, Sharon Kay. Sharon Kay married Glen Thomas Humphrey, November 24, 1960, and is now divorced. They have two daughters, Kay Melissa and Kara Michelle. Mrs. Humphrey and daughters live in Aurora, Colorado. Claude Snyder passed away May 4, 1960. Elsie

kept the newspaper for two years, selling the business in 1962 to Willard Raymond of Assumption. In 1972, she purchased the building and equipment of the former Moweaqua News, and is now owner and operator of Printing by Elsie in Moweaqua.

**STEVE AND LORNA DOONE GATES NOVOTA, JR.
400 ELM**

Steve's father, Steve, Sr. (deceased February 18, 1976, age 84 years) was held a political prisoner in Hungary after World War I, as were all union men. After several months, he escaped, with the help of his peers, and came to America. After finding work, he sent for his wife and two small sons.

Lorna has a great-grandfather, Jessie S. Gates, who was a soldier in the war between the States and died near the end of the war in 1863. He is buried in the U.S. Army National Memorial Cemetery in Knoxville, Tenn.

Steve, Jr., John (brother) and parents came to this country in 1921. Steve was five and began first grade in Moweaqua. He understood no English and learned the language the "hard-way". This would have been difficult for an adult, but a child of five with plenty of courage managed well. Steve graduated from American Television Institute in Chicago. He owns and operates Novota's TV in Moweaqua. They have two children. Mary Ruth married Ron Hogan of Macon, who does trenching, the Laser System. They bought the farm house known as the George Matthew or Bill Bunning home four miles east of Moweaqua. They have two children, Mary Carolyn five years old and David two years old. Steve III married Kathy Turner of Decatur. He is flight simulator instructor at Fort Knox, Ky. and has a B.S. degree in aeronautics from Parks College, St. Louis, Missouri. They have two children, Heidi is six years old and Heather three years old.

Steve's mother will be eighty in August, 1976.

Steve and Lorna built their home in 1955.

Steve and Lorna were fortunate to have an AFS/American Field Service exchange student in their home 1965-1966. Victor Cuba now lives in Lima, Peru. He married an English teacher named Pecos. Victor is in his last year of medical school.

**DOUGLAS AND SHARON PATTON LONGBRAKE
401 ELM**

Doug is the son of Herbert and Hazel Bowser Longbrake of South Bend, Indiana. He is one of a family of three. Sharon is the daughter of Rufus and Esther Cola Patton. Rufus (deceased) was a carpenter in central Illinois. Sharon is one of ten children, seven boys and three girls. Beverly Forston, a sister, lives in Moweaqua. Three brothers, Jerry, Bill, and Dale live in Elwin.

Doug works at Caterpillar and Sharon is a junior at Millikin University majoring in secondary education. Doug and Sharon moved to Moweaqua and bought the "old nurse's home" from Lawrence Baird. They have two children, Tami, a sophomore and Randall, first grade. Their hobbies are bowling and camping.

"Moweaqua is a very friendly town."

**DENNIS AND LORA DANIELS HOOPER
426 ELM**

Dennis works at Continental-Decatur and Lora is a teacher's aid at South Shores Elementary School, Decatur. Dennis and Lora Hooper moved into 426 Elm in January 1975. The home was purchased from Kenneth and Betty Otta whose son Bill had previously lived there.

Dennis lived three and one-half miles east of town with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hooper. Dennis and Lora were married in Macon on August 28, 1971 at the Macon First Baptist Church.

Lora has two sisters and one brother, Donna, Kathelyn, and Ryan Daniels. Dennis has one brother and one sister, Dale of Fairfield and Joyce Hooper Steffen of rural Moweaqua.

Dennis and Lora both have elderly grandmothers. Dennis' grandmother, Mrs. Mae Glover is 88-year-old, a former Moweaqua area resident who now lives in the Fairfield Hi-Rise. Mrs. Maude Lauderback, Lora's grandmother, resides in Peoria with her daughter and is 83 years old.

**LESLIE AND MINNIE SCRIBNER ALLISON
529 ELM**

Leslie is a self-employed carpenter and Minnie is a housewife. They have a daughter, Mary D., a college student. The first member of their family in America was a true Indian, Grandmother Rigsby. Grandfather John Weslie Rigsby came to Illinois from Tennessee as a boy, walking most of the way behind a covered wagon. Enroute he was bitten by a wild dog. He settled in the area of the Old Stonington Church and lived in that area all his life.

Grandfather George Allison was one of the early rural mail carriers in Moweaqua. The Allison Homestead was five miles west of Moweaqua, two miles south and one-quarter mile east. Grandfather Allison and his two brothers, Lee and Ben, cut and stored ice to sell from the water of Flat Branch.

Les' father, Colonel M. Allison, ran his own blacksmith shop two blocks west of the stop light and one block south for thirty-five years. He was one of the last of the true blacksmiths who could do anything from shoeing horses to fixing some boy's bike or toy or making them happy. His father as a young man ran a delivery service in town working for Haslam's General Store and Gaskill's Store furnishing his own horse and rig to deliver by.

Les says, "Personally I have been a carpenter in Moweaqua for over forty-one years, starting as a laborer for Mac Wilson, known as one of the best builders that ever worked and lived in Moweaqua. My wages were 25c an hour for two years before I got a 10c raise. I worked twelve years for Mac before going into business for myself. The people of the surrounding towns and country have been kind to me in allowing me to do their repair and building needs. Also I am thankful to the Lord for giving me health in allowing me to build some seventy new homes and to build and remodel some seventeen church buildings. Moweaqua is a good community and everyone should be thankful for this ambitious town and inhabitants. Let's all leave our mark on this town in such a way that the coming years will make people want to live here and be proud of their town. May the Lord continue to bless and watch over us as we live and work in this community."

NORTH FRANKLIN

EDWARD HAL AND MILDRED GRANT TULL 109 NORTH FRANKLIN

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Tull retired about six years ago and moved here from northern Indiana where he was employed in a steel plant. Their home in Moweaqua was built in 1955 by Clayton Ellis.

Hal was born in the Windsor, Illinois area. He is the son of Butler and Lucy Chapman Tull. Mrs. Mildred Tull was a Grant, born in Alabama. Hal has a brother Burt.

Mr. and Mrs. Tull have a son and daughter, seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren living in Tennessee and Indiana.

JOAN WISELEY PEKOVITCH 129 NORTH FRANKLIN

Joan is office manager at R. D. McMillen Enterprises. Her father, R. S. Wiseley, R.R., Moweaqua, telegraphed Armistice to U.S. from France in 1918 and still has the carbon copy of the original he sent. Her mother, Marie Stringer, was born in Moweaqua and married her father Roy Wisely and moved to Decatur and would cry every Saturday night when the train whistle blew if she didn't get to come home to Moweaqua for Saturday night. Joan had to drag T. J. Gorden to the movie while Lillie Gorden and her mother made the rounds and visited with everyone. He was younger than she by a few years, and she thought he was a nuisance and a pest but he turned out to be a pretty nice "feller" after all.

Joan and Pat Pekovitch were married 1953. "Patrick", as Marsha and Sandi called him, was the best step-father ever, and his joy was complete when Pam was born a year later. Pat had ten brothers and sisters, five brothers still live in this area, and loved having a houseful of people around. Pat died very young (43) with a heart attack in 1965 after coaching his "Little League" team for two hours after work. Marsha was killed in an automobile wreck in 1971 after teaching for two years. Sandi married Lloyd Rose, son of Pastor Raymond and Mrs. Faye Rose and are now living in Venice, Florida with their three sons, Michael, Mark and Ryan. Pam will graduate from Rockford College in May 1976.

"I love Moweaqua and the people here, and would hesitate moving, but my family is going to be far away, so I'm not sure what the future will bring."

LEWIS AND MARJORIE DOUGAN 108 NORTH FRANKLIN

Lewis Dougan, his wife, Marjorie and daughter Susan moved from Southern Indiana to Moweaqua twenty years ago. Lewis has worked for Caterpillar Tractor Co., in Decatur, Illinois for the past twenty years. Lewis and Marjorie graduated from high school in Spurgeon, Indiana. They both are of Irish and English descent.

Their daughter, Susan, graduated from Moweaqua School and has a Bachelor's and Master's Degree from Illinois State University. She has taught kindergarten in Moweaqua for the past seven years.

Lewis and Marjorie attend the United Methodist Church in Moweaqua and enjoy living in this community. Their home was formerly owned by Ida Smith Bales.

SOUTH FRANKLIN

RALPH AND GLADYS JONES WICKLEIN 101 SOUTH FRANKLIN

Ralph was born in 1899 in Pleasant View Township on a farm belonging to his grandparents. He is the son of Fredrick and Mabel Brookshier Wicklein. He and his folks lived with his grandparents William F. and Mary Logan Boyd Brookshier until he was one year old. In 1900 his parents bought a farm nearby and here he spent his boyhood days. He began and finished his eight years of education in Charter Oak School. He later was a Charter Oak director for twelve years, during this time Charter Oak was consolidated with Moweaqua School. Ralph's hobbies are fishing and roaming the fields collecting arrow heads and Indian relics. In 1924 he married Miss Gladys Jones of Macon, Illinois. They lived on a farm near Macon until his father died in 1931. He moved back on the homestead until retirement. In 1968 they built a new home in Moweaqua. They like the friendly people, the fine doctor, good churches, and stores.

They have three children: Mrs. Neyl (Betty) Keller of Springfield, Mrs. T. J. (Peggy) Gorden, and Mrs. James (Patty) Jordan. They have ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ralph's paternal grandparents were Andrew and Mary Wicklein who lived in Red Bud, Illinois, and later moved to to Evansville, Illinois. He has one living sister, Mrs. Ralph (Ruth) Sanner and a brother Harold and sister Freda, both deceased.

GILBERT AND WANDA LOCKART BAIRD 102 SOUTH FRANKLIN

Gilbert has retired from farming and Wanda is a beauty operator at Lincoln Manor in Decatur. Gilbert is the son of Charles and Goldie Weaver Baird of Beecher City. He has one brother, deceased. Wanda was the daughter of Jacob and Cordie Christie Lockart. Jacob died in 1961 and Cordie died in 1975, age eighty-two. Wanda has one sister, Mrs. Orville (Virginia) Adams and one brother, George, married to Mary Herman.

Gilbert and Wanda lived on a farm three and one-half miles west of Moweaqua for twenty-one years. Prior to this they built the house where Mary Humphrey lives. They moved into their new home in 1974. They have a son, Charles (Chuck) who is married to Tina Mink of Assumption. He has a body shop in Assumption where he now resides.

DOUG AND SUZANNE BECK BRADBURY 127 SOUTH FRANKLIN

Doug is employed at Firestone in Decatur. He graduated from Moweaqua High in 1968 and Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kansas in 1972. Suzanne graduated from Moweaqua High in 1966.

Doug is the son of James and Marjorie Humphrey Bradbury of Moweaqua. He has two sisters, Diane Riley, and Mrs. Michael (Gail) Hickman of Moweaqua. Suzanne is the daughter of Henry and Hazel Berry (deceased) Beck, of Olney. She has a brother, Terry, of Pana.

Doug and Suzanne have a daughter Kristen, two years old.

**OLIN AND VELMA OSBORN SMOCK
130 SOUTH FRANKLIN**

Olin is a contractor. He is the son of John and Lina Croucher Smock. He has two brothers, Ervel F. and Zola Smock, of Hampstead, Md. and Herbert K. and Kay Smock, of Miami, Florida. He has a sister, Oneta M. Smock, who is a retired teacher living in Decatur, Herbert is an accountant and Ervel is a retired electronic engineer for Westinghouse. Herbert is also the President of the National Shuffleboard Association and has served in that capacity since 1969. He's a member of the Shuffleboard Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg, Florida, and was a winner of the state championship for men in 1966.

Velma is the daughter of Albert and Anna Wheatley Osborn of northeast of Assumption. She has two sisters, Blanche, and Mrs. Floyd (Doris) Suppes.

The first member of the family in America was Hendrick Smock who came from Holland to settle on a 60 acre farm on Long Island, New York, in 1665. Olin's grandfathers were Barnett Smock, a Baptist minister and William F. Croucher, a Baptist minister who was in the Civil War Co. H24 Indiana Infantry.

Olin and Velma moved to Moweaqua because they felt it was a fine, clean town with plenty of water, good churches and a fine school. Olin was a bus driver for many years. Their new home was built in 1971. Olin's hobby is magic, where his specialty is fire eating. Velma enjoys sewing. Velma and Olin think "Moweaqua is the nicest little town in the state."

NORTH HANOVER

**GERTRUDE ADAMS HEMER
110 NORTH HANOVER**

Gertrude retired from the farm. She was a school teacher. The first member of the family to come to America was great-grandfather Moore who came from Ireland to settle in Kentucky. Gerturde's husband, Thomas Howard Hemer passed away Dec. 19, 1970. His parents were John L. and Rose B. Goodwin Hemer.

Tom and Gertrude had two daughters, Margaret Louise and Alice Ann. Louise married attorney Robert D. Junig and lives in Beloit, Wisconsin. They have four children: Robert D. Junig, Jr., Jeffrey Thomas, Sarah Louise, and Michael John. Alice Ann married Robert Gabriel Hunter and lives on the Hemer Farm northeast of Moweaqua. They have two daughters, Elizabeth LuAnn and SuEllen.

Mrs. Thomas Hemer (formerly Gertrude Adams) was the daughter of James and Mabel Moore Adams. James Adams was the son of Isom, Sr. and Lydia Bilyeu, the grandson of Ellington Adams and Elizabeth Gorden Adams. James and Mabel Adams lived on a farm three miles northeast of Moweaqua. They had seven children (four sons and three daughters). Karl and Harland of Bloomington, Illinois (Harland is deceased). Blaine of Wapella, Illinois. Dale of Clinton, Illinois. Mrs. V. E. McPeek (Lois) of Clinton, Illinois. Mrs. S. A. Newcome (Goldie) of Clinton, Illinois. Mrs. Thomas H. Hemer (Gertrude) of Moweaqua, Illinois.

The Adams home was always open to company and relatives. It was the "gathering place" for the children's friends. Christmas was always a big event at the home and

all the family tried to be present and enjoy the good times. The parents are gone but the brothers, sisters, and their families get together every Father's Day with a potluck dinner in the home of Mrs. V. E. McPeek.

Gertrude and Tom's home was built in 1957.

**KATHRYN E. DAY
111 NORTH HANOVER**

Kathryn's parents were Rose McKay and Harry March Day. She had one sister, Helen Day (deceased) who was a teller at the Citizens Bank in Decatur for twenty-five years. She was known as "Sunny Day" with the bank employees. Kathryn has been organist at the Methodist Church for many years. She continues to give piano lessons.

The first member of the family in America was Henry F. Day, who was born in Birmingham, England and I. R. McKay. They settled in New York and then moved to Moweaqua. Her grandparents lived in the big house at the corner of Macon and Elm Streets. Kathryn says Moweaqua has always been her hometown. The house where she lives was built in 1924 and was previously owned by Cecil Hudson, Paul Neff, and Mrs. C. R. Whiston. Her uncle, Wm. L. Day, was a vice president of General Motors and president of General Motors Truck Co.

**NORMAN AND BETTY EDWARDS TRUE
129 NORTH HANOVER**

Norman is a construction laborer and Betty is a housewife. Their granddaughter, Mary Lynn, who lives with them is in kindergarten.

The first member of the family to America was Minnie Himstedt who came from Germany to settle in Illinois. Norman's parents were Eda Himstedt and Albert True of the Blue Mound area. Norman's family consisted of four sisters and five brothers. Betty's parents were Emma Sunderland and Frank Edwards of Blue Mound. Emma, also came from a large family.

Norman and Betty moved to Moweaqua from LaPlace in 1960. They liked the school and were looking for a place to buy. They bought the Ann Cheatham house in May 1975 from Everett Lash who had remodeled the inside. Norman and Betty have three children: Mrs. Clifford (Shirley) Cowger, Mrs. Harold D. (Susan) Rhoades, and Mrs. Wayne (Donna) Morelan, all living in Moweaqua.

**WILLIS AND GRACE BRAMEL HARTWIG
200 NORTH HANOVER**

Willis is the son of Benjamin and Fanny Travis Hartwig. He is a retired farmer. The first member of the family to come to America was his grandfather, John C. Hartwig, who came from Germany and settled in Missouri.

Willis and Grace have been married fifty-six years. They farmed at Macon for thirty-seven years and at Harristown for seventeen years. The retired to Moweaqua in 1973 because they liked the town and wanted to retire here. Their house was built in 1890 and was owned by Dallas Coburn, Allens, Austin, Amy Adams, and others.

Willis and Grace have three children: Mrs. Herbert (Francis) Noland of Macon, Mrs. Jean Warnick (husband deceased) of Decatur, and Mrs. Kenneth (Betty) Ekiss, east of Moweaqua.

The Hartwigs have nine grandchildren.

**WOODROW AND PEARL SANNER COX
205 NORTH HANOVER**

Woodie's parents were Loran and Freda Kassman Cox. Freda will be 87 on May 8, 1976 and is in Resthaven Nursing Home, Elmwood, northwest of Peoria. Woody is one of thirteen children. He is the only one remaining in Moweaqua.

Pearl is the daughter of Arthur (deceased) and Bessie Clipston Sanner of the Sanner's Chapel. Pearl has one sister, Mrs. Theodore (Margaret) Griesbaum of Maroa. Bessie lives in Moweaqua.

Woodie and Pearl have one daughter, Mrs. Carl (Pat) Powell, a legal secretary and homemaker. They have a grandson Brian, nine years old. Woodie commutes to the farm. He was born in Fairfield and moved to Pana then to northeast of Moweaqua in 1933. They bought the Lina Tolson home in 1963. Other owners were Meyers, Prescott, and Duncan.

In World War II, Woodie and five brothers were in the service at the same time. All were overseas at the same time. They all came back home. Pearl enjoys cooking for church and organizations. Woodie likes to play softball, bowl, shoot pool once in a while. He is very active in city organizations and a good helper.

Woodie's parents celebrated their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary and that was the first time all the family was under the same roof at the same time. Mother Cox recalls with joy the good times she and friends had at Esther Wyatt's "Smokehouse" eating ice cream, candy, and milkshakes. It was a wonderful gathering place.

**KENNETH AND EVELYN HARTWIG PISTORIUS
215 NORTH HANOVER**

Kenneth is the town doctor and Evelyn is a housewife. Evelyn is a daughter of Herman and Elsie Damery Hartwig. She has one sister, Joyce Hupp of Springfield, Illinois. Her mother's grandparents came from England and Ireland; her father's from Germany. They all settled in the Blue Mound area. Her father was one of five sons of Wm. Hartwig and Mary Kreher Hartwig. Their descendants with the Hoppe cousins still farm centennial farms in the Bethel Church community.

Evelyn's grandfather Damery, who by his own confession had a "constitution that could stand lots of rest" retired at an early age in Assumption with his wife, Rose Russell Damery, and five teenage daughters: Elsie, my mother; Myrtle, Ruth, Helen and Laura (Cotton). Ruth and Laura are deceased; Myrtle Eager lives in Indianapolis, Helen in Denver, and my mother here in Moweaqua.

Kenneth Pistorius is a son of David L. Pistorius and Emma Baumgarten Pistorius. He has a twin brother, Keith, of Kimberling, Missouri. His sisters, Sylvia Pistorius and Violet Bliler live at Blue Mound. His brother, Cecil is deceased. His grandfather, John Pistorius, with his good friend John Bailey, arrived in New Orleans at age fifteen and walked to Boody where they had family friends. There they worked as farm hands until they began buying neighboring farms. They helped one another build homes and raised large families. Kenneth and Evelyn have framed a newspaper article with the picture of the Pistorius family of eight children in which the person interviewing asked grandfather to what he owed his success in this country. His answer was "Hard work and everlastingly at it", a motto that has apparently carried down to his industrious grandchildren.

Emma Baumgarten was a daughter of a Methodist minister who served charges along the Mississippi River, then in this area. He was pastor of a German Church south of Moweaqua. Her sister, Carrie, made her home with the Pistorius family and was such a loved practical nurse in the community. Dozens of babies thrived on her tender care, including Evelyn and Kenneth who weighed only three and one-half pounds at birth. The family home about two and one-half miles north of Bethel Church is now the home of the John Wm. Pistorius family.

Kenneth and Evelyn were married at Evelyn's home in 1939. They moved to Moweaqua in 1940. In 1946 they moved from the Dobson home where Orville McCoys now live to their present home which was the home of the Frank Hudson family. The house was built in 1913.

Kenneth and Evelyn have three children: Mark born in 1942 is married to Reta Lu Gearlock and living in Dallas, Texas. They have one son, Luke. Mark is an attorney and Lu an elementary teacher. Andrea was born in 1947 and married Wm. McFadden, a chemical engineer. They live in Fort Wayne and have two sons, Alexander, age seven and Elliott, age two. Andrea is a landscape architect. Rosemary was born in 1950 and married Christopher Bohlen, a lawyer. They live in Cleveland, Ohio. Rosemary has her degree in the study of early childhood and teaches in a pre-school.

**THOMAS AND SHARON SADDORIS BOHLEN
221 NORTH HANOVER**

Thomas and Sherry grew up together and married in Moweaqua. While in college, they had their first son, Teague, in 1969. Later in 1973, a six month old baby girl, Alyssa was adopted into the family. A four year old Vietnamese boy named Thoron joined the family in 1974. In 1975 Tom and Sherry traveled to the country of Tunisia and adopted a fourteen month old girl, Aandra. That same year, the family sponsored Tra Tri Hai and Nguyen Tuan, Vietnamese refugees, and helped them settle into the Moweaqua community.

Thom and Sherry are moving to Decatur, 591 Shadow Drive.

The first member of their families to come to America was Jacob Sanner I in 1771 and Peter Bohlen in the 1880's.

Their home was built in 1905 and previously owned by Haldon Ayars and family.

**EDGAR AND MARIETTA WEBB
BILL KELLER
222 NORTH HANOVER**

The first member of the Webb family, Henry Webb, came to the state of Virginia in 1867 from England. He was a Methodist Circuit Rider, later coming to Effingham County, Illinois. He was Edgar's great grandfather. His great grandmother McVicker came from Scotland to Paris, Illinois. Edgar's parents, Harry and Mabel McVicker Webb lived in Edgar County, Kansas, Illinois.

Edgar came to Moweaqua in June, 1973, with his family, to serve the United Methodist Church following an eight-year pastorate at the Tonica-Lowell United Methodist Church in Tonica. He has also served United Methodist Churches at Potomac, Tolono, Chatham, and Milford, Illinois, following graduation from Garrett United Seminary, Evanston. He graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in

1951. His wife, Marietta, graduated from Millikin University in 1951. Her family came from Alsace-Lorraine, France and Germany. Her maternal family name was Herine and paternal family name was Althouse. They lived in Illinois. Edgar's mother, Mabel Webb, is 75 years old and Cecile Grove, one of the grandmothers is 78.

Edgar has five living brothers, one a United Methodist minister, one a hospital administrator, and three who are farmers. His wife grew up on a farm, as he did, and has one brother who farms. Edgar and Marietta had both been widowed early in their first marriages, and married in May, 1961. Edgar had twins, Gail and Greg. Marietta had two children, Kathy and Bill. Gail is a registered nurse, graduating from Peoria Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in 1972. She was wed to Rod Brady in June 1975 and lives in Lombard, Illinois. Greg graduated from Illinois Wesleyan University in 1975. His major was accounting. He has been refinishing some of his grandparents old furniture and clocks. Kathy is finishing at MacMurray College this spring. Her major is Special Education for the Hearing Impaired. Bill graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1975 and is in Automotive Science at Lakeland College, Mattoon.

**ERMA JACOBS BILYEU
ALAN D. BILYEU, M.D.
THOMAS M. BILYEU, M.D.
229 NORTH HANOVER**

Erma is a legal secretary to vice president and trust officer at the First National Bank of Decatur. Both Alan and Tom are doctors.

The first member of the family in America was Captain Campbell and parents of Scottish descent.

This house was built prior to 1900 by a family by the name of Clark, Erma believes. Polly Jolly was a daughter of the Clark's who built the house. Lina Tolson, a former Moweaquan, related that the house was the first house in Moweaqua to have full pane windows, and everyone came to see them and predicted that they would "blow out". The windows in the house are mainly the original windows installed when the house was built. The house was added onto several times, and when remodelled at the time the Tom Bilyeu's moved there, it was discovered by Mac Wilson, the carpenter, that large square nails were used in the building of the house and walls were 12 inches thick and double lined with 8 inch sheeting boards.

Mora Meryman, mother of Erma Jacobs Bilyeu, tells of a visit to the home of her mother, Harriet Campbell Meryman, of two Indians from Oklahoma. Her father, Roland Meryman, died when she was ten years old, leaving her mother with ten children to raise. She recalled she was very frightened and hid behind her mother's skirt. The Indians told her not to be afraid; that they brought news of an inheritance in Oklahoma if her mother was of a certain Armstrong family. They said they were sure she was of the Armstrong family they were looking for, but someone would need to go to Oklahoma to establish proof. With ten children and a farm to manage, Mrs. Meryman informed them it was impossible for her to leave. This would have been around 1893. Uncle Joe Armstrong likewise refused to go; hence no claim was ever made to the supposed "fortune".

Charles Thomas Bilyeu, husband of Erma Jacobs Bilyeu, died May 3, 1968. Their two sons are Doctors Alan D. Bilyeu and Thomas M. Bilyeu. Tom and Erma moved to 229 North

Hanover Street on May 31, 1943. Alan and Thomas were subsequently born and raised in the same house, attended Moweaqua Schools, the University of Illinois at Champaign, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine at the Medical Center in Chicago. Both will spend three years in Family Practice residence at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and plan to establish practice together in a rural area.

The Bilyeu family represents four generations in the First Christian Church of Moweaqua — Harriet Meryman, Mora Jacobs, Erma J. Bilyeu, sons, Alan and Tom. Charles T. Bilyeu and his family were also members of the First Christian Church.

Tom's family originated in France. The name "Bilyeu" originally was Belleau (Belleau Wood vintage). A member of the family traced the lineage to this origin and now spells his name thusly.

Both Tom and Erma's entire families were lifelong residents of Shelby and Christian Counties.

**CLYDE AND MYRA FAUGHN BUCHANAN, JR.
305 NORTH HANOVER**

Clyde works at Perry Steel Erectors and Myra is a housewife. The first member of their family in America was John Buchanan who came from Ireland and settled in Illinois.

Clyde Buchanan, Jr. and Myra L. Faughn were married in 1954 and had four sons and one daughter. One son, Kevin, sixteen years old, died as a result of a car accident. Their other children are Roger, an apprentice ironworker, Teresa works at Mallory's in Pana, Brian a seventh grade student, and Eric a sixth grade student.

Clyde's parents are Clyde and Lucille Owens Buchanan of Brookport, Illinois, a small town just across the river from Paducah, Kentucky. Myra's parents are Hal and Flora Belle Douglas Faughn, who also reside in Brookport.

Clyde and Myra's house was built in 1900 and previously owned by Clyde Hight. They have lived in the house for three years and a short time after they moved into the house, Kevin was looking through the attic and found a flag with 39 stars on it.

**ELIZABETH STUMP
315 NORTH HANOVER**

Elizabeth Cameron Stump is a daughter of David and Christine Thompson Cameron. David Cameron was a teacher-pupil in the schools of Scotland emigrating to this country with his family at the age of nineteen. Christine Thompson Cameron was also born in Scotland and came to America as a baby with her parents.

She and David Cameron were married in Colorado and eventually settled in Moweaqua. They were parents of seven children whose names are David, Christine, Elizabeth, Ruth, Grace, Catherine and Nina. Only Christine and Elizabeth are now living.

Elizabeth Cameron Stump was the wife of Glen Stump, a farmer living in Pickaway Township. They lived on the family farm their entire married life. Glen Stump died in 1960.

They were parents of two children, Robert Stump, living in Muncie, Indiana, and Eleanor Hight of Moweaqua. Robert and wife, Lu Stump, have three children, Cynthia, twenty;

Susan, nineteen; and John, twelve years of age. Robert is a director in child welfare for the city of Muncie and Lu is a part-time teacher at Ball State University in that city. Eleanor Hight lives in Moweaqua, Her son, Larry and wife, Sandra Rapps Hight, and children Amy and Todd live on the Hight family farm near Moweaqua.

**CLAUDE AND EDITH ESTES VOLLMER
317 NORTH HANOVER**

Claude owns and operates a garage in Moweaqua and Edith is a retired Decatur teacher. Claude's grandfather and grandmother came from Germany. His grandfather (very German) saw a German girl working in a restaurant in southern Illinois. When she was out back, throwing out the dishwasher, he asked her to marry him and she did. They were both just here from the "Old Country." These grandparents, owned land west of Macon and land in Louisiana where they did rice farming.

Claude has a brother, Jewel Vollmer, residing in Decatur, who operates a TV shop in Mt. Zion, sister, Geneva Roth, living in Florida, another sister, Helen Fornwalt, living in California.

Edith Vollmer's only brother Dick Estes died in 1974. An ancestor of the Estes family in Italy migrated to the States. Edith taught school forty-six years plus nine years of substituting. She enjoys playing bridge and being with people.

Mrs. Clarence (Wavel) Sprinkle of rural Assumption, is Edith's step-sister.

Claude and Edith Vollmer's home, the former Roger and Vera McGee home, was once the site of the Presbyterian Church. The Vollmer's basement is the old church basement with five rooms. The words "Presbyterian Church" are imbedded in the front walk in two places.

Claude has owned airplanes, done barnstorming with Hunter Moody, has done crop dusting, and operated garage repair shops in Moweaqua, Assumption, and Elwin. In 1964 he renewed the garage business in his building on East Main and continues to do light repairs on cars.

Claude bought a 1938 Studebaker in 1940 and still has it. He completely restored it. It has over 200,000 miles on it but it runs fine. He loves it. He has won many trophies, cash and free meals with his Antique Car. They are members of the Horseless Carriage Antique Car Club.

Claude is Moweaqua's best booster. He loves Moweaqua and is proud of his home.

**KYLE AND GWENDOLIN STEWART ADAMS
321 NORTH HANOVER**

Kyle is a carpenter and Gwen is a housewife and substitute rural mail carrier. They have five children. Two children are married, Katherine A. Byard of Kenner, La. and K. Allen Adams, of Taylorville. They have three children at home, Debra, a senior in college, Donna, a senior in high school, and Shari, a sixth grader.

Kyle's parents were Ibra and Goldie Moore Adams. They had three children, Maris June who died in 1939 in an auto wreck, Mrs. Dean (Margaret) Wheeler of Sarasota, and Kyle Adams of Moweaqua. Gwen's grandparents were James Gray and Tryphena Brooks Stewart. Her parents were Malcolm W. and Gwendolin Duncan Stewart. They had four children, M. Wayne (deceased when a child), J. Gale Stewart and Eloise Gregory of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Kyle (Gwendolin) Stewart Adams.

Their home was built in 1880 and previously owned by Enslow and Clark. Kyle loves woodworking and has made several pieces of furniture and seven grandmother clocks. His latest project is a roll-top desk.

**MYRLE KELLER
333 NORTH HANOVER**

Myrle retired and moved to Moweaqua in 1975. She bought the Jim Meredith home which was built around 1960. Myrle's husband was Theodore Keller who died in 1972. Since she was alone, she thought she would be happier in a small town, having grown up in this community. Her parents, John and Dora Thompson lived on a farm east of Moweaqua and she went to country schools. Her first year of high school she went to Moweaqua High School, in the old high school and nothing in it was modern.

Myrle and Ted moved from Chicago to Decatur when World War II was over and Ted went into business for himself. They lived in Decatur until he died. Myrle came from a large family of nine children, seven of which are still living. They had it pretty rough at times but were a happy family. She likes Moweaqua and the people are all friendly she says. She has several relatives living here. Her sister Opal McLain has lived here for years and some of her children live here.

**ZEVA MILLER SNYDER
MERVILLE C. SNYDER 1887-1971
337 NORTH HANOVER**

Merville's parents were Wm. Leonard and Belle Parsons Snyder who farmed two miles north of Moweaqua most of their lives. They spent a short time in Kansas. Leonard's ancestry goes back to first settlers in Charter Oak and Traughber Cemetery community. His father was also named Valentine Snyder. Belle Parsons ancestors settled in Avena area close to Brownstown. Her stepfather was a Metz of that community. Merville was one of six children, Merville married Zeva Miller, Glen married Hazel Blakemore, Leora Hadley, Roy Valentine, Jr., Mabel married Clarence Miller (Zeva's brother), Harry married Blanche Tankersley and Edith married James Spriggs, Harold Eversole.

Zeva's parents were Harvey C. and Maria Jane "Jennie" Widick Miller who farmed around Moweaqua. Her grandparents, William H. Miller, of Burkes County Pennsylvania near Lancaster died in Moweaqua in 1895. They lived at 320 East Chestnut Street and he was a harnessmaker by trade. Grandparents Abner and Eliza Jacobs Widick, farmed 3½ miles southwest of Moweaqua. Zeva had three brothers, Floyd married Maudie Humphrey. She was raised by her Uncle Frank and Eva Johnson when her mother died. They had one child, Bruce Miller living in Chicago. Clarence married Mabel Snyder, Merville's sister. She died in 1918 during flu epidemic. Clarence remarried and lived in Minneapolis where he was a dress salesman. Fred married in Minneapolis and was an insurance salesman. One son, Bill, is living in San Bernadino, California. Bill has three sons.

Merville and Zeva married in 1911, lived mostly around Moweaqua and Mt. Zion. They farmed and when cinch bugs took the crops two years straight, he decided some other occupation would be better than farming. He went into grocery business in Decatur, service station at Elwin, school work at Mt. Zion, variety store in Moweaqua, then retired to become a handy man to his brothers and friends. Merville

and Zeva had sixty-two years of married life. Merville died in 1971.

Zeva's house must have been built about 1881. Other owners are Ida Rettig, Weavers of Thompson's Lumber Yard and Oneta Smock. Zeva will be eighty-five on September 1, 1976.

**CLYDE AND MILDRED ELKINS KERBY
415 NORTH HANOVER**

Clyde worked for Borg-Warner until his retirement in 1974. Mildred has been a school cook for eight years. They have two boys and one grand-daughter, Tina, who makes her home with her father, Gordon and grandparents, Clyde and Mildred. Their home was previously owned by Doc and Emma Hill, and J. D. Baker. The first member of the family to come to America was grandfather Jackson Kerby from Kerby, England who settled in Alabama.

Clyde and Mildred came to Moweaqua in 1951. Their sister, Mrs. Bessie Glanton had moved here in 1950 and they stayed with her until they found a place they could buy. They thought it was the most peaceful and quiet place they had ever been in. They were here in 1952 and were a part of the 100th birthday celebration of our village and enjoyed every day of it. Son, Gordon, was eight years old when they settled in Moweaqua, a chubby and good size boy.

When son, Bradley, was old enough for a tricycle, Mildred had all she could do to keep him on the sidewalks in front of the house on Hanover St. The two young Giles boys on the corner across the street were his playmates and across the street he went. One day the other boys were gone some place so Bradley had nothing to do but take his clothes off and go swimming in the culvert under the street. Mildred saw him all muddy and naked standing on the corner and went for him with the fly swatter. Bradley just said, "Well, Mother, I just went swimming under there." Mildred still shudders when she thinks of it. He is twenty-one years old now.

Clyde and Mildred have one grandchild, Katrina Kerby, 11½ years old and a pretty girl, but a tomboy. Clyde's hobby is his garage where he does most anything that has to be done from carpenter work to anything that has a motor. Mildred's hobbies are sewing, cooking, ceramics and macrame.

**FRANCES CRAIN CHEATHAM
427 NORTH HANOVER**

Frances is retired from the U.S. Post Office. She was married to Earl Cheatham who died January 1, 1976 at the age of 85 years. Earl's parents were Thomas Grundy and Alice Elder Cheatham from Kentucky. Earl worked with his father in the Smith and Cheatham's Grocery Store. This was located in the office part of Long's Plumbing. They then bought the Wherele Brookshire Meat Market and Cheatham's Store moved to this new location, now Forston's Barber Shop on July 23, 1919. This was the next day after Frances and Earl were married. Earl continued the grocery until retirement about 1950.

Frances' parents were Charles and Lina Marshall Crain who lived east of Moweaqua. They had four children, Mrs. John C. (Beth Crain) Workman (deceased), Mrs. Ernest (Susan Crain) of O'Hara, Florida, Mrs. Earl (Frances Crain) Cheatham of Moweaqua, and Archie A. Crain of California. Frances worked at the grocery store and after it closed,

she worked seventeen years at the Post Office in Moweaqua. Her home was built in 1849 and was owned by Tolson and J. W. Hill. Frances moved in 1919 to this house and has lived here fifty-six years.

**CARL AND LEONA REED JOHNSON
428 NORTH HANOVER**

Carl is the son of Thomas W. and Zerlda Bolin Johnson of Jonathan Creek northeast of Sullivan. Carl was the youngest of eleven children. Leona is the daughter of Morton and Rose Stevens Reed from Mattoon. Morton worked for IC railroad and farmed. She was the middle child in a family of nine.

Carl and Leona have six children, Marjorie married Dale Wines and lives in Clarksburg, Illinois. Their three children, are Linda of Indianapolis, Dale of Decatur, and Vickie married Billy Gibson of Mattoon. John and Paul both deceased. Alma Louise married Hal Razor of Maroa, a beautician. They have three children, Barbara of Colorado, Paula of Windsor, and Johnny of Maroa. Dorothy married John Greathouse of Mattoon and is guidance counselor at high school. Their three children are all at the University of Illinois, Teresa, Jill, and Polly. James Earl lives in Racine and is an electrician at American Motors. He has three children, James, Jamielyn, and Sandra.

Carl worked for Dunn Coal Company in Decatur, formerly a farmer, who lives in Decatur. They decided to buy in Moweaqua, didn't like living in Decatur. They moved in 1962. They have twelve grandchildren. "We love living in Moweaqua—lovely little village."

**PAUL AND ELIZABETH NATELBORG
525 NORTH HANOVER**

Paul's father, Henry, was born in Holland, came from Amsterdam with a group to west side of Chicago. He first farmed then worked as a paper and book binder. He met Jeanette Drolinga of Duchth ancestry in the Holland neighborhood in Chicago, where they both attended the same church. Even the services were spoken in Dutch.

Paul was one of eight children including a set of twins. Paul's niece, a daughter of sister Marie Natelborg Verhagen, has appeared on TV recently on "The Streets of San Francisco." Her screen name is Jeane Hagen. She also played the first wife of Danny Thomas in the series "Make Room for Daddy." Paul worked for American Refrigerator Transit Co. owned by the Wabash. He was stationed in Chicago.

Elizabeth's parents were Samuel and Jessie Hudson Riley. Her grandfather was Thomas Hudson, born in England and came to America at a very early age. Elizabeth's mother died in 1904. She had one sister, Lois Riley (Mrs. Homer Wilson). She and Lois were raised in the home of their Aunt Lina Hudson. Other members of the Hudson home were Louise (Mrs. Henry Peabody), Harry, James, Hester, Zoe (Mrs. Clayton Humphrey) and Ralph Hudson. Zoe and Ralph seemed more like a sister and brother instead of aunt and uncle to the girls.

The Natelborgs bought ground from Mac and Marvel Wilson on N. Hanover. Paul Scribner built their home in 1963. Elizabeth enjoys reading and knitting. Paul likes cards, and all kinds of sports. He enjoyed playing golf before cataract surgery.

**LAVERN AND FREIDA RAMSEY
526 NORTH HANOVER**

Lavern works for the Mueller Co. and Freida is a beautician. They have two daughters, Sharon Ramsey Howard and Sandra Ramsey. Lavern and Frieda moved from Decatur to Moweaqua in 1952, the year their oldest child, Sharon, was to start school. They moved for the benefits of a good small school and lower cost housing. Both their children, Sharon and Sandra, attended Eastern Illinois University.

Sharon acquired a BA Degree in Elementary Education then taught third grade at Mt. Zion for two years. She married Bert Howard in 1968 and in 1971 they purchased her grandparents small farm and moved near St. Elmo. Sharon has resumed teaching at St. Elmo. They have a daughter, Crystal Ann, born 1973. Sandra acquired a BA Degree in Business Management, but after working a short time, returned to Eastern and acquired a Masters Degree in Guidance Counseling. She is now a Guidance Counselor at S. E. Junior College at Harrisburg, Illinois.

Both children return quite frequently to their hometown of Moweaqua as they have many friends and fond memories here. Their home was the former Sunnyside Schoolhouse which was moved into town in 1956 and remodeled by Glenn Giles.

**LILLIE ADAMS GORDEN
527 NORTH HANOVER**

Lillie's parents are Jacob Bilyeu and Virenda Adams Bilyeu. Lilly was one of eight children. Eva Gregory was eighty-eight years on December 14, John lives in Taylorville, Lillie will be eighty years old on June 2, 1976. George, Jim, Jacob Eugene, Thomas, and Clarence are deceased. They were all born in the house their father was born in west and south of Gun Club. Orville Gorden was the son of Tom and Elizabeth Lamb Gorden. He was one of four children, Mrs. Charles (Sarah) Moore, Mrs. O. J. (Lydia) Austin, Glen married Gertrude Hoffman and Orville married Lillie Bilyeu.

Orville Gorden deceased in 1971. He married Lillie Bilyeu in 1916. They had three children, Carl of Orlando, Florida has three boys, Marge Minor of Moweaqua has two girls and one boy, and T. J. Gorden of Moweaqua who has one son. They were all born in the same house as their father Orville Gorden. Lillie and Orville built their house in November 1965. Lillie enjoys going to Senior Citizens, still driving a car and picking up ladies to go to clubs and out to eat.

**CHARLES AND HESTER BILYEU BOARDMAN
528 NORTH HANOVER**

Charles parents are Steve and Bertha Walters Boardman from near Olney. Two daughters are deceased, James Edward married Marie Bilyeu originally from Moweaqua and lives in Peoria. Charles married Hester Bilyeu. Charles taught school at Old-Stonington, Oak Branch, Springfield, and retired at Caterpillar in Milwaukee after twenty five years.

Hester is the daughter of Hiram and Maggie Gordon Bilyeu. Hiram was a brother of Isaac Bilyeu, the father of Herschel, Bernice, Marie and Doris. Hester is one of four children, Mrs. Clarence (Effie) Curry, Assumption, Charles (deceased), Mrs. Charles (Hester) Boardman, and Mrs.

Herbert (Inez) Fathauer, of Springfield. Hester's mother, Maggie Gordon, was a sister of Louis, Leslie, and Charles Gordon of this area, all deceased.

Hester and Charles have two daughters. Mrs. Donald (Amber) Sandburg of Milwaukee is a nurse at Blood Center and has one boy and one girl. Mrs. Charles (Marita) Ermisch, Milwaukee has one boy and three girls. "I didn't want to live in a large city and I had lived in Stonington. Hester lived in Moweaqua, so it was like coming home." This house was built by Saathoff in 1969. They bought it from Russell Boyer in 1972.

**HALDON AND LYNETTE TALBOTT SCHINZLER, JR.
529 NORTH HANOVER**

Hal works at Christy-Foltz in Decatur and Lynette is a housewife and mother. Hal's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Haldon Schinzler, of rural Moweaqua. Lynette's parents are from Assumption. Hal and Lynette have seven children, Robin, seventh grader, Haldon III, sixth grader, Mitchell, fourth grader, Michelle, second grader, Kurt, first grader, Chad four years old, and Lyndsey, seven months. Their home was previously owned by Mac Wilson and Glen Cole.

SOUTH HANOVER

**HESTER TOLSON
108 SOUTH HANOVER**

Previous occupants of this property were: James Rodman, West sisters, Haldon Ayars, Howard Brown and Perry Hinden.

Grandfather Edward O. Smith was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1817, a son of Rev. James Smith, a distinguished and popular Methodist minister of Baltimore. He was of Irish-Scotch-Dutch ancestry. Mr. Smith came to Decatur in 1837 which was then a tiny cluster of small cabins. He became an enterprising builder of homes, the Macon Hotel on Franklin St., and an opera house at 225 N. Water St., which was named Smith Opera House in his honor. Prominent actors and actresses of that period appeared at the opera house—Lillian Russell, Edwin Booth, and many others. He continued in active business until 1853 at which time he raised a company of thirty-nine young men and together they drove cattle and horses to the west coast of California, a trip which took eighteen months. In 1858 he started his second trip to California, a journey which proved very dangerous. A number of horses were killed by Indians, and he felt the only thing which saved his life was the fact that he showed his bald head—the Indians thinking he had already been scalped.

On returning to Decatur after an absence of three years, Mr. Smith was elected mayor of Decatur in 1861. He supported Lincoln for president and being one of Lincoln's great friends, the two of them made stump speeches together. He was elected State Senator by a majority after a spirited canvass, and through his efforts the Illinois Central and Wabash Railroads were routed through Decatur instead of Elwin, Illinois. In 1870 Mr. Smith returned to California, making his home on a ranch just outside the city limits of San Jose. He was a member of the convention which framed the constitution of California. He died in 1892 in his California home.

Father Edward O. Smith at one time operated a buggy and implement shop with his partner Elmer Snell. The shop was located across the street from the office of Dr. Pistorius. He was a well respected farmer northeast of Moweaqua and President of the First National Bank of Moweaqua. Her mother, Julia Rice, was born in Moweaqua, her parents came from Kentucky. Hester has spent her entire life in the Moweaqua area with the exception of five years during which time it was necessary to take her mother to Colorado for her health.

Hester joined the Christian Church when she was twelve years of age and has been a member for seventy-eight years. There are five cousins and two brothers surviving, the youngest being eighty-eight and the oldest being ninety years of age.

**THURMAN W. TEFFT
117 SOUTH HANOVER**

Born: Westfield, Illinois. A retired carpenter. Son: Thurman W. Tefft, Jr. and four grandchildren of Florida. Residence built in 1925 by Reta Park. Great grandfather John Calvin Davis was born in Kentucky in 1809, being of Welsh descent. He was a cousin of the President of the Confederacy, Jefferson Davis. He married Elizabeth Tolliver of Alabama and to this union fifteen children were born. He was an early settler in Hutton township Coles county, Illinois. Little is known of the Tefft lineage except that they were from Wales and came to Illinois from New York state by covered wagon. Father Hamilton Tefft was a farmer near Westfield, Illinois and was married to Mollie Davis. There were five children. Two aunts survive, the oldest being 97 years of age.

Elvira Jockisch Tefft: Born in Boody, Illinois. Retired bank officer. Maternal grandparents, Albert Hobusch and Mary Bangert, came from Russia and Germany respectively. They met and were married in St. Louis, Missouri where grandfather owned and operated a wagon and harness factory. There were seven children. Two of mother's sisters married Pistorius brothers: John, who owned a farm in the Moweaqua area before going to Kansas and Samuel who lived in the Blackland area. When children were born of these unions Elvira's mother would come to help and in so doing met her father who lived in the area.

Grandfather Henry A. Jockisch came to Macon county at the age of fourteen as an interpreter for a German relative. His parents were from Saxony, Germany and settled in the Beardstown area. Henry A. Jockisch was married to Mary Eckhardt in 1874. They were farmers in Macon county. Grandfather was required to make yearly farm mortgage payments in gold. Father David H. Jockisch was a twin and married Anna M. Hobusch in 1905. They farmed in the Boody area all of their married life. There were two children, David J. of California and Elvira Tefft of Moweaqua.

**OWEN MOORE
118 SOUTH HANOVER**

Owen Moore was born in Christian County, Illinois. Grandparents lived in Moweaqua. Parents lived on a farm west of Moweaqua. Pearl Pinkston, with her family, came to Illinois from Washington county Kentucky at the age of three.

Owen Moore and Pearl Pinkston were married in 1922. Two children were born to this union: Bonnie Moore Seifert

and Barbara Moore Schwartz. Owen worked on a farm summertimes and as a fireman on the Wabash Railroad in the winter. In 1933 they rented a farm in Pleasant View township then owned by Mrs. Bennet Bradley of Decatur, present owner Dr. F. B. Snell, grandson. They farmed there for forty years until their retirement in 1973 at which time they moved into the residence they purchased from Mrs. Cora Williams.

In 1954 they went to Bradenton, Florida to visit a brother who had moved from the home place west of Moweaqua. Every year after harvest they went to Florida, although at times it was hard to find suitable living quarters. Pearl's brother, Haldon, was a realtor in Bradenton and in 1965 found a place for them to rent. Before their return in the spring they bought the house and have gone back every winter since.

Owen has been interested in antique cars for several years. He belongs to the Antique Car Club in Decatur and they enjoy the monthly meetings, tours, and parades.

**LLOYD ROBERT HAMMIL AND IRENE JESSE HAMMIL
119 SOUTH HANOVER**

Lloyd is a retired plumber, born in Moweaqua, Illinois. Father is Robert Lee Hammil; mother is Rose Gregory. The abstract to the property in which they live was dated 1832 and written in longhand, apparently with a quill pen. The Hammils bought the Samuel Thompson estate property in 1938.

Grandfather Hammil moved to Moweaqua from Alton area to Taylorville and then to Moweaqua. He was of Irish-Scotch-Dutch descent. Grandmother Martha Calvin came from Bethalto around the Alton area. Grandfather Gregory came from Indiana and settled near Little Flock. Grandmother Martha Parks was born in Moweaqua.

When Bob was four years old the family moved to Arkansas where he spent the next sixteen years before the family moved back to Moweaqua. His father and uncle, Mort Gregory had a grocery and general store around 1912. It was located where Dues Shoe Store now stands. His uncle, Clarence "Bucky" Hammil was mayor of Moweaqua in 1924 at the time of his death in a car-train accident at Pana, Illinois.

Grandfather Hammil raised deer on the farm southeast of Moweaqua. They were quite tame. When grandmother baked pies, the children would climb into trees to eat their goodies. One day a deer got into the house and ate all the bread dough which had been set aside to rise. (It killed the deer).

Irene Jesse Hammil was born in the Moweaqua area. Her father William T. Jesse was born in Missouri as was her mother, Laura Busick. Both grandparents came from Missouri also. Bob's sister, Miriam Newton, is over 75 years of age and lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**MRS. OWEN (EVA MYERS) TRYON
120 SOUTH HANOVER**

Eva Tryon (widow of Owen Tryon) is a housewife-retired. Born in Blue Mound, Illinois. Paternal grandfather John Myers was born in Pennsylvania. He was a Civil War veteran. Her grandmother was only twelve years old when married. There were four children. Grandmother contacted T.B. The grandfather in a covered wagon drove to South

Dakota in the hope of her recovery. They returned to Macon where she died. Both father, Clarence Myers, and mother, Ida McQuality, were born in Blue Mound, Illinois. Mother's ancestors came from Ireland. The parents lived in Decatur, Illinois.

Owen Tryon was a farmer. His father was Dutch and came from Pennsylvania. After Owen Tryon and Eva Myers were married they farmed west of Decatur and later bought and farmed in the Macon, Illinois area until their retirement at which time they moved to Moweaqua.

**MRS. HOMER (IDA KARL) HERMAN
205 SOUTH HANOVER**

Grandfather, John Frederick Karl and Grandmother Christina were born in Germany. Father, John Karl, and mother, Mary Lumm Karl, with two children, Otto and Anna, came to this country in 1882 from Baden, Germany. It took three very sea-sick weeks to make the journey. John Karl was a brick mason by trade and worked on the University of Illinois stadium. Ten children were born to this union. Two born in Germany and eight after coming to Illinois.

Ida Karl Herman was born in Shumway, Illinois. (Widow of Homer Herman, deceased since 1954). Mother of three children: H. Ronald Herman, Roscoe E. Herman and Mary Elizabeth Lockart.

Ida and her husband lived in Mt. Zion, Illinois, before moving to Moweaqua, where they bought and operated a general store. Besides helping with the store, Ida, being a good seamstress, made all the clothes for her children. Her present hobby is making and quilting lovely quilts.

She is the youngest of ten children. Three in her family were born on Christmas Eve, exactly six years apart. Billy, December 24, 1884, living in Mt. Zion; Sophia, December 24, 1890 deceased; and Ida, December 24, 1896 of Moweaqua.

**MRS. LESTER (LAURA BURGNER) HANLEY
206 SOUTH HANOVER**

The Hanleys came from Fayette County. Lester's parents were Walter and Grace Bingaman Hanley. Walter was an agent for the Illinois Central Railroad. They lived in Radford, ran a grocery store and postal station for several years. The Hanleys retired to Moweaqua. Lester is now deceased.

Laura's parents were Alfred and May Wolf Burgener. They were farmers as were her grandparents in Flat Branch area. Laura is one of a family of six children. Ralph, Charles, and Lawrence are deceased. Collins Burgener lives on the home place in Flat Branch Township. Inez Rodman, her only sister, lives in Tower Hill.

Lester and Laura were married in 1939. He was an agent and operator for the Illinois Central Railroad. At the time he died in 1951 they were living in Maroa. Laura built this home and moved to Moweaqua in 1951. She worked for Dr. H. H. Foster for four years before employment at the Moweaqua Packing Plant where she has been for eleven years.

She has one son, Lester Edwin Hanley who operates the Burmah LP Gas Co. in Moweaqua. He married Judy Ann Reed of Beecher City. Laura has a granddaughter, Kimberley Jo, four years old.

**JOE AND JOANNA PIETA PEKOVITCH
329 SOUTH HANOVER**

Joe's parents are Anthony and Mary Tirpak Pekovitch (see John Pekovitch story on 514 South Plum).

Joanna and Frances Pekovitch's parents were John Polikarp and Frances Wojcieski Pieta. Both were born and married in Warsaw, Poland, and had one daughter, Mary, in Warsaw. Father came to U.S. first, leaving wife and daughter in Poland. Found job and living quarters in Chicago. Mother came to Chicago six months later, leaving baby Mary with grandparents. When Mary was fourteen years parents sent for her but World War I broke out and she wasn't permitted to leave. When Mary was seventeen years, parents sent for her again but she had fallen in love. She married and has remained in Warsaw. She never came to U.S. Joanna and Frances have never seen her.

John and Frances' children are Mary Dzien in Warsaw, Poland; Marjorie Novak of Chicago; Ann Longoria, deceased, left daughter thirteen years old (now seventeen) who lives with sister Marjorie; Joanna Pieta Pekovitch; Frances Pieta Pekovitch, and Joe Pieta lives with sister, Marjorie, in Chicago.

Joe and Joanna married in 1941 before World War II. After service they lived in Chicago. They moved to Moweaqua in 1948 and bought their home. Joe worked at Houdaille Hershey, Muellers, with Mac Wilson learning carpentry and is now a carpenter contractor. Joanna has worked at Montgomery Wards for ten years.

HERMANSON DRIVE

**GARY AND CHARLENE ROPP RINGO
604 HERMANSON**

Gary Ringo was born in Moweaqua Hospital, the son of Gerald and Norma Ringo of Moweaqua. He is a purchasing analyst at Caterpillar. He and Steve Case have combined electrical services — R. C. Electrical. Gary married Charlene Ropp, daughter of the late James Ropp of Moweaqua and Charlotte Ropp of Decatur. She has five sisters and two brothers.

Gary and Charlene have a son, Scott, in the fourth grade, and a daughter, Tonya, in kindergarten. The Ringo family is very active in the First Christian Church. Gary and Charlene built their home approximately five years ago.

**LAWRENCE AND DIANE WILLIAMS BUSCH
606 HERMANSON**

Lawrence is a teacher in the Macon School District and Diane is a housewife and mother. They have a two year old son, Kenny. Lawrence's great grandmother and grandfather (on mother's side) once settled in Moweaqua. Also his Aunt Athea and Uncle Jim Strouse owned a farm one half mile south of Moweaqua.

Diane and Lawrence both enjoy fishing and camping, but at present camping and fishing and all other forms of recreation come second to their little boy, Kenny, and soon-to-be addition to the family! They enjoy the easy paced life of Moweaqua as compared to the big city ways of St. Louis where they both attended high school and later married.

They both have Bachelor of Education degrees from SIU at Carbondale, where he was listed in Who's Who from American Colleges and Universities. In August of '76 he will

receive his Masters from EIU in Charleston in Educational Administration. Presently he is the proud Band Director of a **great** bunch of kids in Macon. The band at Macon High has had a tremendous amount of success such as best band at Illinois State Fair and third place in Decatur Christmas Parade.

**JAMES AND ALICE NEHRING SLOAN
608 HERMANSON DRIVE**

James is the son of Rollin and Bette Stalets Sloan of Assumption. Rollin (deceased) was part owner of Sloan Implement. Bette lives in Assumption. James is one of five children: Tom, Craig, and James of Moweaqua; Sally and Shelley of Assumption. Alice is the daughter of Arthur and Mary Hutchings Nehring who live near Pinckneyville. Arthur is with LP Gas Co. Alice is one of five children: Alice of Moweaqua; Donald, Cheryl Heard of Pinckneyville; Lori, eighth grade and Scott, sixth grade.

James attended EIU and Lakeland. He started working in Sloan's Implement family business in 1974. He married in 1974 in Assumption, lived in Decatur, and moved to this home in 1975. They bought this home from Lee Pollock, four years old. Alice went to EIU graduating in 1974. She is doing substitute teaching in the lower grades in Moweaqua.

James' father, Rollin, and John Ashley, were killed in an airplane accident while going for implement parts to Moline.

"We really like it here — no water problems."

**LEE AND CHERYL MAHON JONES
611 HERMANSON**

Lee is the son of Louis and Christena Hurley Jones of Decatur. Louis is a mail carrier and Christena is a seamstress. Lee is one of three children. Cheryl is the daughter of Hubert and Fern Albright Mahon of Brownstown, Illinois. Cheryl is one of three children.

Lee and Cheryl were married in 1973 by Robert Luse, formerly of Moweaqua Christian Church. Lee is now a District Agent and Registered Representative of the Prudential Insurance of America. Lee was transferred to Moweaqua area. They bought their home in March 1976. Cheryl is secretary at Mercantile Mortgage Co.

Lee's hobbies are golf and basketball. "I've been in Moweaqua three weeks and I can't say that I've ever been anywhere else where I've met more friendly people."

**JOHN AND LENA REATHERFORD KLARNER
612 HERMANSON**

John is the son of Karl and Rosa Drexel Klarner. They were both born in Germany and came in 1921 to St. Paulo, Brazil, South America. John is next to the oldest of six children. He was born in Germany. He was a tool and die maker of General Motors in Decatur and retired in 1962. They moved to Moweaqua because Lena was raised here. They bought their home in 1975.

Lena is the daughter of Sherman and Amanda Edwards Reatherford. She is one of six children: Myrtle, Roy, Ralph, Lena, Irene Pratt of Moweaqua, and John. Lena worked at Macon County Hospital, for Dr. Sparling, Woolworth, Briggs Manufacturing Co. of Detroit and Schudels.

**EVERETT AND MARY JANE JACOBS LASH
614 HERMANSON**

Everett was the son of Cora Primmer Lash and Joe Lash. He was born in Shelby County July 26, 1913 and attended Westervelt High School. He was a farmer for 50 years, retiring last year. Mary Jane was the daughter of Wayne and Laura Humphrey Jacobs. She was born in Christian County Sept. 26, 1920. She graduated from Moweaqua High School and attended Sparks Business College. Everett and Mary Jane were married in 1939 and farmed in the Moweaqua and Findlay areas.

They have two sons, Allen, who married Yvonne Jackson and have two sweet daughters, Andrea Sue, thirteen, and Angela Kay, eleven. They live in Lubbock, Texas. Mark lives on the farm now and married Carolyn Cook from Louisiana. They have twin sons, Matthew and Jermy, one year old cuties. Everett and Mary Jane attend the First Baptist Church as does Mark and Carolyn. "We praise the Lord for knowing Him as Savior and we're thankful to live in a nice clean town like Moweaqua."

Miss Rosella Thomas was Mary Jane's great aunt and her father was a minister at Little Flock.

**DAVID AND FRANCES BENNER BOTTOM
616 HERMANSON**

David is a teacher in the Moweaqua Schools and Frances is a housewife. They have one son, Brian, age three.

Their home was built in 1973.

**JACK AND DOROTHY TURNER
617 HERMANSON**

Jack and Dorothy are both graduates of Niantic High School and Eastern Illinois University. Jack is employed at Moweaqua School.

They have a daughter Jennifer who is three months old.

Their house was built in 1973.

**KENNETH AND SYLVIA MARKHAM JACOBS
615 HERMANSON**

Kenneth and Sylvia moved here in 1975 after retiring from farming. Kenneth is the son of Henry and Nannie Vaughn Jacobs. They lived around Moweaqua all their lives. Kenneth's grandparents were Samuel and Nancy Atteberry Jacobs. They came from Kentucky.

Sylvia Markham Jacobs was born in Flora, Illinois, in Clay County. She is the daughter of Arthur and Mildred Markham.

Kenneth and Sylvia have three children: Janet, married to Verne Tankersley of Assumption; Charles, married to Wanda Jordan and lives in Danville; and Pat, married to Ron Morse. Janet has three children: Paul of Mesa, Arizona; Aliese, married to David Hill and living in Wilmore, Ky.; and David, thirteen years old. Charles is pastor of the Edgewood Baptist Church in Danville and has five children: Michael, Doug, Jill and Amy at home and Rick of Phoenix, Arizona. Pat has a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, and lives in San Diego, California.

Kenneth and Sylvia are members of Fame Evangelical Church.

DONALD THOMAS AND VIRGINIA LOWRY, JR.
613 HERMANSON

Tom is a teacher in the Moweaqua Middle School. Virginia is a graduate of Lakeland Jr. College. They have a son, Justin Grant, nineteen months old.

Their home was built in the spring of 1972.

The family on Tom's mother's side seem relatively sure that the first member of the family came with William Penn. They were related to Andrew Jackson on his mother's side.

GARY AND BRENDA CHAPMAN HUDDLESTUN
609 HERMANSON

Gary works at Wagner Casting in Decatur. Gary was born in Taylorville and Brenda in Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

Their home was built in 1971 and was previously owned by Louie Colthern.

HUMPHREY DRIVE

GARY AND JANICE HADLEY PATTERS
103 HUMPHREY DRIVE

Gary's parents, Robert and Mary Eileen Konzen Patters live in Dubuque, Iowa. He was one of four boys. Gary is a representative for Rockford Life Insurance, District Office, Decatur, schooling in LUTC Part I. Janice's parents, Lee and Ann Keller Hadley, are also from Dubuque. She was one of four children, has a twin sister Joyce. They lived in Rockford, Racine, and moved to Moweaqua in 1975.

They have two boys, Michael, fourth grader, and Gary, Jr., third grader. "They just love school here."

"We've never lived in such a nice little friendly town. So comforting, a big change from a big city. Children love it, feel more free and secure. Hope to be here for quite a while."

PAUL RAUGELLIS
106 HUMPHREY DRIVE

Paul's father, Michael, came from Lithuania and settled in Illinois. Paul's grandparents were born in Poland. Paul is the eighth child of a family of nine born to Michael and Mary Raugellis. Two brothers died in infancy; brother John "Butch" was killed in a mining accident at Bishop, Calif., 1952, at the age of thirty-four. Paul's father was killed in the Moweaqua Mine Disaster, December 24, 1932. His mother died in 1939. He has five sisters: Mary, Helen, Julia, Lucille, and Elizabeth.

Paul graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1943. He served in World War II in the European Theatre of Operations. After the war, he took up carpentry, which is his occupation. Paul's residence was the second house to be built on Humphrey Drive, a new addition to the Village of Moweaqua in 1956. His daughter, Paula, is in her first year at Southern Illinois University, majoring in medicine.

RALPH AND LELA ANN HINTON WOOTERS
109 HUMPHREY DRIVE

Ralph is the son of George L. and Elizabeth Bunning Wooters who farmed east and south of Moweaqua. They had seven children, six boys and one girl. They all lived

right around Moweaqua all their lives and all good farmers. William F. married Fern Clark, Leona (Mrs. Fred Burgener), Glen married Gladys Pontius, Ralph married Lela Hinton, Estel married Mary Berry, Floyd married Opal Handley, and Carl married Gertrude Patrick. Leona and Ralph are survivors of this family.

Lela is the daughter of Harry and Effie Ellen Jayne Hinton who farmed near Oconee. She is one of four children. All three girls taught school in Christian and Shelby Counties. Lela taught Chadwick Rural School where she met Ralph. They have been married fifty-seven years May 31, 1976.

Ralph and Lela have two daughters. Helen Ann (Mrs. Dale Grigsby) of Lincoln, Nebraska, has one child, three step-children and works in photography. Dale is with the Goodyear Co. Louise (Mrs. Jack Alderson) of Decatur, is bookkeeper for Burdick Heating and Plumbing. Jack works at Black Brothers.

They lived on a farm ten years, moved to Decatur in 1930, Ralph worked at A. E. Staley Co. for eighteen years. They moved back to home farm in Oconee for twelve years. He started working for FS Company and moved to Moweaqua in 1959, and still works part-time for FS Company.

Lela is a lover of music, piano, and cooking. Ralph builds miniature barns and doll houses. His story was published in the Decatur paper. His exhibition on a TV program in February 1976 has caused an avalanche of orders for barns and doll houses.

Ralph served eight years on the Village Board.

MENARD AND VADA TOLLY WEERS
111 HUMPHREY DRIVE

Menard's father was George Weers of Pana (deceased 1964). His mother was Ocie King Weers of Pana. His sister, Gertrude Rosenberger, lives in Ramsey. He has two brothers. Chris lives in San Jose, California, and George lives in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Vada's father was George Tolly of Moweaqua, deceased 1959 and her mother Eva Housh Tolly of Moweaqua, deceased 1950. Her sister, Myrtle McCoy lives in Parsippany, New Jersey. In 1974, Rev. and Mrs. McCoy celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. Her sister Mable Collins, deceased 1959. Her brother, Roscoe of North Platte, Nebraska, deceased 1975. She has a brother, George L. Tolly, living in Moweaqua.

Vada and Menard's son Randy, is a radio operator in the Sheriff's office in Shelbyville. Menard is employed at MVSS, twenty-five years. Vada works for L & W Food Market. They built their home in 1958.

KEMPER TRAILER COURT

MARJORIE PARKER KEMPER
RR 2 BOX 19A

Charles, Marjorie's husband died in 1973. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Kemper, who lived in Tower Hill, Lakewood and Moweaqua. Charles was one of four children. The Kemper family tree has been traced back to

1435 in Mussen, Germany. Hans Smyt Kemper was the first line, with John Kemper immigrating to Virginia in 1714. They settled in Germanna, Virginia.

Marjorie's parents are Elmo and Manona Parker of Dutch, English, Irish, and Indian ancestry. Marjorie is one of six children: Marjorie, Dwight, Harold, Joan, John, and James. Marjorie was born in Decatur.

Charles and Marjorie had three children: Charles III, who is married to Janet Stauter of Assumption and live in Savoy. They have three children. Brenda is married to Paul Coffey of Moweaqua and has two children. Verna Kay married Bob Woodard of Moweaqua and they have three children.

INA COLCLASURE 6 KEMPER TRAILER COURT

Ina is the daughter of Fred Lee and V. Jane Lesley Tippitt of Findlay and Vandalia. Fred is a guard at the State Penal Farm. Ina is one of six children.

Ina married Loyell, son of Harvey and Etta Williams Colclasure of Zenia, Illinois in 1950, and lived in Rantoul. Loyell was of a family of four boys. He operated a TV store. They moved to Pekin and Loyell was killed on his way to work in 1969 in an automobile accident. Ina sold her home in Pekin and bought a mobile home and moved to Moweaqua in 1970 because it is centrally located near relatives. Loyell and Ina have one daughter, Etta Jane, a junior in high school.

"Moweaqua is peaceful and pleasant and has been wonderful for Etta Jane and me."

ELDON AND MARY HUFFMAN RR 2 BOX 19G

Eldon was born in Decker, Indiana. He is a heavy equipment operator. His parents lived in Indiana.

Mary was born in Chicago. Her parents lived in Indiana and Illinois. Mary is a housewife and mother.

The Huffmans moved to Moweaqua to be near their work and because they like a small town. They have one daughter, Cara, who is a freshman in high school.

ROBERT AND KAY KEMPER WOODARD RR 2 BOX 19H

Bob was born in Bedford, Texas, a son of James and Hilda Nehib Woodard of Texas, Illinois and Moweaqua. He is one of six children: Don, who is married to Sue Otta and lives here; Pat, married to Gene Scribner, living in Decatur; Bob married to Kay Kemper; Jeanette lives in Decatur; Linda lives in Moweaqua; and John, who is in the eighth grade.

Kay's parents are Charles and Marjorie Parker Kemper of Moweaqua. Charles farmed, was a radio operator in the county building in Shelbyville, and developed a trailer court. Kay is one of three children. (See Marjorie Kemper story)

Bob works at Caterpillar Tractor Company and Kay is a housewife. They have three daughters: Judith K. who is in second grade, Tara M. who is in kindergarten, and Sheila, who is four years old.

DONALD AND JUDITH STRINGER WHITEMAN 9 KEMPER TRAILER COURT

Donald is the son of Robert L. and Effie Mae Bradley Whiteman of Decatur. Robert is a plumber and square dance caller. They have two children: Donald and Brenda in

Decatur. Donald and Judith were married in 1974. He is a printer at Kentucky Lithographing Company. They have three sons: Thomas Franklin in the sixth grade, Jeffrey, in the third grade, and David, who is five years old.

Judith is the daughter of Goldbug "Bill" (deceased) and Myrtle Pollard Stringer of Assumption. Great-grandmother Holland came by covered wagon from Missouri to Patoka. Judy has a twin sister, Joyce, a sister, Marcia, and two brothers, Richard and Sam.

Don plays softball on the "Hustlers" in Moweaqua. They enjoy square dancing and outdoor sports.

BARBARA LAIRD 14 KEMPER TRAILER COURT BOX 19N

Barbara is the daughter of Norman and Delores Pals Hensley. Norman works for the Herald & Review and Delores works in an office in the North Gate Mall Eisner Store.

Grandmother Hensley of Shumway operated a filling station on her property. She even changed tires and also ran a little country store. She owned farm land around Shumway she rented out. She ran her station until she was seventy-five years of age. She died when she was eighty-nine. Grandfather Sylvester and Emma Pals of Teutopolis were paternal grandparents. He was County Treasurer of Effingham County.

Barbara has one sister, Vickie York, who is with the Illinois Power in Decatur. She has one brother, Kent Hensley who works at the Herald & Review and attends Millikin. He is the punter on the Millikin football team. Barbara graduated from EIU in the summer of 1975. She started teaching in Moweaqua in 1976-76. She teaches sixth grade. She was formerly married and has one daughter, Jennifer Kristi, who is five years old. Barbara's hobbies include painting, writing poetry, and is currently working on two children's books to be published.

LOCUST

CLAUDE AND DORIS CAMAC WORKMAN BROOKS 112 EAST LOCUST

Claude's parents lived at Griffin, Indiana. He was one of a family of four. Claude married Martha Crawford and lived in Indiana. They had two children, Joyce Ann Brochman of Morris, Illinois and Gene Brooks of Mt. Vernon, Indiana.

Doris is the daughter of William J. and Sylvia Tolly Camac, farmers around Assumption-Moweaqua area. The Camacs are of Irish descent. Doris is one of five children, Ruth Bugg of Assumption, Doris Brooks of Moweaqua, Robert of Moweaqua, Ellen Buckles of Assumption, and Wm. Kenneth of Tower Hill. Doris married Claude Workman in 1940 and they had two children, Roger of Moweaqua and Mary Lynette Cutler of Moweaqua.

Doris and Claude Brooks married in 1961 and live in Moweaqua. Claude has been lease-operator in Continental Oil Fields of Moweaqua for thirty-one years. Doris helps in the cafe at the Moweaqua Bowl. Claude enjoys fishing.

"I'd hate to live anywhere else."

GLENN AND ELEANOR WORKMAN GILES
326 EAST LOCUST

E. Glenn Giles, Water Superintendent for the Village of Moweaqua, was born Feb. 3, 1916 in Moweaqua. His parents, Chester and Emma Getz Giles, were the parents of six children: Maude Giles, Lloyd Giles, Mildred Giles Hawkins, Mural Giles (deceased), Clyde Giles (deceased), and Glenn.

Glenn's great-grandparents, John and Mary Giles came from England and settled in Indiana before coming to Illinois. His grandparents, Hopkins and Alice Pinkston Giles lived in Kansas before moving to Illinois and settling near Obed. His parents lived in rural Moweaqua before moving to town on North Shelby Street where Glenn was born. The home place is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Mott and son Jeremy.

Glenn graduated from Moweaqua High School, served in World War II, then worked for Dwight Adamson in the hardware business on West Main Street. In 1947 he was employed by the village to work part time with Bill Heriot who was the Water Superintendent at this time. When Bill died in May 1951, Glenn was hired as Water Superintendent.

In February 1949, Glenn married Eleanor Workman, daughter of Charles and Eva Dotson Workman. Eleanor was one of ten children born to Charlie and Eva: Esther Wyatt (deceased), Louise Sloan, Charles Jr., Elsie Snyder, James "Newt" (deceased), Leah Alverson, Claude, Winnie Kreutzkampf, Jerry, and Eleanor. Eva and Charlie's house has been torn down and a new home built where Carroll Smail and his family live.

Eleanor has said many times that some homes have wall to wall carpeting, but at their's it was wall to wall kids. Glenn and Eleanor purchased a small home on East Chestnut where Eleanor became a qualified domestic engineer, better known as chief cook and bottle washer. Then the stork discovered their little abode and dropped by to deliver baby girl, Kathleen Anne. Kathy, as she is better known, is married to Brent Locke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Locke of Macon. They live in Macon, but Kathy is a part time mail carrier in Moweaqua. She is also a housewife and mother of three daughters, Amy, Angela and Andrea.

Donald Dwight arrived three years later at the Giles' abode. Don is employed at ADM in Decatur. He is married to the former Nancy Bright, daughter of Dean and Christine Bright. They have one son, Michael Glenn. James arrived two years later. Jim is employed in Decatur at Neal Tire Co. He is married to the former Sherry Duncan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clair Duncan. Jay William arrived March 18, 1976 to make his home with his parents Jim and Sherry.

Ellen Elizabeth arrived via the stork in 1957. She is employed at Barbara's in Pana and is planning an April 17th wedding to Chester William Metzger of rural Assumption.

As their family grew, Glenn and Eleanor purchased this Herman Bohlen residence. The house was built about 1900 by John Haslam Sr. for his sister and brother-in-law, Will McKee. Former owners are Herman and Eda Bohlen. Glenn and Eleanor purchased the house in 1962 and are remodeling it. People tell Eleanor she doesn't need that big house with her family all married and gone. Eleanor's reply, "We've got squatters rights and besides, our kids and grandkids love to come stay with us." "I ain't moving no more."

LLOYD AND AMELIA (ANN) SMITH GILES
328 EAST LOCUST

Lloyd is the son of Chester and Emma Getz Giles. Lloyd was the youngest of six children. Glenn and Maude remained in Moweaqua. Brothers Mural and Clyde deceased, Sister Mildred in California. Ann is the daughter of Jesse and Edna Elver Smith of Oklahoma City. Jess is a contractor of buildings, Edna deceased in 1956. Ann is one of five children.

Lloyd and Ann met when Lloyd was stationed at Will Rogers Air Force Base, Oklahoma City. They married in 1945 and moved to Moweaqua. They built this house in 1949. Lloyd has background in plumbing, heating and carpentering. He is now District Heating and Air Conditioning Specialist for Northern Propane. Ann is a secretary now working at Roby Insurance Agency. They have one daughter Susan (Mrs. David Beaver) of Houston. David is with Johnston Company.

Hobbies are fishing and boating and camping. "For a small town, it can't be beat."

GERTRUDE HOFFMAN GORDEN
330 EAST LOCUST

Gertrude's parents are Louis P. and Mary Jane Rice Hoffman. They came from Nashville, Illinois to Flat Branch Township. Grandpa and Grandma Hoffman were married in Germany and came to farm in Nashville, Ill. Gertrude is one of four children. Grace Hoffman Workman of the Fame Church area has a son Richard Workman. Gertrude Hoffman Gorden of Moweaqua, Golden Hoffman McDonald lives in the Westervelt area, and Corinne Hoffman McDaniel Vlastic lives in Seattle, Wash.

Glenn's parents were Thomas Jefferson and Libbie Elizabeth Lamb Gorden, farmers in Prairieton Township. Ancestors came to Illinois from Kentucky. Glenn is one of four children, Sarah married Chas. Moore of Prairieton Township, Lydia married O.J. Austin of rural Pana, Glen Thomas Gorden, and Orville Gorden of Prairieton Township.

Glen and Gertrude married in Fame Church in 1915 and lived west of Moweaqua for forty-seven years, until Glenn passed away in 1962. Son Tom lives on the farm now. She moved to town in 1962 purchasing the Opal Leach home.

Glenn and Gertrude had two sons. Haldon of Taylorville, salesman for Don Kuhle who has two children, Ronald of Blue Mound and Mary Kay Gorden Gould of Decatur. Tom married Mary Ann Corby of Moweaqua and have three children, Mark farms with father, Scott lives in Mattoon and Linda is at ISU.

Gertrude will be eighty-two on November 8, 1976.

REVEREND ERNEST AND GRACE MacMURCHY LIDDLE
411 EAST LOCUST

Reverend Ernest is the son of Colonel and Mrs. George Liddle of Enniskillen, Northern Ireland. Ernest served in the Royal Air Force for five years. He came to America in 1951 for the purpose of studying for the ministry. He has obtained these degrees: the B.D. and Th.N. and Th.D. at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, and Northern Baptist Seminary in Chicago. He has held several pastorates before coming to Moweaqua.

Grace was raised in Pennsylvania. She is a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, in Bible and History. Has both B.A. and M.A. from Wheaton. At present she is teaching third and fourth grades at Decatur Christian School.

Grace was teaching at Shelton College in New York where she met Ernest. They married in 1957 and have two sons. David is a graduate of Moweaqua High School 1975 and is attending Olivet Nazarene College at Kankakee. Philip is a freshman in Moweaqua High School.

"We are enjoying our time here very much. This is just a very fine community full of very sharing and caring people."

GLENN AND LOUISE WORKMAN SLOAN 421 EAST LOCUST

Glen Sloan was one of twelve children born to Wm. and Mary M. Schneider Sloan in Fayette County, Illinois. He left home at the age of sixteen and lived with his sister in Stonington, Illinois. In 1928 he went to Decatur to work, and after forty-three years of service he retired from N & W Railroad. His brothers are Fred, Roy, Clifton, Leo, Delmar, Wayne and Gerald, all living in Illinois. His sisters are Ethel (High), deceased, Ella (Ettinger), Flossie (Baker) and Sophia Sloan.

He married Louise Workman in 1934. She was one of ten children born to Charles C. and Eva Dotson Workman, in Moweaqua, Illinois. At the age of eleven she worked on week ends in a candy store, where Esther, her sister, was employed by Frank Howse. She worked eighteen months in the Old First National Bank. They she accepted a job with the Ayars State Bank and has been with them for more than forty-five years.

Her brothers are: Claude, Charles B., Gerald (Jerry), and James A. (Newt), deceased. Her sisters are Esther (Wyatt), deceased, Eleanor (Giles), Elsie (Snyder), Leah (Alverson), and Winfred (Kreutzkampf).

Their home was built in 1930-31 and owned by Frank and Margaret Howse, both blind.

HAROLD AND JESSIE MINOR CHAPMAN 429 EAST LOCUST

Harold's grandparents were John and Mary Harshberger Chapman. Mary Harshbarger is of Indian descent. His parents were Earl and Lula Williams Chapman who had five children, Mrs. Martin (Evelyn) Gregory, Mrs. Donald (Joyce) Barker, Donald, Mrs. Billy (Janie) Higgins, and Harold.

Jessie's grandparents were Pearl and Mattie Minor and Louis and Elizabeth Harvey. Her parents, Pleasant and Goldie Harvey Minor had four children, Freida Alvis, David, Huslon and Jessie.

Harold and Jessie have three children, Bruce, eleventh grade, Melvin, and Mrs. Gary (Brenda) Huddleston. They have two grandchildren.

They moved here from Mt. Vernon in 1956 for employment at Caterpillar.

NORTH MACON

MRS. ANN L. MILLER 195½ NORTH MACON

Ann was born west of Moweaqua in Christian County. Ann Lucile Snyder Miller was married to Andrew Corby, Jr. who was killed in the mine disaster of 1932. Two daughters were born: Mary Ann who married Tom J. Gorden, Mowea-

qua. They are the parents of two boys and a girl: Mark, Scott, and Linda Ann. Sheila Carol married Charles E. Antonacci. They are the parents of four boys: Bryce, Brett, Brad, and Bruce. They live in Marion, Illinois.

Ann married Dr. Charles H. Miller and to this union was born Karl Jarman. Karl is married and is a Major in the Army stationed in Washington, D.C.

Ann Lucille's father, Eugene Snyder, was editor and publisher of the Moweaqua News for many years. At his death, Ann's only brother, Claude V. Snyder and wife Elsie assumed the editorship. Her grandfather, William Taylor Coffman ran the flour and grain mill in Moweaqua known as Coffman's Mill.

Ann returned to live in Moweaqua after the death of Dr. Miller. She is a descendant of Michael Snyder of Germany.

GILBERT AND MILDRED ZINDEL PERRYMAN 114 NORTH MACON

Gilbert's grandparents, Isaac G. Blosser was born in Ohio and Florence Woodward Blosser was born in Franklin, County, Illinois. His parents are Otis Perryman born in Cowden and Ida Blosser born near Moweaqua. Gilbert is one of four children, Gilbert and James of Moweaqua, Mrs. Charles (Ruth) Stiner, deceased 1975, and Mrs. Milford (Jean) Gunter of Maryland.

Mildred's great-great-grandfather Krebs was born in 1790 in Switzerland and came to Homes County, Ohio about 1832. Great-grandparents Jacob Feller born in Bern, Switzerland 1811, came to Ohio in 1834. He married Marie Krebs who was born in Switzerland in 1820. They were married in Ohio, moved to a farm near Clay City, Indiana in 1852. They had sixteen children, the youngest Amelia Matilda Feller married Conrod Zindel 1884 and lived in Enterprize, Illinois.

Mildred's father, Samuel Edward Zindel married Pansy Inez Cole in 1889 in Marion County, Illinois. The children are Mrs. Harry (Clara) Waite of Decatur, Mrs. Glen (Mercedes) Stanger, of Thomasboro, Mrs. Gilbert (Mildred) Perryman, William Zindel of Moweaqua, Frances Zindel of Moweaqua, Mrs. Roger (Kathryn) Goin of Macon, Mrs. Glen (Alvina) Gillet, deceased 1957 and twins Leslie of Macon and Wesley of Decatur.

Perryman's bought their home from Larson, better known as the Luther Hilvety house. It was built in 1864. However, in 1852, Asa Harmount **homesteaded** these three lots.

Their two children are Sam Perryman who married Connie Scribner and have one daughter Luann, a senior, and Mrs. James (Nadine) Dial, a nurse living one mile west of town in a new home whose children are Christopher, Jill in eighth grade and Peggy in sixth grade.

Gilbert is retired from Hemer Fertilizer. Mildred works in garment factory.

They have enjoyed remodeling this home and collecting antiques.

FLOYD AND M. EILEEN LOY WILLIAMS 120 NORTH MACON

Floyd was born in Jasper County and is employed at C.I.P.S. Company. Grandparents and parents live in Jasper county. They previously lived in Olney, Effingham and Newton, Illinois. The reason for coming to Moweaqua was that he was transferred by the C.I.P.S. Co.

M. Eileen Loy Williams was born in Jasper County and is a housewife. There is one son, Rodney L. Williams, a college student. This home which they purchased was built in 1852. The previous occupants are as follows: Michael Snyder—1852, Asa Eastman—1853, William Buzan—1855, Benjamin F. Stults—1910, Margaret Baker—1943, Alta C. Workman—1943, Floyd Williams purchased house in 1968.

**VERNARD S. AND HELEN LARGEN DOWD
125 NORTH MACON**

Vennard was born in Moweaqua, Illinois and is a foreman at Wagner Casting, in Decatur, Illinois. Vennard graduated from Moweaqua High School. Helen was born in Flint, Michigan and she is a housewife. Vennard and Helen have four children. Timothy Dowd, senior Moweaqua High School, Brian Dowd, eighth grade, Beth Ann, seventh grade, and Keith Dowd, fifth grade.

The first member of the Dowd family in America was Great Grandfather Patrick Dowd who came from Ireland and settled in Ohio, later coming to Moweaqua. There were two children, one settled in Ohio, the other came to Moweaqua with his father. Grandfather Patrick Dowd, it is said, brought up the first load of coal from the Moweaqua mine. He married Ema Long of Moweaqua and they had twelve children. One uncle, Charles Dowd, is still living. Great Grandmother Rebecka Porter Long lived to be 100 years of age.

Our home was built in 1872 by Henry F. Day. It stayed in the Day family until 1965 at which time it was sold to Roy Snyder. We purchased the house from the Snyder Estate in 1974 and have done extensive remodeling.

Helen's family on the Largen side are Cherokee Indian, Dutch and German. On the Huneycutt side they are Dutch, Irish and Scotch. Her family lived in Flint, Michigan until 1950 when they moved to Moweaqua. Her great grandfather Largen was a Baptist minister in Missouri and wrote a book about the Southern Baptist in 1907 which was published in 1908.

**JOSEPH M. CLIPSTON, SR.
130 NORTH MACON**

The Joseph M. Clipston Sr. family has lived at this Moweaqua, Illinois address since 1959. The house was probably built in the early 1900's. It was previously owned by E. J. Kilborn and P. L. Drew.

Joe is the son of Elmer and Anka Bohlen Clipston. He was born and reared in the Moweaqua area. His grandfather, Joseph K. Clipston came from England in the 1850's, married Myrthine Frances in Pennsylvania and settled in Shelby county. This farm is still in the family. His mother's parents, Peter and Maria De Buhr Bohlen came from Germany and settled east of Moweaqua.

Joe attended Long Grove School and graduated from Moweaqua high school. He attended Brown's Business college. He married Rochelle Curry in 1933. Rochelle is the daughter of Claude H. and Marybelle Crow Curry. She was born at Brownstown, Illinois, graduated from Moweaqua High School and the Stenographic Department of Brown's Business College.

There are four children: Rochelle Iona (Mrs. Marshall Van Fleet) is the mother of six children. She is Office Manager of a Walgreen Drug Store in Joliet, Illinois.

Marshall is employed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Joan Marian, a graduate of St. John's School of Nursing, is married to Donald Gerlach. Don is Pastor of Peace Lutheran Church in Park Falls, Wisconsin. They have two sons. Mary Ann, (Mrs. Robert Pfister) is a beautician in Bloomington. Bob works for the General Telephone Co. They have two girls and a boy. Joseph Martin, Jr. is in the Navy with the Medical Corps. He is presently stationed in New Orleans, Louisiana, officer in charge of Preventative Medicine. He served in Viet Nam with the Marine Corps, and in Japan. He was stationed for four years in Hawaii. He is married to Sharon Clay. They have one son, Joseph Martin III.

**LEWIS V. AND MARJORIE DOBSON BROWN
211 NORTH MACON**

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis V. Brown have lived most of their lives in Moweaqua. Mr. Brown formerly owned and operated the Phillips Gas Station on South main and Wall Streets.

Mr. L. V. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Brown, came here from Decatur. They had formerly farmed in Latham community. William Brown's parents were of German descent and came to Latham area from Ohio. Mrs. William Brown's maiden name was Joynt. Her parents came from England to the Latham area.

Mrs. L. V. Brown's parents were Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Dobson. Dr. Dobson's family were English. Mrs. Dobson's maternal family also were English. They were descendants of Thomas Alvord who was born in County Dorset, England in 1627, and who died in Northampton, Mass. in 1687.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Brown are Robert of Decatur, Mrs. Jane Tankersley of Gibson City and Mrs. Helen Baker of Clifton, Illinois. There are six grandchildren.

**REVA ADAMS
214 NORTH MACON**

Reva Adams of 230 Madison is building a new home in this location.

**LOREN AND GOLDIE MARKWELL LEIGH
215 NORTH MACON**

Loren is the son of Willis and Jenniva Roberts Leigh. Willis works for Wabash Railroad and lives in Decatur. Loren is one of three children, Alen, deceased, Loren of Moweaqua, and Mary of Miami, retired from Civil Service in Naval Training Station at Waukegan.

Loren married Florence Wheeler, east of Decatur. They had four children, Mary Davis of Cerro Gordo who has three children; Dolores Kidd of Mt. Zion who has five children; Lois Schlosser of Decatur who has five children; and Koven of Harristown. They have fourteen grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Goldie is the daughter of Millard Fillmore and Matilda Jane Neer Markwell, farmers near Grove City. She is one of seven children: Grace Hardbarger, deceased; Orville of Blue Mound, deceased; Essie Peabody of Blue Mound; Ina Ping of Decatur, deceased; Goldie of Moweaqua; Kenneth of St. Petersburg, Florida; and Reva Adams of Moweaqua.

Loren worked for the railroad and Goldie worked as a traveling companion to a lovely lady. They married in 1970 and moved to Moweaqua in 1971. Loren's hobby is working in his carpenter shop. "We like it very much and glad to get out of city to a smaller town."

**GEORGE BEAL
219 NORTH MACON**

George is the son of A. J. and Bessie Whitson Beal, farmers in Jefferson County near Mt. Vernon. He is one of thirteen children. Beulah was the daughter of Pinkney and Alta McManns Green, farmers in Jefferson County. She was one of seven children.

George was from Jefferson County. He worked for the Wabash, N & W for twenty-one years, retired in June 1975, moved to Moweaqua in 1955 in home owned by Lorine Swonk, recently made into Sherwood Funeral Home. They bought the old Claude Snyder home from Leon Proctor in 1959. Beulah died June 9, 1975, a week after George retired. They have two children: Estol married Shirley Newcomb from Jefferson County. He is a salesman for Tempo Doors and Windows and lives in Robinson, Illinois. They have a daughter Vickie in college, recently married. Betty Joyce married Wilson Bering and lives in Decatur. He is vice president at CB&Q. They have three children, Kimberly, in high school, Tammie, sophomore, and Willie, in 7th grade.

Hobbies are fishing and hunting and carpentry. "Nice little town. People have really been good to me."

**VERNE AND GRACE VAN HALL JACOBS
224 NORTH MACON**

Verne Jacobs and Grace Van Hall were married in 1935. After living in Wisconsin, they purchased their present home in 1951 from Mrs. Jeff Jarvis, whose husband was a barber in Moweaqua many years ago. They have one daughter, Mary Elizabeth born in 1946. She married Alan Hemer, son of Charlotte and Glen Hemer of Moweaqua, in 1968. Alan is a Lt. J. G. in the Navy. They lived in Hawaii four years and have been in the Philippines four years.

Grace Jacob's grandparents on father's side came to this country from Holland and were related to Queen Wilhelmina. Maternal grandparents were from Scotland. All settled in Illinois. Verne Jacob's father was of English, Dutch and French ancestry. His mother was of Indian ancestry through "Uncle" Joe Armstrong who was one-fourth Indian blood. Verne's grandmother was one-fourth Indian blood on his mother's side.

Verne commutes to Caterpillar daily.

**TERRY AND CARLA BROWN COX
225 NORTH MACON**

Terry is an aircraft refueler at the Decatur Airport and Carla is a nurse's aide at the Eastern Star Nursing Home, Macon. Terry is the son of Hubert and Geneva Cox. He has a sister, Mrs. Roger (Cynthia Lee) Seifert. His grandparents were Floyd and Ruby Myers Cox and Marvin and Mary Lee Todd Wilson.

**LESLIE AND CAROLYN MYERS BRIGHT
230 NORTH MACON**

Leslie was born in Moweaqua, Illinois and is employed at Illinois Power as a mechanic. First family member came from Germany and settled in Carlyle, Illinois. Parents and grandparents lived in Moweaqua and Assumption. The home they now live in was built in 1891. Previous owners were: Walter Henley, George Meredith, Harry Livingston, Mary Smith and others.

Carolyn Myers Bright is a housewife. Ancestors came from Germany and some were Dutch. One ancestor on her father's side came over on the Mayflower. Great grandmother Warren was related to General Warren, who fought in the Revolutionary War. Relatives settled in Illinois, Iowa, and Nebraska, however, most live around the Granite City, Illinois area. Great grandmother came here in 1868 and purchased a farm. It has been in the David Myers family for 108 years. Parents farm near Assumption.

Their two sons are Leslie Gene Bright, Jr. in seventh grade, and Christopher David Bright in kindergarten.

**EDA BOHLEN
231 NORTH MACON**

Eda was born in Stewardson, Illinois. First member of the family in America came from Germany. His name was Peter Bohlen and he settled in Illinois.

Herman and Eda Bohlen began their married life in 1913 on their farm three miles east of Moweaqua. In 1946 they moved to Moweaqua, after living three years in Denver, Colorado.

Alta M. Bohlen (daughter) was a Moweaqua teacher and is presently a Denver Public School teacher. Paul H. Bohlen (son) is a McHenry Junior College Instructor in Crystal Lake, Illinois. Ralph H. Bohlen (son) works for the Moweaqua Water Department as meter reader.

**MILDRED STEWART
304 NORTH MACON**

Mildred was born in Moweaqua, Illinois. The William Talley and Nicholas Merriwether families came to America from Wales in the 1600's. They settled in Virginia and Delaware. Grandparents lived in Florida and Illinois. Parents lived in Kansas and Illinois.

Mildred has always lived in Moweaqua. This residence was built in 1904. Previous owners were: Jack Corrington, Mable Jacobs, M. F. Stewart. Her father, Marion Frank Stewart, served as Postmaster of Moweaqua during the Herbert Hoover and Calvin Coolidge administrations.

Mildred is an accomplished violinist.

**RUSSELL AND LEXIE MYERS COOK
315 NORTH MACON**

Russell was born and raised in Moweaqua, the son of Vivian Scarlett Cook and Lloyd Cook. He works at A. E. Staley Manufacturing Company, twenty-five years.

Lexie is from Macon and has worked at Hi-Flier for twenty years. They have five children: Joy Craft of Moweaqua who has two children; Vivian Cook McLeod of Moweaqua who has two children; Richard Eugene at home, helps father; Robert Lee is a junior in high school, and Lynette is in second grade.

Russell is a home builder. He builds one house a year. He has built or remodeled homes for twenty-three years. He subdivided two acres west of the railroad tracks at Cedar and Railroad Ave. There are seven trailers there and one house. He bought and remodeled the former Oscar Adamson home in 1963, where he now resides.

**MABEL BRAMBLETT
316 NORTH MACON**

Harry F. Bramblett, son of Laura and Frank Bramblett was born near Assumption, Illinois. Mabel F. Evans Bramblett was born in Shelby County near Moweaqua, Illinois. When they were married they lived in the country not far from Moweaqua. Harry received his appointment to be R.F.D. mail carrier so they went in search of a place to live. They soon settled in this home which they bought from C. A. Hedges.

Harry retired after forty-one years as mail carrier and died in 1961. Mabel continued to live here and after sixty years it is still her home. She has seen many changes on this block and to the best of her knowledge there is no one in the block that was there when they moved in. City mail delivery called for the naming and numbering of streets and houses. This home came up as 316 North Macon.

There were two daughters: Mrs. Alfred L. (Hope) Robison, Delavan, Illinois. Mrs. Alfred E. (Laura Elizabeth) Vehlow, Pekin, Illinois. Because of illness Mabel was unable to finish the fourth year of high school but Harry was a Moweaqua High School graduate and his one desire was to educate his daughters so they would be self-supporting. He felt traveling was one means of education, and their vacations were spent traveling the U.S.A. Laura Elizabeth still teaches. "I heartily recommend traveling the U.S.A. and learning more of our country."

**T. J. AND PEGGY LOU WICKLEIN GORDEN
319 NORTH MACON**

T. J. is the son of Orville and Lillie Bilyeu Gorden. Grandparents are Tom and Libby Adams Gorden, and Isaac Bilyeus. Ancestors settled in Prairieton Township. Orville and Lillie were farmers west of Moweaqua. Orville died in 1971 after they had built their new home in Moweaqua. Lillie continues living in the home. T. J. is one of three children: Carl Edward married Elsie Yeaste from Kentucky and lives in Orlando, Florida. He is in the insurance business. Marjorie Minor lives in Moweaqua, and T.J. (Thomas Jacob).

Peggy Lou is the daughter of Ralph and Gladys Jones Wicklein, farmers in Macon County, Pleasant View Township. They had three daughters, Betty Jean Keller of Springfield and twins, Pat Jordan and Peg Gorden.

T.J. and Peggy, married in 1952, and are living in Moweaqua. T.J. has an insurance agency. Peggy worked at St. Mary's Hospital, head nurse for Drs. Murfin and Murfin, and was Director of Nursing at Eastern Star Home in Macon. She retired to her home in 1975. They have one child, Phillip Kent, who attended Lakeland, Western Illinois at Macomb, and now works at MVSS and is living at home.

"Nicest little village in Central Illinois and I've visited a lot of them."

**MRS. ERNEST (MAUD E. TABER) ZEEB
320 NORTH MACON**

Maud's parents were Stanton and Mary Hayes Taber. They came from Kentucky in a covered wagon to Illinois. She was one of six children. She has a sister, Lizzie Stewart, 88 years old, living in Blue Mound, a brother Thomas Taber of Decatur, and a sister, Effie, in Kincaid.

Ernest Zeeb had four children by a previous marriage. Son, Everett Zeeb, married Lois McGrath of Moweaqua living in Sullivan. Agnes Zeeb Cottrell lives in California as does June Zeeb. His youngest son, Billy, lives in Blue Mound.

The Zeebs moved to their farm at Pleak corner thirty years ago. After Ernest died in 1972 at age 85 years, Maud moved to this location. Maud has spent twenty-seven years of her life doing restaurant work.

She will be 83 years old on May 5, 1976.

**PAUL AND ETHEL BECK JORDAN
324 NORTH MACON**

Paul and Ethel have lived at their present address since 1954. The house was probably built in the early 1900's. Among the other owners of the house were James Hedges, Sr., and Harry Gaither.

Paul is the son of Joseph and Docia Willis Jordan and was born in Findlay, Illinois. Ethel is a daughter of David and Katie Getz Beck. Paul and Ethel have one son, Larry Richard, who lives in Decatur, is employed at Adolf Meyer Center and drives a Decatur school bus. He has one son, Jonathan Paul.

Paul retired in December 1974 from construction work. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan are members of the First Baptist Church. She is active in Woman's Club, Home Extension and Senior Citizens.

Ethel Jordan has three grandparents who came to America from Germany. Peter Getz, Elizabeth Bowman Getz, and Catherine Scherer Beck. Levi Beck, the other grandparent was Pennsylvania Dutch. In 1839 his father, Jacob Beck, with his wife and children left Pennsylvania and went to Ohio. They bought a farm, put in crops then discovered that the deed was no good. They moved to another place in Ohio, then in 1842 left Ohio with two other families, the Haines and Phillips, twenty-three people in all. It took them eight months with their wagons to arrive near Olney, Illinois. The Becks built a log cabin in German Township in Richland County. Levi Beck was the father of David Beck and he was the father of Ethel Beck Jordan.

**RALPH AND PEARL BEARD BRIDGMAN
327 NORTH MACON**

Ralph is the son of John Martin and Addie May Pontius Bridgman, farmers south of Pleak. He was one of ten children: Goldie Bridgman, deceased; Neva Bridgman; Guy of Overland Park, Kansas; Inez Bilyeu of Moweaqua; Edith Cole, deceased; Ralph of Moweaqua; Mary Humphrey of Moweaqua; Lavina Tolly, deceased; Irma and Paul Bridgman, rural Moweaqua.

Pearl is the daughter of Charles and Lydia Donaldson Beard of Assumption. She was one of four children, Viola Peckham of Edwardsville; Velma Rodman of Westervelt; and twins Merle of Assumption and Pearl of Moweaqua.

Ralph and Pearl have lived all their married life in Moweaqua. Ralph has a general repair shop, "R. Bridgman General Repair" on West Wall Street started in 1958. Pearl worked at Moweaqua Hospital until Dr. Pistorius returned from service and resumed practice after World War II. Pearl continues to be of service to all and assists the good Doctor.

"When I return from a trip, Moweaqua is the nicest little town I've seen," says Bud.

MATILDA BIRLEY OVERLIN
330 NORTH MACON

Matilda is the daughter of James and Sarah Slinn Birley, both born in Sheffield, England. James died in the Moweaqua mine disaster in 1932. Matilda is one of five children: Matilda, Sarah Rose of Assumption, May Klaus of Highland, Illinois, James of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Tom of Arcola, who is manager of the Grain Elevator.

Matilda married William Overlin in 1934. He is the son of William and Elizabeth Shanklin Overlin. William was from Evansville, Indiana and Elizabeth from Bowling Green, Kentucky. Elizabeth was a school teacher in Kentucky and Illinois. William was a farmer and road commissioner in Macon County. They lived in Macon. He was one of four children. Claire Coffman, Bessie Gardner, Helen Stripling, and William Overlin.

William worked at Muellers, custodian of Methodist Church, and Night Policeman for Moweaqua for twelve years until his death. Matilda continues to live in the home where she has lived for forty years.

CLOA PAGE DAVIS BILYEU
333 NORTH MACON

Cloa is the daughter of Andrew and Kathryn Valentine Page, farmers in Shelby County. The Valentines came from Germany to Ohio to Pennsylvania, to Shelby County near Cowden until their death. Cloa is one of eight children, all deceased except Cloa. There were three Dukes (Royal Heritage) named Page who came to Pennsylvania from England, thus the Page ancestry.

Cloa married Zelvia Davis in 1912. They lived in Moweaqua. Zelvia was killed in the mine disaster in 1932. They had four children, Kathryn married Albert Marmor and lives in Springfield. He is an architect engineer. They have two sons, Roger and Eric. Bert Davis married Rosie Wise of Moweaqua and they had two children, Michael of Chicago and Andy of Chicago. Bert deceased in 1961. Frances married Richard Breeding, and they are farmers in Tina, Missouri. They have four children, Allan of Kansas City, Judy of Missouri, Mary of Liberty, Missouri, and David of California. Rosalie Ashley Robison lives in Taylorville. She has three children, John Martin Ashley of Prairieton Township, Thomas Lee Ashley of Washington, Illinois and Cinda Jordan of Moweaqua.

Cloa married Isaac Bilyeu in 1941. They built this home in Moweaqua in 1956. Isaac died in 1959. Her step-children are Hershel Bilyeu of Morrisonville, Bernice Stombaugh of Moweaqua, Marie Boardman of Peoria, and Doris Bohlen of Moweaqua.

Her hobbies are trying to make people happy, walking, and Senior Citizens.

R. V. AND NORMA ALLEN
334 NORTH MACON

R. V. Allen was born in Shelby County. Norma was born in Saline County. R. V. Allen is employed at CECO Corporation, and Norma is a self-employed beautician.

There are two sons by a previous marriage: Steve Hazel, born in Jackson County, works in construction and Keith Hazel, born in Saline County, a Moweaqua High School student.

IRA AND LOLA R. FEARN
339 NORTH MACON

Ira was born in Rosamond, Illinois, retired after thirty-two years with Swift and Co., Decatur, Illinois. Ancestors came from Wales. Lola R. Fearn was born in Irving, Illinois. Attended Irving High School and Charleston University. She taught two terms.

The Fearn family felt they would like to live in a smaller town. They moved from Decatur, Illinois and purchased their home, which was built in 1890 from Charles Pheylan. Frank Stewart was a former owner.

They have four children: Rachel (Mrs. Robert Jesse) of Moweaqua, who was in the sixth grade when they moved to Moweaqua, has three sons, Robert, James, and Rex Jesse. Charles lives in Collinsville and has two daughters, Jacalyn and Sandy. Shirley (Mrs. Martin Traughber) of Moweaqua has a daughter, Cheryl Rowe of Moweaqua and son Mark married Marsha Weerts. Joan (Mrs. William Moore) of Moweaqua has two sons, William R. married Susan Jordan and lives in Warrensburg, and Brad lives at home and works at Moweaqua Elevator. They have nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

LAWRENCE AND RENA ELMERS HOFFMAN
402 NORTH MACON

The Hoffmans came from Germany and were farmers. Lawrence is the son of Phillip and Julia Suppes Hoffman.

Rena Elmers' ancestors, the Sanners and Elmers, both came from Germany. Paternal grandparents were Albert H. C. Elmers and Caroline Otta. Her parents were Henry Elmers and Ruth Sanner. Maternal great-grandparents were Samuel and Barbara Paul Sanner, her grandparents were Edward and Naomi Pierson Sanner, and her parents were Henry and Ruth Sanner Elmers.

Their children are Rena Elmer, Mrs. Wm. (Grace) Fox, and Mrs. Roy (Fern) Tankersley. The Samuel Sanner family lived and owned farms east of Moweaqua. Samuel gave the ground in 1879 for the Sanner Chapel Methodist Church seven miles east, two miles north of Moweaqua. Both Sanners and Elmers originated and came from Germany.

Lawrence and Rena married in 1944. Lawrence farmed and ran a small shop in the country, later moving shop to home in Moweaqua where it grew into a full-time business small engine and lawn repair shop. They had one son, Kenneth, deceased in infancy. Son Henry, after service in Viet Nam and Lakeland College has half interest in the Repair Shop and also maintains an Antique Shop.

Rena trained to be a nurse 1926-29 and nursed in the Moweaqua Hospital, continued nursing until she married in 1944. She enjoys sewing, knitting lace, and making quilts. Now she is busy helping in the repair shop. She has helped in the Nursery at Sunday School for over twenty-five years. "If one wants to be happy, just keep busy."

MR. AND MRS. JIM LANE
403½ NORTH MACON

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Lane moved to Moweaqua to the Hoffman Apartment from Southern Indiana. He works for Kirkwood Aluminum Siding in Decatur. They have one child less than a year old.

**JAMES E. AND MARY ANN HEDGES
404 NORTH MACON**

James was born in Moweaqua, Illinois. He is a farmer. Mary Ann was born in Moweaqua, Illinois and she is a homemaker. They have two children: Carol Ann, born in Taylorville, Illinois, is a sophomore at Eastern Illinois University; James Alan, born in Taylorville, Illinois, is a student at Moweaqua.

The Hedges residence was purchased in 1940 by James Hedges, Sr. It was built sometime near 1910 by Mr. Hudson. The house had been remodeled and was ready for occupancy when Esther Hedges was fatally injured in an automobile accident east of Moweaqua. Louisa Hedges, mother of James, Sr. moved into the home and James, Jr. continued to live there after the death of his grandmother and father. He married in 1955 and has continued to live and raise his family in the same location.

See "A Brief History of the Hedges Family" elsewhere in this book for details on family lineage.

**ROBERT AND MARY SIMS McLAIN
412 NORTH MACON**

Bob is the son of Otis and Opal Thompson McLain of Moweaqua. He is one of six children: Norma Ringo of Moweaqua, John of Macon, Robert of Moweaqua, Joan Short of Decatur, Leon of Decatur, and Jim of Moweaqua.

Mary is the daughter of William and Geneva Smith Sims, who farmed in Central Illinois. She is one of twelve children: Juanita Ashburn of Blue Mound, Rose Waite of Taylorville, Wm. of New Lennox, Elizabeth Tilton of Pana, Jean Peck of Decatur, Catherine Nolen of Stonington, Mary of Moweaqua, Jesse of Florida, Bonnie Behner of Blue Mound, Joan Creamer of Owaneco, Charlene Graven of Findlay, and Daniel of Taylorville.

Bob and Mary have lived all their married life in Moweaqua. They bought this home in 1965. Bob works at Caterpillar.

They have five children: Rosanna, senior at U. of I. in social work; Mary Kay Reatherford of Warrensburg; Robert of Moweaqua; Edward, freshman, and Shirley, sixth grade.

Hobbies are camping and fishing. "Good place to live — best of schools."

**HELEN C. SMITH
415 NORTH MACON**

Helen is the daughter of Orin and Pearl Miller, both raised in Shelby area. They married in 1911 and came to Moweaqua to teach. Orin was just out of eighth grade and received \$50.00 a month. He taught eighth grade for thirty-three years and coached grade school basketball. He received \$80.00 more when coaching. He encouraged his classes to plant garden along the railroad right of way, this became an annual project. He did carpenter work in the summer time and raised and sold plants.

Helen is one of six children. She has been a beauty operator for forty-one years. She operates her shop in OES Home in Macon. Robert "Bud" deceased in 1957. He married Doris Trulock, lived in West Palm Beach and operated a cabinet making shop. They had one daughter, Sue. Kenneth "Igg", deceased in 1971. He married Emily Janowsky. His profession was an ink maker. They had two

children, Kenny and Sue. Ruby married Matt Kassnel and lives in Des Plaines. Matt deceased in 1966. Ruby is secretary of Main West High School. They have three children, Judy of Decatur, Kathy, and Bob. Don retired from Air Force with twenty years service, working with Crocker Bank in San Francisco at present time. Joy married Lyle Hays from Moweaqua and lives in West Covina, California. They have two children, Pam and Larry.

**FLEDA B. GOODRICH
423 NORTH MACON**

Fleda is the daughter of John R. and Arvela Hunt Williams. Fleda was the third child of a family of eight. Most of them live around Findlay and Decatur.

Fleda married Lee Goodrich, son of Wilbur and Mollie Goodrich, farmers south of Moweaqua. Lee was one of three children: Riley of Arthur, Lee of Moweaqua, and Fern Brown of Bethany.

Lee and Fleda farmed south of town, worked at Radford Elevator and drove a Propane Gas Truck for twenty-two years. They moved to Moweaqua in 1944 when they bought this house.

They have five children. Flora Belle Chelley of Seattle, John Wilbur of Bement, Leo Bane of Moweaqua, Robert Dean of Forsyth, and Alice Fay of Moweaqua. They have seventeen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Daughter Alice lives with her mother since Lee's death in 1973.

"I'll never forget the Moweaqua Centennial in 1952. My youngest son was in the parade, and my daughter paraded in her centennial dress with a broken arm in a cast."

**MRS. FLOYD (DELLA PARKER) JACOBS
512 NORTH MACON**

Floyd was the son of Edward and Charlotte Dunkel Jacobs, farmers southeast of Moweaqua. Floyd was one of four children, Earl, Floyd, Ethel Jacobs Zindel (Mrs. Rube), and Ralph.

Their children were Olga, Dorothy, and Florence.

Mrs. Volle (Irene) Sims is a sister of Della and her brother is Guy Parker of Moweaqua. Della at present is not enjoying good health. She is in her late 80's.

**JOE HETTINGER
428 NORTH MACON**

Joe was born in Joplin, Missouri, employed at Borg Warner. Parents live in Florida. Joe and Gaye Waters Hettinger are parents of a son, Marty, age four and daughter Jennifer, age one. They did most of their growing up in the Moweaqua area through grade and high school.

Gaye's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Waters of 104 Ponting and sister Tannie, now a sophomore were searching for a good small town in which to live and found it in Moweaqua. Joe, after graduation, found employment at Borg-Warner. They purchased their home in 1973. Former owners were Mamie Eskew and Jerry Staggs.

**FAYE MITCHELL
427 NORTH MACON**

Faye is the daughter of Lynn and Lucinda Pumphrey. She has three brothers and six sisters. One sister, Corda

Metcalf, lives in Macon and another, Lillie Kline lives in Decatur. Faye married Walter Mitchell in 1927. He was the son of Joseph and Anna Penelton Mitchell, farmers around Clay City. He has two brothers, James of Clay City (deceased) and Joseph married Floy Pumphrey of Blue Mound.

Walter and Faye were farmers and lived around Osberville, Blue Mound County. They had two children, Bernice (deceased) and Billy of rural Moweaqua. Walter died in 1965 in Blue Mound. Faye bought this home (the William Jesse house) in 1965 and moved to Moweaqua. Faye enjoys her garden and her flowers.

"I like my mail delivery because it's delivered to my door and I like both of the grocery stores."

She has three grandchildren, Pamela in ISU studying to be a teacher, Randy at Lakeland Jr. College, and Sharon is a senior at Moweaqua.

JACK AND SHIRLEY DAGGETT PHILLIPS 515 NORTH MACON

Jack was born in Arkansas. He came to Moweaqua in 1950. His wife, Shirley Daggett Phillips was born in Maroa, Illinois. Jack works at Muellers. They have two children: Jackie in fifth grade, and Rodney in kindergarten.

They purchased their home in 1968 from Mr. Holyoke. According to Mrs. Floyd Jacobs, the Jacobs house was the first one built on this block and the Phillips home was the second. It is approximately ninety-eight years old.

LEONARD AND MARLENE CUTLER ALLISON 520 NORTH MACON

Leonard was born in Decatur, Illinois. He is employed at Caterpillar. Marlene Cutler Allison is a housewife. The first Member of the Allison family settled in Michigan. Grandparents and parents lived in Assumption, Illinois.

There are two children, Julie Anne, four years old and Jennifer Lee, nine months old.

The Allisons purchased their home in 1974 from Mrs. Nichols.

STEVE AND PAMELA YOUNKER SHEWMAKER 521 NORTH MACON

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shewmaker. Farms with his father. Pamela Younker Shewmaker was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Younker. Pamela and Steve were married December 7, 1974. They are both graduates of Moweaqua High School.

The home was built in 1951 by Harold Federman. Previous occupants were Thompson, McLain, and Grandma O'Kelley. The O'Kelley ancestors came from Ireland. Grandparents Younker lived in Assumption, Illinois.

JAMES D. AND LOLA A. ALLEN 530 NORTH MACON

James D. was born in Pana, Illinois. He is employed at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel. Earliest known relative was John Allen, born in 1856 and lived in Indiana. Grandparents lived in the Moweaqua area. Parents lived in the Moweaqua area.

Lola A. Allen was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She is employed with Secretary of State Driver Services. Ancestors were French. Family lived in Illinois.

SOUTH MACON

BLANCHETTE AND EVELYN LOCKART SNYDER 127 SOUTH MACON

Blanchette's parents were Ernest F. Snyder and Mittie Blanchette Snyder. They had two sons, Blanchette and Gwinner. They lived in Beaumont, Texas until the boys were ten and eight years old. Then they moved to Moweaqua where Ernest was born and lived until 1928 when Blanchette and Evelyn were married. Ernest moved back to Texas but son, Gwinner remained to graduate in the class of 1928. At age twenty-two years, Gwinner was accidently shot and killed in Texas.

Blanchette's great grandfather was Michael Snyder who founded Moweaqua, giving it the Park and contributing in many ways to the growth of our town. Evelyn's parents came from Cowden, Illinois and were of German descent.

After extensive remodeling of the former home of Ralph and Mabel Snyder Ayars, Blanchette and Evelyn moved into town in December of 1975.

They have three children. James Lockart was born in the Moweaqua Hospital, married Shirley Drake, live in Moweaqua and are the parents of Susan, Steve, Rebecca of Denver, Colorado, Mary, Julianne, a sophomore and Paul in the eighth grade. Elizabeth Ann Snyder married Rev. J. W. Jones. He is a Senior Pastor at First United Church in Moline, Illinois. They have three daughters, Cynthia Ann, married Michael Jones, both are attending seminary at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, Debra Diane, a freshman at Wesleyan University at Bloomington, and Jan Ellen, a junior at Moline High School. Vernon Gwinner married Diane Dagner and live on the farm. He is an insurance agent. They have three children, Kimberly Diane, a sophomore, Elizabeth Anne, a freshman and Michael Gwinner, sixth grade. Blanchette's and Evelyn's son, Michael Jesse, died at age twenty-six months.

THOMAS AND CAROLINE SINCLAIR BILYEU 130 SOUTH MACON

Tom works at A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. in Decatur and Caroline is a housewife. Tom and Caroline have two sons, David, fourth grade and Todd, in kindergarten. Their house is over one-hundred years old and was previously owned by Mid Humphrey, Russell Sarver, and Harold Dean Sarver. A Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary party was given for their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Sinclair, October 19, 1975 in their home.

ADA LEE SMITH AND ONA MAE PARKER 211 SOUTH MACON

Ada and Ona's maiden name was Cheatham. On August 28, 1976 Ada will be ninety-one years old and on July 28, 1976 Ona will be eighty-nine years old. Their grandmother was the daughter of Samuel Elder born in 1820 in Livingston, Kentucky.

Thomas G. Cheatham and Alice C. Elder were married in Mt. Zion in 1882. They lived together fifty-seven years. Mrs. T. G. Cheatham died in 1939, she was seventy-seven years old. T. G. Cheatham died in 1952, at the age of ninety-one. T. G. Cheatham and Co. started a grocery and meat market in 1917 on the west side of Main Street. They closed the doors February 19, 1959. Earl Cheatham, a brother of Ona and Ada

worked for his father. Earl passed away January 1, 1976 at the age of eighty-five years old.

PEARL BROWN KRANZ
212 SOUTH MACON

Samuel and Luella Adams Brown were married in 1895 and went to housekeeping here in Moweaqua. Their first child, Myrl, was born here. Sam worked in the mine here and later they moved to Herrick, Illinois on a farm. He died in August 1898. Four months later, December 6, 1898, their second child was born. Her name was Pearl Brown Kranz. She never saw her father. She never knew what parents were as her mother Luella died of consumption before Pearl was two years old. Grandparents John and Nancy Beck Adams raised the two little orphans, Myrl and Pearl. Later Myrl lived with an aunt in Decatur and Pearl lived with an aunt in Danville.

Myrl Brown and Noble Shellabarger were married and lived in Herrick. He was an auto mechanic and a rural mail carrier. Myrl Shellabarger died in September 1971.

Phillip Kranz and Pearl Brown were married in Danville, Illinois in 1916. They were the parents of two sons, Worthy Brown (Dutch) Kranz and John Allen Kranz. Both boys went to school in Danville.

Worthy married Mary Louise Walker. After graduating from law school, he came to Decatur and on to Moweaqua in 1950 with his wife and two daughters, Suellen and Sandra.

This is how Phillip and Pearl Kranz came to move to Moweaqua in May 1955. Phillip worked at the E & E I Railroad in Danville and had retired. Pearl was truly elated to move to the town where her parents had lived and sister was born. They bought the Eli Connor home. Phillip Kranz died in July 1972 and is buried at Myers Cemetery in Herrick.

Phillip and Pearl Kranz's second son, John Allen Kranz, spent twenty-two years in the Army, and retired a Lt. Colonel. He has two children, Candice Jean Hooe and John Allen, Jr. He spent three tours in South East Asia and also served in Austria, Germany, Korea, and Okinawa.

Worthy B. (Dutch) Kranz lived in Moweaqua from 1950 until 1968 when he moved to Sullivan. He was Moweaqua City Attorney for six or seven years. He is currently Associate Circuit Judge of the 6th Circuit. Mary, his wife, was a Girl Scout leader for ten years here in Moweaqua. Both daughters Suellen and Sandra attended SIU in Carbondale. Suellen is married and lives in Aurora, Illinois where she works as a Dental Hygenist. Sandra is married and lives in Sullivan, Illinois. She is a teacher in Bethany. "I think Moweaqua is one of the finest towns with six churches and no taverns and some of the most wonderful people on earth."

BESS WEAKLY PROTSMAN AND DOROTHY McINTYRE
215 SOUTH MACON

See story elsewhere in book.

CHARLES AND MARGARET ROSS CRANE
CHRISTIAN CHURCH PARSONAGE
220 SOUTH MACON

Charles is the minister of the First Christian Church, coming to Moweaqua from Utah and Oregon. They claim few illustrious names in their family tree, including Daniel Boone, Betsy Ross, and the George Ross who signed the Declaration of Independence.

Their new home was built in 1974. They have three children, Carol and Douglas, who are in high school, and Steven who is in grade school.

VIRGINIA ROBINSON BILYEU
221 SOUTH MACON

Virginia's parents are John B. and Margaret Still Robinson, farmers near Prairie Home, who moved to Moweaqua and owned Robinson Feed and Seed Store, later Moweaqua Hatchery. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Thad Still were farmers living where John Gorden's farm is now.

Virginia has a sister LaVon Robinson Kroenein of Moweaqua, three half-sisters Fern Robinson Hall of Toledo, Maurene Cox Risley of Decatur, Ohla Robinson (deceased) and one half-brother Millage Cox.

Lyle's parents were George Isom and Flossie Fuller Bilyeu. Grandparents were Jacob Bilyeus and Charles Fullers.

Lyle worked for T. G. Cheatham as a grocery and delivery clerk when first married to Virginia, also worked for Kroger Co. under Mgr. Frank Duquesne. He worked twenty-six years at MVSS before his death in 1969. They have three children, Jack L. of Sepulvida, California, who has two children, Dawn Renee and Debra Arosen, Tom and Caroline Sinclair Bilyeu of Moweaqua have two sons, David Scott and Todd Reneer, and La Meeka (Mrs. Lynn English) of Moweaqua has one son, Joshua Davis.

Virginia has worked for J. T. Haslam Dry Goods and has driven a car as a guide to Mrs. Frank Howse who taught the adult blind in their homes, in Central Illinois. She was a clerk and buyer at Flora Jewelers in Decatur for nineteen years. She is presently working at York-Borg Warner as a machinist. Virginia enjoys antiques and is especially proud of two hanging lamps, one a gift from Lyle's aunt and a walnut table which Mr. J. T. Haslam went to housekeeping with.

DON AND LOIS MATLOCK SANNER
229 SOUTH MACON

Don is employed in Decatur and Lois is a housewife. The first member of their family in America was Jacob Sanner who came from Germany and settled in Pennsylvania. Don and Lois previously lived in Mt. Zion but moved to Moweaqua because they liked the town and townspeople and they wanted their children in the Moweaqua school system.

They have three children, Dawn, a sixth grader, Richard, a fourth grader, and Karla, a first grader. Their house was built in 1891 and was owned by Ezekial Prescott, Dudley Porter and E. P Sanner.

FLOYD AND DORIS OSBORN SUPPES
BLANCHE OSBORN
401 SOUTH MACON

Floyd lived sixty-two years in the same house on the same farm three and one-half miles southeast of Moweaqua. Floyd's health caused him to quit farming. They built this new home in 1971. Blanche Osborn has made her home with them since 1975.

Floyd Suppes is the son of the late John and Minnie Smith Suppes. His grandfather Smith was the owner of a brickyard south and east of Pleak Corner. His grandparents, John and

Elizabeth Suppes came by boat from Germany. Floyd had one sister Bessie Eversole, a graduate of Moweaqua High School with the class of 1922, deceased 1971. She can be remembered by her many friends as a cook for several years at the Moweaqua High School and for several years before that at the Fame and Pleak School.

Doris and Blanche's parents, Alveet and Anna Wheatly Osborn, were both born in Illinois and spent their entire married life (almost sixty nine years) in the same house too and one-half miles southwest of Fame Church. Parents Anna Osborn passed away in 1968 at the age of 90 and Albert Osborn died in 1970 at the age of 93.

Our great-great-great-grandfather Jacob Widick was born in Rockingham County, Virginia in 1783, and died in 1851. His wife Mary Deal Widick was born in 1788 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. They left Virginia and moved to Christian County, Kentucky in 1817 and to Macon County, Illinois in 1825.

When grandfather James Osborn moved from Gillespie to Flat Branch Township in 1865, they settled on the farm known as the James Workman farm. The roads were icy and slushy and it took six and one half days to make the trip, moving in wagons driving the cattle, sheep and hogs. They were compelled to leave their sheep and hogs at a farm home on their way, returning for them two weeks later. They later moved to the present site of the Fame Church where he grew to manhood. There was no tilling of the land in those days and he remembers husking ten acres of corn standing in water two to four inches deep. Wild geese and ducks were plentiful and it was a great day for hunters. His brother Richard killed thirteen ducks at two shots. He and Richard also caught and tamed three cranes. It was normal to see deer and wolves on the two hundred acres of prairie owned by his father.

Doris has two children Nadyne Riley Wood, Assumption, and Ronald of Decatur. Nadyne graduated from Tower Hill High School and is employed at the attorney office of Weber, Welsh, and Kehart in Decatur. She is the mother of three children, all in school. Ronald is a foreman at Firestone in Decatur. He has two children attending Decatur school. Floyd was a school bus driver for sixteen years.

**RONALD AND JEAN RILEY TODD
426 SOUTH MACON**

Ronald is employed at Caterpillar Tractor and Jean is a housewife and mother. Jean's mother, Lucy Riley, was the first war bride in Moweaqua during World War II. She came from London, England. They have three children, David, sixth grade, Christopher, 4th grade, and Brian, first grade. Their home was originally a farm house but was moved to town in 1965. Previous owners were Betty Pollock and Paul Cutler. Jean's grandmother, Grace Riley, is 84 years old.

**RUTH L. MONROE
630 SOUTH MACON**

Ruth was born in Sullivan and is a retired bookkeeper. Her mother, Mrs. Iva Monroe, deceased, was a practical nurse and cared for Mrs. Anna Sanner in Moweaqua. She built her home here in 1950. She and her mother both loved doggies; had Chow named "Chanquee" and two Pekingese "Toi" and a white pekingese "Ming." Ruth enjoys her home here.

She has a brother living in Peoria who has been a feed supervisor for sixteen years. She has a sister living in Collinsville, Illinois who is a bookkeeper for a Civic Center at Busch Stadium, St. Louis.

Ruth enjoys a garden of one hundred or more iris flowers, ten trees, including plans for others in the old cornfield, nine rows of asparagus. She truly loves tending her garden. She loves to mow two lots and make things more beautiful. She is a member of the National Handicraft Hobby. "Moweaqua is a great place for peace and quiet and just right to bicycle to the village for supplies on my three wheeler. 'Minquee' my Peke, thinks so, too. Happy Birthday, America," says Ruth.

**RODNEY AND JOYCE OLIGER HITE
720 SOUTH MACON**

Rod is a farmer and also works for Tomlinson's Furniture in Macon. Joyce is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital. They had a daughter, Carolyn Ann Hite, born November 19, 1975 who is deceased.

MADISON

**RUTH FARNEY TOLLY
119 WEST MADISON**

Ruth's parents were James Patrick and Bertha Whitsett Farney. Ruth's grandfather came from Tipperary, Ireland to Buffalo, Illinois. James was a barber, a policeman, caretaker of school, worked in Robinson's Feed Store and a miner. Ruth was one of six children. Ruth married Daniel Tolly in 1938 and lived in this home. Ruth has continually lived here for thirty-five years.

Dan's parents were James and Mary Alice Carsell Tolly who farmed and ran the old livery barn that stood on the corner of South Main and South Street where the L & W store is and also the livery barn that stood where Vanco Station is (Elm and North Main). Dan had one sister, Goldie who married Scott Whitsett of Moweaqua. Daniel worked at Signal Depot and later Firestone. In 1965 Dan was killed when a fork lift loaded with tires ran over him.

Ruth has been a waitress since she was sixteen years old. She started working at Cy Higginbotham Cafe on the corner of East and South Main Streets. They have two daughters. Sandra was married and is now living with her mother, and Sherry (Mrs. Donald Culp) lives at Ft. Madison, Iowa. Donald is a welder and minister at Pentecostal Church. They have three sons: Donald, fifth grade, Daniel, fourth grade, and David, second grade. "I've never cared to live any place other than this town."

**HILDA RUTH JACOBS
WINDELS APARTMENTS**

Margaret Hilda Ruth Jacobs was born October 25, 1903, at the family farm home west of Radford. Her brother Byron was born March 16, 1912. He died April 10, 1959 in Buffalo, New York. His widow, Dorothy Hendricks Jacobs is a Dental Technician in Springfield, Illinois. Their father was George Washington Jacobs who was born March 4, 1878, west of Radford and died May 1, 1952 in a Decatur hospital. George W. Jacobs and Bertha Eleanor Richhart were married in Moweaqua, October 4, 1897 by Reverend Ezra J. Durham,

Pastor of the M. E. Church. George W. was the son of Samuel Jefferson Jacobs and Rebecca Francis Smith. Bertha was the daughter of Balis A. Richhart and Maggie Stine. Bertha was born November 22, 1875 near Moweaqua and died May 10, 1954, in Jacksonville, Illinois. Samuel Jefferson Jacobs and Rebecca Francis Smith were parents of the following children: Henry, married Nannie Vaughn; George W. married Bertha Eleanor Richhart; Hattie married Eddie Thurn; Stella married Bill Durkee; Emma married John Hardin and Alta married George Matthews.

**STEVE AND THERESE SHANKS
WINDELS APARTMENTS**

Steve's parents are Richard Nichols and Bertha Shanks of Moweaqua. Steve has one brother Lloyd of Shelbyville and twin sisters, Donna and Diane Nichols of Moweaqua. Therese is the daughter of Bernard and Helen Supinie Murray of Moweaqua. She has four brothers and sisters in Moweaqua: Ben, Marcia Blades, Steve and Margaret in high school.

Steve and Therese have one son, Ryan, nine months. Steve works at N&W Railroad as a switchman. Both graduated from Moweaqua High School. Steve went to Eastern for two years. They moved to this apartment May of 1975.

**CHARLES GILLETTE
201 WEST MADISON**

Charles is the son of Louis and Edith Kurdt Gillette. He is one of seven children. William married Juanita Bilyeu, Charles Henry, Sylvester (Bud) deceased, Bernard married Belle Harriet Merryman of Moweaqua, Glen married Marie Hettinger of Decatur, Marcella (Mrs. Roy Johnston) of Moweaqua, and Helen Elizabeth deceased at thirteen years.

Charles has farmed, was disabled while in World War II. He is now retired.

**LYLE AND PAM RODMAN
205 WEST MADISON**

Lyle is the son of Lloyd and Inez Burgener Rodman of Tower Hill. Lloyd has been pastor at Knobs Baptist Church for forty years. Grandfather Sidney C. Rodman, eighty-seven years old, lives with the Rodmans. He owns a farm north of Westervelt. Sidney C. Rodman's wife's father also is a minister, Rev. Levi Corley. Lyle has four sisters, Mildred Spencer of Edwardsville, Evelyn Matthews of Champaign, Wilma Trainor of Tower Hill and Doris Hicks of Tennessee.

Pamela is the daughter of Robert and Mary Lou Boyer Keller of Tower Hill. Robert is Mayor of Tower Hill and works for J. L. Simmons Construction at Firestone. Mary Lou is a beautician with her shop next to her home in Tower Hill. Mary Lou's grandfather did live in Moweaqua in the house of Mr. John Boyer, Sr. Pam has two sisters, Judith Lynn, a senior Tower Hill and Robin L. in junior high.

Lyle and Pam married in 1973 and bought this house in 1973 from Opal Boyer Beck. Lyle has a B.A. in Speech from Cedarville College in Ohio. He is employed at Firestone Tire Building Department and also does carpenter work and siding of houses. Pam is a beautician at the Mall. She received her degree from Lakeland in Cosmetology. "I think it's a clean town with a good reputation. Character of people much better than surrounding towns."

**GLENN AND CHARLOTTE FULLER HEMER
217 WEST MADISON**

The Hemers have lived around Moweaqua all their lives and lived at this address for ten years. This house was formerly owned and built by Dwight and Grayce Snell in 1957.

The Hemers are parents of two sons: Glenn Alan Hemer and Brent Craig Hemer. Alan graduated from Illinois State University and married Mary Beth Jacobs of Moweaqua. Alan is a Lt. in the U. S. Navy, living in the Phillipine Islands. Brent Hemer graduated from ISU and is now living in Pekin, Illinois. He is employed on the PPU Railroad.

Mrs. Hemer's parents were Alfie and Ernest Fuller who moved to the Moweaqua area from Cannelton, Indiana in 1916 (both deceased). They had three daughters, Eulalia, Hazel (deceased) and Charlotte. Her grandparents were Dorothy Ann and Alfred Kincade (deceased) who moved to Moweaqua in 1912, from Perry County, Indiana. Mr. Kincade had four children by a previous marriage and two daughters by Dorothy Kincade. They were Alfie Kincade Fuller and Linnie Kincade Mosby. Her great-grandmother was Elizabeth Cross. She came to America from England when she was six years old and settled in Ohio and married David Kincade, a stone mason. They moved to Perry County, Indiana when grandfather Alfred Kincade was a small boy.

**NELLIE PINKSTON
210 WEST MADISON**

Nellie Pinkston, wife of Jake Pinkston, lived on a farm thirty years ago. They built their house in Moweaqua in 1950. She has lived around Moweaqua since 1916. Jake passed away in 1970, and now her sister Mary Barrett lives with her. Her father and mother lived in Fayette and Shelby Counties all their lives.

"I am happy I live in Moweaqua. I have so many good friends. I go to Church Sundays with my good friends. I sure have a good time." "During the Moweaqua Centennial in October 1952, I was a Woman Cop, put lots of people in jail and made them pay money to get out. It was so much fun. Everybody in Moweaqua had fun."

**MARY CRAIG BARRETT
210 WEST MADISON**

Mary moved here in 1960 having lived in Chicago for forty years. Her husband worked thirty years for School Board. Mary lives with her sister Nellie Pinkston. Mary has a daughter living in California. She has four girls. Mary has four great-grandchildren.

**DANA AND LEAH MORRELL MOORE
211 WEST MADISON**

Dana is the son of Homer and Mildred Cripe Moore of Mt. Zion and Cerro Gordo. Homer is retired from ADM and Mildred is retired from General Telephone Company. Dana is an only child. Leah is the daughter of Marcel and Irene Jackson Morrell of Moweaqua. She has two brothers, Larry of Moweaqua and Randy of Macon.

They married in 1962 and lived in Cerro Gordo before moving to Moweaqua in 1970. Dana has worked at Firestone for ten years. They have two children, Tammy a seventh grader and Lennie a first grader. Dana's hobbies are archery, hunting and trap shooting. Leah likes to sew, crochet, and be a good housewife.

**SHIRLEY ERNST MYERS
220 WEST MADISON**

Shirley's parents are Eugene and Louise Spencer Ernst, farmers in Kinmundy. Great-great-grandfather Theodore Ernst came from Germany landing at New Orleans. He came up the Mississippi to Louisville, Kentucky. They came with many German people in 1868. There was a big outbreak of cholera. Many German immigrants died during this epidemic. Her grandparents escaped the illness. Her grandfather was a musician. He also farmed north of Farina. Many Ernsts are now around Farina area. Shirley was one of four children.

Shirley graduated from EIU in 1957. She married Darrel Myers in 1958-1975. Shirley taught Home Economics in Moweaqua High School one year before she married. She has nine children, Alan, a junior, in high school, Stuart, a sophomore, Michelle, an eighth grader, Philip, a sixth grader, Lynn, a fifth grader, Patricia, a fourth grader, Karen, a third grader, Greta, a first grader and Craig, five years old.

They bought their home here in 1972. It was built eighty-two years ago by William Whitworth in the Whitworth Addition. "I really like Moweaqua and this is the place where I want to raise my children."

**LEONARD AND ZELLA McKINNEY DALBY
226 WEST MADISON**

Leonard's parents are Alvin and Mazie Leonard Dalby, farmers in Jefferson County near Mt. Vernon. Leonard is one of five children. Zella's parents are Charles and Margaret Etta Green McKinney, farmers in Jefferson County near Mt. Vernon. Zella is one of seven children.

Leonard retired from N&W Railroad in Decatur in 1973. In 1955 they moved from Mt. Vernon to Macon and in 1959 they moved to this home in Moweaqua. They bought it from Dr. H. H. Foster. Leonard and Zella have two children, Gary works for Sears Roebuck in Champaign and Randy married Cathy Cranmer of Arcola. They live at Lerna and he works for Neon Sign Company in Mattoon. They have one boy, Aaron Matthew, nine years old. "We enjoy living in Moweaqua."

**JUDY ANN BARGER
229 WEST MADISON**

Judy Ann Collins Barger was born in Decatur and is employed at Illinois Bell Telephone Company. She has one son, age four years born at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, Dennis L. Barger, Jr.

**MRS. RALPH (REVA MARKWELL CRAVEN) ADAMS
230 WEST MADISON**

Reva's first husband was Wayne Craven. After his death she married Ralph W. Adams, an attorney. Ralph's parents were George and Essie Ayars Adams. Ralph was one of three children. He was attorney for Village Board for thirty five years.

Reva's parents are Millard Fillmore and Matilda Neer Markwell, who had seven children, Mrs. John (Grace) Hardbarger, Orville, Mrs. Inez Ping, Mrs. Henry (Essie) Peabody, Mrs. Loren (Goldie) Leigh, Kenneth and Reva Adams. Reva is building a new home in 200 block North Macon, Moweaqua.

**GRACE WEMPEN
239 WEST MADISON**

Grace's mother's father fought in the Civil War. He was gold prospecting in the west at the time the war was declared and he came back to Illinois and enlisted. Her mother was born while he was in the service. He didn't see her until she was two years old. Her father's mother was the first one of her family to come to America. She came before she married (eighteen years). She came with Grace's grandfather's three married sisters and their husbands. Grandfather was in the German Army when she came. He came when he was discharged. They were married in Ohio. He had quite a time finding her as they had moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio.

Grace's husband (Wm. Wempen) lost an uncle in the Civil War, his mother's brother. Her great-grandfather on her mother's side was a Baptist minister, the other a shoemaker. Most of her relatives were farmers. Her husband's father, Ed Wempen, was born in Germany. He came to America when he was a baby (in a sail ship). It took six weeks to make the trip.

Her great-grandfather, the Baptist minister, was born in Kentucky in 1798, his wife in 1797. This is the oldest record Grace can find of any of her ancestors.

Grace is a seamstress in her home "not retired, just slowed down." She says eighty-five is not old enough to retire. Her house was built in 1895 and Susan Nichols owned it.

**JOHN AND SHERYL MYERS MORRISON
249 WEST MADISON**

John's parents are John and Mary Funk Morrison. John retired from Muellers and Mary is manager of the Moweaqua School Cafeteria. John was one of two boys. Wayne is in Riverton.

Sheryl's parents are Joe and Eloise McGrath Myers of Moweaqua. She has one brother, Ronald, who also lives in Moweaqua.

John works at Muellers (fourteen years) and Sheryl worked at General Electric.

**HAROLD AND EDITH SNYDER SPRIGGS EVERSOLE
250 WEST MADISON**

Harold's grandparents were Jacob and Katheryn Eversole. They came from Ohio to Shelby County. His parents were William and Bertha Wheatly Eversole, both lived in Shelby County most of their lives. Harold was born near Westervelt, Illinois on the family farm. He was one of five children: Harley lives in Decatur, Floyd lives in Decatur, Evelyn Shuck lives in Assumption, and Glenn lives in Vandalia.

Harold married Mae Pierce and they lived on a farm in Ridge Township in Shelby County. Their children were Dwayne, a dairy farmer near Tower Hill, Marilyn Weakly, a farmer's wife near Shelbyville, Donald a trucker from Moweaqua and Larry a farmer near Assumption.

After Mae's death, he married Edith Spriggs and they live in Moweaqua. He continues to farm on his farm near Shelbyville. Edith's grandparents were Louisa Traughber Snyder and Valentine Snyder who was born in Brown County, Ohio and came to Illinois and settled just north of Moweaqua. Her father, William Leonard Snyder lived most

of his life two miles north of Moweaqua. Her mother, Mary Ellen Parson Snyder, better known as "Belle" came from Avena, Illinois. Edith was born at the family home. Dr. Day Chandler was the physician in charge. She was one of six children: Merville Glenn, Mabel and Roy, all deceased, one brother, Harry, lives on the farm.

She was married to James V. Spriggs, who was Standard Oil agent in Moweaqua for over twenty-five years. They had one child, Wilma Louise, who graduated from MacMurray College in Jacksonville, Illinois. She married Robert Sanner, a graduate of the University of Illinois, and they live in Muscatine, Iowa. They have three children: Lori, a junior at the University of Arkansas, Jim, a senior at Muscatine High, and Randy in junior high.

LEORA YOUNKER TRUEBLOOD HADLEY SNYDER
252 WEST MADISON

Leora's parents, F. H. Younker and Myrtle Crisup were married sixty-two years and farmed in Oklahoma, North Dakota and Illinois. Her ancestors were from Germany and Ireland. Leora was one of five children.

Leora married Theodore Trueblood of Ramsey (deceased 1952). They had four children: Mrs. Roscoe (Helen) Hubner, deceased, Richard, Jr., married Helen Jones from Assumption and lives in Macon. They operate Mall Restaurant. Mrs. James (Rosemary) Hays lives in Cowden and farms, and Mrs. Leon (Betty) McLain lives in Decatur.

Leora married Ellis Hadley in 1953 and he died the same year. She moved to Moweaqua in 1954 and worked at Moweaqua Hospital, and Garment Factory at Taylorville. She married Glenn Snyder in 1958. Glenn and Leora raised many different kinds of game birds, pheasants, ducks, geese, swans, quails, partridges, grouse and pea fowls at Roy Snyder's Lake Home.

Glenn's parents, Leonard and Belle Parsons Snyder, were farmers north of Moweaqua. They had six children: Merville, Glenn, Roy, Valentine, Jr., Mabel, Harry and Edith.

After Glenn's death in 1968, Leora retired in her home. Her hobbies are knitting, crocheting and piecing quilts.

TERRY AND JANE COOMBE WORKMAN
254 WEST MADISON

Terry's parents are Melvin and Wanda Myers Workman of rural Moweaqua. Melvin worked at Staley's and Wanda at General Electric. Wanda's mother, Rosie, was one-half Indian blood. After Melvin's death, Wanda married Robert McGee and lives in Harristown. Terry is one of five children: Melvin, Jr., of Decatur, Terry of Moweaqua, Paul of Moweaqua married Diane DeClerk, Phillip of Decatur, and Karin Workman of Alabama.

Jane is the daughter of Fred and Helen McDaniel Coombe of Macon. Fred retired in 1972 from Borg-Warner and Helen (deceased) was a school teacher in area rural schools and in Macon. Some of her relatives on her mother's side helped dump the tea at the Boston Tea Party. She treasures a gold nugget her maternal great-great-uncle mined in the California Gold Rush. She has a half-brother, Richard Coombe, of Macon and a sister Andrea Coombe who will receive her RN in 1976.

Terry and Jane were married in 1966. Both went to school at EIU. Terry taught at Southwestern High, Piasa, Illinois for

two years. He came to his hometown in 1972 as coach and social studies teacher. Jane worked 1973 to 1975 at Woodcrafters in Moweaqua. Jane is now attending Millikin taking elementary education and will graduate in 1977.

Jane and Terry have two children, David, third grade, and Monica, kindergarten. Terry's main ambition when he started college was to come back to Moweaqua and coach football.

JENNIE DORSEY
256 WEST MADISON

Jennie married Joseph Harrison Dorsey in 1917 and moved to California from Augusta, Illinois. Joseph was a barber and lived mostly in Riverside and Costa Mesa, California. They had one son, James Robert, who attended school in Costa Mesa. Jennie lived fifty-five years in California. She came to Moweaqua in 1974 to live with her son a while. Jennie is living in a mobile home at present. Jennie was eighty-four years old February 26, 1976. Joseph Dorsey died in 1963.

Jennie's parents were George and Livy Ellis Hedrick who lived in Missouri. George was a building contractor. Their son, James Robert married a girl from Decatur, Patsy O'Dell and liked this country better than California and this is why he located in Moweaqua. Jennie came from California to be close to her son.

"I don't know much about Moweaqua, my sight isn't good, and I get lonesome for my old friends in California."

ROBERT AND DARLENE McCONIGA MARRS
300 WEST MADISON

Robert was born in Kansas, Illinois, the son of Harry and Irene Willison Marrs, both deceased. Darlene was born in Carlinville, Illinois, the daughter of C. B. and Retha McConiga. Her father is of Spanish descent, and is a retired carpenter. Robert has taught in Moweaqua for sixteen years. Their home is approximately twenty-five years old and was purchased from Mr. Ambers. They have one son, Kelly, fourteen years of age and a freshman at Moweaqua High.

The Marrs are interested in antique shows and coin collections. Kelly is interested in sports. Robert Marrs is extremely proud of Moweaqua School, especially the Biology Department. He is also "proud of the Middle School athletic program and the success many athletes enjoyed during junior high years under Coach Marrs."

Having taught in three different school units and living in these units, the Marrs family has now chosen Moweaqua as the ideal place to live.

HERSHEL (IKE) AND JULIA CHERRY HAYS
305 WEST MADISON

Ike's parents are Charles B. and Sarah Jane Whitsett Hays. His grandparents were William and Mary Boyer Hays. Mary Boyer and parents moved to Moweaqua in 1854. Ike's mother, Sara Jane, made her home with Ike and Julia for twenty-eight years until her death in 1961. She was honored as one of the oldest citizens at age eighty-one. She spoke of streets thick with dust or impassable with heavy mud, more saloons in town than any other enterprise, social gatherings at Illinois Central Freight Depot Yard, attended Baptist Church when a frame structure, later destroyed by fire. Ike has one brother, Ralph, in Sacramento, California.

Ike married Julia Cherry. They have three children, William (Bill) of Moweaqua, Mrs. Louise Hays Raymond and Mrs. Barbara Hays Scholz Barror. Ike worked at Oakes in Decatur, Roy Snyder Motor Company, operated Standard Oil Station from 1962-1974, known as Hays and Hays Standard. Son Bill and wife Ginny now operate the Hays Hardware Store.

They bought their home in 1944. Neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore called Ike's yard, "The Happy Yard." Twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren added to the fun activities. They are hosts annually to a huge neighborhood cookout which acquaints them with newcomers in the immediate area, and renews contacts with all the "oldies" at the same time.

Julia retired after twenty-seven years as a Histology Technician at St. Mary's Hospital. She works one day a week to keep up with new procedures.

ROBERT AND CHERYL ADCOCK GERHOLD 314 WEST MADISON

Robert's parents are John and Juanita McDonald Gerhold, farmers of Tower Hill. They are of German ancestry. Robert has a brother, John Allen, who lives in Decatur and teaches high school in Mt. Zion. Cheryl is the daughter of Robert and Joyce Burton Adcock, farmers of Assumption. She is the oldest of six children. Robert and Cheryl married in 1971 and bought this home from the Roy Moore Estate in 1974. Mrs. Moore is a relative of Cheryl's.

Robert works for Illinois Bell Telephone in Decatur. Cheryl is a mother and housewife. Their son, John Robert, is almost two years old. He is the fifth generation on both the Burtons and Adcock families.

"We have good neighbors and want to raise a family in a small town. We like living in Moweaqua."

LETO AND IRENE PORTWOOD VOUDRIE 317 WEST MADISON

Leto is manager of the newly reopened Vanco Station on North Main. Irene is a homemaker. When Leto's family came down from Canada, the name was spelled BEAUDREZ. Leto is one of thirteen children, all living, with three sets of twins, eleven boys and two girls. Irene is one of nine children, one boy deceased and three boys and five girls.

Leto's parents are Clarence and Oneta Kanoble Voudrie of Mulberry Grove. Irene's parents were Ralph and Florence Ritter Portwood (both deceased).

They bought their home in 1970 from Harold Lamb. They have three sons: Leto Dean, sixth grade, Sheldon Wade, second grade, and Jason Neil, two years.

HAROLD AND GEORGIA BRIGHT LAMB 319 WEST MADISON

Harold's great-grandfather Hancock, a Civil War veteran, died at age ninety-seven in Morrisonville. Harold's parents were Ira and Nellie Waterman Lamb, farmers in Sangamon County. Harold had one sister, Hester, who married Ed Kurr and lives in Springfield, Illinois. They have two children, Susan, a nurse and Charles, an interior decorator in St. Louis.

Georgia's parents are Mr. and Mrs. George Bright. She was one of six children. Her sister, Emma, married Chester

Dean (deceased) and lived in Moweaqua. She is now married to Ross Hullinger of Niantic. Her brother Charles (deceased) married Helena Bilyeu and lived near Moweaqua. Another brother, Dean, married Christine Newman and lives in Moweaqua.

Harold came to Moweaqua in 1938 and worked for Charles Howard, Mayor of Moweaqua, feeding cattle and breaking race horses for \$10 a week for three years. He married Georgia Bright in 1939 and lived one mile north of Moweaqua on Howard & Cross Farm now in the Roy Snyder Estate. Times were hard; Charles Howard sold Harold a 300 lb. hog for \$9. He took the hog to John Dial, west of town, who butchered it for \$1. Charles Howard took \$1 a week out of Harold's wages until it was paid for and Harold and Georgia lived "high on the hog".

He fed the cattle thru the next twelve months. Cattle feeding times got hard. Charles Howard and Cross sold the farm. Harold rented a farm one mile west and one-half mile north of Moweaqua from Joe Faith, a retired undertaker from Illiopolis. He farmed four years and milked cows for a living, sold the milk for \$1.25 a hundred pounds. Government subsidy came along and he got \$1.40 which made them a living.

Harold milked sixteen cows night and morning by light of lantern. When he rented this farm, he got a government subsidy for \$4,900. He farmed, had a sale, sold out, moved to present location and paid \$3250 for four lots, house and all. He started work at the new slaughter house, Sid Curry & Lamb. He killed the first beef in 1945. A lot of people would have gone hungry had it not been for Lamb and Curry. If you came to Moweaqua Packing Plant you didn't go hungry. When Johnny Malhoit needed slaughtering done, he'd get on the phone, "Harold, how many men can you work tonight?" He would bring as much as three loads of cattle. Next morning they'd be hanging on rail — ready for Chicago, Springfield or Peoria.

One day Harold decided the Black Market business was over. He started a milk route in Moweaqua with a horse and wagon. Everybody was poor — little kids in families that couldn't pay still got milk set on their porch. Lot of kids couldn't buy lunch. I. D. Baker was principal and Harold offered to pay for their milk. However, there was a milk fund to pay with help of PTA.

At the end of nine years, Meadow Gold came to my house and put the clamp on me, never knew I was broke until that day. I had a nice route in Moweaqua. I'd fed too many poor people and kids; the Meadow Gold Dairy bought me out in cash for enough to put me on top of the world. Next morning I turned around a couple of times; Wayne Hemer, Mayor, said "Harold, we're out of a garbage man." "Give me till tomorrow morning and I'll be in business." Harold went to Snyder Ford Garage, Ora Winter salesman, for a cheap truck. He bought a ton truck for \$150, gave him \$100 down. Had to use scoop shovel to move garbage. Business grew - finally put a hoist on the truck, then a larger truck, \$5,000. The people paid \$1 per month and he gave the best of service to everybody. Times changed, prices had to raise. Along with all this he was in the quarter horse and road pony business, wintered thirteen horses on his corner lot. He had for his son Hal and daughter Mitche, the best quarter horses he could buy. They won lots of trophies along with hard work and raised horses.

When Hal was thirteen he had the Champion POA Pony in Illinois. Mitche's interest was game horses. First horse

show they had in Moweaqua at the A. D. Day Gun Club for the Fire Department, Harold sponsored. He had no money so Georgia signed all checks for prizes. She thought Harold had lost his mind, but it paid off. This started the Fire Department Club Fund. Later sponsored show at new school site to help pay for the new pavilion in City Park. Harold agreed if the Park Board would help, he would donate half of what was made for the new pavilion. \$320.65, was presented to the pavilion committee.

The only plane ride Harold ever took in his life, he scattered 3,000 horse show bills south to Vandalia, west to Raymond and never missed a town in between. Owen Hilvety furnished the plane at no cost. When they returned to the airport, Owen said, "How do you like it?" Harold said, "To heck with you, I'm going to keep one foot on the ground."

Harold served on the Town Board for ten years, has been road commissioner for twenty-one years and always respected the aged people. He lived to see the day that we had a decent place to vote. Through Marvin Jordan, Supervisor, and Township Board and Harold — we now have a place to vote — and it's all paid for, the Moweaqua Township Building on Warren Street.

"I'd like to live here for one hundred years." Signed Harold Lamb.

ROBERT AND MARJORIE GORDEN MINOR 320 WEST MADISON

Bob's parents are John and Bertha Vitt Minor. John was a mine engineer at Peabody Coal and lived in Stonington. Robert was one of three children. Marjorie's parents are Orville and Lillie Bilyeu Gorden, retired farmers of Prairieton Township. Her ancestors settled in Prairieton Township. Orville Gorden died in 1971. They had built a new home in Moweaqua. Her mother, Lillie, continues to live in the home. Marjorie was one of three children, Carl Edward is in the insurance business, and lives in Orlando, Florida, and T. J. Gorden lives in Moweaqua.

Robert and Marjorie married in 1944 while Robert was in the Air Force. They bought apartments from Dr. Dobson estate and lived there ten years, children were born while there. They built this home on Madison in 1956. Robert has worked at Borg-Warner for twenty-five years. Marjorie maintains a beauty shop in her home.

They have three children: Marilyn Peasley of Iowa City, is an R.N. Dr. Peasley is an urologist. They have two children, John Robert, age seven and Amy Elizabeth, age three. John of Murphysboro is a teacher in junior high school. He married Charlene Haas, a teacher. Linda married Mick Novota and lives in Pensacola, Florida. She is secretary for Gulf Power and Mick is with the First National Bank. They have one son, Scottie, five years old.

CLYDE AND OLLIE WEST 321 WEST MADISON

Clyde and Ollie West moved to Decatur, Illinois in 1934 from Norris City, a small town in southern Illinois about the size of Moweaqua. Mr. West worked at St. Mary's Hospital until he retired in 1971. He still works one day a week.

They have two daughters, Patsy and Judith. Patsy married Hal D. Funk of Moweaqua. He is presently in the administrative department at Southwest Missouri State Uni-

versity at Springfield, Missouri. They have two sons, Gary and Randy. Judith married Donald Fishburn, Jr. of Decatur. He is a plumber for Ray Burns Plumbing and Heating of Decatur. The Fishburns moved to Moweaqua in 1969 so their children could attend Moweaqua Schools. The Wests wished to move to a small town when he retired.

Having visited in Moweaqua quite a bit they decided they liked it. They would be near Judy and family, and when the Funks came home it would be handy for Hal to visit his relatives and old friends. They started looking for a small house in Moweaqua but found none to suit them. They then decided to buy a lot and put a mobile home on it. After much talking they finally persuaded Harold Lamb to sell them the corner lot at Ponting and Madison Streets. They moved in November 1971 and like Moweaqua very much.

They still attend Faith Baptist Church near Decatur as they have been in church with several people there for many years. They do visit Moweaqua churches during the revivals and when they are unable to attend their own church.

WILLIAM AND BETTY DICKERSON MINOTT, JR. 330 WEST MADISON

William is the son of William, Sr. and Edith Birley Minott of Moweaqua. William, Sr., and Edith came from England. Minott's came to Niantic and to Moweaqua to work in the mine. Edith came with her parents. Bill is one of five children. Betty is the daughter of H. Lee and Edna Asa Dickerson of Decatur and Moweaqua since 1939. Lee was a shoe cobbler and then worked at Muellers. He died in 1971.

Bill and Betty have six children: James of rural Moweaqua, Diane Jostes of Moweaqua, Barbara Jesse of Moweaqua, Larry of Moweaqua, Mary Ann, a sophomore, and Billy Joe, a second grader. Bill and Betty were married in 1948 and lived at 412 East South, the old Ralph Adams home place for twenty-four years. They bought this home in 1971. Bill has worked for Moweaqua Farmer's Coop for twenty-seven years and Betty is a homemaker.

"Moweaqua is home and that's it."

EAST MAIN

DONALD COLE AND MARY DOBSON DREW 129 EAST MAIN

Don and Mary Drew of 129 East Main St. and Santa Barbara, Calif., are now part-time residents of Moweaqua. Don Drew was formerly associated with the Moweaqua Telephone Co. He and his wife have farming interests here. Don Drew is the son of the late P. L. and Frances Cole Drew. P. L. Drew, who was born on a farm near Freeburg, Ill., was a son of Donaldson Drew who later farmed in the Goodwill area northeast of Moweaqua. Mr. Drew owned and operated the Moweaqua Telephone Company from 1910 to 1958.

The late Mrs. P. L. Drew's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ruby, came from New York State to Macon, Illinois where they were the first residents. Mary is the daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. W. J. Dobson, who practiced medicine here for many years. Her grandfather, George Dobson, came from Stoxton, England, in 1858, to Linnville, Illinois. Later he went to the Cerro Gordo area to farm.

Don and Mary Drew have one son, Don C. Drew of San Jose, California, and a grandson, Christopher Cole Drew, born February 27, 1976.

GEORGE ROBISON
204 EAST MAIN

George is the son of John and Margaret Edwards Robison of Windsor. John deceased, was a barber and Margaret was a school teacher in Windsor. George is a bachelor and is a mechanic at Automasters in Decatur. He was looking for a house and found this one — the Earl Jacobs home.

"I really like Moweaqua, friendly people."

REVEREND ELDIN AND NAOMI PERRY HODGES
207 EAST MAIN

Reverend Hodges' parents were William J. and Susan Bettis Hodges. They were farmers in Quitman, Arkansas. Reverend Hodges was one of nine children. Most of his immediate family is living in Arkansas. Naomi's parents were Garnett L. and Bertha B. Johnson Perry. They too were farmers in Arkansas. Garnett finished vocal training in Texas. Both father Garnett and grandfather have published music books of conventional type singing. Naomi has six sisters and one brother.

Eldin and Naomi were married in 1940. He was a professional painter before entering the ministry. He was pastored in Arkansas and Indiana. They moved to Moweaqua in February 1976 to pastor the General Baptist Church.

The children are son, Jackie, Married and living in Little Rock, Arkansas; son, Eddie, married, living in Quitman, Arkansas, and attending Baptist Bible College. Daughter Sharon is married and living in Indiana. There are four grandchildren.

"We really like Moweaqua and find the people to be most friendly. It is so quiet and peaceful."

DON AND SUSAN MOORE HENRY
210 EAST MAIN

Don's parents are Donald Henry, Sr. and Helen Myers Henry, farmers of rural Moweaqua. They have four children: Timothy of Dixon, Illinois, Male RN School; Jill Henry Minott of Moweaqua; Jenna Henry, junior in high school, and Don Henry, Jr.

Susan is the daughter of Frank Snyder and Roberta Riedel Moore, who are farmers in this area. Frank works at Wagners. Grandparents were Frank and Lena Snyder Moore of Moweaqua. They are descendants of the original Michael Snyder of early Moweaqua.

Don and Susan married November 1975 and moved into this home. Don graduated from Lakeland College, Mattoon, in farm mechanics in 1974, farms east of Moweaqua and works at Sloan's Implement of Assumption. Susan graduated from Lakeland College in 1974. She is a dental assistant at Drs. Winter, Williams, Staley and Slusar, orthodontists.

CARL WYATT
223 EAST MAIN

Esther Workman Wyatt deceased February 1, 1976.

JOSEPH AND ELOISE McGRATH MYERS
227 EAST MAIN

Joe is the son of John H. and Ella Woodworth Myers, farmers. Grandfather Woodworth lived to be 102 years old

and also served in the Spanish American War. Joe was one of five children: Helen Carr of Decatur, Roy Myers of Wenatchee, Washington, Joseph Monterville Myers of Moweaqua, Harry Myers of Mt. Zion, and James Myers of Manitou Springs, Colorado.

Eloise is the daughter of Alfred and Bertha Portwood McGrath, farmers south of Moweaqua. Grandfather James Portwood ran Allenboro store from 1880 to 1900. He also ran a huckster wagon and came to town twice a year, 4th of July and Baptist Picnic. The Bunning brothers, Arthur and Marvin, say Allenboro was named for Roscoe Allen Portwood, son of James Portwood, who was Bertha's brother. Roscoe was killed in the mine disaster. Eloise was one of four children: Eloise Myers of Moweaqua, Lois Zeeb of Sullivan, James A. McGrath of Knight's Landing, California, and Dorothy Cameron of Phoenix.

Joseph and Eloise were married in 1934 living most of the time in Moweaqua. Joe worked for Oakes Products, MVSS, retired in 1972, and is Sanitary Engineer at Ayars State Bank. Eloise worked for Moweaqua Home Telephone Co. 1926-1936. She is now a housewife. They have two children, Ronald who married Pat Estrop of Moweaqua, and Sheryl Morrison.

HALDON AND ALICE AYARS
230 EAST MAIN

Haldon is President of Ayars State Bank and Alice is a housewife. Haldon's family came from Scotland. His maternal grandfather was a surgeon in the Civil War. His paternal grandfather owned the first mill in Moweaqua and, in fact, was killed in the mill when the flywheel broke all to pieces one morning while using the same. This same grandfather was killed seven months before his father, Mart Ayars, was born. All of Haldon's life, like his father's, was in the banking business. He naturally followed him. He is starting his fifty-fifth year in the banking business in Moweaqua.

Haldon graduated from Brown's Business College and attended two years at Millikin University, Decatur.

Alice's parents were Frank and Jessie Allen Herren. Her father was a banker in Fillmore, Illinois. Lyman Allan, her grandfather came from New Hampshire. He taught the first **silent** school in Montgomery County. Alice was one of five children: two brothers and three sisters. One sister, Mrs. Joe (Dorothy) Fearheiley, taught in Moweaqua High School. Dorothy and Joe had five children, one of whom is Judy (Mrs. Rick McKinney) who teaches in Moweaqua Elementary School. Alice graduated in piano in 1916 from Millikin University.

Haldon and Alice were married fifty-seven years on March 26, 1976. They have one son, A. Buck Ayars who lives in Northbrook, Illinois. He attended Millikin, U. of I., and Harvard University. He was an officer in the Navy in World War II. He has four children, two married, one in college, and the other in business in Chicago.

Haldon and Alice's home was built in 1851 and was previously owned by Dr. Godfrey, Jas. Rodman, and A. M. Hughey.

LOIS ADAMS LOWE
305 EAST MAIN

Lois is the daughter of J. Wheeler and Jessie Ponting Adams, descendants of Michael Snyder and Ellington Adams and Tom Candy Ponting. She is one of five children:

Alta (Mrs. Clyde Hight) of Moweaqua, Zelma (Mrs. Russell Curran) of Stonington, Thurman married Ariel Williams of Moweaqua, Lois (Mrs. Wayne Lowe, Sr.) of Moweaqua, and Cecelia (Mrs. Charles Walsh Johnson) of Macon and Rockford.

Wayne's parents were George F. and Effie Reedy Lowe, farmers west of Macon. Lowes came to southern Illinois in early 1800's and on up to Macon County. Wayne was one of four children: Bessie (Mrs. Dr. H. C. Shults) of Blue Mound, George Mervil of Macon, Wayne of Moweaqua, and Faithie (Mrs. Frank King) of Chicago.

Wayne and Lois were married in 1917 after World War I, farmed west of Moweaqua. Wayne died in 1965 from a sudden heart attack. Lois bought John Hemer's home where she is now living.

Lois has been a very important historian of many Moweaqua activities. Their children are Sherry (Mrs. John Wempen) who has three girls, Juliana (Mrs. Richard Burrow) of New Jersey who teaches German. Richard is a structural engineer. Christine (Mrs. Garry Cutler) of Moweaqua is a dietician at Memorial Hospital. Garry teaches math at Macon. Faithie is in the 6th grade at Moweaqua. Wayne Ponting Lowe married Evelyn Howard of Moweaqua. Wayne is a partner at L & W and Evelyn is a dental technician at Decatur. Their daughter Lois Louise married Craig Althoff of Wheaton. Louise is a TWA stewardess and Craig is an accountant.

Grandfather Ponting wrote his memoirs for his family in America and in England. There were thirty original copies which finally became collectors items. In 1954 Branding Iron Press published five hundred new ones. The book is early American history — how America became great, and Tom Ponting's personal story of courage and adventure.

MRS. HERMAN (ELSIE) HARTWIG
306 EAST MAIN

MRS. LOUIS (ERMA) DUEZ
311 EAST MAIN

Louis was the son of Joseph and Victoria Gregory, both born in Belgium. They came to Patent, Pennsylvania and worked in coal mines, then moved to Pana. Louis was born in Pennsylvania in 1904. He was one of five children. Victoria married Clarence Humphrey of Moweaqua, Joseph Duez, Jr. (deceased), Louis Duez, Xavier Duez lives in Pana, and Arthur lives in Jacksonville.

Erma is the daughter of Jacob and Docia Conrad Fringer, farmers in Tower Hill. Erma is one of six children: Charles of Alden, Illinois, Harry of Stuart, Florida, Paul (deceased), Ernest of Assumption, Noble of Hebron, Illinois, and Erma Fringer Duez.

Louis and Erma married in 1925 and lived in Pana, then came to Moweaqua in 1936. He started Duez Shoes and Repairs. They bought their home on East Main in 1944. Louis died in 1963, Erma retired when son, Paul, bought the business.

Louis and Erma Duez have four children. Paul Duez married Ruth Sullivan and lives in Moweaqua. He operates the shoe store and is a letter carrier. Mrs. Lawrence (Imogene) Rhodes lives in Moweaqua and is a registered nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Cardiac Care. Mrs. Raymond

(Wanda) Fulte of Metamora, Illinois is a former beauty operator and presently a house wife. Donald Duez lives in Palm Bay, Florida and is a salesman for Prudential Insurance. Erma has ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

JAMES AND ARDETH WALKER BRATCHER
316 EAST MAIN

James was born in Detroit, Michigan. Ardeth was born in Vandalia, Illinois. James has worked with the Mueller Co., Decatur for twenty-five years and Ardeth is employed at Illinois Power Co. of Decatur. They formerly lived in Fayette County, but moved to Moweaqua to be closer to work in Decatur.

James and Ardeth have three daughters. Denise attends ISU, Vida attends St. Johns School of Nursing, and Donna is a junior at Moweaqua High.

Oct. 29, 1836 is the first entry on abstract — sale of tract from United States of America to Calvin Breed. Eleanor Gray — 1856 — deceased 1874. Heir Anne E. Chamberland — sold to John M. Friedley — 1875. Other owners were Sanners, Trulocks, and Leveys.

MRS. HARLEY (STELLA TURNER) HOWSE
319 EAST MAIN

Stella's parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. Frank Turner were originally from Jamestown, Kentucky. They lived in different parts of Illinois. Her father ministered to the congregation of the Locust Grove E.U.B. Church southeast of Moweaqua. While there, Stella met and married Harley E. Howse. They had three children. Carolyn J. Warner now lives in Springfield, has four children and is now working for the State. James F. Howse is living in Assumption where he owns the Sunshine Center Laundromat. He also works with P.P.G. Industries in Mt. Zion. He has three children. Wilma C. Jones lives in Springfield. She has two children and works as a bookkeeper for Vredenberg Lumber Company in Springfield. All three of Stella's children graduated from Moweaqua High School. Stella has three great-grandchildren.

Harley was killed in a farm accident August 23, 1974. His mother, Mary E. Howse is 94 years old and lives in Shelbyville. Mrs. Howse's mother, Mrs. Mattie Stanbery was queen of the Moweaqua Centennial in 1952, at the age of 99.

Stella moved to Moweaqua from the farm southeast of Moweaqua. She likes it because it is a nice clean town. Her home was built in 1917 and the former owner was Pearl Gregory.

DUDLEY AND IRENE GOODWIN WOOD
220 EAST MAIN

Dudley's ancestors came from England in the late 1700's to Virginia. His parents, Frank and Alice Gerrard Wood, had five children. Frank was born in Ohio and moved to Cerro Gordo. Alice was born in Canada. Dudley has three brothers and a twin sister in Sadorus, Illinois.

Irene's grandfather, Thomas Goodwin, was born in England. Her parents were John D. and Minnie Matthew Goodwin. Minnie was a sister of George, John and Clarence Matthew, east of Moweaqua. John's brothers were Sam and George Goodwin. His sisters were Rose Hemer, Hattie Carroll, and Daisy Cutler, all born six miles east of Moweaqua.

Irene and Dudley married in 1963 and live in the Goodwin home built in 1888 by Benesly. Dudley worked in Decatur Signal Depot, then six years at Federal Electronics Center in Dayton, Ohio. He retired in 1967. He was in the U.S. Navy four years in World War II.

Irene's hobbies are crocheting and embroidering. Dudley enjoys flowers and traveling.

**ORVILLE AND HELEN MARTIN McCOY
321 EAST MAIN**

Orville's parents are Joseph and Ida McCoy, farmers around Hume and Brocton, Illinois. Orville is one of three children. Helen is the daughter of William and Viola Campbell Martin. William did construction work at Newman. Helen had two sisters, one being an identical twin, Ellen (deceased) who was Mrs. George Fleetwood.

Orville was road commissioner seven years at Newman. In 1946 they came to Macon and on to this home in 1949 for employment, distributor for Shell Oil Co. He continued to work for Shell Oil until his health failed in November 1974. He is now retired and occasionally helps on deliveries. "Mac" has a rose garden that gets special attention.

"We just love Moweaqua and the people that live in it — just crazy about it." Their home was built around 1900 and other owners are Mrs. Snow, Mrs. Young, K. L. Pistorius, C. B. Tailby.

**ELEANOR HIGHT
326 EAST MAIN**

Eleanor is the daughter of Glen and Elizabeth Stump, life long residents of the Moweaqua vicinity. She is the mother of Larry Hight who married Sandy Rapps from Springfield, Illinois. They live on the Hight farm south of Moweaqua.

In 1965 she moved to this residence on East Main, known as the Davis property. This home was built in 1914 by Mr. C. A. Davis. It has been occupied by the following families: Gregorays, Chapmans, Trulocks, and the Spragues. The Spragues operated a funeral home here for a number of years before selling the property to the Hights.

Eleanor is an employee of the First National Bank of Decatur. Her hobbies are painting and ceramics. The first member of the family in America was grandfather David Cameron who came from Scotland. Eleanor has two grandchildren, Amy and Todd Hight.

**V. D. (BUNNY) AND VIRGINIA SMITH ADAMSON
329 EAST MAIN**

Bunny is the son of Dwight and Bernice Bailey Adamson, of Moweaqua. Dwight and Bernice operated a hardware business in Moweaqua for forty years. There were four children: Eleanor (Mrs. Norman Jordan) of Blue Mound; Arlene (Mrs. James Sammons) of Hillsboro, Bunny, and Larry of Moweaqua.

Virginia is the daughter of Louis and Annetta Doore Smith of Decatur and rural Moweaqua. Louis retired from bus driving for City Lines of Decatur and Annetta is head cashier at Goldblatts. They retired in their new home on Pinkston Drive.

Bunny and Virginia married in 1953 and bought this home from Merryman in 1960. They have remodeled and

added on. Bunny worked for his father in the hardware business and has been with the Moweaqua Post Office for twenty years.

Virginia has been with Citizen's Bank in Decatur for fifteen years. They have two sons, Carey, a senior at Knox College majoring in economics and business education and Vernon Dwight Jr. "Bud" a freshman at EIU.

Bunny plays slow pitch softball with the Blue Blazers, golfs, and is in the church choir. Virginia enjoys reading and handiwork and flowers. She is a member of American Institute of Banking.

"A wonderful place to raise a family and closer relationships than in a city."

**DEBORAH RICHARDSON
333 EAST MAIN**

Deborah is the daughter of Richard and Alice Parks Gregory in Moweaqua. Grandma Gregory was a Winchell. Robert Winchell was born in England and settled in Windsor, Conn. in 1635. Parks ancestors also came from England. There were four Parks girls who married four Gregory brothers. James E. married Deborah, Wallace married Lydia, Thomas Jefferson married Martha, and Richard married Alice.

Deborah is one of eight children Harley Roy married Edna Grier and was president of National Bank of Decatur. Edna Maude married Ed Easley, then Court Bales, Everett married Christeen Cameron, Pearl Gregory is at Lincoln Manor. Lawrence lives in Moweaqua. Earl married Freda Roach. Haldon married Aileen Hudson of Decatur.

Roy was the son of John Henry and Elizabeth Woodward Richardson. John died when Roy was three years old. Elizabeth married Nathan Hedrick and lived in Blue Mound. His sister, Donna Richardson Etchison, lives in Decatur. He had two half sisters, Mildred and Gladys, and one step-sister Marian Buzan of Blue Mound and Decatur.

Roy was in the dry cleaning and men's furnishings until 1933. He was Postmaster retiring in 1953. Roy was a twenty-five year member of the Ansar Shrine Band of Springfield. He was in the Navy in World War I.

Deborah started teaching in 1917 at Good Will for one year and completed thirty years at Moweaqua Grade School. Her hobbies are gardening and painting.

Roy and Deborah eloped October 18, 1924, were married at Monticello on their way to the football game in Champaign. They saw Red Grange make two touchdowns on two different kickoffs. They were seated in a block of thirty seats occupied by Moweaqua fans. "No one understood why Rich and I were not excited over the game."

**BERNICE ADAMSON
338 EAST MAIN**

Bernice married Dwight Adamson (deceased) and came to Moweaqua on St. Patrick's Day 1924. They were married in the Baptist Church which stood on the corner of Landmark Mall in Downtown Decatur. It was later torn down to make room for business places. Dwight was in the hardware business in Moweaqua for forty-five years. He passed away in 1969, one week and one day before their 45th wedding anniversary.

Bernice's grandfather, Fredrick Baily, came to Illinois from Germany at the age of fourteen. Her grandmother, Henrietta Farnhorst, came with her parents from Germany when she was eleven. Both families settled in Blue Mound Township near Boody. As a young woman Henrietta, worked for the Pontings here in Moweaqua at the time the railroad was being built through the town. The boss wanted her to marry him. Later she returned home and married Fredrick Bailey and they settled on their farm west of Boody and farmed hundreds of acres. Bernice's mother, Annie, was one of eight children.

Her paternal grandparents were Joseph and Electa Baily of Plain City, Ohio. They were also farmers. Her father, Vernon Bailey went to Medical School for two years then came to Illinois with friends. He met and married Bernice's mother (who didn't have to change her name) and they settled on their farm in Blue Mound Township near Blackland where Bernice lived until she married Dwight and came to Moweaqua. Her daughter is now living on the home farm.

Bernice and Dwight had four children: Ronald Bailey Adamson (deceased), Mrs. Norman (Eleanor) Jordan of Blue Mound, Mrs. James (Arlene) Sammons of Hillsboro, V. Dwight Adamson of Moweaqua, and Larry Adamson of Moweaqua. She has eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LYLE AND FRANCES LANDERS RUOT 340 EAST MAIN

Lyle is the son of Eugene and Lola (Crocker) Ruot, from Central Illinois. Lyle's father, Eugene, came from France as a boy. He was one of ten children. His brother Leroy lives in Moweaqua.

Frances is the daughter of Charles and Veda (Bailey) Landers who lived in Central Illinois. She was one of three children. Frances attended country school (Gopher Hill), and attended Nokomis High School. Lyle went to country school (Sylvan) eight years. After graduation from Pana High School, Lyle was in the restaurant business with brother and sister for two years. He was employed by F. W. Woolworth for eight years. They moved to Moweaqua and operated the L & F Variety Store, which they bought from Blaine and Mabel Snyder in 1956. They were in this business fifteen years. He has been a partner in Ruot & Wright Contractors for the last seven years. Lyle is serving his second term as Mayor of Moweaqua. Their residence was previously owned by Vern Gregory and Bob Hammill. Lyle's mother is 83 years old.

They have four children. Charlene is working part-time at Applebaum's in Decatur. Stephen D. Ruot married Donna Blakeman and is living in Springfield and employed by Keebler Cookie Company. Charles Ruot attended Eastern Illinois University, married Mary Sue Zindel, and has two boys, Jeromy and Jason. Charles is teaching at Vandalia. Dennis Ruot married Cynthia Ater. They have a little girl, Shannon. He is working for Fleetwood Oil and manages a station at Newman, Illinois.

MARTHA BOHLEN 405 EAST MAIN

Hanko Bohlen (son of Peter H. and Maria Bohlen) and Martha Bohlen (daughter of David and Mary Freeland Sanner) built this residence in 1928. During the early years of their marriage they built a home in Decatur and another on

the farm four miles east and one mile north of Moweaqua where Rod and Nellie Stinch now reside.

Their children, Mrs. Robert (Mary) Sanders, Haldon Bohlen, and Glenn (Cotton) Bohlen all reside in Moweaqua.

Hanko Bohlen died in 1968 at the age of 83. Martha Bohlen is now 86 years of age and has been receiving total care at the Woodland Nursing Center in Mt. Zion for about a year. Martha is a member of the United Methodist Church. She has twelve grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

The first member of the family in America was Jacob Sanner from Europe who settled in Pennsylvania. Hanko's parents came from Germany at the age of seventeen.

DWIGHT AND DALETTA DAVIS WALLACE 420 EAST MAIN

Dwight's parents were Frank N. and Olivia Robinson Wallace, farmers in Ashgrove Township near Windsor. Dwight was an only child. Mother Oliva died in 1921. Frank married Sylvia Flinn. Dwight has step-sister, Zelma Flinn Crane of Tuscon, Arizona. The first member of the family in America was Leonard Nachbov, born in 1696 in Germany. He came to America in 1738 on a ship. Robert and Oliver had settled in Ohio. Dwight's grandparents lived in Ohio and later in Illinois.

His father, Thomas C. Wallace, was born in Ohio in 1850. At age 13 was apprenticed out to learn the wagon making trade. He married and moved to Illinois in 1876 and settled at Sexton Corner on a 160 acre farm. He built a blacksmith shop, and made farm wagons and buggies. He also farmed. They raised six boys. Dwight was the only grandson in the Wallace family. There were four granddaughters. He still has the anvil that his grandfather used in his trade, as well as other tools he used in his shop.

Daletta's parents were Dale and Maude Newberry Davis, farmers of Shelby County. She was one of five children. Her half-brother, Cecil Davis, lives in Neoga, Daletta of Moweaqua, Herschel Davis lives in Tower Hill, Ruth married Frank Baker and lives in Decatur, Floann married Rudolph Dowell and lives in Tower Hill.

Dwight and Daletta lived on the farm near Windsor moved to Penn Township, worked on farm and was a mechanic for Glen Humphrey when Glen was operating Minneapolis-Moline Tractor. He continued farming for self, bought this property in 1970, moved to Moweaqua in 1973, and commutes to farm. Daletta has worked at Eldorado Apparel Garment Factory for twenty-two years.

They have a son, Thomas G. Wallace, who works at Firestone and lives in Decatur. He has a daughter, Clarissa Jane, kindergarten, stepson Brian, four years and daughter Daleta Dorena, one year.

The original entry on the abstract, U.S. to William O.D. Gregory, May 19, 1849 for two acres of land. A Mr. Armstrong built the house around 1888. Former owners are James Humphrey, Jacobs, Schneipp and Pekovitch.

OWEN AND BLANCHE GARRETT HILVETY 425 EAST MAIN

Owen is the son of Luther O. and Sallie Ahl Hilvety, farmers east of Walker. Great-grandfather Hilvety came from Austria. Owen is one of five children: Owen of Moweaqua, William of Herrick, Victor of Macon, Harriet of Macon, and Grace Spalding of Moweaqua.

Blanche is the daughter of William and Myrtie Porter Garrett of Moweaqua. William was a hoisting engineer at the coal mine and farmed east of Moweaqua. Blanche is an only child. Owen has a machine shop, fertilizer plant, airport, and farms northeast of Moweaqua.

Their son, Neil Hilvety, married Ruth Boyd from Kentucky. He is a nuclear physicist and has worked for Westinghouse in Cincinnati, for Union Carbon and Carbide at Oak Ridge, Tenn., and Cleveland, Ohio. He now farms and works in the shop with his father. Neil has three children: Mark, studying at Rolla School of Mines, Brian, a sophomore, and Annette, 8th grade.

Blanche gave forty music lessons a week and was church organist for many years. She enjoys ceramics and painting (oil, pastel, and water colors) and all kinds of crafts. Owen enjoys reading and flying his private airplane.

"I have always thought Moweaqua set the pattern and style. We didn't follow, we led."

MICHAEL AND DIANE MYERS BURGNER 502 EAST MAIN

Mike was born in Decatur and has lived in the Moweaqua area all of his life. He attended the Moweaqua schools and Lakeland College in Mattoon. He is employed at Hemer's Fertilizer plant in Moweaqua. His grandfather Robinson had a feed store and hatchery on East Main Street in Moweaqua. His grandfather Burgener was a farmer in this area, as was Mike's father, Lawrence. Mike and his mother, LaVon Robinson Burgener (Mrs. Paul Kroenlein) lived at this residence before Mike was married.

William Lilly resided there before the Burgeners and operated the frozen food locker on West Main Street. Cy Hickenbottom lived at the residence previous to the Lillys and operated a restaurant on the corner of Main Street and Route 51.

Michael and Diane were married April 10, 1976. Diane's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Myers.

PAUL AND JACKLYN SCHWESKA FUNK 503 EAST MAIN

The first member of the family in America was in 1742. Great - great - great-grandfather, Joseph Funk, was naturalized in Pennsylvania where he resided at least seven years after coming from Germany. After being naturalized he became an early settler in Indiana. His grandson, Samuel M. Funk, came to Illinois, settling around Cerro Gordo where Paul's grandparents and parents lived until moving to a farm eight miles east of Moweaqua. After the death of his father, Earl Funk, his mother, Hazel Funk, moved to town, purchasing the home where Paul now lives from Mary Kuhle. This home was built in 1892, was formerly owned by W. J. Wiegman, Martha A. Goodwin, Daniel Moll and the first owner Hiram Goatley.

Jackie's father was born in Germany, coming to America as a youngster with his family and settling in Springfield, Illinois. Paul works at Mueller Co., in Decatur, and Jackie is employed by the Village of Moweaqua. Jackie and Paul have three daughters: Judy (Funk) Bennett, Jody (Funk) McLearn and Jan, a freshman at Illinois State.

WAYNE AND VIRGINIA HAWLEY GREGORY 505 EAST MAIN

Wayne's parents were Ed and Nellie Thompson Gregory, farmers in Flat Branch Township. Ancestor John Gregory is of Scotch-Irish descent and settled in State of Virginia in 1750. Samuel and Margaret Thompson came from Pennsylvania to Penn Township. Wayne is one of three children. Ralph married Lela Weakly of Obed and lives at Niantic. He is a retired truck driver for Shell Oil. Wayne lives in Moweaqua, and Alma married Hallie Weakly of Bethany area. Alma died in 1961.

Virginia is the daughter of Oscar and Flossie Shride Hawley, farmers of the Obed area. Virginia is one of five children. Floyd deceased at nine years old in wagon accident in 1920. Virginia lives in Moweaqua. Oran married Norma Hettinger (deceased). Dan lives in Oklahoma City. He owns a trucking company of forty-semi-trailers. They have a daughter, Patsy. Maribell Hawley lives in Springfield and works for the Secretary of State.

Wayne and Virginia married in 1934 and farmed in Flat Branch Township for thirty-eight years. They built their new home in 1973 in Moweaqua. They have one son, Richard Eugene, born in 1941. He married Barbara Lovegrove from Decatur. He has two step-sons Michael, 7th grade and Jeffrey 3rd grade.

Wayne enjoys hunting with bird dogs and Virginia does volunteer work at St. Mary's. "It's a great place to live — we wish we had moved in sooner."

EARL AND EDITH PEARL MATHIAS JORDAN 510 EAST MAIN

The first member of the family in America was Elijah Jordan from England who settled in Virginia. There were twelve children, seven boys and five girls.

The Jordans were relatives to the first Governor of Illinois, Governor Bond. Abraham Lincoln visited some of the Jordan relatives to read books. Distant relatives fought with the man called Swamp Fox, perhaps during the Revolutionary War. One, James Jordan, born in 1776 fought in the Revolutionary War and died in 1836.

Earl Giles Jordan and Edith Pearl Mathias were married in 1938. To this union four children were born. Patricia Jean, Esther Lorraine, William Mearl and Earlene Joy. Patricia Jean married Marshall Dennis Hilstrom in 1961. To this union four children were born. Jason Dennis, Eric Marshall, Darin Marshall and Heather Elin. She is living in St. Paul, Minn. Lorraine of Aurora is teaching at West Chicago School as a health and physical education administrator. William Mearl Jordan and Karen Sue Hays were married in 1964. To this union two children were born, Rayann and Heather. Bill is working at Caterpillar and Karen is a beauty operator at South Shores Beauty Shop in Decatur. They live northwest of Elwin. Earlene Joy and Paul Neal Noland were married in June, 1967. Paul is working as a mechanic for R. E. Common, Inc. and Earlene is employed at Boland Electric in Decatur. They live northwest of Elwin.

Earl had a twin brother, Carl Hardin, and Pearl had a twin brother, William Mearl Mathias.

Their home was built before 1885 and formerly owned by Nathan Humphrey, Ida Humphrey, Walter Humphrey, Laura Jacobs, E. O. Smith, Jr., Joseph O. Armstrong, and Mary L., George M. Keiser.

**HAL AND PAULETTE ADCOCK LAMB, JR.
101 NORTH VINE**

Hal's parents are Harold and Georgia Bright Lamb of Moweaqua. He has a sister Mitche Miller of Moweaqua who has two girls, Jo Lynn and Terrie. Paulette is the daughter of Erval and Helen Ash Adcock of Havana, Illinois. Erval had the Oldsmobile dealership in Havana and is now working for the State of Illinois. Helen lives in California. Paulette is an only child.

Hal and Paulette were married in 1968 and lived in Decatur. They bought this house from Kenneth Cutler in 1970 when they moved to Moweaqua. The house was built in 1880's and known as the Garrett House.

Hal has worked at Wagner Castings for seven years. Paulette has a beauty shop in her home. They have two children, Dawn, age five years and Chad age one and one-half years. Hal's hobbies include fishing, golf, peonies, and horses. Paulette likes sewing and golf. "A clean and friendly town."

WEST MAIN

**JAMES AND PATSY O'DELL DORSEY
200 WEST MAIN**

Jim and Pat both work; Jim at Caterpillar and Pat at the Eastern Star Home. Their family originally came from Ireland and settled in Missouri and Pennsylvania. Jim and Pat previously resided in California and Decatur. They moved to Moweaqua to buy a big house and raise their children. Their house was built over 100 years ago and was owned by Chalk Howard, and the Snyder bankers.

Jim's mother, Jennie Dorsey is 84 years old. They have five children, three sons and two daughters. Their oldest son, Robert, is married and has a son two months old making Jim and Pat grandparents on Christmas Eve 1975, also their youngest, Susan's eighth birthday. Their next oldest, Sherry, will graduate this year. Tim and Stephen are also students at Moweaqua.

Jim and Pat enjoy their family and also enjoy collecting antiques. They appreciate the warm secure feeling you get in a community like Moweaqua and are happy to be a part of it.

**WAYNE PONTING AND EVELYN (HOWARD) LOWE
201 WEST MAIN**

Wayne is co-owner of L & W Market and Evelyn is a dental assistant and secretary. Wayne's parents are Wayne Sr., (deceased) and Lois Adams Lowe. Evelyn's parents were Charles and Pearl Howard. They have one daughter, Lois Louise (Pug) married to Craig Althoff and living in Wheaton, Ill. Pug is an airline hostess for TWA and Craig is completing studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle.

John Lowe was the first member of the family in America. He came from England in 1792 and settled in Tennessee. Evelyn's family pioneered America long before the Revolution. Grandparents Adams lived in Prairieton Township, Grandparents Standley lived in Pickaway Township, and Grandparents Howard lived in Moweaqua.

Their home was built in 1862. 1834 was the first entry on the abstract from the U.S. Government. 1862 we feel was

when the original house was built. 1875 a "Vacation Deed" was issued giving Michael Snyder the right of way for streets and alleys. 1894 the property became known as the Corrington Addition. 1895 the first mortgage was recorded for \$700.00. In 1909 C. E. and Lottie Bethards purchased the property. In 1926 Tressie Goodwin purchased the property. In 1949 Wayne P. and Evelyn Lowe purchased the property.

**MICHAEL AND CAROL ADAMS EKMAN
220 WEST MAIN**

Michael's parents are Eugene and Rowena Prapher Ekman from Waukegan, Ill. His ancestors originally came from Finland. Carol's parents are William and Barbara Corwin Adams, from California. Barbara Corwin was originally from Ohio and her father Walling Corwin, an author who wrote a series of science books used in college as textbooks, was listed in Who's Who of America. The Corwin's are a famous name in Morrow, Ohio.

Michael works at Emerson's Piano House as an electronic technician. He repairs pump organs as a hobby. Carol graduated from San Diego State College with a major in Human Development and Family Life. Carol is author of Carol's Corner of Moweaqua News.

Michael and Carol have four children: Todd R., third grader, Tiffany, first grader, Tasha Rene, four years old, and Trinity, three years old.

After six years in the Navy, Michael found employment in 1973 at Emerson's Music in Decatur. The Ekmans moved into the old "Potts" house on West Main. In doing some remodeling the found bricks between the walls used for insulation.

The Ekman's (Eckman, the "c" was dropped when coming from Finland) call their house the "Ebenezer House" from the verse in the Bible, I Samuel 7, verse 12, "Hitherto the Lord has helped us." Ebenezer House has been established for the use of the Lord in whatever way He wants. In Carol's words, "The Lord has helped us come as far as we have come now. Our house is open twenty-four hours a day to anyone who wants to come and talk and pray with us."

Their primary concern and care is raising their four children.

**LAWRENCE AND VIOLA HARRIS GOODWIN
232 WEST MAIN**

The first member of the family in America was Thomas Goodwin from England in 1844 who settled in Madison County, Illinois. Lawrence is the son of George W. Goodwin and Tressy Armstrong Goodwin and has always lived in this area. He had a brother, Harold A. Goodwin, who passed away two years ago in 1974.

Viola was born in Alton, Indiana, daughter of Samuel F. Harris and Almeda Pearson Harris. They have one daughter, Betty. She married Robert Van Syckel and lives in rural Moweaqua.

The home Lawrence and Viola live in was built about 1885. Former owners are Valentine Snyder and Judge S. S. Clapper. Lawrence is a retired farmer.

"This town has sure changed since I was a boy. There were three livery stables here. I think at one time there were seven barbers and you had to wait to get your hair cut.

**C. EFFIE ALLEN
240 WEST MAIN**

C. Effie Allen lives in the former Gregory property on West Main St. Clarence and Effie bought it from the Leslie Gordon heirs in 1963. Clarence's father, John Allen, was born in Putman Co., Ind. in 1856, the son of Emaline and Barney Allen. John Allen came to Illinois around 1890, married Martha J. Sanders near Toledo, Ill. in 1893. She was the daughter of Nancy J. Echart and Wiley Sanders.

Paternal grandparents of Effie Tolly Allen was Grandfather Cornelius Tolly. His father's name was James Tolly. Grandfather Cornelius' brothers and sisters were Vacey Tolly Killian, Susan Tolly Hill, Levi and Isaac Tolly. Effie's father, son of grandfather Cornelius was J. Samuel Tolly born one mile south of Pleak, Shelby County, in 1875. His wife was Anna M. Bryson Tolly born in 1878. Her grandmother Tolly was Mary E. Shumake born in Illinois in 1839, daughter of Wm. Shumake born in 1798 and his wife Rebecca born in 1805, maiden name unknown.

Her maternal great grandfather was James Bryson born in 1828 in Kentucky. His wife was Rachael Hill. His parents were Elisha born 1795 and Mary Cynthia Ward. Grandfather John Henry Bryson, born 1854 in Shelby County married Louisa Emaline Gorden, birth date 1856, the daughter of Levi Gorden born 1815 and Mary E. Larkin Gorden born in 1832. Effie's mother Anna M. Bryson Tolly, daughter of Henry and Emaline Bryson was born in 1878 in Shelby County, Illinois. It is said her grandfather Cornelius Tolly went to Shelbyville, Illinois on court business when he was young and a baby boy that had been found near a railroad track was brought back to their home for care. As the child didn't have a name he was given the name of "Billy Shelby" for Shelby County.

Mrs. Essie Stine gave Effie a Picture of this child when he was a young man within the last ten years. How long he was kept by grandfather Tolly's or whatever happened to him isn't known.

Listed is seven generations that Effie has seen in her lifetime: Great-grandmother Mary E. Larkin, born 1832; Grandmother Louisa Emaline Bryson, born 1856; Mother Anna M. Bryson Tolly, born 1878; Effie Tolly Allen, born 1903; Son, Harold Dean Allen, born 1928; His children, the sixth generation, James, Louise Schinzler, Kenneth, Linda and Dawn; her great-granddaughter Becky Sue Schinzler, born 1974.

A rare record as that is a span of one hundred forty-two years, only four generations alive at one time.

**W. B. AND OPAL BENSYL WIDICK
241 WEST MAIN**

W. B. Widick, the only child of William Widick and Hattie Bradley Widick was born and raised in the Moweaqua area. Opal Bensyl Widick was born in Monticello, Illinois, the daughter of John A. Bensyl and Frances Foraker Bensyl. They have one daughter, Marilyn Widick (Mrs. Bob Younker). They have two grandchildren, Jeff, a freshman at Moweaqua High, and Judy who attends Eastern Illinois University.

W. B.'s home was built in 1914. Former owners were Ed Corrington, Ted Snyder, Harry Curzon and Frank Simpson.

W. B. and Opal belong to the Central Illinois Horseless Carriage Club of Decatur. He owns a 1915 Overland Touring

car bought in Findlay out of a barn (a pile of rust, stored from 1923 to 1952) from Glen Yantis. With the help of Dwight Eskew's painting and Paul Howse's reupholstering, it was restored. Paid Yantis \$60.00 for the car, spent \$900 on it in 1952. In 1915 this car Model 81 cost \$850. W. B. and Opal usually get a second or third prize at the shows.

**EDGAR AND KAY JACOBS
248 WEST MAIN**

Ed and Kay moved here from the Chicago area, and are living in the former home of Ida Smith Bales built approximately 1885. They are of English and German ancestry.

Both Kay and Ed enjoy collecting antiques and have some nice things. Kay investigated the stairway in the home and it is solid walnut. They are working on this stairway now. Kay likes collecting toothpick holders. Ed is a retired electrician and still does some work along this line. They have done extensive remodeling on their home.

They have three daughters and one son, all living in the Chicago area. There are seventeen grandchildren. Ed and Kay like country living, and the quiet and fresh air. Ed enjoys hunting, fishing, and golf. He has taught golf.

**JOSEPHINE ADAMSON COFFMAN
249 WEST MAIN**

Josephine was born in Moweaqua and attended Moweaqua Public School. her son, Lee Harding Coffman, was born in the Moweaqua Hospital, attended Moweaqua Community School, and is employed at Decatur Herald & Review; Decatur. Lee married Jo Ann Eversole who was born in Moweaqua and attended Pleak Grade School and Moweaqua Community School. She is employed in the office of Bemco Mfg. Co., Decatur. Lee and Jo Ann live at 12 Brownlow Dr., Decatur. They have two children, Debra Jo Coffman is a senior at Eisenhower High, Decatur, and Rodney Lee Coffman attends seventh grade at John's Hill Middle School.

See other pages in book for Coffman and Adamson stories.

**DR. PAUL AND BETTY BEILSMITH BRESNAN
301 WEST MAIN**

Dr. and Mrs. Paul Bresnan's home was at one time rented for a parsonage for Rev. and Mrs. Rose. It was built about 1902.

The Bresnans have nine children and two grandchildren. Mrs. Bresnan was the former Betty Beilsmith of Decatur, daughter of Herbert L. and Eva Buck Beilsmith from Assumption and Vandalia.

Their children are: Paula (Mrs. James Atwood) who lives in Springfield with her husband, son and daughter. Mike who is in Dallas, was given an Eagle Scout Award along with Tom Bilyeu on the day President Kennedy was shot. Mike and Tom remain the best of friends. Andrew is a graduate of Eastern and works at Northern Propane in Moweaqua. Jerome (Jerry) is preparing to take some classes at Richland Community College and works in Decatur. Marcia is a student at Illinois State University. Terry, a junior, Daniel, an eighth grader, John, a sixth grader, and Timothy, a second grader are students at Moweaqua Community School.

Dr. Bresnan, an optometrist, has had his office and practice here for twenty years. Office hours in Moweaqua on Wednesday, otherwise in his main office at 1023 W. Eldorado, Decatur. The family has lived here for nineteen years. Dr. Bresnan has worked in Scouting, especially Cub Scouts. He was a professional bowler and toured in tournaments in Arkansas, Kentucky, Michigan and Illinois.

Betty works in the office for her husband and enjoys riding her bicycle.

**ORVILLE AND JUNE RILEY SCHMAHL
306 WEST MAIN**

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Schmahl and their children have lived in town eleven years. Their daughter, Mary, is in nurses training in Decatur. Stacy is in the fourth grade. Leslie and Mendie are pre-schoolers. They also have a daughter, Peggy Schmahl Standley, and granddaughter in Mesa, Arizona.

Orville's parents were Edmond and Martha Keatzel Schmahl both from southern Indiana. He was raised in this area. He had an auto repair shop here as well as employment at Illinois Power in Decatur. He is serving on the Town Board. June is the daughter of Harry Riley and Eva Hinton Riley (both deceased) of Shelbyville, Illinois. She has a twin. Friends and neighbors can hardly tell them apart.

Great-grandfather Schmahl came from Germany and settled in Indiana.

**ROBERT AND CHERYL NEWBERRY RIEDLINGER
307 WEST MAIN**

Bob, his father, Leo Riedlinger, and grandfather, John Riedlinger, all worked at Staley's. His father retired having worked forty-seven years. Cheryl's father, George Newberry, and grandfather Emmett Leek, also worked at Staley's. Mr. Newberry worked there 36 years and Bob has worked sixteen years.

Before Cheryl married, she worked at Soy Capital Bank. She had the occasion of working at the desk which was in front of \$1 million on display in \$1 bills. Cheryl is now a homemaker.

They moved from Decatur to Moweaqua when they married to live in a smaller community.

Bob and Cheryl have four children, Michael, first grader, Anthony, entering kindergarten in the fall, Carrie, two and one-half years old, and Angel, one and one-half years old.

**WILLIAM AND JOAN FEARN MOORE, SR.
313 WEST MAIN**

Bill is retired from the Moweaqua Seed Co. Joan is employed at Lolas's Fashions. Bill's parents were E. Frank and Evalena Snyder Moore, both deceased. Joan's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fearn of Moweaqua.

Bill and Joan have two sons, Brad, who lives at home and works for Farmer's Co-op, and William Moore, Jr., married Susan Jordan, have a daughter, Rebecca. They live in Warrensburg. He is with Caterpillar Tractor and Susan is a medical secretary in Decatur.

William R. Moore, Sr., William Moore, Jr., Bradley J. Moore, and Rebecca Jo Moore are direct descendants of Michael Snyder.

**RACHEL HEITMEYER
LAWRENCE E. HEITMEYER
316 WEST MAIN**

Rachel and Lawrence's parents were Henry and Anna Brink Heitmeyer. Their father, Henry Heitmeyer was born in Posen, Germany. He was nine years old when he and his parents came with a group to St. Louis and up to Centralia where he became a farmer, stock raiser and buyer. They reared five boys and three girls. Vernie married Dean Brooks in Decatur.

Rachel and Pearl Heitmeyer lived eleven years at 306 West Main. After Pearl died in 1957, Rachel sold the larger house to the Schmahls and built the smaller house in 1959 where she and her brother now live.

Lawrence married Mary Jane Burnett of Shelbyville. They lived in Chicago thirty-two years, moved to Decatur in 1956. After the death of his wife in 1959, Lawrence returned to live with his sister, Rachel, in 1961. He enjoys fishing and hunting.

Rachel has been a member of the Methodist Church over fifty years. She has conducted the Nursery Sunday School Class for over twenty years.

**FERN SCHMAHL STUMP
321 WEST MAIN**

Fern's parents were Raymond and Tillie Cline Schmahl who were both born in southern Indiana. They moved to Obed area in 1917. Fern went to Moweaqua area rural schools and Moweaqua High School. After Doug and she were married they lived in Shelbyville, Effingham and Belleville where he was in government work. He spent two years in the Navy. They moved to Moweaqua in 1949. They bought this house from Bob Dorsey's grandparents estate. There was an "Aunt" Phoebe Jacobs, who lived here before the Dorseys. Doug passed away in 1974. He had worked at Caterpillar in Decatur over eighteen years.

Fern worked in the school cafeteria in the old school the major part of the last school year there after Mrs. Odessa Kirk became unable to work. She worked as cafeteria manager in the new school until 1974 when she retired.

Doug was born on a farm seven miles east and three and one-half miles south of Moweaqua. His great-grandfather, a Mr. Hoy, built the house where Doug and his father, Noble were both born. Those farm buildings are all gone now. Doug's parents were Noble and Ethel Carroll Stump. His mother lives at 342 East Wall. His father died in 1957. Doug was an only child.

Fern had one sister, Ilda, who drowned in a boating accident on Lake Decatur in 1955, and two brothers Wesley and Clayton. Wesley died, Clayton lives at Forsyth.

Doug and Fern had three children: Wayne who lives at Minneapolis, Janet Daughhett who lives at Morton, and Roger, who lives near Oreana. Each has two children.

**PAUL AND BRENDA KEMPER COFFEY
324 WEST MAIN**

Paul and Brenda Coffey moved into their home eleven years ago. Paul was born in Taylorville, Ill., son of Roland Hugh Coffey and Ellen Bailey Coffey. He is an employee of Caterpillar Tractor Co., in Decatur, Illinois. He is also Democrat Precinct Committeeman. Brenda is the daughter of Marge Parker Kemper and the late Charles Kemper of

Moweaqua. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Parker. She is a beautician.

They have two children: Kent, a seventh grader, and Teresa, a sixth grader at Moweaqua School. Their home was built in the late 1800's or 1900. Former owners of the house were Thompson, Dr. Kyner, Mrs. Glen (Madge Adamson) Gregory, and Charles Landers.

**ARTHUR AND ISABEL SMITH CALLISON
330 WEST MAIN**

Arthur L. Callison, his wife Isabel, and son Richard, reside in the home formerly owned by a veterinarian, Dr. Wooters. It has been in the Callison family for fifty-three years.

Art is owner of Callison Ford Sales in Moweaqua. Isabel is a homemaker and former school teacher. She was born in Assumption the only child of William and Irene Malhoit Smith. Isabel was organist for many years at St. Francis De Sales Church in Moweaqua.

Dr. Joseph Callison, Art's father, was a veterinarian and served the Moweaqua community for many years. A native of Missouri, he came to Moweaqua from Ramsey, Illinois in 1923 and died October 1960. He married Loka Whitten from Ramsey. Art has one sister, Mrs. James C. (Hildred) Wantland of Macon.

Art and Isabel have two sons. Rick works with his father at Callison Ford Sales. Joe works and lives in Decatur.

**MARTHA MORROW
330½ WEST MAIN**

Martha teaches language arts in Assumption School. She has taught there four years. She moved here in January 1976 to be near her work.

**HUBERT AND GENEVA WILSON COX
333 WEST MAIN**

Hubert and Geneva are partners with their daughter and son-in-law Cynthia and Roger Seifert in the Sew 'N Save Fabric Center in Moweaqua and Shelbyville.

Amzi Luther Cox, born in Decatur, Illinois, was one of thirteen children born to Christopher Columbus Cox, and Sarah Jane Cunningham. Ephraim Cox, the father of Christopher Cox, born 1778, migrated from the state of Maryland to Decatur, Illinois in South Wheatland Township where Christopher was born. When Amzi was twenty he moved with his parents to Moweaqua in Penn Township near Prairie Home. Amzi Luther Cox was united in marriage to Emma L. Taggart, daughter of Calvin William Taggart and Esther Ann McNaul, both being from Prairie Home, near Moweaqua. The grandfather of Calvin William Taggart was a native of Antrim County Ireland.

Amzi Luther Cox and Emma L. had three children: Guy Earl Cox, Floyd Taggart Cox, and Esther Mabel Cox, Floyd Taggart Cox first married Daisy Wise, daughter of Samuel J. Wise of near Sanner Chapel Church in Penn Township and had one daughter, Lily Vivian Cox who married George Lewis Carspecken.

Floyd Taggart Cox then married Ruby Irene Myers, daughter of Edd Myers and Callie Victoria Bieber Myers who lived for several years southeast of Moweaqua as

farmers. They had three children: Hubert Wayne Cox, Dwight Earl Cox, and Merlyn Keith Cox.

Hubert Wayne Cox married Geneva Lee Wilson Cox in Kentucky and to them were born Cynthia Lee Cox, who married Roger Seifert, son of Carl Lee Seifert and Bonnie Lee Moore Seifert, all of Moweaqua, and Terrence Wayne Cox who married Carla Sue Brown, all living in Moweaqua. Their home was built in 1909 and was previously owned by Mrs. Nellie McGee Duckwall Bancroft.

NORTH MAIN

**MAUD GILES
106½ NORTH MAIN**

Maude is the daughter of Chester and Emma Getz Giles. Her grandmother was Alice Pinkston. Maude is one of six children. Maude of Moweaqua, Mildred of Glendale, California, Mural graduated in 1925 and was manager of Foremost Dairy Products in Los Angeles (deceased 1966), Clyde married Frances Wise of Moweaqua and lived in Downers Grove and worked for Theidels Dryers and Cleaners (deceased 1973), Glenn of Moweaqua and Lloyd of Moweaqua.

Son, Harold, died in 1953 in an airplane accident west of Moweaqua. He was a CAP (Civil Air Patrol) pilot.

Maude has worked at many and various restaurants, plants, factories, and Moweaqua Packing Plant for almost fifteen years. She is always ready to help when called upon.

**DONNA HARRISON
106 NORTH MAIN**

Donna moved to Moweaqua in October 1975 because she likes the town and it is close to her work and several of her friends live here. Donna teaches art in the Assumption Schools.

**PAUL AND IDA HARRELSON
105 NORTH MAIN**

Paul works at Caterpillar in Decatur and Ida owns Curiosity Antique Shop in Moweaqua. The first member of their family in America was Paul and Rebecca Harrelson from Holland in 1731 who settled in the Carolinas.

Paul and Ida lived in several different states and moved to Moweaqua because of the business location. The Curiosity Shop was developed from a hobby of collecting antiques that outgrew its quarters. They came to Moweaqua in 1969 to open their present shop. The building where the Curiosity Shop is located was built in 1918. It was purchased from Chester Hodge.

They have two children living in Decatur and two grandchildren.

**GEORGE FORSTON
113 NORTH MAIN**

George is a son of Elva and Myrtle Chambers Forston who were farmers in Warrick County, Indiana. He is one of a family of eight children. He came to Moweaqua in 1958 to open up a barber shop. He purchased the former Cheatham's Grocery Store building in 1959, remodeled into a modern shop where he continues to barber.

He has three children: Rayla Jo, a sophomore, Lenya Le, eighth grade, and George Martin, sixth grade. The children live with their mother, Beverly Patton Forston in Moweaqua.

George and John Ashley organized the Moweaqua Sportsman's Club with George the first president. He served five years in this capacity. Six months after organization, John Ashley was killed in an airplane accident. The name was changed and the club was built as a memorial to John Ashley in 1967.

George's hobbies are trap and skeet shooting and community activities.

STEVE STEWART
113½ NORTH MAIN

Steve is employed by the Village of Moweaqua. He lives in the apartment over Forston's Barber Shop.

BOB AND CONNIE ESKEW
115½ NORTH MAIN

Bob's grandparents lived in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Moweaqua. His parents are from Moweaqua.

Connie's folks are from Tennessee. Connie and Bob have one child, Cassie, one and one-half years.

CATHERINE HUNT REATHERFORD
119½ NORTH MAIN

Catherine has worked sixteen years for Windel's Restaurant. The first member of Catherine's family in America was her great-grandfather Henry Shafer who came from Germany. Catherine moved to Moweaqua from Taylorville when she and Clarence Reatherford were married because it was her husband's hometown.

Clarence was born and raised around Moweaqua. He and his brothers had a trucking company. They hauled butter from Moweaqua Butter Co., located where the Post Office is now, to Chicago; and hauled horses for Jake Pinkston to St. Louis. In later years, Clarence ran a grocery store in Moweaqua.

Clarence married Catherine Hunt and they had a daughter Rosaleen. She went to Moweaqua School. Clarence died in 1961 and Rosaleen was killed in a car accident in 1963 at the age of sixteen.

Catherine's mother-in-law, Mary Reatherford Spangler is 102 years old. She is one of the oldest people around Moweaqua.

DENNIS AND ALMALEE ZINDEL
119½ NORTH MAIN

Dennis and Almalee have a son, Dennis Lee Zindel II.

JAMES AND MARGERY COLE
119½ NORTH MAIN

James' ancestors are Black Feet Indians. His Grandma Cole is a full blooded Black Foot Indian, as was her father and his father before him. His great-grandfather was a chief of the Black Feet Indians. His tribe like other Black Feet tribes were excellent hunters and warriors. When he passed away he was buried not too far from Pana, Illinois. His grandmother, who lives in Pana, visits his grave weekly.

Margery's grandparents came from Italy approximately fifty years ago. They came to Illinois and resided in Chicago, where Nicholas Perry opened an Italian restaurant. The Krolls are German with British and French royalty in their background. Sir Byron Humphrey of England was Donald Kroll's great-great-grandfather. James and Margery have a daughter, April, who is two years old. They moved from Assumption because they enjoy this peaceful community.

RANDY AND SUZIE BURSON
119½ NORTH MAIN, APT. H

Randy works at Sloan's Implement in Assumption and Suzie is a housewife. They moved to Moweaqua from Casey because of his employment. The first member of their family in America was William Brewster from England, who settled in Virginia.

WALLACE AND LORRAINE BRADY
119½ NORTH MAIN

Wallace works at Borg-Warner, York Division. Lorraine works at the Triangle Supper Club, Stonington. They have one daughter, April Lynn, who is one year old.

BETTY J. BROOKS
CHARLES DWANE BROOKS
130 NORTH MAIN

William J. (Billy) Brooks was born in a log cabin in Nebraska in 1877 and came to Illinois in a covered wagon when a child. Mrs. Brooks, the former Mae Hall, was born in Monticello, Illinois, in 1887. The Hall's came from Ohio.

Mr. Brooks came to Moweaqua in the early 1920's. He conducted a business here, dealing in groceries and fresh meat. He owned his own slaughter house, located a quarter of a mile east of Moweaqua. He bought livestock from area farmers, which he prepared and sold in his Cash Market. Mr. Brooks was mentioned in *Who's Who In Business Moweaqua* in the 1920's.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks had a large family, thirteen children. Three of the children died in infancy. Viola Dean married Vernon C. Heitmeyer of Decatur. Herbert Bae married Dorothy Donaldson of Tower Hill, now Lovington. Paul Leonard married Dorothy Catherwood of Moweaqua, live in Findlay. Virgil William died in 1962. Edward Marion married Marie Choate of Taylorville, live in Decatur. Herschel Wayne married Pansy Shewmake of Windsor. He is living in Decatur. R. Oliver married Margery Cruit of Windsor live in Findlay. Gale B. married Peggy Knittle of Decatur where they now live. Betty Jane and Dwane, both live in Moweaqua. They have eighteen nephews and nine nieces including twins, Janet and Janis.

Betty and Dwane lived in Assumption but returned to Moweaqua after nine years to their hometown.

Betty Jane Brooks has worked at the York Division of Borg-Warner since April 8, 1955. Charles Dwane Brooks has been an employee of the Wagner Castings Company since 1949. Betty and Dwane sold the home place of East South St. after the death of their parents, Billy Brooks (1954) and Mae Hall Brooks (1958).

**LOUISA MORRELL KEMPER
203 NORTH MAIN**

Louisa's great-grandfather, Josiah Hudson came to Moweaqua from England before 1900. Then her grandfather and grandmother, Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Hudson and six children came to Moweaqua in 1900 from England. Her mother was seven years old. Her father, Marcell Morrell, was born in France and came to Moweaqua when he was a young boy. They had seven children. Louisa married Pearl L. (Boo) Kemper, who died in September 1968. Daughter Karen, married a Moweaqua boy, Charles Dean Wise. They have two children, Deeanna and Danny. They live south of Pana.

In Louisa's family there has been six generations raised in Moweaqua so far. The home her grandfather built here in 1900 is still in the family. Her mother and father owned it after her grandparents died. Now her brother Oliver owns it on Cherry Street.

One of her uncles, Oliver Hudson, was killed in the Moweaqua mine disaster and her father, Marcell Morrell, was one of the rescue workers who went down in the mine to bring out the men. As luck would have it for him, he was working in the Langleyville mine at the time or he would have been in the disaster, as he had worked in the Moweaqua mine before, starting at the age of fifteen or sixteen years old.

**GLADYS COLF CUTLER
215 NORTH MAIN**

Gladys' parents, Edgar and Edith Neiman Colf lived in Carleton, Michigan, a town named after Will Carleton, a poet. Gladys was one of twelve children, all deceased except the four in Michigan.

Gladys married Mark Cutler, son of Thomas and Amanda Cutler of rural Moweaqua in 1943. Mark worked in construction as a welder and pipe fitter. They had two children, Marlene Cutler Allison of Moweaqua, and Mark Allen married Ronda Tarrant of Taylorville. She has four grandchildren.

Mark died in 1971, age fifty-three, from a heart attack on his birthday. Gladys started working at Stewart's cleaners in 1971.

**ROBERT AND ESTHER DOWD GRAVEN
MRS. LOUISE DOWD
220 NORTH MAIN**

Robert works at Fleetwood Oil Co. in Moweaqua and Esther is a housewife and mother. Thomas Graven is the first known ancestor. He moved to Sullivan, Illinois from Mt. Washington, Kentucky in 1855.

Robert and Esther are the parents of six children: Robert, U.S. Army, Rhonda, a senior, Ronald, a junior, Randal, a freshman, Ramona, a seventh grader, and Russell, pre-school class. Esther's mother makes her home with the family at 220 North Main.

William Dowd, wife's grandfather, was said to have brought the first load of coal up from the Moweaqua Coal Mine. Bernard Dowd (wife's father) was supposed to be at work the day of the mine disaster, but his wife was sick and when he asked his mother to stay with her, she told him of a dream she had and warned him not to go to work. He stayed home that day and lived until 1972. She also warned another son, Earl Dowd, not to go the mine, but he did and was killed.

Nathan Francis, the man who owned the lumber yard, bought the lots in 1892 and he built the house. Jesse C. and Amy M. Adams bought the place in 1910. Lewis Rettig bought the place in 1911. Celia Noling bought the house from her mother's estate in 1956. Robert Graven bought the place from Mrs. Noling's estate in 1975.

**LORINE A. DOVE SWONK
303 NORTH MAIN**

Lorine is the daughter of William and Florence Workman Dove. William's parents were born and raised in St. Louis area. Florence's came from Kentucky and Tennessee. She has a sister, Harriett Dove Lassin. Lorine is a LPN retired, did private duty in homes in Chicago and Moweaqua. She married Glen Swonk and lived in Chicago. He managed an F. W. Woolworth Store. He deceased from a heart condition several years ago.

They had three children: Francis married Teru from Japan. They are a very happy and wonderful family at Blue Grass Depot, Lexington. They have a son, Glen, and daughters Elizabeth and Josephine. The twins were born in Beardstown Hospital. Leo Swonk of Champaign is an employee of Kroger Store, head of the Meat Dept. They have three children, Lorine, Mary Lu, and Steven. Louis married Florence Van Dyke of Philadelphia and live in Moweaqua. They have on son, Todd.

Lorine belongs to Legion Auxiliary and makes trips to Danville Veterans Hospital. She has given of her time and energy to help many people. She is always a help in an emergency.

**DOROTHY MERRIMAN
310 NORTH MAIN**

Dorothy graduated from Assumption High School in 1973. She lived in Assumption with her parents until August 1975. After graduation she worked for Illinois Consolidated Telephone Company in Taylorville for two years. In June of 1975, she began employment at the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

**CLARENCE GENE AND CAROLYN SAMPSON NEELEY
314 NORTH MAIN**

Gene's parents are Clarence and Ruby Neeley of Moweaqua. Gene married Carolyn Sampson from Decatur. He works at Kentucky Litho in Macon and Carolyn did work at G.E. in Decatur.

Their home was built in approximately 1891. Other owners were Lucy Dial and George Tolly. Gene's hobbies include baseball, basketball and bowling.

**HARRIETT DOVE LASSIN
315 NORTH MAIN**

Harriett's parents are William H. and Florence Workman Dove. William was born and raised in the St. Louis area and Florence from Kentucky and Tennessee. She has a sister Lorine Dove Swonk. Harriett has been a nurse's aide at Eastern Star Home in Macon for thirteen years. She lived in Chicago for twenty-five years before moving to Moweaqua in 1957.

In 1947 she married Louis Lassin, a tile setter in Chicago. He died in 1961 from heart problems. He had a son, Louis, and daughter, Joan, of Indiana. Harriett moved to this home in 1968.

William and Florence had about ten different restaurant locations: Hotel, Remember the Cave (below Linn's Barber Shop, now Thrift Shop), south of Standard Station, and Antique Store. Harriett helped in the restaurant business. Everyone remembers Bill Dove's chilli and fish sandwiches. Bob Collins says, "I went to school on Bill Dove's beans, big bowl for 10c."

**JOE AND RITA DIAL
317 NORTH MAIN**

Joe's parents are Tom (deceased) and June Crutchfield Dial. They had four children: Lawrence, Joe, Nancy, and Betty. Joe's parents and grandparents were from Moweaqua.

Joe and Rita have three children: Tommy, third grade, Steven, second grade, and Robin, pre-school.

**HERSCHEL AND MARY UNDERWOOD BROOKS
319 NORTH MAIN**

Herschel's parents are Herschel and Pansy Shumake. Herschel was raised in Moweaqua and Pansy in Windsor. Herschel's grandparents were Bill and Mae Brooks who lived in Moweaqua and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shumake of Shelbyville. Herschel is custodian of the First United Methodist Church in Decatur.

Herschel is one of six children: Ivan, Herschel, Larry, Kenneth, Charles, and Darlene. All live around Moweaqua and Decatur except Darlene (Mrs. John Allsop) whose husband is in the Army. They have recently returned from three years in Germany.

Mary's parents are Clinton and Alma (Layman) Underwood of Moweaqua. Mary is one of four children. She works for Decatur Memorial Food Service for two years. Herschel has managed the Imperial Service Station eight years.

They have two children, Michelle, eighth grade and Tammy, fourth grade. They bought this house in December 1975 from Curtis Kitch. "The people are friendly, courteous, and understanding of my problems. Great for my kids — especially the school."

**FRANK DOUGLAS AND PAMELA CURTISS MOORE
330 NORTH MAIN**

Frank is the son of Frank Snyder and Roberta Riedel Moore. Frank farms and works at Wagners, lives in Assumption. His ancestors are the original Snyders of Moweaqua. Riedels are of German descent. Frank has a brother Michael of rural Moweaqua and a sister Susan Beth Henry of Moweaqua.

Pamela is the daughter of Geroge and Mary Thurlby Curtiss who live in Decatur. Pamela had a sister, Bridgett, of Decatur and a brother David, a freshman at Lakeview in Decatur.

Frank and Pamela married January 16, 1976. Frank farms and works at Trulocks in Assumption. They have lived in Moweaqua since their marriage.

**LYNN AND LaMEEKA BILYEU ENGLISH
322 NORTH MAIN**

Lynn's parents are John D. and Constance Martin English. Joseph English Sr. came from England in 1683 and

settled on 200 acres on Neshaminah Creek in Warminster Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. William Penn signed the legal papers.

Lynn's grandparents were Ernest and Amy Trump English. He began farming and later went into the ministry, served Mt. Pleasant Church of God in Assumption in 1935, pastor of Harrison Street Church of God in Charleston, Illinois for five years until his death in 1943. Amy English Townsend is living in Mattoon.

Lynn's father, John, graduated from Lincoln Christian College, Lincoln. First ministry spent in Charleston and Casey area. In 1954 he moved to Decatur where he was pastor of Mound Chapel Church of God until his death January 6, 1976. Lynn has a sister, Diana Wave English Markins.

LaMeeka is the daughter of Lyle and Virginia Robinson Bilyeu. (See Virginia Bilyeu story.) She has two brothers, Jack of California and Tom of Moweaqua.

Lynn graduated from MacArthur in Decatur, attended Bob Jones University, Greenville, South Carolina, after Army service in Viet Nam, married LaMeeka both attended EIU, Lynn graduating in 1972. He taught one year at Hume, Illinois before coming to Moweaqua as a vocal teacher in 1973.

They have one son, Joshua David who is two years old.

Lynn's hobbies are archery, bowling, does custom leather work, sings at church, has been song evangelist for revivals and generally shares his musical talent.

LaMeeka enjoys sewing and crafts of all kinds, and is a devoted mother.

**CURTIS AND EILEEN WASHBURN KITCH
420 NORTH MAIN**

Curtis is the son of Charles and Louise (deceased) Kitch, Eileen is the daughter of Leslie and Melvina Washburn of St. Elmo. Her father was born in Clay County and her mother in Decatur. Mary Thomas was the first member of the family to come to Moweaqua in 1892 from Tobinsport, Indiana.

Curtis' grandparents, Curtis and Brook Thomas came from Indiana and Martha and James Skiff wer both born in Moweaqua. Eileen's great-grandparents were from Moweaqua, Ikie and Ellen Workman.

Curtis and Eileen have two daughters, Susan Dalton of Moweaqua, and Diane Kondritz of Decatur. They have one granddaughter, Jackie Diane Dalton.

Curtis inherited this home from Grandmother Mattie Skiff. He has worked for the Village of Moweaqua over twenty years. Eileen is employed at Eastern Star Home.

**MARTIN AND EARLDINE CHAPMAN GREGORY
424 NORTH MAIN**

Martin is employed at Caterpillar and Earldine is a housewife. The first known about Martin's family started with grandparents, Annie (Matt) and William Gaca coming to this country from Germany and Poland. Grandfather met grandmother aboard the ship coming to this country. They later married and made their home in Evansville, Indiana. To this family Matilda Gaca was born. She married Richard Gregory and they made their home in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. They had eleven children.

Martin married Earldine Chapman, whose parents still reside in Mt. Vernon. Martin and Earldine moved to Moweaqua in 1955 with their four boys: David, Richard (Bud), Dennis and Roger, all living within a ten mile radius of Moweaqua.

**MILO AND RUTH KEPPEM DEIBERT
124 NORTH MAIN AND ROUTE 51 NORTH**

Milo's parents were Henry and Mary Bower Deibert, farmers in Fayette County. His grandparents were German.

Ruth's parents August and Anna Meier Keppen were farmers of Stephenson County. Her grandparents came from Germany.

They were married in 1944, lived in Freeport, Illinois. Milo spent the last seventeen years as Unit Principal of Moweaqua Schools, making a total of thirty-seven years in public schools. He has a B.A. from Greenville, M.A. from Millikin and advanced work at University of Denver. Ruth has mostly been a housewife and a helper. They built their home on 51 north of Moweaqua in 1956.

Their three adopted girls are Janet, a nurse at Lincoln State School, Linda, in Food Service at Decatur Memorial Hospital, and Margaret (Mrs. Richard Chandler) a housewife living in Decatur.

There are three grandchildren.

Their hobbies have been woodworking and photography. Both have turned into businesses to add to their retirement. Milo's photography shop is located at this address.

"We think it's a wonderful place to live. It's a clean town — that took our eyes when we first came to Moweaqua."

SOUTH MAIN

**SUSAN LYNETTE MORRISON BLANCO
117 SOUTH MAIN, APT. A**

Susan's parents are Orville and Wanda Jones Morrison Addison. Orville is retired in Decatur and Wanda now married to Thomas Addison lives west of Moweaqua. Susan has three step-brothers and a step-sister of Decatur. She also has two brothers, Arnie Morrison of Decatur and Barry Morrison of rural Moweaqua with mother. She also has triplet half-sisters, Tommie, Toni, and Tawnya Addison, five years old.

Susan was married. She has two children, Rome Michelle (Shelly) and Sean Michael, both pre-schoolers.

Susan graduated from Beauty School in 1969 and is a beautician in the Village Mall Beauty Shop.

**WILLIAM AND RANDY SUE HALL
TIMARAH HALL
230 SOUTH MAIN**

The Halls are originally from Indiana where their parents are still residing. Bill attended Bradley University in Peoria where he was also employed at Caterpillar Tractor Co. In June 1960 they moved to Moweaqua to the corner of West South Street where Bill began his watch repair business while continuing to work for Caterpillar in Decatur. As their business expanded and his wife Randy's interest increased in the jewelry and gift field, they felt the

need to increase the floor space needed for the business and moved to 123 North Main, now occupied by an insurance agency. After approximately seven years in that location, they re-located at 117 West Main for an additional five years. In 1973, after thirteen years they again moved, this time building their building, located in the exact location they began in when moving to Moweaqua. This new building occupied as of August, 1973, is a beautifully designed and spacious store offering the public a widely varied selection of gifts and jewelry.

Bill received his Registered Jewelry title from the American Gem Society in July of 1973. Their daughter, Timi, is at present attending Gem City College in Quincy, Ill., studying also the field of horology, taking courses of hand engraving, jewelry repair, jewelry design and clock repair.

**KENNETH AND MARIAN MILLER
302 SOUTH MAIN**

Born and raised in Massachusetts. Moved to Florida in 1961. Marian Miller was born and raised in Rock Island, Illinois. Moved to Florida in 1956. They met and were married in Hollywood, Florida, where all three of their children were born. Family moved to St. Elmo, Ill., in 1971. In 1972 they moved to Moweaqua, Ill.

Children are: Kenny, Kimmie, and Kevin.

**MAXINE POWNALL DOWNS
306 SOUTH MAIN**

My husband's ancestors came to Illinois from the rich Ohio Valley and settled in McLean County where there is now a small town of Downs, Illinois. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Cowden Downs. Donald Teter Downs and I resided on a farm near Assumption, Illinois. He passed away in 1965 and my three sons and I stayed on the farm the rest of that year. We then purchased the property of the former Robert Dorsey, where I still reside.

I have three sons: Edwin Lyle, Robert Earl, and James Russell. They are all married and I have two grandsons and two granddaughters.

I graduated from the Decatur School of Practical Nursing class of 1966. I worked nine years at St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur, Illinois and now work as a private duty nurse and as a branch manager of the Sarah Coventry Jewelry Co.

My name was Maxine Pownall. Parents were Mr. and Mrs. Homer G. Pownall, Owaneco, Ill. My father is now 92 years of age and came to Illinois in a covered wagon from West Virginia when he was ten or twelve years of age. My parents are both living and celebrated their 52nd anniversary October 12, 1975. I am the oldest of six children. My ancestors were Dutch, English and Irish.

**KARL AND MADOLYN DOVE ECKHARDT
310 SOUTH MAIN**

Born at Macon, Illinois. All four grandparents came from Germany. Father was a farmer at Macon, Illinois. Karl is an automotive machinist and operates his own business in Decatur, Illinois. Madolyn Dove Eckhardt was born at St. Louis, Missouri. After the death of her father, James Dove, Madolyn, then fourteen, came to Moweaqua with her mother to be with grandparents, the David Cravens.

There are two children: James, a Baptist minister, adult editor for Scripture Press Publications, Wheaton, Illinois. He has two children: Jennifer, eleven years, Jeffery, nine years and Sue Ann, who is married to William Shelley of Decatur. They now live in Forest Park, Illinois where her husband is a lawyer. Sue received her Ph.D. in biochemistry and is now associate professor at Loyola Medical School. They have one daughter, Mary Katherine, four years old.

Blanche Craven is the only living member of the Craven family. She is 75 years old and lives in Decatur, Illinois.

**KENNETH AND VIVIAN McLEOD
314 SOUTH MAIN**

Born at Decatur, Illinois. He is employed at Firestone. Little is known of his ancestry except that his grandparents lived in Assumption, Illinois as did his parents.

Vivian R. McLeod was born at Decatur, Illinois. Her grandparents lived in Macon and Moweaqua. Her parents lived in Moweaqua. There are two children, Barbara R. and Daniel K.

**MRS. HOWARD (IRENE REATHERFORD) PRATT
320 SOUTH MAIN**

Born in Moweaqua, Illinois. Howard Pratt and Irene Reatherford were married in 1927. They purchased the house in 1941, which was then three rooms and three open porches, on their 14th wedding anniversary. The house had been built by John Millington fifty years previous. After returning from military service in 1943 Howard remodeled the home as it is today.

Howard worked at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel for fifteen years before his retirement, six years before his death in 1962.

Irene Reatherford was the daughter of Sherman and Amanda Reatherford. She had two sisters and two brothers. The oldest brother, Roy, was killed in the Moweaqua mine disaster of 1932. Two sons, Robert and Roger, died the same month of scarlet fever and diphtheria. The youngest brother, John, died of acute appendicitis at the age of sixteen years.

Sister, Lena Klarner, moved to Moweaqua from Grosse Pointe, Michigan after her husband retired from General Motors. Oldest sister, Myrtle Croney, was widowed sixteen years ago and lives in Decatur, Illinois. She is 86 years young, has good health and does all her own work.

**ALMETA PARR LAWLER
414 SOUTH MAIN**

Roy (deceased 1971) was the son of Joshiah and Nancy Burk Lawler who lived in Vandalia. He was one of thirteen children: Lucy Beck, a sister, lives in Moweaqua, another sister, Mrs. Jesse Bright (deceased) lived in Moweaqua. Almeta is the daughter of Ethel Hale Parr who lived in Mt. Vernon, Illinois. She is one of three children.

Roy and Almeta both went to Jacksonville School for the Blind. They were married in 1949 and always lived in this home since marriage. Almeta was left totally blind at the age of eleven years, as the result of flu epidemic in 1918. She attended Missouri School of Blind and at age fourteen went to Jacksonville School for Blind.

Almeta loves reading talking books. She likes radio and game programs on TV of a morning. "L & W and Post Office employees are so good to me, makes it easier for me to live here."

**PAUL AND FRANCES KNIGHTS
415 SOUTH MAIN**

Paul, Frances and daughter, Suzanne, Knights moved to Moweaqua, Ill., from Decatur, Illinois in 1954. They moved because they wanted to live in a small town where Paul could start a sign shop and also work as an electrician on construction. Frances has taught school in Moweaqua for twenty years. There is one child, Suzanne, who is married and has two children.

Paul originally came from Charleston, Illinois. Paul's mother was born in Kentucky, moving to Illinois as a small girl. His father was born in Illinois.

Frances' grandfather came to America from Ireland. Parents were born in Illinois. Father was a teacher before his marriage. They lived on their farm until their death. Her mother was a teacher as was her sister.

**BILLY LEE AND BRENDA KAY MORRELL ADAMS
418 SOUTH MAIN**

Billy Lee Adams, born 1951 at St. Mary's Hospital, son of Mr. and Mrs. Isom Adams, is presently employed at Bear Hybrids in Decatur.

He married Brenda Kay Morrell, born 1955, at St. Vincent Hospital, Taylorville. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert R. Morrell. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Marcel Morrell and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Linn, all of Moweaqua. She is presently employed at Fairhaven Christian home in Decatur.

**LESLIE AND BONNIE ATTEBERRY JACKSON
430 SOUTH MAIN**

Leslie is the son of Everett and Myrtle Kyle Jackson, farmers around Bethany and Dalton City area. He was one of nine children. His brother Lloyd of Dalton City was on the U.S.S. Arizona at Pearl Harbor in December 1941. He was listed as missing in action until May 1942. He was in a hospital, badly burned and dog tags blown off. Memorial services had been held. He lives in Seattle, Wash. and completed twenty years of service in the Navy.

Bonnie is the daughter of George H. and Birdie Silvers Atteberry, farmers in the Bethany area. Bonnie is one of four children. The Atteberry family has been traced officially to Francis Atteberry, the Archbishop of Canterbury of England in 1600's. He can be located in Collier's Encyclopedia. Part of this family came to South Carolina in 1600's and moved northward and on to Fairfield, Illinois.

Leslie and Bonnie were married in 1946 and lived in Findlay, Maroa, moving to Moweaqua in 1951. They bought this home in 1962. Leslie worked at MVSS, now resides in Illini House. Bonnie was Blood Mobile Chairman in Moweaqua for ten years, president of PTA for two years, chairman of Heart Fund and also of Red Cross drive for two years each. She served on Library Board.

They have five children: Gayle, student LPN, Janice, Hi-Flier Manufacturing, David, Mental Health Rehabilitation Center of Shelbyville, Marcia, Hi-Flier Manufacturing, and Julie, LPN Supervisor at Illini House completing Emergency Medical Technician Course.

**ALVIN OLIGER
500 SOUTH MAIN**

The Oliger family moved to Moweaqua from Decatur in 1956. They became members of the General Baptist Church in 1957.

Al started to work for Johnston Super Market in 1957. When the market was purchased by Delbert and Margaret Fathauer in 1962, Al continued to stay and work as a meat cutter. A new store was built the following year.

There are five daughters, Joyce (Mrs. Rod Hite), Janet (Mrs. Robert Simmons), Judy, sophomore, Jodie Kay, fifth grade, Jennifer, kindergarten. In 1975 they lost their first grandchild, Carolyn Hite, buried in the West Side Cemetery. We purchased the house in which we now live from the Floski Estate in 1970.

**JESSE AND EULA VINCENT
517 SOUTH MAIN**

Both Jesse and his wife Eula were born and raised in Cumberland County, Kentucky. The first member of the family in America came from England.

There are five children, twenty-six grandchildren and one great grandson. They have lived in Moweaqua since 1962 and at the present address for three years.

**GEORGE L. TOLLY
522 SOUTH MAIN**

George's parents were George Washington and Eva Florence Housh. They had five children, Mrs. Menard (Vada) Weers of Moweaqua, Rev. Raymond and (Myrtle) McCoy, retired Baptist minister of Parsippany, N.J., Mrs. Virgil (Mable) Collins, deceased, of Moweaqua, Roscoe Tolly of North Platte, Neb., deceased 1975, and George Tolly.

Margery's parents were Ward and Pearl Humphrey Gregory of Prairie Home area. Margery was one of four children: Joe Gregory of Decatur, Ward (Buck) of Utah, John of Macon, and Marjorie.

John Tolly (Scotch Irish) came to N.Y. in 1750 and moves westward through Cumberland Gap following Daniel Boone. Robert Tolly, son of Cornelius and Margaret Phillips Tolly of Kentucky was the first Tolly in Shelby County. He was George's great-grandfather. He settled in Flat Branch Township in spring of 1828. The first church in this area was built on land belonging to James Tolly, Robert's brother. This Pre-destinarian Baptist Church stood at Pleak's Corner until recent years.

George has worked as a guard at Joliet, Pontiac, and Vandalia Penal Institutions; operated Imperial Filling station. In 1948 the family moved to Pleak and operated the grocery store there. They also had a store at Prairie Home. The Pleak store was closed May 31, 1960 because of Margery's poor health. She died 1965. George built his present home and moved to town in 1970. He retired from MVSS January 1974 after twenty-four years.

George and Margery had four children: Ronald Lee works at Caterpillar in Decatur and is married to Janet L. Branyan of Assumption. They have three children, Crystal, James Gregory, and Jason Allen. L. Richard married Patricia A. Gilleland of Shelbyville. He is Executive Director of the Shelby County Mental Health and Rehabilitation Center. Patricia is casework supervisor with Illinois Public Aid.

They have two daughters, Andrea Michelle and Lisa Jean. George Roger married Laura Rausch of Chicago and Assumption. They live at Knob Noster, Mo. where "Butch" is a career man in the Air Force. They have three children: George, Marjory, and Darin. Diana Kay married Ronald Stombaugh of Moweaqua and has one son, Brock Joel. They live in Monmouth where Ronald is an attorney with the law firm Love, Beal, and Tratt.

**BETTY SMITH
529 SOUTH MAIN**

Betty's parents were Lafaria Lockwood and Laurretta Morgan Smith. Her father was born in Sangamon County and her mother came from Toledo, Ill. He father was a disabled World War I veteran and died at age 43 in 1935. Her mother died in 1961. Betty has three brothers: Forrest, Lynn, and Robert.

Forrest is a veteran of World War II. He was on the aircraft carrier Lexington, when it was torpedoed, was in the water several hours before rescue. Also another ship he served on was sunk under him.

Lynn also served in the Navy for four years. Robert was in the Korean War.

**CARL E. AND LINDA DURBIN
600 SOUTH MAIN**

Carl was born in Moweaqua Hospital. He is employed at Caterpillar in Decatur. His grandparents lived in Fayette County. His parents lived in Moweaqua. Linda was born in Puerto Rico. She is a housewife. Her family is of Dutch and Irish ancestry. Her mother and step-father live in Decatur.

The Durbin's have one son, Bradley J. Gene likes to work on cars. Linda's hobby is bowling and crochet work.

Linda's grandmother, Gracie Riley, had always wanted a motorcycle ride, so Gene took her for a ride on her 83rd birthday.

**CHARLES KITCH
615 SOUTH MAIN**

Grandfather Kitch came from the Pennsylvania Dutch Country. Step-father James Kitch and mother, Martha Skiff Kitch lived all their lives in Moweaqua.

Charles married Louise Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curt Thomas of Moweaqua. She worked at Illiopolis Defense Plant, Perry Hinden's, Anderson's and the Stewart Dry Cleaning in Moweaqua. She died in 1968.

Charles sold his home and now lives in the remodeled Thompson Lumber Company office building which Newt Workman bought and had moved to 615 South Main St.

Charles worked at Muellers, I.C. Railroad, helped lay the paved road through Main St. in 1923-24, Houdaille Hershey, and helped Bill Newman in masonry work. Retired from Caterpillar in 1968.

There are four children: Curtis, works for the city, and Frederick, retiring chief officer of Navy, both living in Moweaqua with their families; Betty Kitch and Harry Woolen and five children, who operate the Woolen and Denton TV in Sullivan; Martha and Ed Kater and five children live in Mt. Zion, Illinois.

LARRY D. AND JANET MARIE MORRELL
624 SOUTH MAIN

Larry graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1963. He worked at the Moweaqua Lumber Yard, General Electric, then to Caterpillar Tractor Co., in 1964 where he is presently employed. Moved to the present address in 1965.

Janet Marie Morrell was born in Shelbyville, Illinois. She graduated from Moweaqua High School, worked at General Electric until 1971. Presently employed at Moweaqua Mental Health Center.

There are two children, Gregory Lee born in 1966, Douglas born in 1971.

MYRTLE CHAPMAN WORKMAN
628 SOUTH MAIN

Myrtle was born in Macon County. She moved to Moweaqua in 1892. It was the first or second year that Moweaqua Coal Mine opened. We lived in a house one block east of the mine, which is now Route 51, South Main St. At that time there were only six houses on that street from the center of town south on the west side. South of that was all pasture. There were not more than two or three houses in a block. In winter times the mud would get so thick that it took four hours to pull a load of coal. There were outside toilets, no electricity, and no city water. My parents A. V. and Ida Hulet Chapman, farmed until he opened a poultry house. Ran a huckster wagon through the country picking up eggs and poultry. I had four brothers and one sister, all deceased.

I married Charles Oakley Workman in 1922. He died in 1962.

I know of no other person living that was here when we came. I have moved only twice in my lifetime and have lived 84 years in Moweaqua. I have seen Moweaqua grow and have always been very proud of our peaceful little town.

FRANK AND SARAH WHITE FLOSKI
721 SOUTH MAIN

Father Joseph Floski came to Ohio from Poland in the 1880's. Moved from one coal camp to another until he settled in Moweaqua in 1902. Frank Flinn Floski attended school in Moweaqua. He went into the Navy in 1917. In 1919 he went to Decatur to work as a steam engineer in the Standard Office Building. The pay was so poor that he went back to the mine.

Married Sarah White in 1923. One son was born to his union. He attended school in Moweaqua, later joining the Navy. He is now a school administrator in the northern part of Illinois.

HELEN RAUGELLIS
730 SOUTH MAIN

Born in Moweaqua. Her father came to America from Lithuania. He settled in Illinois. Grandparents as well as parents lived in Illinois.

The residence in which I live was built after 1900. Other owner was Andro Smorado.

SALLY ASHINHURST NATION
426 SOUTH MAIN

Sally's parents were Christopher Columbus and Julie Ann Shelby Ashinhurst. Christopher's family was from

Ireland. Sally's parents farmed in Kentucky. She was one of nine children.

Dillard's parents were William Isaac and Janetta Adaline Bilbury Nation, farmers in Tennessee. Dillard and Sally farmed south of Beecher City for twenty-five years. Dillard died in 1970. Sally sold the farm and came to Moweaqua to be near her daughter, Dorothy. Sally worked in this community, but is now retired.

Her children are Mrs. Harold (Letha) Parker of Hot Springs, Ark., Mrs. Willard (Dorothy) Vincent of Moweaqua, Mrs. Wilson (Ruby) Hill of Ramsey, and Mr. J. C. (Pauline) Watson of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She has twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Her hobbies are making quilts and quilt tops.

JAMES AND FLORA PRUITT CUTLER
602 SOUTH MAIN

James was the son of Sherman and Amanda Housh Cutler of Pickaway Township. He is one of ten children. He has two children: May Ann Gorgie of California and Charles Cutler of Decatur.

Flora is the daughter of John and Maggie Cleveland Pruitt of Posey County, Indiana. John was a brick mason and farmer. They were the parents of eighteen children including one set of twins. Four died in infancy, fourteen reached adulthood. Flora was number thirteen. John deceased at 94 years of age and Maggie at 80 years. Her family is planning a family reunion June, 1976, at Cynthians, Indiana, near Evansville.

Flora has three children: Dan Cleveland married Anna Portwood, John Cleveland of Findlay, and Glenna Broyls Steiling of Macon. Flora and James have been married five years. James does construction work, is a carpenter for Christy-Foltz in Decatur.

MAPLE

PAULINE NEWELL WORKMAN
102 MAPLE

Pauline is a homemaker. She married James A. (Newt) Workman, deceased in 1967. They have one son, Larry Roger, who works at Pittsburgh Plate Glass.

Pauline's grandparents came from the East. Her mother's grandparents came from Germany. Her father, Claude Newell, was a coal miner, living in several towns in Illinois. They moved to Moweaqua after the mine disaster and her dad worked in the mine. Her parents and their parents were all from southern Illinois. Her parents were married over seventy years when her dad passed away at age 92 in 1974. Her mother, Fay Fairchild Newell is 89. Her father's twin, Mrs. Maude Place is 94 and another sister, Mrs. Margaret Mitchell is 96½ and lives alone.

Newt and Pauline bought their home in January 1938 from Thomas Page. Their house was built in the early 1900's.

WILLIAM AND FRANCES NEGRAY RUFTY
122 MAPLE

William Ruffy's maternal grandparents, Harmon and Sara Hockman came from Germany and settled in Clay County in southern Illinois. Their daughter married Claude Ruffy. There five children: Lela (deceased), Marie

(deceased), William, Melvin (deceased), and Lyda who lived in Decatur. His paternal grandparents came from Scotland and settled in Clay County in southern Illinois.

Frances Negray Rufty's maternal grandparents, Martin and Mary Supinie came from Germany in 1890. Her mother married twice. Her mother, Mrs. John (Nellie Supinie) Potsick had two children, May Potsick O'Neal and John Potsick 2nd. John Potsick, Sr. died in 1905. Nellie then married John Negray who came from Munich, Germany. They were married in 1907, and had seven children. John Michael Negray and Joseph George Negray were both killed in the mine disaster in 1932. Anna Negray died in 1956, Stephen Frank Negray died in 1957, Helen Negray Bengaman lives in rural Elwin, Marguerite Negray Rickerson lives in Chicago, and Frances Negray Rufty who lives in Moweaqua.

Mrs. Negray bought the land from Prescott in 1905; built a home in 1918. She also raised John Potsick 3rd, a grandson living in Carman, Illinois, who has two children.

William works at Montgomery Wards and Frances works at IPS in data processing in Decatur.

**FLORENCE LUELLA WORKMAN DOVE WEBER
118 MAPLE**

Florence married Bill Dove whose parents were Granville and Harriett (Tainer) Dove from southern Illinois. Bill was one of eight children (three died in infancy), Arthur was killed in the Moweaqua mine disaster, James married Edna Craven of Moweaqua and had one daughter, Madolyn Dove Eckhardt, Roy and John were jugglers and roller skate artists in vaudeville.

Florence's parents were William Burrell and Annie Works Workman of Christian County. Florence was 91 on March 10, 1976. She was the oldest of seven children. Oakley Workman married Myrtle Chapman, Daisy Early of Chicago, Ernest of Akron, Ohio, Pearl Cunnard of Chicago, Pete married Mattie White of Moweaqua and Lulu married L. A. Blowers of Macon.

Bill and Florence married in 1903 in Belleville, Ill. Bill was a coal miner in southern Illinois. They moved back to work in the mine here. They went into the restaurant business in at least ten different locations in Moweaqua. He was known for his fish sandwiches, chilli, and beans. Bill died in 1946.

Florence married Walter Weber from Pierson Station near Decatur. He was a retired Wabash carpenter. They lived in the family home until he died 1952-53. Florence stays alone, does her own housekeeping. Enjoys going and also visitors. She appreciates people.

**CARL AND MYRTLE WILKINS SHANKS
130 MAPLE**

Carl's parents are Orville and Mary Elizabeth Shanks from Kentucky and Ohio. His father worked on the railroad in Shelbyville. Carl was the youngest of eleven children. Myrtle's parents are Otto Emery and Orpha Alice Beal Wilkins. Otto farmed and then worked at the lumber company in New Palestine, Indiana. Myrtle was the third child of eight brothers and sisters.

Carl and Myrtle had one child, Mrs. Richard (Bertha) Nichols who lives in Moweaqua and has four children, Stephen Shanks, Lloyd Nichols, Donna Nichols, and Diane Nichols.

Carl was a truck driver in Indianapolis for seventeen years, then farmed near Shelbyville. He retired in 1964 to Maple Street. Carl deceased October 1975 at age 80, having been married 46 years. "I like Moweaqua, I wish we had come here sooner."

**OTIS AND MARTHA STULL ALLISON
129 MAPLE**

Otis and Martha first moved to Moweaqua in June 1941. They were a young couple with a baby of five months. Otis was looking for work and a better job. He went to work at Muellers. In 1954 they left Moweaqua to move to a farm near Johnsonville, Illinois. They lived there for seven years. The State of Illinois took the farm to make a State Park and Lake (Sam Dale State Park, about nine miles west of Cisne). They returned to Moweaqua in 1960. Otis is employed at MVSS in Decatur.

Otis and Martha have three children: Ruth, married to LeRoy Tipsword of Moweaqua, Betty, married James Porter of Decatur, and Robert now living at home. They have four grandchildren.

**LYNN SMITH
107 MAPLE**

Lynn worked at Grigoliet Co. in Decatur, one year, then to the Navy for four years. He returned to the Grigoliet Co. working there for several years. He now is employed at Caterpillar. Lynn is the son of Lafaria Lockwood Smith and Lauretta Morgan Smith. He is one of four children: Betty Smith, Forrest Smith, Robert Smith, and Lynn.

Lynn moved from Argenta to Moweaqua to purchase the home his father had owned. Lynn's house was built in 1958 and owned by Bob Smith, Celia Cole, and Betty Smith.

**RUTH LEA SMITH
109 MAPLE**

Ruth is a housewife and mother. The first member of her family to come to America was William Lea from England who settled in Virginia. Ruth moved from Decatur to Moweaqua when she married. Her three sons are James who works at Caterpillar, David, and Donald in the eleventh grade. Ruth's house was built in 1956.

PINE

**HAROLD AND AGNES PRIBBLE FEDERMAN
120 PINE**

Harold is retired and Agnes was a nurse in the Moweaqua Hospital. They have four children: Bill lives in Aledo, Illinois, and is an insurance representative. He married Marty Walker and they have three children, two presently in college and one has graduated and is a teacher's aid. Barbara lives in Greencastle, Indiana and is a college professor. Ann married Robert Kunz and lives in Lockport, Illinois. She is a registered nurse and her husband is a radio technician. They have three children, ages ten, nine, and four. Mary Carol lives in Mundelein and is a teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Federman bought the farm south and east of Moweaqua shortly after they were married. Harold lived

most of his life on this farm until he and his wife moved to town in 1950. The bridge west of the house is called Federman Bridge.

Their house was built in 1945 and was formerly owned by Dallas Coburn.

JOHN AND SHERRY SIMMONS NEWTON
300 PINE

John's parents, Lawrence Clifford and Golda Murrie Newton are from Ozark, Illinois. Sherry's parents are Myron and Gladys Lisenby Simmons of Texico, Illinois.

John is a teacher at Richland Community College and also has Newton's Real Estate and Bookkeeping Service in the Moweaqua Village Mall.

John and Sherry came to Moweaqua from Vienna, Illinois. They have two girls, Lori Ann, five years old and Donna Marie, ten months.

KEITH AND ELEANOR JACKSON WILLIAMS
316 PINE

Keith works at Mueller Company in Decatur, Eleanor is a housewife. Keith has an uncle who has been in movies and has made many hit records. His name is Tex Williams, who was born and reared in Ramsey, Illinois.

Keith and Eleanor moved to Moweaqua to be closer to his work. They have four children: Susan, Bonnie Arthur, Martha Arthur, and Steve Jackson.

CHARLES DON AND LOUISE YOUNKER BOYER
320 PINE

Don's parents, Leo and Helen Barrett Boyer live in Florida. Don is one of five children. Louise's parents, Virgil and Vera O'Kelley Younker, are residents of Moweaqua Louise is one of seven children. Her twin sister, Lois, is deceased.

Don and Louise have one daughter, Donna, who is the wife of Danny Wilkinson. The Boyer home was built in 1967. Don works for Decatur Ambulance Service and Louise is employed at the Ayars State Bank.

CHARLES AND BARBARA HEISE CLARK
416 PINE

Charles and Barbara both teach in the Decatur Public School System. Barb teaches first grade at Southeast Elementary School and Chuck teaches business education at Eisenhower High School. Chuck taught business in the Moweaqua School system from 1949 to 1957.

Chuck is the son of Samuel and Xenia Daugherty Clark, both deceased. Barb's parents are Bryan and Adra Ruffer Heise. Chuck is a ham radio operator. Their house was built in 1956.

PINKSTON DRIVE

SUE GOODPASTER
407 PINKSTON

Sue is a teacher in the Moweaqua School System. The first member of her family was in America when the pilgrims arrived, Cherokee Indian. They belonged to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and probably settled in the Great Smokies in Tennessee.

Sue has one daughter, Angela Beth, five years old.

JON AND CONNIE JO KING
407 PINKSTON, APT. 4

Jon works at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel and for Ken-Del Contractors as an electrician. Connie Jo is a mother and homemaker.

Their daughter, Stafanie is one year old.

LOUIS AND ANNETTA SMITH
404 PINKSTON

Louis and Annetta lived in Decatur until 1952 when they moved to the Charter Oak area west of Walker and lived for twenty-three years. All five of their children graduated from Moweaqua High School. They are: Virginia Adamson, of Moweaqua, who works for Citizens Bank; Larry, of Santiago, Chile, who does missionary work under Association of Baptists for World Evangelism; Mary Washburn, of Bluff City, who is a bookkeeper in Vandalia; Stephen, vice president of Federal Home Loan Bank, Seattle, Washington; and Tim who works at Black & Co. in Decatur.

Louis and Annetta have eight grandchildren and three step-granddaughters.

Louis has worked for Corps of Engineers, driven a freight truck and worked for Decatur City Lines almost twenty-seven years before retirement. They moved to this new home very recently.

Louis's hobbies are gardening and Annetta likes to crochet, decoupage and make quilts. Tim likes to ride his all terrain vehicle.

MICHAEL AND MARY LOU QUINN
408 PINKSTON

Michael works at Caterpillar in Decatur and Mary Lou is a housewife and mother. They moved into their new home in 1972 from Decatur because they wanted to move to a small town.

The first member of their family to come to America was William Quinn from Ireland who settled in Virginia.

Michael and Mary Lou have three daughters, Jessica, a fifth grader, Anita, a third grader, and Michelle, a first grader.

TOM AND SUE PATTON SLOAN
504 PINKSTON

Tom's parents are Rollin and Bette Stalets Sloan from Pana. Tom is one of five children: Tom, Craig, and James of Moweaqua, Sally and Shelly of Assumption. Grandparents of Tom, Rolla and Lena Jackson Sloan started Sloan Implement in 1933 in Assumption.

Sue is the daughter of Walter and Lula Martin Patton of Collinsville. She has a brother, Richard, of Collinsville.

Tom sells John Deere Farm Machinery in Assumption where he is part of the business of Sloan Implement. Sue did teach in Decatur Elementary School. They married in 1971 after both graduated from EIU. They lived in Decatur, and came to Moweaqua in January 17, 1976 and bought a new home in Moweaqua. Their daughter, Amy Michelle, was born December 28, 1972 and is four years old.

Sue is a musician for her own pleasure and Tom water skis and sells tractors. "We like Moweaqua, think it has a lot to offer—good shopping facilities and good school."

J. EDWARD AND CATHY RAUCH
505 PINKSTON

Ed is principal of the Elementary School and Cathy is a housewife. Ed's grandfather, Herman Rauch, came to America from Germany in 1892 at the age of three years. His father was so glad to get out of the Old Country that he wouldn't allow any of the family to speak German. Little Herman did not know English so he couldn't talk for awhile!

The Rauch family first settled in McLeansboro, Illinois. Later they moved to Strasburg, Illinois where Ed's great-grandfather, Herman Sr., was a leader in the St. Paul's Lutheran Church. There was a split in the church over language (German vs. English) and Grace Lutheran Church was started. After this, Rauch's moved to Sullivan.

Herman Rauch married Tella Briscoe. They lived in Sullivan while their son, Paul, was in school and then moved to Strasburg, Illinois in 1946. Ed's parents, Paul Rauch and Fern Simpson Rauch grew up in southern Illinois.

Ed attended EIU. He married Cathy Keller from Stewardson, Illinois. They moved to Moweaqua in 1972 when Ed became elementary principal.

Cathy Keller Rauch also comes from German stock. Her maternal great-grandfather Dietrich Brummerstedt, came from Germany to New Orleans for awhile and settled in Illinois in 1872. He was a carpenter, furniture builder, and undertaker. The latter profession was passed to the next generations, to grandfather Adam Brummerstedt, and now to his son Gilbert, who operates the Brummerstedt Funeral Home in Stewardson today.

Cathy's family has always lived in Illinois. Her father, Elmer Keller, grew up in Shumway and her mother, Marcella Brummerstedt, in Stewardson.

Cathy and Ed built their new home in 1975. They have three children: Adam, first grade, Thad, five years, and Holly, two years.

JAMES AND MARGERY HUMPHREY BRADBURY
601 PINKSTON

James is a farmer and deals in antiques. Marge is secretary at Moweaqua School since 1959. James Bradbury married Margery Humphrey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Humphrey, while they were both members of the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in El Paso, Texas.

They are the parents of three children: Diane Riley, Douglas Bradbury, and Gail Hickman, and one foster daughter, Ginny Shaw. They have four grandchildren.

"Brad's" grandfather was one of the "Sooners" who went into the Oklahoma territory prior to the official opening and consequently had his "homestead" taken away from him.

They moved into their new home in 1975.

HAROLD AND JEAN WILSON
604 PINKSTON

Harold is employed by the Decatur Public Schools as Principal. Jean is a former home economics teacher. The first member of the family in America was Henry Gabbard from Germany. Also great-great-grandmother was a Virginia Indian.

Harold and Jean have lived in Indiana and Assumption before moving to Moweaqua. They moved to Moweaqua

because of good schools and pride in community. They moved into their new home in 1976.

They have two children: Greg, fourth grader, and Chad, age five. Baseball is the family hobby, Cincinnati Reds fans. They also like bicycling.

KENNETH AND CAROL WILLIAMS
607 PINKSTON

Kenny is a developer and builder and Carol is a housewife. They moved to Moweaqua from Decatur because they wanted to live in a small town. Their home was built in 1974.

They have two children: Tony, a seventh grader, and Royce, a fifth grader.

RICHARD AND DIANA TRAVIS QUINCY
608 PINKSTON

Richard is employed by Fleetwood Oil and Diana is a housewife and mother. They moved to Moweaqua from Decatur because of Dick's job and because they liked the town and school. Their home was built in 1974.

Richard and Diana have four children: Richard, Jr., sixth grader, David, fifth grader, Cindy, second grader, and John, first grader.

ROYCE COURT

JAMES D. AND JANET WILLIAMS
607 ROYCE COURT

Delmas is a contractor and Janet is a real estate saleswoman. They moved to Moweaqua in 1973 because they liked a small town.

They have two children, Cheryl, a seventh grader, and Eric, a third grader.

PLUM

TOM AND GLORIA ASKEW HANKINS
313 SOUTH PLUM

Tom is the son of William and Julis Pittman Hankins, farmers in Kinmundy area. They have in their possession Thomas Hankin's discharge of Civil War 1865, listing battles in Mississippi, Arkansas, Vicksburg, Mobile; enlisted from Madison County. Tom has a brother, Donald Eugene, of Plano, Illinois. Gloria is the daughter of Thomas and Bonnie Stone Askew of the Decatur area. Thomas works for Ragers Grain Elevators. Gloria has two sisters and one brother.

Tom has worked for A. E. Staley's eleven years and Gloria works at South Shores Beauty Salon. They moved from Decatur because, "We wanted a bigger and better home in a quiet little town to live in."

They have three children: Weslie Gene, fourth grade, Nikki Arlene, second grade, and Lyle Ross, kindergarten.

RONALD AND IRIS L. MYERS
317 SOUTH PLUM

Ronald's parents are Joseph and Eloise McGrath Myers of Moweaqua. Iris is the daughter of Ira and Edythe Patrick of Decatur.

Ron moved to Phoenix, Arizona in 1958, learned the carpet trade. He has laid carpet for seventeen years and is now self-employed. He also works as a glass handler at PPG where he has been for three years.

Ron married Iris (Pat) Estrop in September 1970 bringing Pat and her four boys to Moweaqua to live. The boys, Marvin and Randy, have since been placed in Laurel Haven School for Exceptional Children, in Baldwin, Missouri. William and Patrick live with Pat and Ronnie along with Ron's three children from a previous marriage, Ronald Joseph Myers, sixth grade, Joelle Renee Myers, fourth grade, Denelle Irene Myers, second grade, William George Eschbaugh, Jr., high school, and Patrick Wayne (Bud) Eschbaugh, seventh grade.

**WILLIAM AND SHARON BRANSTETTER STOKES
319 SOUTH PLUM**

(See Charles Stokes for ancestry)

William is the son of Charles and Edith Blades Stokes of Moweaqua. He is one of four children, Eugene, Janet, William and Terry. Sharon is the daughter of Theodore Roosevelt and Willie Opal Jackson Branstetter, Sr. of Salina, Kansas. Theodore is retired from construction. Her mother is a retired practical nurse. Grandfather Branstetter was a Black Foot Indian. Sharon is one of ten children, all living including parents.

William has worked for Essex Group, Chemical Analyst of Decatur almost ten years. Sharon works for St. Mary's food service for two and one half years. Sharon and William are living in a mobile home, but recently sold it and they will be moving to another home in Moweaqua. They have two sons, William David, fourth grade and Brian Michael, five years.

"Moweaqua's friendly—always someone to help out when you need help."

**LARRY AND JILL HENRY MINOTT
328 SOUTH PLUM**

(See William Minott, Jr., 330 W. Madison.)

Jill's parents are Donald and Helen Henry, Sr., farmers east of Moweaqua. Jill is one of four children: Donald married Susan Moore of Moweaqua, Tim is in school in Mattoon, Jenna, a sophomore, and Jill.

Larry and Jill bought their mobile home and lot in 1975. Larry works at Caterpillar and does carpentry on the side, Jill works part-time at Black's hardware in Decatur.

**CHARLES AND EDITH BLADES STOKES
321 SOUTH PLUM**

Charles' parents are John Wesley and Roxie from the Assumption area and Fayette County. John was a coal miner and farmer. Charles is one of sixteen children, twelve living. His great-great-grandfather fought on the Confederate side in the Civil War.

Edith is the daughter of William and Fannie Mae Frazier Blades from McLeansboro, Illinois and Hamilton County. William was an electrician. She was one of ten children. Her cousin, Ray Blades, was manager and player for St. Louis Cardinals. Cousin John Stelle was Governor of Illinois from 1940-41.

Charles retired from farming for Herman Kuhle in 1973 because of ill health as did Edith from restaurant work. They bought their home in 1951 from P. J. Cearlock. It was built by Ben Dowd's father.

They have four children: Eugene, Rantoul, teaches at Chanute Air Force Base; Janet, married Jack Whennen of Decatur, works for MVSS; William married Sharon Branstetter from Kansas; and Terry married Beverly Reynolds and lives in Decatur. They have seven grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

"Lived here twenty-seven years and wouldn't want to go anyplace else."

**JAMES DON AND JUNE SCRIBNER CROWE
423 SOUTH PLUM**

James is the son of Claude and Myrtle Luella Calvin Crowe who lived at Rosamond. Claude worked at Pana Greenhouse and Myrtle worked in the Pana Garment Factory. James was the youngest of ten children, seven boys and three girls. Six sons were in service.

June is the daughter of Sidney and Allie Curry Scribner of Moweaqua. She is one of five children: Jean Dailey of Assumption, Connie Perryman of Moweaqua, Wanda Adams of Shelbyville, Donna Cook of Florida, and June.

James and June were married in 1950 and lived mostly in Moweaqua. James works for Decatur Bottling, Pepsi Cola. They bought their house in 1961.

They have four children: Martha June Sadowski of Decatur, Trudy Downey of Moweaqua, James Sidney, a sophomore and Doug, a freshman. They have one grandson, Bryan Keith Downey, born August 7, 1975.

**JAMES AND LINDA DENTON HOUCHINS
324 SOUTH PLUM**

Jim is the son of Donald (deceased) and Wilma Hinton Houchins of Moweaqua. He has a sister, Marilyn, in college.

Linda is the daughter of Ralph and Margaret Wise Denton of Moweaqua. Ralph and Margaret have six children: Peggy Whithurst (deceased), John of Mt. Zion, Gene married Sharon Schinzler of Moweaqua, Fred married Jean Fore (both deceased), Betty married Delmar Craft of Moweaqua, and Linda Houchins, and a grandson Larry in sixth grade.

James and Linda have one child, Chad Michael, who is one year old. They were married in 1973 and bought a new house September 1975. James is a welder at Caterpillar and a member of the "Hustlers" slow pitch softball team. Linda sews and cares for Chad.

Linda's grandmother, Mrs. Grayce Carroll Wise, was 86 years on March 20, 1976. She lives with her daughter, Helen Lillipop in Mt. Zion.

"We've always lived in Moweaqua, I like the atmosphere here — good for children."

**CAROLINE WINTER
329 SOUTH PLUM**

Caroline's parents were Wesley G. and Mary Ella Landers Winter from Radford and Moweaqua area. Her father farmed and worked at Radford Elevator. The Winter

ancestry is from Germany. The Landers came from Pennsylvania Dutch settlement. Great-great-grandmother Poole and family came from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to Ohio, to Flat Branch Township by covered wagon where they began farming on ten acres. Wesley and Mary Ella had four children: Carl Winter (deceased 1960), Ruby Winter of Moweaqua and Texas, Ora Winter of Moweaqua and Caroline.

Caroline is an LPN and has worked at Moweaqua Hospital, Decatur Memorial Hospital, Dr. Zink Sanders office, St. Mary's Hospital, Hospital in Denton, Texas, T.B. Sanatorium in Decatur, and Eastern Star Home in Macon where she is now employed.

"I'm glad to live in Moweaqua all my life."

**LEROY AND RUTH ALLISON TIPSWORD
330 SOUTH PLUM**

Leroy's parents are Andrew Jackson and Victoria Force Tipsword. They live in Milmine. Andrew worked for the Wabash Railroad. The Tipsword's were one of the first families to settle in Effingham County. Leroy is a relative of Representative Rolland Tipsword. Leroy has two brothers and one sister.

Ruth's parents are Otis and Martha Stull Allison who live in Moweaqua. Ruth has one brother, Robert Allison of Moweaqua and one sister, Betty Porter, of Decatur.

Leroy works for Sloan's Implement in Assumption and Ruth is bookkeeper at Smith Tire Co. They married in Decatur where their daughter, Missy, was born. Their main reason for moving back to Moweaqua was the good school system. Their daughter Missy is eight years old and in third grade.

**MARY TIRPAK
401 SOUTH PLUM**

Mary moved to Moweaqua in October 1949 with her husband John Tirpak. They had one daughter, Sandra Ann, and thought Moweaqua would be a good town to bring up children. It was John's hometown. Mary was very proud of her daughter when she graduated as Salutatorian of her class in 1962. Death claimed her husband on Nov. 3, 1958; and her daughter Oct. 1, 1965. Mary says, "Otherwise God has been good to me and I am thankful."

**GLEN AND MAXINE LEONARD SHIELDS
405 SOUTH PLUM**

Glen's great-great-great-great-grandfather was Shadrack Bond, the first Governor of Illinois. The Capitol was located at Old Kaskaskia. There is a large statue of Shadrack Bond in the State Capitol Building in Springfield. He is buried at Chester, Illinois. The State has erected a monument which is approximately 100 feet high at his place of interment.

Glen and Maxine moved to Moweaqua from Mt. Vernon being employed by Caterpillar and also because of the General Baptist Church here. They were involved in the building of the present Scout building on East Warren and also the purchase of the present General Baptist Church on East Main. Glen was the moderator in the forming of the Central Association of General Baptists of Illinois, and the building of the present Youth Camp between Sullivan and

Mattoon (Camp Kelso). Glen has pastored the Decatur General Baptist Church three and one-half years. Their son-in-law is the present pastor, Gary Gelsinger.

Glen and Maxine have the original deed to their home in the Prescott Addition. They have four children: Judith M. Gelsinger, G. Jean Stokes, James N. Shields, and G. Sue Ater.

**DARREL W. AND LINDA LEACH ANDERSON
412 SOUTH PLUM**

Darrel was born in Decatur. He is employed at Firestone in Decatur. He attended Boody Elementary School and graduated in 1960 from Blue Mound High School, after which he joined the U.S. Navy. Darrel's father works at Grigoleit Company. His mother is a housewife. Darrel has two brothers and one sister.

Linda was born at Strasburg, Illinois. She has been employed at Fathauer's Mall Beauty Shop, Nard's Salon, Decatur, and presently has her own shop, the Swirl n' Curl Beauty Salon, 127 South Main St., Moweaqua.

Linda attended St. Paul's Elementary and Eisenhower High School and Chrysler School of Beauty Culture. She is a member of Decatur Hair Fashion and first vice president of Decatur Affiliate No. 12. Linda's parents now live in Martinsville, Indiana. Father is an engineer for the B & O Railroad. Mother is a cook at Waverly Elementary School.

The Andersons have three children: Tonya Dawn, sixth Grade, Bennett Morgan, third grade, and William Irvin, third grade. This residence was purchased in 1974 from Wayne Wolf. Previous owner was Mr. Holt. "Our reason for coming to Moweaqua was because of the good school system and a nice town environment for the children."

**BRADLEY AND LORA PLUMMER KERBY
418 SOUTH PLUM**

Brad's parents, Clyde W. and Mildred Elkins Kerby came from Alabama. Clyde retired from Borg Warner. Brad has one brother, Gordon, of Moweaqua.

Lora's parents, Lora and Esther Larrimore Plummer are from West Liberty, Iowa. Lora was one of five children.

Bradley is a tire builder at Firestone. He graduated from Moweaqua High in 1973. Brad is in the National Guard.

**JOE AND LOIS HARBINGER POTSICK
429 SOUTH PLUM**

Joe's parents were Mike and Veronica Geletka Potsick who were both born in Czechoslovakia. Veronica came to Pennsylvania and then Moweaqua. They had seventeen children, ten reached adulthood. All the children were born in Moweaqua. Steve of Peoria, Mary married a Scott of California, Verna Montgomery of Nokomis, Helen Suslee of Detroit, Martha Furnimsky of Chicago, Millie Skiba of Chicago, Ann Fetsko of Nokomis, Olga Adermann of Assumption, Joe of Moweaqua, and Mike of Moweaqua.

Lois is the daughter of Lyle and Agnes Clark Harberger, farmers, west of Moweaqua. Lois is of German descent. She is one of four children: Lois of Moweaqua, Charles married Arlene Barringer of Assumption area, Merle married Clara Berry of Moweaqua and Rosetta married Starks of Arkansas.

Joe does carpenter work in this area on his own. Lois works at Windel's Restaurant. They lived at 505 South Plum with Joe's mother, then moved in November 1975 to their newly purchased home.

"I was born here and I like Moweaqua."

**GEORGE CORBY
430 SOUTH PLUM**

George is the youngest brother of Mike Corby, with whom he makes his home now. George has worked at the Post Office for thirty-eight years.

During his senior year in high school George was State of Illinois Golf Champion. He has continued his interest in golf and plays often at Pana Golf Course. He has won many trophies from Central Illinois Tournaments. George's hobbies are golf, and golf!

**WILLIAM FRANKLIN AND LILA BROUX PEKOVITCH
520 SOUTH PLUM**

William's parents are Anthony and Mary Tirpak Pekovitch. (See John Pekovitch Story on 514 South Plum).

Lila's parents, Henry and Helen Spinner Broux, lived in Pana. Henry was a coal miner and Helen died in 1936 at the age of 41. Henry came from France at age nine with his parents. They settled near Taylorville where he worked in Mine No. 9. Helen was born in Poland. Lila was one of four children: Henry lives in Pana, John lives in Pana, Evelyn Buck lives in Ramsey, and Lila lives in Moweaqua.

William and Lila were married in 1971. They bought this mobile home in 1975 and set on Pekovitch Park. William works with brother Tony. Lila helps Mrs. Ollie Nichols. They have two foster sons they have raised since babies: Timothy, a senior, and William, a freshman.

"I've lived in Rockford. I like a small community—lots more friends and always ready to help."

**ROBERT AND LAURA OTTO DORSEY
505 SOUTH PLUM**

Robert's parents, Robert and Marcella Morrell Dorsey, are of Moweaqua. Robert is one of four children: Robert, Steve (deceased), Scott, and Brent. Laura's parents are James and Beverly Gambriel Otto. James works at Commercial Glazing of Decatur. Laura is one of five children: Laura Dorsey of Moweaqua, Bryan of Decatur, Murry, Stephen Decatur High School, Katie, Stephen Decatur High School, and Cindy, Middle School.

Robert is an accountant time keeper at Caterpillar. He plays slow pitch softball in "Blue Blazers", short stop. Robert and Laura have a daughter, Michelle, two years old.

**ANTHONY "CHAN" AND FRANCES PIETA PEKOVITCH
509 SOUTH PLUM**

Anthony's parents are Anthony and Mary Tirpak Pekovitch. (See John Pekovitch story on 514 South Plum and Joe Pekovitch story on 329 South Plum).

Anthony (Chan) married Francis Pieta and Joe married her sister Joanna Pieta. Chan married after serving in the army during World War II. They lived in Chicago. Daughter Sharon was born there. They moved to Moweaqua in 1948

and bought the "Old Smorado" house. Chan worked at Houdaille Hershey, Portwood Lumber Yard fourteen years, self-employed carpenter, carpentered with Carroll Zindel, Les Allison, and is now working for Macon Schools.

Frances is a housewife. Their daughter Sharon graduated from Beauty Culture School in Decatur. She is completing her tenth year at Citizens Bank, Trust Department. She married William J. Cook from Assumption who works at Caterpillar. They live in Decatur.

"I enjoy living here. I like the people, don't ever want to move back to the city."

**MIKE AND SHARON POTSICK
513 SOUTH PLUM**

Mike's parents are Mike and Veronica Geletka Potsick. Both were born in Czechoslovakia. They had seventeen children all born in Moweaqua, ten reached adulthood. Mike Potsick, Sr. and son Andy died in the 1932 mine disaster. Veronica raised the ten children with the help of the older children after their father's death. The children who reached adulthood are: Steve of Peoria, Mary of California, Verna Montgomery of Nokomis, Helen of Detroit, Martha of Chicago, Millie of Chicago, Ann Fetsko of Coalton, Ill., Olga Adermann of Assumption, Joe of Moweaqua, and Mike of Moweaqua.

Sharon's parents are Trall and Dorothea Sowash Carder from Assumption. She has one sister, Wand Pratt of Assumption and one brother, Robert of Springfield. Dorothea later married Jerome DeBrun who farms at Owaneco. Their son, Jerome, Jr., lives in Stonington.

Mike started to work for Flanders Drug Store when he was in the sixth grade and worked for six years; also worked for Johnson's Super Market for two years; worked for Illinois Central; was in the Army 1953-55; then worked at Borg-Warner; did carpentering for Adams and Zindel. After his marriage to Sharon, he was a self-contractor; then went back to Borg-Warner where he has been for eleven years. Mike was born in this home and inherited it.

Sharon works at Trulocks in Assumption. Sharon had two children (twins) when she married Mike. Donald Nicol from Assumption was killed in a car accident six weeks before the twins were born. She married Mike when the twins were three years old. Their children include: Donald Nicol who lives at home and works at Callison Ford of Moweaqua, Donna Nicol who lives at home and works at Kentucky Lithograph in Macon, Mike Potsick, a junior at Moweaqua High and Susan Potsick, a third grader.

**JOHN "WHACK" PEKOVITCH
514 SOUTH PLUM**

John's parents are Anthony and Mary Tirpak Pekovitch. John's grandfather was born in Poland and his father born in Pennsylvania. His mother, Mary Tirpak, was born on the boat on the way to U.S. coming from Czechoslovakia. Both parents died in Moweaqua.

Father Anthony was ill with the flu and didn't go to the mine the day of the Moweaqua Mine Disaster.

Anthony and Mary had eleven children: John lives in home place, Joseph married Joanna Pieta from Chicago and is carpenter and contractor, Anthony (Chan) married Francis Pieta, sister to Joanna, from Chicago, Julia Steped

lives in Kentucky where they have a trailer court, Helen lives in Chicago, Marie (deceased), Michael (Pat) (deceased) married Joan Wiseley, William married Lila Broux of Pana and works with John, Eddie (deceased) was of Montana, where his wife remains on a ranch raising cattle and six children. Andy lives in Shelbyville and is a carpenter. Pauline lives in Chicago. She has one adopted child.

John remains a bachelor, lives in the home place, and is a masonry contractor.

**JOSEPH TIRPAK
516 SOUTH PLUM**

Joe is one of fifteen children born to Michael and Ann Oravetz Tirpak (see Steve Tirpak on 221 1/2 East Warren).

Joe married Margaret Marshall of Bethany. They had three daughters, Kathy of Mt. Zion, Rita of Decatur, and Sheryl of Springfield.

Joe works with Leslie Allison. He has been in the carpenter profession for many years. His hobbies are fishing and camping.

NORTH PONTING

**KENNETH AND EMILY BRIGHT MOORE
RR 1 BOX 109**

Kenny's parents were Irene Morrison and James C. Moore of Oconee, Illinois, Emily is the daughter of Helena Bilyeu and the late Charles E. Bright. Her grandparents were Malinda Adams and Isom Bilyeu and Mary Catherine Links and George W. Bright. Emily grew up in Moweaqua, married, and lived in the Decatur and Macon area for almost six years before moving back to Moweaqua in 1964.

Kenny and Emily are the parents of two children, James Kenneth in high school, and Pamela Jame Moore, in junior high. Their home was built in the 1950s by Ike Gilmore.

**JAMES BERRYMAN
230 NORTH PONTING, RR 1**

James' parents were Ralph and Dalena Burrus Berryman of Herrick. Ralph was an engineer for Illinois Central and also farmed. James is one of a family of six. He bought this home in December 1975 and moved from Herrick to be closer to his work. He works for McLean's Trucking Company of Decatur which covers a seventy mile radius of Decatur. James' hobbies are fishing and hunting.

SOUTH PONTING

**JOHN AND SHERRY LOWE WEMPEN
108 SOUTH PONTING**

John's parents are William and Grace Kimberly Wempen. John is an only child. John's grandfather Edward Wempen came to America as a baby from Germany. Parents of Sherry Lowe Wempen are Wayne and Lois Adams Lowe. They were farmers in Moweaqua area. Sherry is fifth generation of the very earliest of settlers of Moweaqua and Prairieton Township—the Michael Schneiders, the Tom Pontings and the Ellington Adams. Sherry has one brother, Wayne Lowe of Moweaqua.

There are three daughters: Juliana, married to Richard C. Burrow, who is a structural engineer. She teaches German and Spanish, and they live in New Jersey. Christine, married to Garry K. Cutler, who is a math teacher in Macon, Illinois. Christine is a dietician at Decatur Memorial Hospital. Faithe, a sixth grade student.

John is a partner in the L & W Star Market. John's hobbies are trapshooting and woodworking. Sherry is a writer of poems, nature articles and painting. Faithe enjoys playing piano, singing and reading.

**MABEL WEABER (MRS. FRED) ELMERS
120 SOUTH PONTING**

Mabel's parents were Gerald and Lydia Baird Weaber, farmers in Fayette County. They moved to Moweaqua in 1939. She had one sister, Geneva, deceased when a young girl and one brother, Walter living in Beecher City. Walter had two sons and a daughter. The oldest son, Jerry living in Bethany married Bonnie Potter, daughter of Rev. George Potter formerly of Moweaqua Christian Church. Son, Ronald, lives in St. Elmo and daughter Pat (Mrs. Don Cox) lives in Springfield.

Mabel has thirteen grand nieces and nephews. Mabel was married in 1940 to Fred Elmers (deceased 1956). They farmed east of Moweaqua. Her parents bought this home in 1942 and she made it her home since 1957.

She spent many years nursing at Moweaqua Hospital and has since done private nursing duty. She has devoted her life to caring for other people with compassionate love and concern.

**ERNEST AND EFFIE OSBORN
211 SOUTH PONTING**

Ernest's parents were Luther Isaac and Anna Christina Zietz Osborn. They were farmers in Moweaqua area. Ernest had four brothers and four sisters. Sister Cora married Arthur Ellrich of Fame area. Sister Pearl married Robert Manley of Moweaqua area. Effie's parents were Frank and Nancy Ellen Johnson Mayes from Lexington, Kentucky region. Her two brothers and two sisters are deceased. Effie is a retired school teacher.

Ernest and Effie were married in 1927. They farmed until retirement. They moved into this new home in 1972. Ernest's grandfather Osborn, donated the ground where Fame Church is built.

**FRANCIS ZINDEL
208 SOUTH PONTING**

Francis works at MVSS in Decatur. His great-great-grandfather born in 1790 came from Switzerland in 1832. He settled in Holmes County, Ohio. Francis' parents were Ed and Pansy Cole Zindel of Moweaqua. He has six brothers and sisters, Catherine Goin, Macon, William, Alveana Gillett, Mildred Perryman, Weslie, and Lesly. Francis has four children, Sharon Kay (deceased), Larry, Moweaqua, Dennis, and Cathy Arndt, Moweaqua.

Christian Feller first grandchild was born 1838, died 1929. He built his own round log type cabin. The spaces between the logs were filled with slats driven in. This was plastered with mud. This had to be done every year. The cabin had two rooms, one upstairs and one down. Wood stoves with chimneys heated the house. Eleven children

were born. In 1874 Christian Feller and his wife bought forty acres of land at \$40.00 an acre. In 1890 he built a new frame house. It had ten rooms and many windows. This house still stands and a son still lives on this century old farm in Amboy, Indiana.

**JERRY AND NANCY SRNKA DAVIS
204 SOUTH PONTING**

Jerry's parents are Wilbur and Elsie Maggie Murkin Davis, farmers near Ramsey. He is one of eight boys, two are deceased, others living elsewhere. Nancy's parents are Delmar and Marie Schnobel Srnka of the Moweaqua area. Her father works at Caterpillar and her mother has the Thrift Shop on Main Street. She is one of three girls. A sister, Leona Patheal lives in Mt. Auburn and sister, Delene Nusbaum lives in Decatur.

Jerry and Nancy married in 1964 and lived in Decatur. Jerry was a dry wall hanger and finisher. Jerry and Ron Nusbaum are in partnership building homes. They bought the Pansy Zindel property and built a new ranch type home. Jerry and Nancy moved into this new home in December 1975.

Nancy has worked as a secretary at Caterpillar for thirteen years. Prior to this home, Jerry built the Ernest Osborn and Eddie Pyatt homes. They have two children, Todd, sixth grade and Tiffany, one year. "We think small town living and this school system are great."

NORTH PUTNAM

**WILLIAM G. AND LINDA L. WISEMAN
102 NORTH PUTNAM**

The first member of William's family in America was Thomas Wiseman who came to this country from Wales in 1706 and settled in Kentucky.

William's grandparents lived in Cisco and Macon. His parents lived in Macon until 1960. They presently live in Crawford, Mississippi.

William and Linda previously lived in Macon, California and Tennessee. They moved to Moweaqua because they wanted the children to go to a smaller school. William works at Caterpillar in Decatur and at the Moweaqua Bowl. Their residence was built in 1895 and was previously owned by Shorts, Ropps, Cearlocks, Bohlens, and Snyders.

Linda's ancestors were of English and Indian descent. She was born in White Heath. She is employed at the Moweaqua Bowl.

The Wiseman's have three children: Lucinda, in high school, Kevin, in the eighth grade, and Gerald in the seventh grade. The family enjoy sports of all kind and enjoy helping the children in Little League. They are also in charge of the Junior Bowlers in Moweaqua.

**JAMES GALE AND ELOISE GREGORY STEWART
103 NORTH PUTNAM**

Henry Kearsley, the first known member of the Stewart family to come to America, arrived on the ship *Providence* in 1623. He settled in Virginia. Gale's grandparents and parents lived in Moweaqua. The Stewart residence was

built in 1860 by Gale's great-grandfather. Gale was born in Shelby county and is a farmer and business man.

Eloise's family nationality was Scotch-English. Both her parents, Trace and Eve Gregory, are past eighty years of age. Eloise was born in Shelby County and is a beauty operator and housewife.

The Stewart's two children are James Gregory, who was born in Decatur in 1945, and was educated in Moweaqua and has a masters degree from E.I.U. in business. He is a South Pacific Navy veteran. He married Nancy Taylor and lives in Normal. The Stewart's daughter is Janis Gale, who was born in Decatur on February 29, 1952. This was the birth date of her great-grandmother, and was also the Moweaqua Centennial year. Janis was educated in Moweaqua, and is a graduate of E.I.U. She married James M. Mahone and they live and teach in the Lincoln School system.

**DONALD D. AND PHYLLIS E. DIAL
114 NORTH PUTNAM**

Don was born one mile west of town, the son of John and Nellie Hipes Dial. His grandparents were Chris and Rosa Dial, and Anna and Charles Hipes.

Phyllis was born in Macon County, daughter of Harry and Bertha Pennington Trulock. Mr. Trulock operated a grocery store at Pleak Corner for a number of years.

Grandparents James and Sarah Treadwell Trulock came to this country from England where Mrs. Trulock had worked as a maid in Buckingham Palace and Mr. Trulock worked as a gardener. Phyllis's mother's parents, Leroy and Rebecca Greathouse Pennington, were farmers and lived in Wayne County, Illinois.

Don and Phyllis were married in 1946 and lived on a farm west of Moweaqua for seventeen years. They bought the farm known as Grand Jacob farm, remodeled the house and lived there for seven years. Later, they bought the Dr. and Tina Pratt home and built a new house there and have lived at this address four years.

Benjamin Merold Fullerton, California, is the son and stepson of Phyllis and Don. He is a minister of the gospel and evangelist at Eastside Christian Church. He and his wife have three sons.

**VIOLET SMULL
122 NORTH PUTNAM**

Violet's grandfather Harris came to America from England. He settled in Illinois. Her grandparents lived in Moweaqua and Pana. Her parents farmed near Moweaqua. She left the rural area and moved to Moweaqua because she liked the town.

There are three children: Ron, who married Carol Ann Thomas and they live in Atlanta, Ga., Carol Sue, who married Jim Ropp, and lives in Gainesville, Fla., and Kenneth Allen, who lives in New Mexico. There are four grandchildren.

**BEVERLY FORSTON
130 NORTH PUTNAM**

Beverly was born in Ramsey. She has three children, all born in Decatur. Rayla is a sophomore, Linya is in the eighth grade and Martin is a sixth grade student. All three children are attending the Moweaqua school.

**WILLIAM D. AND FAYE CUTLER
210 NORTH PUTNAM**

William and Faye were both born in Macon County. William is a plumber and steamfitter of Local Union 65. They have five children. Cheryl is the wife of Tim Wooters and is employed at Modern Income Insurance Company. Sheila is a student at St. John's Hospital School of Nursing. Shirley is a senior, Carol is a freshman and Scott is in 4th grade, all at the Moweaqua School.

**ALBERT D. AND WILMA WOOTERS ECK
222 NORTH PUTNAM**

Albert's first known family member to come to this country was on his mother's side. He was Nicholas Berry who immigrated to America in 1727 on the ship *Friendship* from Rotterdam. He settled in Pennsylvania. Albert's grandparents lived in Moweaqua.

Wilma's family is of German descent and her parents were Estelle and Mary Wooters. Wilma was born in Moweaqua and is a housewife. The Eck home was built around 1900 and previous owners were: Oscar O'Dell, Karl Snyder, Dr. H. H. Foster, and Charles Novota.

Mr. and Mrs. Eck have two children, Mary Joe, now in Indiana and son Michael, who is now living in Colorado.

**DON AND SUE OTTA WOODARD
230 NORTH PUTNAM**

Don and Sue were married in November, 1964 in her parents home, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Otta. They have lived at their present address since March, 1973. They have three sons, Thomas, age ten, Michael, age six, and Daniel, age three.

Don was born in Gainesville, Texas, where his dad, James Wooters was stationed. His mother, Hilda Nehib Woodard, was born in that area. Don moved to Moweaqua when he was in third grade. He is now employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company and also by the Village of Moweaqua as a part-time police officer. He is an active member of the Volunteer Fire Department and is a member of the John Ashley Memorial Gun Club.

Sue lived all her early life on her parent's farm east of town. She works as a secretary-clerk in the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. She is active in bowling, having bowled on a league since the alley was built in Moweaqua. She is a member of the Jr. Woman's Club, Staley Women's Club, and has a ten year pin as a leader of the Girl Scouts.

Sue's relatives are from Germany. August Otta came to the United States in 1863 when he was 19. He became a U.S. citizen in 1868 and farmed east of town until 1901 when his son Henry took over. Kenneth D. Otta started farming in 1941 when Henry retired. Bill Otta and Don Woodard now help Kenneth on the farm.

Sue and Don's home was first given a deed on August 10, 1836, and Cavlin Breed lived there. Olin Smock's parent's lived in the house when part of it burned down and it was re-built by Olin, his father, and brother.

**MARY BRIDGEMAN HUMPHREY
316 NORTH PUTNAM**

Mary was born in Shelby County, the daughter of John M. and Addie Pontius Bridgeman. Her grandparents and

parents lived in Ohio and in Illinois. Mary has lived in Moweaqua all of her life.

Mary's husband, Glen (deceased) was a farmer and farm implement dealer. His ancestors were English and lived in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Ohio, and Illinois. His great-grandfather led a regiment of soldiers in the Revolutionary War.

The Humphrey residence was built in 1936. Previous owners were Gilbert and Wanda Baird.

There are four children in the Humphrey family. Louise Lawrence was an airline stewardess and her two daughters have followed this career. Marge is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute and Brown's Business College. She has been a secretary at Moweaqua Schools since 1959 and treasurer since 1970. Juanita is a graduate of Brown's Business College and worked at Oliver's in Shelbyville, at the bank in Sullivan, and is now in the office at Crest Container Corp. in Shelbyville. Glen Jr., is a graduate of E.I.U. with a major in music. He taught in Lovington two years and is presently teaching music in Aurora schools in Colorado. He is also a partner in Aurora Concert Musicians.

**TERRY AND DEBORAH MAURER
316½ NORTH PUTNAM**

Terry is the Youth Director at the First Christian Church and Debbie is a housewife. They moved to Moweaqua from Canton, Ohio because of Terry's job.

Terry's parents and grandparents are from Canton, Ohio. Debbie's parents and grandparents are from Kentucky and Maryland.

**MARGARET GILMOUR STIVERS
324 NORTH PUTNAM**

Margaret was born in Scotland, as was her father, A. S. Gilmour, and her grandparents. Her parents settled in West Virginia and later came to Stonington.

Margaret married Jess Stivers (deceased) of Blue Mound and they moved to Moweaqua. They had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who married John Pinkston. They live near Pana. They are the parents of four sons and one daughter.

**HAZEL WILSON JORDAN
326 NORTH PUTNAM**

Hazel's husband, Gregory (deceased), was the son of James and Florence Gregory Jordan. He had one sister, Mrs. Laurence (Aileen) Pinkston, and two brothers, Herbert and Horace. Mr. Jordan was a farmer and a native of Moweaqua.

Hazel's grandfather, James Pratt, came from Ireland and settled in Illinois. She is the daughter of James and Mabel Pratt Wilson. She had one brother, Herbert, and two sisters, Mrs. Ike (Mae) Rhine, and Mrs. Gerald (Pauline) Jordan.

Hazel and her husband had four children. Norman of Blue Mound, Marvin of Moweaqua, Florence Ann Wooters of Moweaqua, and Paul of Arlington Heights. She has 14 grandchildren. Her three great-grandchildren are twin boys, Joey and Jamie Hettinger and great-granddaughter Jennifer Corrington.

**JANE STEPHENS
330½ NORTH PUTNAM**

Jane has one daughter, Carol Sue Powell of Mattoon. See Hazel Koontz story elsewhere in book.

**HAZEL KOONTZ
330 NORTH PUTNAM**

Hazel has four daughters, Dorothy Batty of Stonington, Jane Stephens of Moweaqua, Marjorie Schales of St. Louis, and Joan Lauderdale of Decatur.

See elsewhere in book for Hazel's story.

**TRACE AND EVA GREGORY
334 NORTH PUTNAM**

William Thomas was the first member of the family to come to America prior to the Revolutionary War. He came from Wales and settled near Richmond, Va.

Grandparents lived in Indiana and Shelby County. Father lived in Penn Township and mother lived in Flat Branch Township. Trace was born in Pickaway Township and has always lived in this area, moving to Moweaqua in 1968. Previous owners of this residence were Ted Snyder, Gordens and Stewarts. It was built in 1918.

Eva's family was of French descent. She was born in Prairieton Township.

Trace and Eva have two children. Corinne Gregory Johnson and Lt. Col. (retired) Johnson live in San Antonio, Texas. Their son, Capt. James Gregory Johnson, married Linda Boyd and they have a son, Cable, and a daughter Lindsay. Their daughter, Eloise and her husband, James Gale Stewart, live in Moweaqua. They have two children: James, married to Nancy Taylor, and Janis, married to James M. Mahone.

Eva will be 89 December 14, 1976 and Trace will be 87 December 27, 1976.

**AUBREY DELL AND CAROL DUNCAN
404 NORTH PUTNAM**

Aubrey's grandparents lived in the Findlay area. His father lived in the Moweaqua area and his mother near Westervelt. Aubrey is a farmer and has always lived in this area.

Carol's family were of Irish-Scotch-Indian-German-French ancestry. They have always lived in Illinois. Carol is a wife and is manager of the dress shop in the Mall.

Aubrey and Carol have two children: Cynthia, who was born in Taylorville and is a sophomore at E.I.U., and Troy, who was also born in Taylorville and is a sophomore in the Moweaqua High School.

**ROBERT L. AND ESTHER MAE AMBERS CAMPBELL
422 NORTH PUTNAM**

Bob and Esther Mae both attended and graduated from the Moweaqua School. They were parents of one daughter, Barbara Ann, now deceased.

Esther's great-grandfather came to Illinois from Germany with his wife in 1884.

Bob worked for U.S. Steel in Gary, Indiana, for 35½ years before retiring and moving to Moweaqua. They bought the home of Esther Mae's parents, Charles and Lula Ambers, previously owned by Jacob and Oscar Frazee. It is still home to the Ambers family, and many family gatherings are held here with Elizabeth (Ambers) and Herb Frazee, Martha (Ambers) and Illis Pulliam, Charles and Nell Ambers, with their daughter Anita and son Phil attending.

**JAMES AND BETTY REEDER SHAW
429 NORTH PUTNAM**

Jim and Betty previously lived in Pennsacola, Fla., Lake City, Fla., Springfield, Assumption, and Arthur. They moved to Moweaqua to manage the South Elevator. Jim was born in Kincaid and Betty was born in Douglas County. Betty's family nationality is Irish-English-German. Her family lived in Illinois.

The Shaw residence was built in the 1880's and was enlarged in 1915 and again in 1957. Previous owners were Wm. Vanderverter and Wm. Tolson.

Betty attended three years at EIU and is now a housewife and volunteer worker at St. Mary's Hospital.

There are two children. Susie is doing genetic counseling at the University of Arizona and Edward will graduate from S.I.U. in May. Both Jim and his daughter Susie earned Masters degrees from E.I.U. in 1972. Jim earned his degree thirty years after he received his Bachelor degree.

**MABEL FRAZEE SNYDER
430 NORTH PUTNAM**

Amanda J. Ross Frazee came to America from Scotland. Grandfather and Grandmother Frazee came from France. They settled in Virginia and Ohio and later moved to Illinois. Mabel's parents were married in 1885 and lived in Moweaqua. She was born in Moweaqua, the daughter of Oscar and Addie Jacob Frazee. Her father built the residence in which she lives in 1886 or 1887. It has always been in the Frazee family.

Grandfather Michael Schneider was one of the founders of Moweaqua and came from Germany. He donated land for the railroad to be built through Moweaqua and also gave the land for the city park. His sons changed the name Schneider to Snyder.

Mabel's husband, J. Blaine Snyder (deceased) was the son of Valentine Snyder who had the first bank in Moweaqua. Blaine had five brothers and three sisters, all deceased except two sister who are now 95 and 98 years of age.

Blaine played baseball with the major leagues. After returning to Moweaqua, he and Mabel ran a hotel and variety store until his retirement. The Snyders had one daughter, Betty Jane, who died in 1972.

Mabel has two living sisters, Mildred Ryerson of Madison, Wisc., and Lois Kingma of Rochelle, Ill.

**HAROLD J. AND ALICE D. LINN
504 NORTH PUTNAM**

Harold's grandparents and parents lived in Missouri and later came to Illinois where he was born in Stonington. Harold in employed by the I.C.G. railroad.

Alice was born in Ramsey and her family nationality is English. They lived in Iowa and Illinois. Alice is employed as a cook at the Moweaqua school.

Harold and Alice were married in 1942 at the Vandalia courthouse. They moved to Moweaqua a short time later where Harold worked as a farm hand. In 1943 he was hired as a section laborer for the I.C. railroad. He is presently a section foreman for the I.C.G. railroad, formerly the Illinois Central.

The Linns have three children and six grandchildren. Hubert Harold and Nancy live south of town and their children are Dianna Sue and Michael Scott. Lonnie and his wife Cheryl live on Vine Street and are the parents of Amy Beth and Eric Shannon. Phyllis and her husband, Stephen Mott, live on Shelby St., and are the parents of Stephanie Markena (deceased) and Jeremy Stephen.

The Linn residence was built in 1853 and there were 32 previous owners.

**ORVILLE L. AND VIRGINIA LOCKART ADAMS
510 NORTH PUTNAM**

Orville's parents and grandparents have always lived in the Moweaqua area. Orville was born here and is employed by the Moweaqua school.

Virginia's family came from Pennsylvania, moving to Cowden where Virginia was born. They were of Dutch ancestry. Virginia is a housewife. She and Orville have two children. Wanda Lee married Ernest Poe. They have three children: Ellen Ann, Kenneth and James. Ellen is a kindergarten aide, Kenneth works in a hospital and James is in high school. They all live in Hollywood, Florida. Robert married Ruth Lynge and they have three children: Steven Linda, and Eric. They live in Pittsfield where Robert is grade school principal at Bayliss School. Ruth is an R.N. and does county health work and teaches a health class.

**GLEN AND JOYCE COLE
525 NORTH PUTNAM**

Glen's grandparents as well as his parents have always lived in Illinois. Glen was born in Moweaqua. He works at Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Joyce's family originally lived in Kentucky and Tennessee and came to Illinois. Joyce was born in Taylorville. She is a housewife.

After Glen and Joyce were married, they lived in Findlay for a while, then moved to Moweaqua because this is Joyce's hometown. The residence in which they live was built in 1956 and was previously owned by Kyle Adams.

The Coles have two children, Jeffrey and Jill. Family members over 75 years of age are Katie Cutler, Mertie Smith and Sally Nation.

**MICHAEL S. AND SUE ELLEN MORRIS
529 NORTH PUTNAM**

The nationality of the first member of the Morris family in America was German and he settled in Illinois. Michael's grandparents lived in Rector, Arkansas and Marmaduke, Arkansas. Michael's parents lived in Moweaqua and Michael was born in Decatur. He is employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Sue Ellen was born in Pana. Her family nationality is German. They have always lived in Illinois. She is employed at the First National Bank of Decatur.

The house in which Michael and Sue Ellen live was built in the 1920's and was previously owned by the Coles.

Both Michael and Sue Ellen received the American Legion Award in 1973 while they were still in school, and they were also named "Who's Who in America."

Family members over 75 years of age are Grace Morris Rodgers and Bess Protsman.

**BURYL (PETE) AND ESTELLA HARBARGER
530 NORTH PUTNAM**

The first member of Buryl's family in America was James Warnick who came from Belfast, Ireland. He settled in New Castle, Delaware. Grandparents and parents lived in Blue Mound where Pete was born. Pete is an auctioneer.

Estella was born in Culver, Kansas. The nationality of her family is Dutch-Irish. Estella is a housewife.

Buryl's father, Tom Harbarger and uncles were dealers in poultry, eggs and butter in the early 1900's. They had a huckster wagon route in Macon and in Christian County west of Moweaqua.

Buryl worked for Trulock Super Market, dealer in poultry, eggs, and groceries in 1939. He had a huckster wagon route in Moweaqua. The market was located on Route 51 and East Main Street. There was a skating rink above the store which Buryl operated in 1940-1941.

SOUTH PUTNAM

**MRS. EVERETT (LELA BELLE) LAND
MRS. ALLEN H. (MABEL ELIZABETH) SADDORIS
105 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Mabel's great-grandfather came to Illinois from England and lived in Olney, Richland County. Her grandparents lived in Illinois. Both grandfathers were in the Civil War. Her parents lived in Illinois (were in Iowa for awhile). Allen Saddoris was born in Champaign County. He died in 1973. They had four sons: Wayne A. married Cathy Gonder of Maryland, has two children, Allen and Beverly, and lives in Decatur. Don E. was born in Urbana in 1925 and died March 5, 1975. He married Rita Steele in Decatur and had four children. Donna Saddoris married Stan Barnes in Decatur and has three children, Bryan, Brett, and Brandon. Sharon Saddoris married Tom Bohlen and has four children, Teague, Thor, Alyssa, and Aandra; the last three are adopted. They live in Decatur. Jan Saddoris married Brian Traughber and lives in Decatur. John Saddoris is a sophomore at Moweaqua High School. Jim Saddoris married Jolene Schwartz and has four children, Ron, Brenda, Michelle, and Craig, and live at Findlay. Richard married Norma Jordan and has three children, Lisa, Kim, and Todd and lives near Bethany.

Lela Belle Land moved here from Urbana when her husband Everett passed away. They each bought half of their home here and moved in Sept. 11, 1969.

**RITA STEELE SADDORIS
107 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Rita was a sewing instructor at Sew 'n Easy Shop but has recently retired from this shop. She married Don E. Saddoris, who died in 1975. They had four children, Mrs. Stan (Donna) Barnes, Moweaqua, three children, Bryan, Brett, and Brandon; Mrs. Tom (Sharon) Bohlen, Decatur, four children, Teague, Thor, Alyssa, and Aandra; Mrs. Jan Trauber, Decatur, and John Paul, a sophomore at Moweaqua High School.

**NELVIN AND JOY McCLURE
129 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Nelvin is Staff Claim Representative for Allstate Insurance in Chicago. Joy graduated from Millikin University as an English and speech major.

The first member of their family to come to America was Albert Siegfried Walstrom who came from Sweden in the early 1800's and settled in Colorado.

Joy and Nelvin moved here from Ramsey. They "moved here for the small town living near city convenience and with a fine town doctor as well."

They have one son, Shawn Emory, who was born in Decatur and is a second grader.

Their home was built in 1908.

**WAYNE AND BERYL BRIDGEWATER RARICK
207 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Wayne's parents were Clinton J. and Loretta A. Smart Rarick of southeast rural Moweaqua. His great-grandfather Jones Rarick was born in Ohio and died in Moweaqua in 1912.

The Bridgewater family came from Bridgewater, England, a seaport and market town in the county of Somerset. This ancestry has been traced to Samuel Bridgewater, a soldier in the American Revolution. In 1623 there is a record of a Richard Bridgewater living in Virginia.

Beryl's parents, Albert and Nellie Barber Bridgewater lived near Sanner Chapel Community. There were five children: Milton of New Albany, Mrs. Wm. Winifred Bridgewater Bohlen, of Centralia, Mo., August, deceased, Helen Bridgewater Stephens, south of Shelbyville, and Beryl Bridgewater Rarick. Winifred Bohlen has two sons, William and LeeRoy.

Wayne and Beryl have one son, J. Duanne, married to Beverly Ann Bunning, who has a son, James, and a daughter, Sheri Jean. Wayne is a cattle feeder and farmer. Beryl is a beauty operator and housewife. Their son Duanne is a commodity broker.

Wayne and Beryl built their home in 1965 in the front yard of the old grade school after Roy S. Snyder, Jr., divided the school ground into a residential area.

**BERNARD E. AND VERA PEARL MYERS CARR
229 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Bernard was an only son of Nathan Arnet and Addie Mae Hohn Carr of Collinsville, Illinois. The original Carr ancestor came over on the Mayflower in 1620. Eventually his ancestors settled in Belleville and Macon, Ill.

Pearl was the oldest daughter of thirteen children of James and Eliza Jane Rigsby Myers. The Rigsbys traveled by covered wagon in early 1800's from Tennessee to Flat Branch creek west of Moweaqua.

Pearl went to Oak Branch, southeast of Moweaqua, Stonington High School, and two years at Illinois State Normal. She taught one year at Pleasant Ridge School northwest of Moweaqua.

Bernard and Pearl were married in 1927, moved to the Carr farm southwest of Macon and farmed forty years. On May 14, 1966, their wedding anniversary, they had ground

breaking services to start their new home on the old ball diamond lot of old school grounds purchased from Roy V. Snyder. Leslie Allison had Scripture reading and Mayor Wayne Hemer and other officers of town, friends, and neighbors came for the occasion.

Pearl's hobby at one time was making hats, covering them with feathers and giving demonstrations. She had made a feather hat for Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower and one for Governor Stratton's wife. She has made hats for many ladies all over the United States.

The Carrs have a daughter and a son, Melissa (Mrs. William Shewmaker), and Melvin Louis Carr. The Shewmakers have four children: Rodger married Dixie Martin, Steve married Pam Younker, Judy Mae and Brent are in Moweaqua School. Shewmakers are farmers living at the Emma Snyder homestead farm now owned by her father.

Son Melvin married Velberta Hays, lived in Texas and moved to Detroit. They have one daughter, Melody Dianne Carr and a son, Daniel Alan Carr.

Bernard and Pearl are a gracious, friendly couple, always ready to help or share their auto with friends needing transportation. They are people who care.

**JOHN AND MILDRED MOON PROTSMAN
300 SOUTH PUTNAM**

John's parents are Lawrence and Bess Weakley Protsman. He is one of seven children. Two sisters, Mrs. Herbert (Helen) Jordan and Mrs. Dorothy McIntyre, live in Moweaqua. Mildred is the daughter of Escoe and Mary Manship Moon, farmers from Bethany and Findlay. She has one brother.

John was born nine miles southwest of Moweaqua in Shelby County. He went to Obed School and entered Moweaqua High School. He married Mildred Moon, April 1946. She was also born in Shelby County. She went to Hale Grade School and Findlay High School. John and Mildred were both born and raised on a farm and lived there until they bought their present house and moved into Moweaqua in 1973. John is still farming.

They have a daughter, Patty, married to Michael Martin and living in Decatur. She has two daughters, Shelly, age six and Carrie, age four. Pat went to Pleak and Moweaqua Grade Schools and then to Moweaqua High School.

Their house was built in 1966 by Mr. and Mrs. George Forston who sold it to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Clipston. John and Mildred bought it in 1973 and moved into Moweaqua.

**DONALD AND JANET DIPPOLD DUECKER
329 SOUTH PUTNAM**

Donald and Janet have been living in Moweaqua since they were married July 13, 1973. He was born in Canton, Ohio in 1953, but has lived most of his childhood in St. Peter, Illinois, where his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Duecker, are originally from.

Janet was born in 1954 in Vandalia, Illinois and grew up in Farina where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dippold have lived all their lives.

Janet and Donald graduated from the same high school, Farina Lagrove. After high school, Janet attended Lakeland Junior College of Mattoon, Illinois for a year to become a

certified dental assistant. After they were married she worked for a dentist in Decatur for almost two years. Donald was working at Borg-Warner of Decatur when they were married but for the past year has been employed by Kaiser Agricultural Chemicals in Dalton City. Janet works at home and keeps care of their baby daughter, Amber Deann, who was born October 30, 1975.

DENNIS AND MARY LAMM DOOLEY
402 SOUTH PUTNAM

Dennis's grandparents were Zackie and Dallie Garrett Dooley. They had thirteen children, six now living: Mrs. Lawrence (Anna) Dooley Gaither, Dalton City, Mrs. Hommer (Tennie) Belle, Champaign, Mrs. Geo. (Era) Thompson, Ramsey, Nelson Dooley, Nokomis, Neil Dooley, Aurora, and Dennis, Moweaqua.

Mary's parents were Francis and Sylvia Lingenfelter Lamm. They had eight children: Floyd Lamm, Bethalto, Lewis Lamm, Niles, Michigan, Raymond Lamm, Shelbyville, Mrs. Lotsie (Virginia) Smorado, Wood River, Mrs. James (Alleén) Gaither, Lake City, Mrs. Dennis (Mary) Dooley, Moweaqua, Mrs. Herb (Frances) Jackson, Macon, and Mrs. Keith (Clara) Becker, Moweaqua.

Lewis Lamm holds an impressive position. He is Director of Development of East-West Trade of Clark Equipment Co., fork lifts, etc. He travels world wide setting up new plants.

Dennis' parents lived in Rosamond and his grandparents lived in Kentucky. Mary and Dennis' home was owned by Harold Runke, Texas.

Dennis is a TBA salesman for Fleetwood Oil and Mary is a bookkeeper for Fleetwood Oil. They have four children: Dennis Michael, commercial advertising, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Ronald Emery, journeyman for Donnelly Publishing Company, Mattoon, Sylvia (Sally) Dooley Leitch mother of young baby, Mattoon, Sean Frazier, fifth grader. Dennis and Mary have four grandchildren.

MARK AND CHRISTINE WOOTERS GILLET
502 SOUTH PUTNAM

Mark and Christine have always lived in Moweaqua as did their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gillett and Mr. and Mrs. George Wooters. They both were raised on farms and attended Pleak School in the first grade. They were the last class to have attended out at Pleak. They have fond memories of their first grade at Pleak. During the winter the whole school would play fox and geese and, of course, the fun they had on special holidays at school — experiences with more than one grade in a room, coming to town for lunch when their kitchen would flood, etc. For the second grade they had to come into Moweaqua. They graduated in 1970. Christine attended Greenville College, Greenville, Illinois for two years and now is employed at Hall's Jewelry. Mark is employed at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel. They were married in 1972 when they moved to this residence. They bought their home from Oliver Morrell who built it in 1954 and had made it his home up to the time Mark and Christine bought it.

RAILROAD

RAYMOND AND HELEN SUMMERS SANDUSKY
121 RAILROAD

Raymond's parents are Andrew and Mollie Sandusky, farmers at Benton. There were six children, all deceased except Raymond.

Helen is the daughter of Ray and Clara Ewing Summers. Her father, Ray Summers, was in the mine explosion in 1952 at West Franklin, where he received injuries. He was found unconscious in the explosion area and was carried out. He lived six years longer. Over one hundred were killed in that disaster. Helen was one of four daughters.

Raymond has worked at Caterpillar for twenty years. He and Helen moved to Moweaqua in 1954 when Caterpillar started employing.

Raymond and Helen have two daughters: Mrs. Paul (Roberta) Grimes of Moweaqua, who has two girls, Ginny Linn who is five and Paula, who is four; and Mrs. Neal (Clara Molly) Weber of Decatur, who has one daughter, Kimberly who is seven months old.

RONALD AND LOLA COFFMAN STEDMAN
200 RAILROAD

The first persons to come to America on Ron's side of the family were his great-grandparents who came to America in 1913 from France, Henri and Elsie LaLoux, settling in Oklahoma. They then moved to Terre Haute, Indiana after they heard money was to be made in coal mines.

Ronald's parents, Virgil and Amelia Lamont Stedman are from Terre Haute, Indiana. Ronald is one of five children.

Lola is the daughter of Virgil and Frances Spencer Coffman. She was one of four children: James, who married Linda Using and lives in Moweaqua, Gerald lives at Clinton, and Joseph married Julie Howse of Assumption.

Ron and Lola lived in Decatur until 1975 when they moved to Moweaqua because Lola was originally from here. They bought their home from Jim and Sue Minott.

Ronald says, "Everyone waves like he's been here all his life — so friendly." Lola and Ronald have one daughter, Carrie who is six months old.

CARL AND VIOLET PORTER DURBIN
216 RAILROAD

Carl was the youngest of thirteen children, five girls, one boy, then five girls and two boys. His parents, Joseph S. and Myrtle Carson Durbin lived all their lives in Brownstown. Two sisters live in Decatur, Miss Jennie Durbin and Mrs. Louis (Ann) Bailey. Ann taught at Brown's Business College in Decatur thirty-two years. Bernard Carr was one of her students.

Violet's parents, Charles and Maudie Rine Porter, of Brownstown, were farmers. She was one of seven children Mrs. Zuinto (Laverne) Buff, Avena; Mrs. Carl (Violet) Durbin, Moweaqua; Mrs. Claude (Sara) Grandfield, Blue Mound; Mrs. Claude (Dorothy) Seezel, Stonington; Mrs. Don (Emma) Stiner, Findlay, Charles Porter, Taylorville; and Jimmy Porter, Assumption.

Carl and Violet have one son, Carl Eugene, who married Linda Riley of Moweaqua and they have a son, Bradley Joe, who is three years old.

The Durbins moved from Brownstown after World War II to Moweaqua for employment. Their house was built in 1896 and was owned by Sam and Martha Hays, Charlie and Mamie Slater, and Walter and Elizabeth Hibbard.

Carl's hobbies include playing music and gardening. Violet enjoys sewing. "I've traveled in thirty-six states and three foreign countries, and this is the best town in the world."

**MABEL OTTA
221 RAILROAD**

Mabel's parents, Mike and Jennie Hughes Walters, lived one and one-half miles south of Moweaqua. Mable was one of six children: Harvey of Tower Hill, Mary Graham of Findlay, Mable Otta of Moweaqua, twins, Merle (deceased) and Pearl of Florida, and Wilbern of Lakewood.

Mabel's husband, August, was the son of Henry and Agnes Miller Otta who lived five miles east and north. August was the eldest son. He had three half sisters and two brothers. Kenneth a half brother, lives on the home place.

August and Mabel were farmers east of Moweaqua. They had three children: Helen (Mrs. Fred Bigos) of Davenport, Iowa, Lilian (Mrs. Allen Niehl) of Cowden, and Opal (Mrs. Rondal Tippett) of Taylorville. She has six grandchildren and nine-great grandchildren.

August was a farmer and an electrician. They moved to this location in 1945 and they ran a "fix-it" shop. August died in 1963.

Mabel's biggest delight is taking care of elderly people and loves little children. "I just love the town."

NORTH SHELBY

**GENE AND SHARON SCHINZLER DENTON
108 NORTH SHELBY**

Gene works at Mueller's in Decatur and Sharon is planning to open a beauty shop in her home. Gene's parents are Ralph and Margaret Denton of Moweaqua. Sharon's parents are Haldon and Geraldine Schinzler of rural Moweaqua. Sharon's great-grandfather came directly from Germany to Illinois. Gene and Sharon have three boys, Trace, eighth grader, Troy, sixth grader, and Tod, fourth grader. They bought their home from Thurman Morris in 1964.

**MILDRED MANLEY MACON
114 NORTH SHELBY**

Mildred is Manager of Moweaqua Bowl Cafe. Her grandfather, Luther Osborn gave the land for Fame Church. Her grandmother, Anna Zietz Osborn, a sister of Wes Zietz, early Moweaqua rural mail carrier, cooked for the carpenters that built it. Her great-grandfather Herman Zietz came here from Germany, served as a flag bearer during the Civil War.

Mildred's mother, Pearl Osborn Manley, was the organist at Fame Church before and after she was married. Mildred's father, Robert Manley, was a charter member of the First Methodist Church when it was last built. One brother, Bernole Manley, married Bernice Younker of Assumption. They both retired from the Signal Depot, Lexington, Kentucky to farm in the country southeast of Moweaqua.

Mildred's husband was the son of James and Mary Jones Macon who lived in Assumption. Ed died in 1959. They had a son, Dr. Larry Macon, a dentist, married Janet Jacobs from Assumption. They live in Mattoon. He has offices in Mattoon and Shelbyville. They have a daughter Amy Bess, five years old, and a son, Kenneth Ashley. Mildred enjoys all kinds of craftwork and sings in church.

**SARAH BROWN
117 NORTH SHELBY**

Sarah has been employed by Dr. K. L. Pistorius for the past seventeen years. Prior to that she worked twenty-seven years in the Moweaqua Home Telephone Co.

Sarah was the daughter of George W. and Julia E. Keller Daughtry. Sarah was married to Earl Brown who died in 1963. He had a cleaning shop on South Main where the apartments are now (1920's to 1941). He worked for Caterpillar and Mississippi Valley, retiring in 1962.

Sarah Daughtry Brown had a sister, Mary, who died at the age of two. She had two brothers, William J., mail carrier and desk clerk at Railroad YMCA in Decatur who died in 1953, and Bob, who married Marie Goodwin of Decatur. Bob died in 1959. Marie is now living in Florida. Bob and Marie had one son, Robert, married, and living in Chicago. Sarah's house was previously owned by Joe Armstrong and Emerson Sanders.

**JUNE ALLISON HENDERSON
122 NORTH SHELBY**

June's parents, George W. Allison and Nellie Belle Atchison, lived six miles west of Moweaqua on a farm. Her grandparents, James and Azubah Pinkston Turner, came from Ohio and settled six miles west in Prairieton Township. Their four children were Benjamin Andrew, Leeman Findley, George William and Otellia Eleanora Allison. June's brother, Colonel Medill Allison, married Emma Myrtle Rigby, Moweaqua. One sister, Mabel Pinkston, died at early age. June was raised on the farm and went to Oak Branch School in Prairieton Township. She married Harry Schellhaas from New York and Moweaqua. A daughter, Felecia May married Dr. Roger Williams of Chicago. A son, Royal Everest Schellhaas has two girls.

After Harry Schellhaas' death in 1927, she married Raymond W. Henderson from Chicago in 1948, died in 1950. He was Superintendent of Engraving for the Chicago Daily News. June had several beauty parlors and last one was at Churchhill Hotel, Chicago. After Colonel Allison's wife died in 1954, she came to Moweaqua to be with him. He died in 1963. She bought her home in 1964. June enjoys the fellowship of First Baptist Church.

**GERALD AND NORMA McLAIN RINGO
123 NORTH SHELBY**

Gerald was born at Findlay, Illinois, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tracy Ringo. His grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Ringo, of Cowden and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carroll, of Findlay, Illinois. Gerald moved with his parents to the Moweaqua vicinity in 1941. He went into the Navy in 1943. He married Norma McLain in 1945. After getting out of the Navy, they spent five years in the Hammond, Illinois area, then moved back to the Moweaqua area where they have been ever since. He is a member of the First Christian Church and works at Caterpillar.

Norma was born near Moweaqua, two miles north and five and one-fourth miles east, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Otis McLain who have lived around the Moweaqua area since the early 1920's. Norma's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson who owned the farm at Allenboro Corner, two miles north and four miles east of Moweaqua. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLain from

Cannelton, Indiana. Norma went to Long Grove School and graduated from Moweaqua High School in the class of 1945. She then married Gerald Ringo. Norma is also a member of the First Christian Church. Gerald and Norma have one son, Gary, who lives in Moweaqua.

Gerald and Norma bought their house in 1957 from Lloyd and Beulah Nichols. The first date listed on the abstract of the property is June 26, 1850. It was surveyed and laid out October 4, 1852, owned then by Michael Snyder. Later it was owned by Valentine Snyder. The Hudson families and the Goodwins' later owned it and by all that Norma can find out by talking with others, the house is over 100 years old.

**STEPHEN AND PHYLLIS LINN MOTT
126 NORTH SHELBY**

Stephen is the son of Francis and Markena Bryan Mott of rural Moweaqua. Francis is in the heating and air conditioning business. Markena works for Ayars State Bank. They have three children, Daniel of Kokomo, Indiana, Peggy married Leland Allison of Assumption and Stephen.

Phyllis is the daughter of Harold and Alice Stapp Linn of Moweaqua. Harold works for Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and Alice works in Moweaqua School cafeteria. Phyllis has two brothers, Hubert and Lonnie, both of the Moweaqua area.

Steve and Phyllis married in 1972. They bought this home from Glenn Giles. Steve works for the Illinois Central Gulf Railroad and reports to the Moweaqua Depot each morning. Steve and Phyllis had a daughter, Stephanie Markena, who died in infancy in 1974. They have a son, Jeremy Stephen, one year old. Steve works with cars, drives a three wheeler and bowls and fishes.

**WAYNE AND RUTH HUMPHREY HAYS
129 NORTH SHELBY**

Wayne was born on a farm near Moweaqua. His parents were David Sherman and Clara Elliott Hays. Wayne was one of four boys, Floyd of Texas, Wayne of Moweaqua, Ray (deceased 1975) and John of Moweaqua. Wayne's parents, grandparents, and great grandparents were farmers having resided on a farm one and a quarter miles south and one mile west of Moweaqua. The Hays cemetery in which the Hays families are buried was located on their land. The land went out of the Hays family at the death of Wayne's parents.

Ruth's parents were Walter and Debbie Thomas Humphrey, Jr. Ruth is one of six children, Clarence (deceased), Mrs. Wayne (Laura) Jacobs, Glenn (deceased), Ruth, Verne of Cerro Gordo, and Mrs. Haig (Gertrude) Ajamian of Menlo Park, California. Grandparents Nathan Humphrey and wife were farmers living about three and one-half miles east of Moweaqua. Upon retiring they lived at 510 East Main in the house now owned by Earl Jordan.

Ruth's mother's parents were Joseph Thomas and Laura Gregory Thomas. Joseph Thomas was a Baptist preacher. He at one time preached at the Little Flock Church. His wife, Laura Gregory Thomas, was a descendent of Edward Gregory Sr. who came from Indiana and settled about two and one-half miles east of Pleak. Ruth is a direct descendant of Richard Warren who was born in Greenwich, England. Richard, with his wife and daughter Elizabeth, came over on the Mayflower. Richard died in Plymouth, Mass. in 1628. His wife Elizabeth in 1673.

They owned the Moweaqua Packing Plant for several years, now retired. They have one son, James Hays of near Cowden. Two daughters are Mrs. Arnold (Eula Mae) Metzger of Oreana, and Mrs. Mark (Von) Gregory of Moweaqua. They have ten grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

**PAUL AND RUTH SULLIVAN DUEZ
203 NORTH SHELBY**

Paul's parents are Louis and Erma Fringer Duez. His grandparents were Joe and Victoria Duez from Belgium and Docia Fringer, grandmother. Paul married Ruth Sullivan from Pana. Her parents, Virgil and stepmother Millie Sullivan live in Pana. Her grandparents were Georgia and William Sullivan of Pana and Philbert and Augustine Poret. Ruth's mother, Amadine Poret, came as a child from France with her parents.

Paul and Ruth have four children, Gary Duez, Mt. Zion, a millwright at Staley, with two daughters and one son. Nancy Connelly of Galesburg is a housewife and has one boy and one girl. Cynthia Weerts, of Charleston is a school teacher with one girl. Robert Duez, age nine, is a fourth grader. Paul and Ruth have six grandchildren. They are proprietors of Duez Shoe Store. Paul also carries a mail route in Moweaqua. Their home was built in 1922 and previously owned by Jessie Duncan.

**CHARLES AND MARIE HOTT MYERS
214 NORTH SHELBY**

Charles was in the huckster business from 1924-1941, and store at his home. He worked at Caterpillar in Decatur, Drew Home Telephone Co., Janitor at Moweaqua School and retired in 1970.

Charles' parents, Clarence and Ida Rosenberger Myers were raised around Blue Mound. Marie's parents were Chester and Grace Skiff Hott. Grandfather was John Hott of Assumption grandmother Cynthia Brinker Hott also from Assumption. Grandfather Nathan Skiff married Mary Taylor Patrick Skiff.

Their residence was built in 1895 by Rozella Thomas' father. Charles and Marie have three children. Donald married Janice Harris of rural Moweaqua. Beverly Ann married Jim Matlock of Decatur. Jackie Lee married Shirley Cantrell and lives in Georgia. They have five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. Marie has a relative in Shelbyville who has traced their family history to the Mayflower. (See Donald Myers in book for story of Nate Skiff's patented medicine and liniment.)

**MRS. FRANK (KATIE) COLE CUTLER
215 NORTH SHELBY**

Frank's parents were Milliard and Laura Cochran Cutler, farmers north of Obed Store. Frank was one of six children, William of Moweaqua, Frank (deceased), Mrs. Edith Raymond, Roy Cutler of Shelbyville, Mrs. Lester Fromm (Lucy) of Blue Mound and Mrs. Crutcher (Ruth) of Tower Hill.

Katie's parents were Bright and Elizabeth Stump Cole of Pickaway Township. She is one of four children, Walter Cole worked 1st National Bank of Moweaqua, Clarence married Edith Bridgman of Moweaqua, Mrs. Lawrence (Mertie) Smith of Westerfield, now lives with Katie, and Katie who will be seventy-eight on January 4, 1977.

Frank and Katie lived all their married life, fifty-five years on a farm north of Obed. They lived in town about two weeks before Frank died in November 1971. They had one child who died in infancy. Katie loves to piece quilts, especially with her neighbors around Obed. Katie's brother, Clarence Cole, and nephew, Glen Cole, and family living here were so happy. They inspired the Cutlers to move in town. "Smile and the world smiles with you, weep and you weep alone. Make new friends. But keep the old, the new ones are silver, the old ones are gold."

**ROE AND NELLIE BOHLEN STITCH
219 NORTH SHELBY**

Roe Stitch purchased this unfinished new home from Mrs. Gladys Wooters Estate. They will move from their country home in Moweaqua Township where they have lived for fifty-two years when this house is completed in late spring.

**FRED AND ELSIE FATHAUER HARRIS
220 NORTH SHELBY**

Fred's father, Richard Harris, came from England, married Josephine Adams of Stonington and settled in Stonington. Fred is one of five children all living, his three sisters were teachers, Daisy Harris Hess, of Boston, Mass., attended Moweaqua High School in 1908, Fred Harris, of Moweaqua, Maude Harris Warren of Pana, Gladys Harris Dymont of Hollywood, Florida, and Paul Harris of Millersville.

Elsie's grandmother, Mary Schnurr Jostes, came to America from Germany in a sailboat in 1861. It took twelve weeks to make the trip. Her grandfather William Jostes came from Germany in 1857. His name is listed on the Civil War Bronze Standard in Central Park, Decatur. They settled near Boody where Elsie's mother was born as was Elsie and her brothers and sisters. Her father, William Fathauer, came from Germany when a young boy.

Elsie is one of five children, Imo Fathauer Ellrich of Fame Church area (deceased), Nora Fathauer Boggs of Cerro Gordo, 83 years old, Arthur Fathauer, Decatur, retired farmer, 81 years old, Elsie Fathauer Harris, Moweaqua, 79 years, and Irvin Fathauer of Dalton City, retired, 76 years.

Fred and Elsie married fifty-seven years, retired from many years of farming to this address in 1973. They have three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Their only child, is Violet Harris Smull (Earl Smull Jr.) of Moweaqua. She is a clerk at Newman's in Decatur. She has two sons and a daughter. Ronald Smull married Carol Ann Thomas of Moweaqua. He is a Sales Engineer in Atlanta, Georgia. They have two boys in grade school. Carol Sue Smull married Jim Ropp of Moweaqua. He is an accountant. They live in Gainesville, Florida and have a boy and girl in grade school. Kenneth Smull is single, a mechanic living in Clovis, New Mexico.

Fred served in World War I. The number 11 became a lucky number for them: Armistice, November 11, 1918, returned from service December 11, 1918; married March 11, 1919; Violet born March 11, 1922.

**HELEN GREGORY
225 NORTH SHELBY**

Helen is a former teacher. She is the retired widow of Lloyd Gregory, Sr., a rural mail carrier of Moweaqua for forty-one years. Helen's geneology is elsewhere in the book.

**GLENN D. BROOKSHIER
227 NORTH SHELBY**

Glenn "Turk" is the son of Ed and Cathryn Segar Brookshier. He is one of nine children. His brother Earl married Irene Brown and lives in Moweaqua. Ed and Cathryn were farmers in Macon, sold farm and retired to Moweaqua in 1935.

"Turk" married Mary Ann Standley, daughter of Ben and Clara Switzer Standley of Brownstown in 1942 in Huntsville, Alabama, while in the service. They bought the Helen Gregory property in December 1958. Mary Ann died August 1, 1975. Mary Ann's brother Charles married Bertha Rever of Assumption. Mary Ann and "Turk" have one son, Stanley Dale, born in 1947 in Biloxi, Mississippi.

"Turk" has worked at Wagner Casting for thirteen years. Prior to this he had a grocery store "Brookshier's Superette" on East Warren for fourteen years. He sold it to Don Trulock in 1962. Mary Ann was Township Clerk for two terms, substitute mail carrier, helped at the L & W, and was always available to anybody who needed help. She ran the Dairy Isles Custard Stand on West Main of evenings, sold to Fathauer's in 1966.

**JERRY AND SUZANNE SPALDING COLLINS
228 NORTH SHELBY**

Jerry works at Muellers in Decatur and Suzanne is a housewife. Jerry's parents are Virgil and Mable (deceased) Collins. He has two brothers, Larry and Bob, and one sister, Shirley Workman. Suzanne's parents are Tom and Grace Spalding. She has two brothers, Tom and Steve, and one sister, Linda. Jerry and Suzanne have four daughters, Teresa, seventh grader, Tracey, fifth grader, Christy, first grader, and Carrie, nine months old.

**DEAN AND JUNE RHOADES STIVERS
302 NORTH SHELBY**

Dean was born in Assumption. He married in 1941 June Rhoades, born in Nokomis. Dean has worked at MVSS for nineteen years; his hobby is knife making.

They have three sons and four daughters, six granddaughters and four grandsons. Fred and Cheryl Ater Stivers, Mt. Zion, have two daughters, Sharon and Karen. Fred is Manager of Automotive Department at Sears, Paul and Candy Lindbloom Stivers, Ankeny, Iowa, have one son, Jimmy. Paul is Supervisor of Mutual Insurance Company in Des Moines. Mrs. Lavern (Joyce) Downen lives in Decatur and have one son, Craig. Wayne Stivers works for the City of Dalton City and has one son, Nathan, and two daughters, Dori and Michelle. Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Ammann, of Dalton City, has two daughters, Crystal and Sherri. Mrs. Randy (Esther) Rendfeld, of Decatur, has one son, David. Sandra Stivers is at home, a Junior in Moweaqua High School and has started Beauty Culture at Mr. Johns School of Cosmetology.

Dean is the son of Harry and Amanda Silvers Stivers from Pennsylvania Dutch and Swiss ancestry. His ancestors, the Fishers, from Switzerland, came to Indiana back to Dundee, Ohio, by covered wagon and to Owaneco, Illinois. Dean is one of thirteen children, five boys and eight girls, Kenneth, Harry, Jr. Dean, Carroll, and Dale; Mabel McKown, Edith Belcher, Mary Jane McDonald, Betty Cook, Bonnie Kaigley, Evelyn Colyer, Darlene Stone, and Amanda Lee.

June Rhoades Stivers is the daughter of Nettie Belle Dilbeck and Fred Rhoades from Ramsey area. Her great-grandparents lived near Bingham, Illinois. She is one of a family of eight, four girls and four boys.

**MAMIE CHRISTIE
306 NORTH SHELBY**

Mamie Watkins was born and raised in Ramsey. She has two sisters, one in Springfield and one in Petersburg. One brother, Gladys Watkins of Petersburg, died in January 1975. Her mother, Anna Watkins, was full blooded Cherokee Indian. Her father, William Watkins was born and raised in Vandalia.

Mamie married Ralph Christie in 1921 in Vandalia. His mother from Cincinnati, Ohio, Gertrude Pribble Christie, came to Vernon, Illinois with her parents and family. Ralph's father was Indian also. Ralph had one brother, Harry Christie at Walker, Illinois, now deceased and two sisters, Juanita and Gladys.

Ralph and Mamie lived in Walker, Illinois for twenty years, and ran the elevator there until it burned in 1934. Ralph became a night watchman at Young's Packing Plant in Decatur which burned the day Ralph was buried in 1965. During the Vietnam War, the Christie's had four grandchildren in Vietnam at the same time. Their children are Ralph, Jr., and seven children of Decatur, Betty Christie Eskew, married Dwight Eskew of Moweaqua, has two sons, Robert and Terry, James Christie (deceased), whose widow Linda lives in Moweaqua and has two sons, Jimmy, a senior and Timmy in the eighth grade. Mamie has eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mamie worked at the Corner Cafe for Juanita Bilyeu for many years and worked at Eastern Star home for eleven years as a nurse's aid.

**ROBERT AND DOROTHY RICE DOWNEY
314 NORTH SHELBY**

Robert is a construction electrician and Dorothy is a housewife. They have lived in Moweaqua nineteen years. The first members of their family to come to America were Eathen Allen, mother's family, from England (Scotland) and father's family came from Ireland. His step-mother was Helen Reighley, a granddaughter of William Reighley, a veterinarian in Moweaqua and one of the early families of this area. Helen Reighley was a sister of Flo Reighley who was Dr. J. L. Sparling's secretary at the Moweaqua Hospital. The Reighley home is now part of the Allen Addition.

Robert and Dorothy have five children. They are Connie Lee Downey Addison, Janelle Elaine Downey Waggoner, Indianapolis, James Leroy Downey, Logotee, Indiana, Dorothy Denise Downey Winberry, Elwin, and John Patrick Downey and Trudy, Moweaqua. There are seven grandchildren.

**LARRY AND BARBARA MILLER COLLINS
328 NORTH SHELBY**

Larry works at Muellers in Decatur and Barbara is a housewife. Larry is the son of Virgil and Mabel Tolly Collins and has two brothers, Robert, Shelby County Sheriff, and Jerry of Moweaqua, and a sister, Shirley Workman. Barbara is the daughter of Paul (deceased) and Onerie Miller.

Larry and Barbara are the parents of four children, J. C., a senior, Cindy, a junior, Barry a seventh grader, and Kelly, one year old. Their house was built in 1940.

**GUY AND LORA FENTON PARKER
315 NORTH SHELBY**

Guy's grandfather, Lemuel Parker, was born in 1827 in New York. His parents, Willis F. and Dora Hays Parker were farmers. Guy was one of five children; two sisters live in or around Moweaqua, Mrs. Floyd (Della) Jacobs, and Mrs. Vollie (Irene) Sims.

Lora's parents are Lonzo and Jessie Lang Fenton of Tower Hill. She was one of five girls.

Guy and Lora farmed at Tower Hill 1921-34, ran a dairy at Coleama, Wisconsin, 1934-50, bought home in Decatur 1950, and moved to Moweaqua 1956. He helped build new school and other construction work. He recalls that in 1906 he and his sister, Della, helped their father drag the roads to let water drain off. Lora died in 1953 while living in Decatur. Guy sold the house and came to Moweaqua to care for his sisters, Irene Sims and Della Jacobs. Guy bought home in Moweaqua in 1975.

**CHARLES AND RUTH LOCKWOOD JENKINS
320 NORTH SHELBY**

Charles is the son of Ross (deceased) and Clover Himes Jenkins of Henton. There are three older sisters. Charles was born at Pana and lived at Henton until moving to Moweaqua. He is employed by Caterpillar Tractor Company of Decatur.

Ruth is the daughter of Richard and Eloise Moore Lockwood of Moweaqua. She has a brother, Larry, now living at home. She is a beautician and is employed as secretary of Wright's Heating. She was born in Decatur and has lived in Moweaqua all but nine months of her life.

Lana Jo is Charles and Ruth's daughter, age seven, born in Taylorville and is in the second grade at Moweaqua School. Charles and Ruth have lived at this address for the past five years. In 1974 they tore the house down, purchased a mobile home, and moved it in.

**C. DARRELL RONEY
321 NORTH SHELBY**

Darrell Roney was born in Moultrie County, a son of Ethel Sharp and Elsa Roney, who farmed. Darrell married Nina Phillips from Moultrie County and farmed. She died in 1972.

Darrell and Nina had two girls. Carolyn married Joe Jolly and teaches in the Decatur School System. Judy married Bill Klarman and later Harold Foster. They live in Maryland and have three children. Darrell and Nina built a new house and moved from Flat Branch Township in 1963.

**FLORIAN AND STELLA KOZIOL GUNCHICK
325 NORTH SHELBY**

Florian is the son of Jake and Tillie Hebda Gunchick of Fullerton, Nebraska. Florian's father came from Europe at an early age and was a farmer all his life. Stella's father, Stanley Koziol, came from Poland at age twenty-one and married Pauline Rosenthal. They lived in Nebraska. Stella has four sisters and two brothers in Kansas, Nebraska, and Chicago.

Stella and Florian have lived in suburbs of Chicago. Florian is retired machinist worker. Stella worked for Wilson's Sporting Goods, Speedway, and Dry Cleaners. They have two sons, Alvin in Berwyn, Illinois. Daniel lives in Ceresco, Nebraska. They have two grandchildren in Riverside, Illinois.

When Florian retired, they started out from LaGrange, Illinois in the camper pulling a little car behind it. They drove down 55 stopping in small towns and looking for real estate agents. They were searching for property where mobile homes were allowed. On 51 they stopped all along in small towns asking same questions. They arrived in Shelbyville, unhooked camper at lake, came to Macon, asked there for mobile home space, so kept on coming to Moweaqua. After talking with about five different people in Moweaqua, a lovely lady at the library directed them to Gene Lower. They found the perfect place. They called their son in Chicago to tell him but couldn't pronounce the name of the town, and had to spell Moweaqua to him.

"People are so nice here, such good neighbors, so friendly and they look after us. We just can't get used to it. We never had this friendliness in Chicago. We just love it here and we've learned to pronounce Moweaqua."

**CHARLES AND FLORENCE BROWN DOWD
330 NORTH SHELBY**

"Chalk" was a brick mason and plasterer, self-employed for thirty-five years before working at the Moweaqua School as custodian for the last five years. He has helped build or remodel or add a fireplace to many, many homes and buildings in our area. Florence is a housewife.

The first member of the family to come to America was Patrick Dowd, who came from Ireland and settled in Ohio, and later moved to Moweaqua. Nothing much is known about Patrick's wife. "Chalk's" parents were William and Emma Frances Long. To this marriage were born twelve children, all are deceased except "Chalk." William Dowd brought up the first load of coal out of the Moweaqua Mine.

Charles and Florence had three children, Charles William, deceased, Mary Kathleen and Sandra Kay. Both girls are married and living in Decatur. Sandra and Tom Marucco have three sons, Terry, Steve, and Randy. Mary and Ronald Sherrell have two sons, Bradley and Brian. Charles and Florence's home is over 100 years old.

**IRENE VARNER COEN
334 NORTH SHELBY**

Irene Varner eloped to marry Arthur Coen in 1928 and lived in Mattoon. Arthur decided to go west and Irene met him in Nebraska when he worked for her father picking corn. They lived around Mattoon for three years and then moved back to Nebraska. Later they came back to the Mattoon area. They moved to Moweaqua in the country where he worked for Everett Lash. In 1953 they moved to the present address. Mr. Coen, 75 years old, is now in a nursing home in Mattoon.

Irene is an LPN working at the Eastern Star Home. Irene and Arthur have seven children, Joyce Coen Risley of Bethany, Robert Coen of Mountain Grove, Missouri, Margaret Coen Kerwood of Decatur, Richard Coen of Maryland, Oran Coen of Macon, Frances Coen Dobney of Iowa, and Everett Coen, who graduated from Moweaqua High in

1967 and is living in San Diego, California, employed as an instructor in a Navy School. Arthur had a hobby of collecting advertising pencils—called the "Muddy Water Pencil Collector."

**LINDA JOHNSON CHRISTIE
340 NORTH SHELBY**

Linda was originally from Stonington, but moved to Moweaqua when she and Jim married because it was Jim's hometown. Jim Christie was attending Gem City College in Quincy learning to be a watch maker when he died suddenly January 1975. Linda and Jim had two sons, James, a senior and Timothy, an eighth grader. They moved into their new mobile home in 1971.

**ROBERT AND RACHEL FEARN JESSE
409 NORTH SHELBY**

Robert is the son of William and Laura Busick Jesse, farmers southeast of Moweaqua. Robert is one of eight children, Lena Barbre of Moweaqua, Merle of Dalton City, Ethel Bonds of Decatur, Clyde of rural Moweaqua, Irene Hammil of Moweaqua, Carl of rural Moweaqua, Wilma (deceased) Beckman, and Robert of Moweaqua. Rachel is the daughter of Ira and Lola Bost Fearn. Ira retired from Swift & Company. They lived most of their married life in Moweaqua. Rachel is one of four children, Rachel of Moweaqua, Charles, Shirley Traughber and Joan Moore of Moweaqua.

Robert works at Mueller and Rachel works at Moweaqua School Cafeteria. They have lived here in this home for thirty-four years. In 1956 they bought Esther's, changed name to "Ra-Bob's Confectionery," (now Rotary Building). The sold it in 1963 to Tom and Erma Bilyeu. Robert and Rachel have three sons, Robert Dean married Linda Zurliene. He is a coach and teacher at Hennepin, Illinois. They have three children, Jennifer, seven years, Melinda, four years, and Chad, two years, James Roger married Jackie Mayfield of Moweaqua and lives at Flanagan, Illinois. He works for the Telephone Company. Rex Ryan Jesse lives in Moweaqua.

**LEWIS AND ORRA DOREN
412 NORTH SHELBY**

Lewis and Orra moved into their home ten years ago from Decatur. Lewis retired from Firestone in September 1975. They have two bull dogs.

**P. D. AND MARY LOU HURT
416 NORTH SHELBY**

The Hurts are Dutch Irish and came from Holland to settle in Missouri. Mrs. Hurt's maternal grandparents were Irish and Indian, settled in Missouri 1790-1800. A great-grandfather Juan Benito Gracia came from Spain in 1792, and settled in Colorado where they homesteaded raising horses, sheep and cattle on their hundreds of acres. Another grandparent of Spanish and French descent came to New Mexico as a very young boy. He became a wagon master. Today, Uncle Joe 84 years old lives on the same location. Mrs. Hurt visited this homestead last year stating, "It is a beautiful place."

P. D. Hurt, born in Missouri, is a gas service man, and Mary Lou works at OES Home in Macon as a nurse's aide.

The gas company transferred them from Nevada to Moweaqua in 1965. This house was moved in from the country, and built on to. The Hurts remodeled in 1968, 69 and are still remodeling. First date on the property is 1882.

Their three children are Jerry who works at Wagner Casting and has one son, Lee Roy (deceased 1973) at age 21, and Linda A. Hurt Briggs of Moweaqua who has one son. Their hobbies are bowling, fishing, camping, boating. "Since we have been in Moweaqua, we have had a lot of good times and we have had bad times, too. Our son Lee Roy was killed in a wreck in the Ozarks at age 21, in 1973. But God has blessed us with a beautiful grandson, Wesley W. Briggs. I am very proud to be Spanish, French, German, but most of all that I am an American."

**HERB AND JUNE LUKE
420 NORTH SHELBY**

Herb works at Caterpillar Tractor Company and June is a housewife. They moved from Pekin to Moweaqua because Herb was transferred from Caterpillar in East Peoria to Decatur. They have two children, Kevin who is employed at Grain Systems, Inc. and Jo Beth, a senior in high school. Their home was built in 1947 and owned by C. Henry Baker.

**OTTIS AND OPAL THOMPSON McLAIN
429 NORTH SHELBY**

Otis McLain was born in Crawford County, Indiana, the son of Edward and Dolly Morgan McLain. He has one brother and four sisters. Opal is the daughter of John and Dora Martin Thompson. John Thompson was raised around Allenboro. Opal was born in Moultrie County near Bruce, Illinois. She had six brothers and two sisters, Floyd was married to Eva Stombaugh Lane, Homer, married Margaret Casey, Myrle married Ted Keller, Loveta married Delmar Cherry, Estol married Maxine Lowry, Raymond married Gertrude Taylor, Carl married Erma Tipsword, and Glen married Bessie Mauck.

Otis came to Moweaqua when he was sixteen years old to find work. He worked on farms and later became an independent truck driver. He and Opal have run McLain's Fruit Market for eighteen years. They were married in 1927. They have six children, Norma married Gerald Ringo. John married Peggy Moon (deceased) and then married Mary Lou Graham Lee, Bob married Mary Sims, Joan married Paul Short, Leon married Betty Trueblood, and Jim married Carole Giberson.

Otis and Opal lived in Allenboro fifteen years after their marriage and then moved to their present address in 1943. Their home was previously owned by Dave Cooley. Otis will be 75 years old on July 2, 1976.

During the Moweaqua Centennial John C. Thompson, Opal's father, furnished a team of horses to pull the covered wagon about town and in the parade. He later retired and moved to town.

**HENRY BECK
430 NORTH SHELBY**

Henry works for Continental Metzler of Decatur. His parents were Ruth and Clyde Beck of Olney who are of German Heritage. Henry married Hazel Berry, whose parents were Harvey and Marcia Berry of Olney. They moved to Moweaqua from LaPorte, Indiana in 1955. Hazel died in December 1972.

Hazel and Henry had two children. Suzanne Beck Bradbury, whose husband is Doug, have one daughter, Kristen, nineteen months old and live in Moweaqua. Terry Beck married Brenda Pearson of Pana and has two children, Randy age four and Michele age one.

**SHERMAN AND WILMAH STOREY CRAIG
501 NORTH SHELBY**

Sherman's parents were Oliver and Nancy Burrus Craig of Herrick, Illinois. Wilmah's parents were Alex and Mima Storey, of Flat Branch Township. James and Lonely Campbell Workman came to Flat Branch Township in 1875. They had eight children, one of whom was Mima Workman Storey, wife of Alex Storey, well known cattle and horse breeder in Flat Branch Township. Lonely Campbell Workman was niece of Capt. Alfred Campbell who came to Flat Branch Township in 1851. Capt. Alfred Campbell was the first white child born in Sangamon County in 1819. In 1846, he enlisted and served in the war with Mexico and with the Civil War until February 1865. He had moved to Moweaqua in 1856 and was in the mercantile business. His home was the place now known as Windel's Apartments. James and Lonely Campbell Workman lived on the corner one block north of the business district. Two of their sons remained in this area, J. Will and Oscar. Two daughters lived in this area, Mima Storey and Elizabeth Hunter of Pickaway Township.

Sherman and Wilmah have one daughter, Nancy, who is married and has one daughter.

**ELMO AND MANONA PARKER
502 NORTH SHELBY**

Elmo is the son of Thomas Will and Lulu McKee Parker who lived in Decatur. Thomas did carpentering and farming. Elmo is one of six children. Manona is the daughter of Jim and Sally Pleasant from Indiana. She is from a family of two boys and four girls.

Elmo and Manona had six children, Marjorie Kemper, Dwight, retired Master Sargent in Navy Air Corps after twenty-three years, lives in Escondido, California, Harold (deceased) served in World War II in German, married Barbara Hughes of Moweaqua, Joan married Joe Gately of Springfield, John married Mary Jo McPeak of Moweaqua and James married Edith Whitsett and lives in Decatur. James is a retired Army helicopter pilot who served in the Islands, and Viet Nam.

**HARRY AND JUNE HOBLER RULE, JR.
505 NORTH SHELBY**

Harry was born and raised in St. Elmo, Illinois, a son of Harry A. and Mary Heldenbrand Rule. He has one sister, Helen Haggerman of Charleston. He joined the Navy in 1948. He married June Hobler, born and raised in Vandalia, Illinois, the daughter of Andrew J. and Mable Crane Hobler, in Gary, Indiana, in 1951. June has one sister, Betty Bailey of Decatur.

They moved to Vandalia after Harry's discharge from the Navy in 1951. They became parents of a daughter, Vicki L. They moved to Decatur in 1955 where they became parents of another daughter Robin D. Harry joined the Illinois State Police in September of 1967. After finishing training and school, he was assigned to Moweaqua. They

moved here in January 1958 and moved to their present home in January 1959. Vicki is employed at the Holiday Inn and Robin at Fair Haven Christian Home.

**JAMES AND CAROLE GIBERSON McLAIN
510 NORTH SHELBY**

Jim is a Rural Letter Carrier for the Moweaqua Post Office. He was a City Carrier before going to the Rural Route. Carole is a housewife and mother. Both Carole and Jim graduated from Moweaqua High School.

Jim, son of Otis and Opal Thompson McLain, was born in Allenboro. He attended Long Grove School near Moweaqua. The pump from the well at the Long Grove School site has been restored and stands in the backyard at 510 North Shelby, a gift to Jim from Don Drew, owner of the land where Long Grove School once stood. Carole, daughter of Robert and Winifred Workman Giberson, was born in the Moweaqua Hospital. Robert was the son of Frank and Agnes Montooth Giberson of Lakewood. Winnie was the daughter of Charles and Eva Dotson Workman of Moweaqua. Robert and Winnie, along with Carole and Ronnie, lived in Lakewood a short time before returning to Moweaqua where they have lived since. Robert died in 1956.

Jim's grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. John Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLain. His grandparents are deceased. Jim and Carole have two children, Lori Ann, a fourth grader, and Marty, a second grader. They purchased their home in 1963 from Roy T. Cutler who had just built it. Carole's great uncle was Silas Wakefield, the Methodist minister here at one time.

**VIRGIL AND EVA HOYLE TAYLOR
515 NORTH SHELBY**

Virgil works for Firestone in Decatur and Eva is a housewife and mother. They moved to Moweaqua in 1973 from Pana to be closer to Virgil's work. Eva's grandfather Hoffman was a full blooded German and lived to be 99 years old. Virgil and Eva have three children, Glenn, a first grader, Andrew, four years old, and Sara, two years old. Their home was built in 1956 and was previously owned by Jim Cutler, Terry Coffman, and Bill Schneipp.

**PAUL AND DOROTHY PURVIANCE WARNICK
525 NORTH SHELBY**

Paul is retired from farming and Dorothy is a housewife. Paul's parents, Oscar and Ida Hertel Warnick, lived in Mt. Auburn. His grandparents were John and Lora Stevens Warnick of Stevens Creek, Decatur. Ancestry dates back to William Warnick home of the first sheriff of Macon County. The "Old Warnick House" is in the planning stage of being restored. Abraham Lincoln used to stay at their home overnight on his trips to Springfield. It was known as the "Half Way House," half way between Shelbyville, and Springfield. Lincoln proposed to one of William Warnick's daughters. She said "No." Who knows what would have happened if they had married, Paul might have been a Senator instead of a farmer.

Dorothy's parents were John and Iona Gambrill Purviance who lived around Niantic and Macon and are of French ancestry. Dorothy and Paul have two sons, James Paul, who married Glea Windels and lives in Moweaqua with their two daughters, Allison and Camille, and Donald Lee, who married Pat Beeson and lives in Moweaqua with

their two children, Debbie, a sophomore, and Donnie, a fourth grader. Paul and Dorothy's house was built in 1963 and was previously owned by Mrs. Tarcey Wiant and John Helm.

**GEORGE AND MARY WOODRING GAINES
MARILYN GAINES
530 NORTH SHELBY**

George's parents were Jack and Susan Frances Bivens Gaines from the Pana area. His brother is John Gaines of Tex and Gaines Furniture Store in Pana. His sister is Mrs. Mary Brown who works at Rexall Drug, Pana. Mary's parents were Joseph E. and Mary Ann Skiff Woodring who lived most of their lives in Moweaqua. Her brother Frank married Verna Moore of Stonington and live on a farm at Lakewood, Illinois. They have a daughter, Betty Woodring, who works for the Decatur School System and a daughter Shirley Maylor of Elwood. Mary's brother, Joe Woodring, lives in Moweaqua. Her grandfather, Nathan T. Skiff (1840-1920) of Moweaqua invented the Natski Medicine and had an office on West Main Street. He also developed an asthma medicine called Natiff.

George worked at a furniture store in Pana, Houdaille Hershey in Decatur, Shell Station on South Main for P. J. Cearlock; later buying the station and operating it until his retirement in 1972. George is serving his eleventh year on Moweaqua Town Board. Their daughter, Marilyn Darlene, has a M.A. Degree in Speech. She has taught seventeen years in Decatur Schools. She is now serving as Supervisor of Speech for all Decatur, Macon and Piatt Counties. George, Mary, and Marilyn moved into their new home in 1964.

SOUTH SHELBY

**ROGER AND BRENDA SHRAKE GOODWIN
304 SOUTH SHELBY**

Roger is a mail carrier in the Decatur Post Office and Brenda is a secretary. Roger's grandfather Budds came from England and settled in Illinois. Roger is the son of Bill and Norma Cooper Goodwin and Brenda's parents are Vivan and June Shields Shrake.

Roger and Brenda moved to Moweaqua because Roger first got a job as mail carrier for the Moweaqua Post Office. He now commutes to Decatur to his employment. Brenda and Roger are the parents of two daughters, Dianne, age five and in kindergarten, and Jennifer, age two. Their house was previously owned by Bob Collins.

**MICHAEL AND JODY HAMMIL POSTON
401 SOUTH SHELBY**

Michael's parents are Melvin Poston and Louise Tankersley. He has one sister, Martha, in Louisiana. Jody's parents were Hal and Jan Hammil, both deceased, of Moweaqua.

Mike works at Caterpillar in Decatur and Jody works at Kentucky Lithographing Company in Macon. They have one daughter, Cindy, in the first grade. Their home was built in 1951 and owned by Mark Cutler and Winfred Waddell.

Jody's great-grandfather Ephriam Adamson was in the Civil War. He served as a body guard in 1864 for President Lincoln in Washington. He also served during the Grand Revue of Lincoln's body. Her grandfather, Dave Adamson, started a hardware store in Moweaqua in 1899.

EAST SOUTH

RALPH AND MARY CARPENTER BECK 104 EAST SOUTH

Ralph's parents are Bert and Alberta Gallup Beck, farmers on Fayette-Shelby County line at Hanson. Bert worked on Illinois Central Railroad thirty years. Alberta taught school in Ramsey. Ralph was one of five boys.

Mary is the daughter of John F. and Nellie Z. Gharst Carpenter of the Vandalia area. Grandfather Carpenter was a merchant forty some years in Vandalia. John was with a meat market and later with Standard Oil Co. Mary is one of three girls.

Ralph married Wilma Devore of Oconee. They had two boys, Ronald of Mendon, Illinois and Roger of Moweaqua who married Betty Jesse. Wilma died in 1944. Ralph married Mary Carpenter in 1952. They bought a home in Moweaqua in 1955 from W. B. Widick. Ralph has worked at Caterpillar for twenty plus years. Mary does tax work at home. They have two children, John Frank, eighth grade, and Nancy Sue, seventh grade. They have three grandchildren.

LORENE CAREY 108 EAST SOUTH

Lorene's ancestry is the original Adams and Bilyeus of Prairieton Township. Lorene's parents are Wilbert P. and Rose Lela Adams Bilyeu. She had a brother, Chester John Bilyeu who was hit by the 11:30 Illinois Central passenger train at Macon and died in 1927. She attended country schools, Pleasant Ridge, Jacobs School, and Oak Branch.

She married John H. Carey of Pennsylvania in 1942 while in school at Chanute Air Field and lived in Decatur and Moweaqua. They have one son, John William Carey who married Peggy Bear of Macon and lives at St. Jose, Illinois. He is an Underwriter of insurance in Pekin and has two boys, Shawn, age eight, and Michael, age six. Lorene is a custodian and makes people happy in their homes.

LUCY LAWLER BECK 112 EAST SOUTH

Lucy was first married to Lee Drake, a farmer. Her second husband was Will Beck, a carpenter. Lucy's parents are Josiah and Nancy Burke Lawler. Lucy was one of twelve children, seven boys and five girls. Lucy's children are Mrs. Paul (Juanita) Bridgeman, Mrs. Floyd (Wilma) Ditzler, Mrs. Bill (Evelyn Hill) Govea, and two stepdaughters, Mrs. Wayne (Aileen) Abel, and Mrs. Harry (Leona) Gaither.

PAUL AND ROBERTA SANDUSKY GRIMES 122 EAST SOUTH

Paul works at Superior Welding in Decatur and Roberta is a housewife and mother. They lived in Assumption from 1968 to 1974 when they moved to Moweaqua because it was Roberta's hometown. Roberta is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Sandusky. Paul and Roberta have two daughters, Jennifer and Paula, both pre-schoolers.

FRED AND MILDRED GORDON KLARMAN 130 EAST SOUTH

Fred's parents were William F. and Emma Perryman Klarman, farmers east of Shumway. Grandfather came from

Germany to Ohio to farm near Shumway. Fred is one of eight children. Fred taught forty-one years in different schools, Banner Rural at Shumway, Charter Oak, Maple Grove west of Radford six miles, Niantic, Illinois and Macon where he was Principal of Grade School. He retired in 1968.

Mildred's parents are Louis and Nettie Dinkins Gordon of rural Moweaqua. She is an only child. Her mother, Nettie, continues to live in the farm home after Louis Gordon died.

Son, William Klarman, graduated from Moweaqua High School and received his B.S. degree from Eastern Illinois University and M.S. and PHD from the University of Illinois. He taught one year in Edwardsville High School. He has been a professor at the University of Maryland for the past thirteen years. He received a Fulbright Scholarship and taught a year at the University of Katmandu, Nepal and is now at the University of Maryland, Dr. of Plant Pathology. His wife, Charlotte, teaches Botany at the University of Maryland. Bill has three children, Caren (Mrs. Tom Nussear) of Maryland, Steven a student at University of Maryland, and Douglas in High School.

DONALD AND PAULINE CLEMENTS TRULOCK 204 EAST SOUTH

Don's parents, Harry and Bertha Pennington Trulock were farmers, operated Pleak Grocery Store for twenty years, until 1946, when they moved to Moweaqua and built a grocery store on South Hanover, now Largen's Grocery. They bought a house at 204 East South Street (the old Nalbach property) and retired.

Don was one of six children. Leroy is President of Builders Association, Lincoln Bible College in Lincoln. Phyllis married Don Dial of Moweaqua. Ivan married Ethel Burke of Taylorville, and had two children, Shirley Lee Corzine, deceased, and Gary, farming with Ivan. Doris married Robert Smith (deceased) and lives in West Palm Beach. She has daughter, Sue, who married George Mandy. She has a daughter, Elizabeth, in high school. Don married Pauline Clements. Marjorie married John Gorden of Moweaqua.

Pauline's parents are William and Mary O'Bryan Clements of Blue Mound. William will be 86 on October 4, 1976 and Mary will be 83 on April 14, 1976. They are taking care of their garden themselves. Clements family came from Scotland and O'Bryan came from Ireland to Kentucky. Pauline is one of five children.

Don has been in the grocery business most of his life, always service with a smile. Don and Pauline bought the home of Don's father. Both Pauline and Don work for L & W. They have three children, Jean (Mrs. Dean McPeak) of Strasburg, Mary (Mrs. Ed Brozio), works at admitting office at St. Mary's and Sondra (Mrs. William Hall) of Decatur. They have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

LYLE AND CAROLYN BRIGHT DOWNS 207 EAST SOUTH

Edwin Lyle Downs and Carolyn Bright were married in the Methodist Church and made their first home on Macon Street. Their three children were born during the five years they lived there, before moving two years ago to their present location owned by Robert Downey. Their children are Katherine Louise, age seven, Donald Charles, age five, and Elizabeth Carol better known as Buffy, age three. Kathy is in the first grade, Donnie is in kindergarten.

Carolyn graduated from Moweaqua High and is employed by the Farmers Grain Co-op. Lyle graduated from Pana High and attended Illinois State University, Normal, Illinois for two years, and is employed at the L & W Market.

Carolyn is the seventh of nine girls. Her mother, Helena Bright, and her grandmother, Malinda Bilyeu, were all born and raised in this area. Carolyn and her mother and sisters moved to Moweaqua after her father was killed.

Lyle's father, Donald, and his uncle, Arthur Downs, were born and raised on a farm in Pickaway Township where their parents Homer and Edith Downs made their home when they were married. Then they moved to Rosamond Township, Christian County, where Lyle and his brothers were born and raised. They moved to a farm in Prairieton Township twelve years ago. His mother, Maxine Downs, his brothers Robert, James, and Lyle moved to Moweaqua after his father died and that farm sold.

Lyle has a historical publication of the Welch-Downs Family History from which some of his family members can be traced to the First United States Census of 1790, Lower Mt. Bethel Township, North Hampton County, Pennsylvania. These ancestors were of Irish and German descent.

Lyle's great-great-grandfather served in the Black Hawk War and was given a warrant for a quarter section of land in McLean County, Illinois. Downs Township and the town of Downs, Illinois were named for him. They had nine children. Lyle's great-grandfather and his great-grandmother lived to celebrate 76 wedding anniversaries. They, too, had nine children.

Both Lyle's father's parents and his mother's parent lived to celebrate fifty years of happiness. His mother's father is still living and is now 92 years old. He and his family came from Wheeling, West Virginia in a covered wagon and settled in Christian County.

"Happiness is whistling while I work," says Lyle.

CLARENCE AND RUBY CEARLOCK NEELEY 208 EAST SOUTH

Clarence's parents were Henry Allen Neeleys from Ramsey. Clarence was one of a family of eight. Ruby is the daughter of Mrs. Grace Black of Vandalia and the oldest of a family of thirteen.

Clarence and Ruby have five children. Eddie Lee lives in Decatur and has three children. Mrs. Elmer (Sharon) Trueblood lives in Moweaqua and has three children. Mrs. Richard (Peggy) Webb lives in Decatur and has three children. Clarence Gene lives in Moweaqua. Steven Wayne has two children and lives in Decatur. Clarence and Ruby have eleven grandchildren.

Clarence is a diesel mechanic at Campbell's GMC in Decatur. Prior to working here, he worked for Oran Hawley and lived on a farm. They bought their home in Moweaqua in 1967. Ruby is a housewife.

"We like Moweaqua."

Their home was built in 1891 and former owners were Ezekiel Prescott, Robert Ayars, and Jacob Pinkston.

WAYNE AND MILDRED MARSHALL BARNES 212 EAST SOUTH

It's been related that the Barnes are descendants of Miles Standish. Grandfather McKittrick came from Ireland. Wayne's parents, F. E. and Lydia Ann McKittrick Barnes

were from Northern Illinois. His father was ninety-seven when he died in 1975. Wayne has three sisters and one brother.

Mildred's great-grandfather Marshall came from England to Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Her parents are W. N. and Nora Harbert Marshall. She has one sister, Mary Margaret, married to Wayne's brother, Standish Barnes of Bethany.

Wayne's grandfather and Mildred's two great-grandfathers fought in the Civil War — one for the Confederate and one for the Union. Mildred's great-grandfather Younger came to Illinois from North Carolina in a covered wagon driving a horse and an oxen after the Civil War.

Wayne retired from Borg-Warner in 1975.

Wayne and Mildred moved to town in 1950; bought their double wide mobile home in 1972. They have twelve children, thirty-eight grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Their children are: Mary Alice Workman lives in Harrisburg and works at the hospital as a nurses aid. Wm. E. Barnes lives in Assumption and is a foreman at Wagner Castings. Barbara Russell lives in Decatur and works at the hospital as a nurses aid. Marilyn Bower lives in Villa Park and teaches at Maywood. Aubrey lives in Symerton and is an inspector at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Joliet. Yvonne Barnes lives at home and works at Millikin National Bank in Decatur. Sharon Barnes lives in Downers Grove and works in Chicago at Myers Beatty Co. Darlene Cunningham lives in Macon and is a housewife. Lydia Sue Kramer lives in Tuscola and is a housewife. Gloria Cooper lives in Rochester and works as Nurses Supervisor at Springfield Community Hospital. Kathalyn Stinson lives in Sullivan and is a housewife. Kenneth lives in Moweaqua and is a construction worker.

DON AND PATTIE McCARTY FARRIS 215 EAST SOUTH

Don's parents are Ransom and Hazel Denton Farris. His dad, the late Ransom Farris was a half-brother to the late Cloe Small. He was born and raised north of Brownstown, Illinois. His mother, Hazel Denton Farris is a daughter of the late Francis (Frank) Denton and Hester Ransdell Denton. His grandfather Denton's family were among the early settlers in this area, coming from England to Virginia, to Kentucky, to Illinois. His grandfather and George Denton were brothers.

Pattie's parents are Harry and Nellie Hicks McCarty of Pana. Pattie and Don have four children, Kimberly, seventh grader, Faith, fifth grader, Donnie, third grader, and Jennifer, four years old. They moved from Pana to Moweaqua to be closer to work.

Their home was previously owned by Bill Newman, Jr., Bob Younker, and Albert Hopkins.

Don and Pattie belong to the CB 4 Club in Moweaqua, which has approximately twenty-five members and meets monthly at the Community Building. Pattie is "Mother Nature" and Don is "Father Time". Don is recovering from a broken leg which he received while working at Caterpillar.

EARL AND IRENE BROWN BROOKSHIER 220 EAST SOUTH

The first proven Brookshier ancestor was Jessie, born in 1755, Rowan County, North Carolina. Grandfather Wm. F.

Brookshier, great-grandson of Jessie, came to Macon County in the 1850's, purchased land and became an early pioneer south of Blue Mound. His youngest son, Edwin, told of helping clear ground, killing prairie chickens and cooking them in the brush fire at lunch-time. Herman Smith now lives on this farm.

Earl's parents, Edwin F. and Kathryn Seger Brookshier, raised their family east of Walker. The children attended Willow Branch School, moving to Moweaqua in 1935 when their parents moved here.

Irene's proven ancestry are all early American born. Her parents, James E. Brown was of Fayette County and Myrtle Tadlock of Wayne County, raised their family on a farm near Macon. The children attended Gregory (rural) and Macon schools.

Irene and Earl's only child, Glenore, married Charles Cole of Assumption. She became a young widow when her husband was killed in an auto accident while serving in the U.S. Navy.

Glenore and her daughter Cathy are presently attending Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, hoping to graduate at the end of this year.

Earl is an electrician, Irene a housewife, and most adept in all kinds of craftwork. They purchased their home in 1949, platted in Prescott's 4th Addition in 1890, first owner, Samuel Hays, 1891.

**LUCY LONDON RILEY
229 EAST SOUTH**

Lucy is a nurse's aid at the Eastern Star Home in Macon.

Albert Riley, now deceased, made a career of the Army. He attained the highest rank a non-commissioned officer can attain — Chief Warrant Officer.

During World War II, while in London, England, he met and married Lucy London. Lucy was Moweaqua's first war bride. In 1968 Lucy became a United States citizen.

Albert served in World War II, Korean War, and Viet Nam War. Lucy has two daughters, Jean Todd and Diane Taylor.

**DAVID AND JODY FUNK McLEARIN
230 EAST SOUTH**

The Lawrence McLearnins live in Whittington, Illinois. They are the parents of six children: David is the fourth child. The paternal ancestry is Scottish.

Jody's parents are Paul and Jackie Funk of Moweaqua. She has two sisters, Judy Bennett and Jan Funk of Moweaqua. Jan is attending Illinois State University in Normal, Illinois.

David and Jody have lived in Moweaqua for seven years and are the parents of two girls, and one boy, Crystal Ann, six years old and in the first grade, Stacy Renae, three years old and David Michael, seven months.

Their house was purchased from Carl Sanner in 1973.

David is employed with Inland Telephone Company of Champaign, Illinois and part-time police officer in Moweaqua.

**MARK AND VON HAYS GREGORY
302 EAST SOUTH**

Mark is the son of Lloyd (deceased) and Helen Gregory. He is Superintendent of Moweaqua Schools.

Von is the daughter of Wayne and Ruth Hays. She is also a teacher (half-time).

Mark's father was a rural mail carrier in the Moweaqua area for forty-one years. He began in horse-and-buggy days and he carried mail until his death in 1952.

Mark and Von are products of the Moweaqua Schools. He attended all twelve grades in Moweaqua, graduating in the first class to graduate from the new Moweaqua High. He has been employed in the Moweaqua Schools for seventeen years, eleven years as band director, two years as elementary principal, and four years as superintendent. Von attended all twelve grades in the Moweaqua Schools, graduating in the last class to graduate from the "old school". She has taught thirteen years in the Moweaqua Schools. Mark and Von have experienced a combined total of fifty-four years as students and teachers in Moweaqua.

Both Von and Mark's mothers were teachers in Moweaqua area schools.

Music is a hobby for them. It was first a vocation for Mark, and now is an avocation. They are particularly fond of religious music and perform frequently in the Moweaqua area, particularly at the First Baptist Church.

Mark and Von have two sons, Jason, second grader, and Nathan one and one-half years old.

Their house was built around 1900 at a cost of less than \$3,000. Joseph Beaumont built the house, Isaac Bilyeu and Hamlins were other owners.

**JEMIMA CAMPBELL
308 EAST SOUTH**

Jemimia is a retired teacher and librarian of the Moweaqua Unit Schools. She lived south of Shelbyville on a farm until she moved to Moweaqua to teach.

W. H. Lewis was captain of a ship trading between the east coast and the West Indies. In a storm they were blown off course, lost, and all but one of the crew died of thirst. This was her great-grandfather. Her great-grandmother, on her mother's side was a full-blooded Cherokee Indian; a beautiful woman they tell Jemima.

**RONALD AND LUCILLE TRAUGHBER HERMAN
311 EAST SOUTH**

Ronald is the son of Homer and Ida Karl Herman. He has a sister, Mary Herman Lockart of Moweaqua and brother Roscoe of Edinburg.

Lucille's parents were Ruth Gorden Traughber and Ira Traughber. Lucille has two brothers, Ira Blaine and Martin of Moweaqua.

Ronald and Lucille lived on their farm southwest of Moweaqua until 1970 when they moved into their present home. Nellie Dial was a former owner. Ronald works at MVSS.

They have two children: Mrs. Chas. (Judy) Kuhle of Assumption, who has three children, twins, Kent and Kassie, and Kim. Richard married Pam White and lives in Elgin, Illinois. They have a son, Grant. Richard, a graduate of Northwestern University at Evanston, works for J. C. Penney and Co., at Elgin, Illinois.

ROBERT CECIL AND PHYLLIS SUTTON GILBERT
312 EAST SOUTH

Cecil's parents are Benjamin and Cora E. Brown Gilbert of Effingham and Stonington. Phyllis's parents are William and Helen Clifton Sutton of Blue Mound. She has a sister, Dora Sutton, living in Blue Mound.

They have four children: Mrs. Wayne Gerneda Armstrong of Lakewood who has five children, Mrs. Leroy Nadine Davis of Edinburg has three children, Mrs. Charles Virginia McBride of Fayetteville, North Carolina, who has four children, and Eugene Gilbert of Moweaqua who married Joanne Daniels and has three children, Patricia, third grade, Eugenia, first grade, and John, four years old.

Cecil retired from MVSS in 1974 and Phyllis is a housewife. Cecil does general hauling and helping people clean up, plows gardens and just a wonderful helper. Phyllis enjoys craft work, crochets, raising beautiful violets and house flowers.

EMMA DeCLERK HAYS
313 EAST SOUTH

Emma's parents were Domin and Christine Timmerman DeClerk. She was one of eight children: A. J. DeClerk, Pana, Gus (deceased), Phil (deceased), John of Morrisonville, Henry of Honolulu, Mrs. Carl (Marie) Wikosky of Assumption, Mrs. Ray (Emma) Hays of Moweaqua and Mrs. Gene (Helen) Cox of Elmwood, Illinois.

Ray Hays died in 1975. His parents were Dave and Clara Elliott Hays. Ray has two living brothers, Wayne and John of Moweaqua.

Ray and Emma had four children: Robert of Moweaqua, Ray, Jr. (Bud) of Moweaqua, Mrs. Jerry (Marilyn) Kater of Moweaqua and Mrs. Wm. (Karen) Jordan of Decatur. Emma has ten grandchildren.

She recalls her mother telling the following experience: Mrs. DeClerk, with baby Emma, went to visit grandparents in Belgium. The other children remained with their father in the United States. Emma and her mother were scheduled to return to the U.S. on the Titanic. For some unknown reason they missed boarding the ship. The Titanic sank on this crossing of the Atlantic. Mr. DeClerk was notified of the sinking of the ship and their names were listed as missing. However, Emma and her mother returned on the next ship to the U.S.

Emma's house was built in 1900 and former owners are Dale Boyer and Sam Adams.

MRS. CHARLES (ADITH WILLIAMS) POOLE
(Deceased March 23, 1976)
317 EAST SOUTH

Adith's grandparents and the family of J. T. Haslam were friends and neighbors in Blackpool, England. The Haslams moved to the USA sometime between 1880 and 1889. The father of J.T. Haslam wrote many times urging his grandparents to come to the land of opportunity. He secured a job for her grandfather as head miller at a flour mill in Lyons, Kansas. So, in 1889, the Curwens sailed to America with their eight children. Two nights before they arrived, the flour mill burned to the ground. There they were in a strange country with no home, no job, and eight children to care for. The two families of children grew up together, then married and scattered to other states, and lost contact with each other. It was quite a coincidence when years later

Adith came to Moweaqua to teach school to find that some of the Haslam family had been living here for years.

Charles' parents were Chas. Hampton and Jenetta (Sponsler) Poole. He was one of six children. Adith's parents were John and Maude Curwen Williams. Adith was one of three girls.

Adith and Charles had one child, Mrs. Lyle (Phyllis) Sims. Their home was built before 1895 and has been the Poole family home since 1895.

CLARENCE AND BERTHA COLE PINKSTON
321 EAST SOUTH

Clarence is retired from Ford Motor Co., of Dearborn, Michigan.

Clarence and Bertha have a very dear aunt, Nellie Pinkston, living and they lost dear uncles Jake Pinkston and Claude Pinkston. They left Moweaqua in 1941 to go to Michigan. They had three children: Charles, Linda, and Robert, all living in Michigan. They have seven grandchildren, who are very dear to them.

Clarence and Bertha enjoy TV and the Moweaqua newspaper very much. They have really forgotten a lot of people in thirty-five years, but when summer comes they hope to renew old acquaintances, and make new friends.

They moved here June of 1975.

MARCEL AND IRENE JACKSON MORRELL
346 EAST SOUTH

(See Joshua Hudson and Morrell story.)

Marcel's parents were Marcel, Sr., and Louisa (Hudson) Morrell. He was one of seven children: August, Louisa Kemper, Marcel, Jr., George, Albert, Oliver and Marcella Dorsey.

Marcel, Jr. married Irene Jackson, daughter of Bertha Jackson from Assumption. They purchased the old Krieder home in 1941 and remodeled.

Marcel worked as a hod-carrier for Bill Newman, a local mason, Oakes in Decatur, overseas duty in World War II, Oakes, carpenter work with Adams and Zindel, and also with brother Oliver. He has been with Moweaqua Co-op Elevator since 1971.

Marcel and Irene have three children, all born in the Moweaqua Hospital. Leah married Dana Moore of Cerro Gordo, lives in Moweaqua. They have two children, Tammy and Lennie. Larry married Janet Marshall of Moweaqua. Larry helped organize and plays on the local slow pitch ball team, "Blue Blazers". They have two boys, Greg and Doug. Randy married Rhonda Kaufman of Decatur and lives two and one-half miles north of Moweaqua. They have one son, Jason, and one daughter, Theresa. Randy when stationed in the Air Force in Spain, took Christmas leave and visited his great-uncle George and Batista Morrell who live in St. Olivet, France (his grandpa Morrell's only living brother).

STEPHEN AND PATRICIA HORN JORDAN
348 EAST SOUTH

Steve is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Jordan of Moweaqua. He graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1971, and Lakeland Junior College in 1973. He is employed by Moweaqua Farmer's Grain Co-op.

Patty is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Horn of Moweaqua. She graduated from Moweaqua High School in 1972 and Eastern Illinois University in 1975. She is employed at Lincoln Manor Nursing Home, Decatur.

Their home was built in 1959.

HARVEY AND LOIS SHELTON THOMPSON
329 EAST SOUTH

Harvey is the son of Arthur and Bertha Ashby Thompson, farmers in Booneville, Illinois. He is one of children: a sister Irene is an LPN and lives in an apartment next to Harvey and Lois in Moweaqua. She is a private duty nurse.

Lois is the daughter of Rufus and Celestia Hodge Shelton, farmers in Booneville, Illinois. She is one of eight children.

Harvey has been working at Caterpillar for twenty years. They moved to Moweaqua to be near work in 1957. They bought this "Old Linn Property" in 1957. It is at least one hundred years old. They have done extensive remodeling to the house. They built an apartment in the garage where Irene Thompson lives. Lois has been a nurse's aide at OES Home, Macon, for eleven years.

They have four children. Brent married Karen Gamble of Pana. He works at Caterpillar and Karen teaches high school at Lovington where they live. David married Anita Mesiner of Raymond and lives west of Moweaqua. David works at Firestone and Anita at Corn Belt Lung Association in Decatur. Marsha Thompson is a teacher of special education in Indiana. Rhonda (Mrs. Ken Kruse) lives in East Peoria. She is a special education teacher and Ken works at Caterpillar. They have a daughter, Tamara Michelle, three years old. Mark Thompson is employed at Moweaqua Body Shop.

Hobbies are mechanical work, car racing, reading.

"I love Moweaqua, people are friendly. Nice place to live."

MRS. MAY SMULL WAITE
ETHEL MAY WAITE
402 EAST SOUTH

May Waite's husband, deceased, was Walter Waite, son of George and Mary "Mollie" Ekiss Waite, who lived in rural Milan Township, Macon, Illinois. George's father, John Waite, came to America from Yorkshire, England in 1850. He lost his right hand in the Civil War.

May's parents were Henry Arthur Smull, who came to Penn Township from Freeport, Illinois and Mattie Denton Smull of rural Oconee, Illinois.

May and Walter Waite's children are Ethel May Waite, who is a beautician in Moweaqua. Mrs. Earl (Helen Ruby) Hopkins, farmers in Greenville, Illinois, have five children, Jane Hopkins Clausen of Pennsylvania, Anna Hopkins Wooley of Arizona, Kay Hopkins who works in St. Louis, Thomas Hopkins is in school in St. Louis, and Kevin Hopkins in ninth grade. Mrs. Richard (Dorothy Ruth) Berry lives in Elgin and her husband is a tool and diemaker. They have two children, Karen, a freshman at Elgin Junior College and Neil an eighth grader.

May has one great-granddaughter, Laurie Wooley in Arizona, who is three years old.

MARK AND DIANE MINOTT JOSTES
412 EAST SOUTH

Mark's parents are Richard and Barbara Andrews Jostes. He is one of four children, Mrs. Larry (Carol) McCarthy of Lincoln, Mark, Brent of Decatur, and Randy of Moweaqua. Diane's parents are William and Betty Dickerson Minott. Diane is one of six children: James, Diane Jostes, Barbara, Larry, Mary Ann and Billie Joe, all of Moweaqua.

Mark lived in Bethany before moving to Moweaqua. His father was coach at Moweaqua High School.

Their home was built in 1863. Former owners are Bill Minott, Glenn Gillett, and Paul Cutler.

Mark is a teacher in the Decatur Public Schools. Diane is a housewife. They have a daughter Leslie Ann, age two.

ROBERT AND MAE SHUSTER HAYS
415 EAST SOUTH

Bob's parents are Ray and Emma DeClerk Hays of Moweaqua. He has a brother Ray (Bud) of Moweaqua and two sisters, Marilyn (Mrs. Jerry Kater) and Karen (Mrs. Wm. Jordan) of Decatur. Mae's parents are Fred and Marie Shuster.

Bob and Mae built their home in 1974. Bob works with Grohne Concrete Products and Mae works at Boland Electric Supply.

They have two children: Barbara, a junior in high school, and Alan in the sixth grade.

CARL AND ELFRIEDA PEYTON HEMER
417 EAST SOUTH

Carl's parents were George and Carolina Wagners Hemer who had six children: Mrs. Earl (Pearl) Wakefield, Mrs. Ollie (Helen) Caldwell, Ohio, Carl Hemer, Moweaqua, Mrs. Ray (Florence) Lindley, Mrs. James (Juanita) Price, Decatur, and Clarence Hemer, Moweaqua. Carl's great-grandfather George Hemer came from Germany to Indiana. His parents were farmers in Penn Township.

Elfrieda's parents, Colby and Mary Denning Peyton had four children: Harold Peyton (deceased), Mrs. Carl (Elfrieda) Peyton Hemer, Mrs. Carl (Wilma) Buckley, White Heath, and Charles Peyton, Champaign. Colby Peyton was a section foreman on the IC Railroad for many years.

Elfrieda and Carl lived on a farm until they retired to Moweaqua in December, 1973. They bought the recently built home of Earl Mounts and enjoy retirement. They have one son, Robert, married to Donna Bryan from Taylorville. Robert farms east of Moweaqua and works at MVSS. He has two children, Douglas eighth grader and Jody Lynn, fifth grader.

JOHN BERNARD AND GEORGIA LUCILE THOMASON
WEERTS
424 EAST SOUTH

John D. Weerts, Bernard's father came from Germany in 1893 to Illinois. He married Ida Harris. They farmed around Moweaqua and central Illinois. John is eighty-eight years old. Bernard has one sister, Eunice Weerts, married Russell Edmunds, who is Mayor of Blue Mound. Eunice is a retired secretary.

G. Lucile Thomason Weert's parents, George C. and Lola E. Jackson Thomason lived in Patoka, Illinois. Their children were Harry, Archie, Alice Sanner, Tom, Lucile Weerts and Margaret Fathauer.

The Weerts have three children. Mrs. Michael (Georgia Anne) Noland lives in Decatur and has two daughters, Christy Anne, seven years old, and Jill Elizabeth, four years old. Anne is a primary specialist at Spencer School. Michael is an accountant with A. E. Staley. John Alan married Cynthia Duez of Moweaqua and has a daughter, Rachel Linn, five years old. Cynthia teaches music in Windsor. John is night manager at IGA Store in Charleston. Mrs. Mark (Marsha Jane) Weerts Traughber is employed at Lola's Fashion Shop in the Mall and working on her Masters degree in Sociology. Mark is a salesman for Herff Jones Co.

Their house was built in 1925 and previously owned by Tom Riley, the builder, and Mr. and Mrs. Berry.

**DELBERT AND MARGARET THOMASON FATHAUER
434 EAST SOUTH**

Delbert was born in rural Moweaqua. His mother, Mary Christine Forbes, was born in Henton, Illinois. His father, Herman Fathauer, was born in Germany. His grandfather was Christian (Vatthauer, German spelling) Fathauer, American spelling. His grandmother was Louise Rimer from Germany. His other grandparents were Isaac Forbes and Rebekah Ditzler.

Margaret Thomason was born in rural Moweaqua. Her mother was Lola Jackson of Patoka, and her father George Thomason of Patoka. Grandmother Nancy Murray and Grandfather John Thomason were from Charleston. Grandmother Mary Stewart and Grandfather Martin Jackson were from Patoka, Illinois.

Margaret also has had some experience in retail business; she worked for E. I. Johnston twenty-two years in grocery, making a total of thirty-six years in retail business. She is a licensed beautician and experienced in bookkeeping.

Their home, like their business, was also open and welcome to many. Margaret's mother made her home with her and lived a good life to the age of ninety-one. Her brother, Harry Thomason, also makes his home with her.

Gary Fathauer, son of Margaret and Delbert attended Brown's Business College, in Army Reserves, and has been in retail business for twelve years. Margaret and Delbert want to give him credit for the many ideas and designs in the Mall as should be, and they consider him the younger energy in the family that helps every day operations and keeps promotions going.

Gary married Kay Burgener in 1971 and they presently make their home in one of the apartments in the Mall. Kay, wife of Gary, attended Southern Illinois University, was secretary at Staley's for four and one-half years and has been in the family five years. She is manager of Gina Lee Card and Gift Shop, also helping out with many other activities in the Mall. She does a wonderful job and has added happiness to their lives.

Other activities of the Fathauer family: Delbert has served on the Town Board for twenty-four years and been with the Fire Department for thirty years, associated with Standard Oil for thirty years, Fathauer's Super Market and Village Mall fourteen years, Certificate Class A Certified

Water Supply Operator, and Instructor in Society of Fire Instruction.

(See story of Moweaqua Mall.)

**ROBERT AND MARCELLA MORRELL DORSEY
521 EAST SOUTH**

Robert, son of Ervil and Ruth Proctor Dorsey. His grandparents were Edward and Lydia Proctor of Moweaqua and Richard and Mary Dorsey, farmers of Moweaqua. Robert's mother, Ruth Binkley, lives in Chicago and operates a restaurant at 5757 Halstead Street.

Marcella Morrell, youngest child of Marcel, Sr. and Louisa Hudson Morrell. (See the Hudson-Morrell story for ancestry.)

Robert and Marcella bought the Pleak School house, moved it to town, remodeled into a two story house where they reside.

They had four sons. Robert, Jr. attended four years at Illinois State University. He married Laura Otto of Decatur and lives in Moweaqua. He is a production accounting clerk at Caterpillar. One daughter Michelle was born in 1974. Steve graduated from Moweaqua High in 1973. He was killed while at work September 10, 1975. Scott is a junior in Moweaqua High and Brent is a freshman.

**DONALD AND PATRICIA BEESON WARNICK
523 EAST SOUTH**

Don's grandparents are Oscar and Ida Hertel Warnick and J. M. and Iona Gambrill Purviance. His parents are Paul and Dorothy Purviance Warnick. Pat's grandparents are Jesse and Bessie Smith Beeson and William and Leona Ubank Jones. Her parents are Walter and Peggy Jones Beeson.

Don has a brother, Jim, of Moweaqua. Pat has a brother, Larry, and a sister, Barbara.

Don and Pat have two children, Debbie, a sophomore and Donnie, a fourth grader. Don is president of Sattley's Office Supplies and Pat is secretary.

They built their home in 1963.

**MERLE AND KAREN HIGHT BOLT
549 EAST SOUTH**

Merle is the son of Marvin and Helen Ruth Royce Bolt of Moweaqua and Herrick. Marvin was a body man and Ruth worked at the garment factory. Merle was an only child. He graduated from Moweaqua High School.

Karen is the daughter of Raymond and Elene Whipple Hight who farmed near Moweaqua and have Elene's Country Gift Shop and Hight's Delight of Moweaqua. She has two brothers, Robert married Beverly Smock of Moweaqua and is a licensed plumber out of Decatur. Beverly teaches school in Mt. Zion, Steve is at home.

Merle and Karen married in 1960 and have always lived in Moweaqua. Merle is an insurance adjuster for All-State Insurance and Karen is custodian at the First Christian Church and retired beauty operator.

They bought their home in 1968 from Schorfheides. The house in approximately seventy-two years old, newly remodeled.

Merle and Karen have two children: Mischelle Ranae (Shelli), a freshman and Martin Lyndell, first grade.

They enjoy Western style square dancing and family oriented outings, etc. "We always wanted an old house to remodel and found it and are real proud of it."

**BERT AND EVA STOMBAGH LANE
603 EAST SOUTH**

Bert is the son of James and Mary Martin Lane, farmers in Moultrie County near Sullivan. Bert is one of eleven children, eight living: Oleta Leeds lives at Windsor, Don lives at Sullivan, Elsie McDaniel lives at Sullivan and Oscar lives at Mt. Auburn.

Bert married Lovica Leeds (deceased 1948) and farmed in Moultrie County. They had four children: Charles of Rochelle, Orris of Sullivan, Louise Dreschsler of Atlanta, Georgia and Wilma Hollenbeck of Sullivan.

Eva is the daughter of Joseph and Mary Belle Brookshire Stombaugh, farmers on Macon County line who raised Chester White hogs. She has a brother, Rollie of Macon, who celebrated his 59th wedding anniversary at Eva's April 5, 1976.

Eva married Floyd Thompson in 1925 at the home place. They moved to Decatur where Floyd worked at the Post Office as mail carrier (deceased 1949).

Eva and Bert married in 1960, lived in Decatur, then moved to Moweaqua, bought home in 1966. Bert is a retired farmer and livestock dealer. He was eighty-six on February 17, 1976. Eva's first husband, Floyd Thompson, was Bert's own cousin.

After Floyd died, Eva worked at Post's Jewelry Store for nine years. Eva was seventy-six on January 28, 1976.

They live in Florida in the winter and enjoy traveling. Eva does handicrafts of all kinds.

**RALPH AND BERDELLA ELLISON WINDELS
701 EAST SOUTH**

Ralph's parents were Ernest and Ada Reed Windels from Oglesby, Illinois. Ernest Windels immigrated from Belgium at the age of nineteen, and settled in Oglesby. Mother Ada died at twenty-four years leaving three children. Her parents, William and Clara Reed, came from Ross, England in the 1880's, bringing with them three children and added eleven more children to their family after settling in Oglesby.

Berdella's parents were Harvey and Pearl Workman Ellison Seifert. Harvey was a farmer in Prairieton Township, later moved to Detroit. His parents were William and Mary Kramer Ellison of rural Fame Community. Mother Pearl's parents, Andrew and Carrie E. Burch Workman moved to Missouri and Kansas about 1882 in a covered wagon, returning again to Illinois. Andrew died leaving her with five children. Carrie Burch was formerly engaged to Starling Hudson in Solsberry, Indiana, at sixteen years of age. She came to Prairieton Township to visit friends, fell in love with Andrew Workman and married him in 1878. Starling married and raised a family in Indiana. After the death of both spouses and children grown, the teenage romance was again resumed. Carrie Burch Workman and Starling Hudson were married in 1923.

Pearl Workman and Harvey Ellison were married in 1911. Two daughters were born, Loredene (Dickey), deceased, and Berdella (Windels). Pearl and Harvey divorced and she married Elmer Seifert. They lived their remaining years farming, retiring to 101 East Cedar, Moweaqua. Elmer Seifert was born on German Ridge, in southern Indiana, the youngest of fifteen children. He came to Prairieton Township about 1911 to join an older brother, John Seifert.

Ralph and Berdella married 1937, and have lived their married years in Moweaqua community. Two children were born, Glea Kay (Warnick), and Leonard, Assistant Regional Director of Philadelphia Life Insurance, Dallas, Texas. Grandchildren are Cecily and Todd Windels, Dallas, and Allyson and Camille Warnick, Moweaqua.

After Ralph returned from World War II he and Berdella owned and operated the Dinner Bell Cafe on Main Street across from Ayars Bank. In 1957, they built and operated Windels Restaurant at 201 North Main until present time.

WEST SOUTH

**JOHN AND INEZ SANDERS MARKO
102 WEST SOUTH**

John's parents, Ed and Mary Eby Marko are from Carlinville and Divernon. His ancestry is from Germany. John was one of three children.

Inez's parents, Tom and Sarah Jenkins Sanders were from Pawnee. She was one of twelve children.

They moved to Moweaqua in 1943 and bought a house in 1946 from Verne Coffman, built in 1907. They have three children, Mrs. Lyle (Margaret) Waite, lives north of Forsyth, four children, Harold married Pauline Celano, former grade school teacher in Moweaqua, and lives in St. Charles, Missouri, has two boys and John and Ann live in St. Petersburg, Florida, with two girls; career in Air Force.

John's hobbies are keeping house, TV and Radio. Inez is in the Shelbyville Restorium since July 1974.

**HOWARD "HAM" AND HILDA ROTH BROWN
102½ WEST SOUTH**

Howard's parents were William B. Brown and Clara Joynt. His father was born in Ohio and his mother in Latham. Howard is one of eight children, Arthur of Decatur, Jessie (Mrs. Charles Willis) of Decatur, Ed of Moweaqua, Windell married Alice Hays, Hilda Madden Higginbotham had two children, Eleanor Madden Cutler Burt of California and Bette Lou Supinie of Lawrenceville, Earl married Sarah Daughtery, Lewis married Marjorie Dobson of Moweaqua, and Howard married Hilda Roth of Moweaqua.

Hilda's parents, Jesse Moore and August Roth, came from Germany to Assumption. Grandparents were Lovuna Hays, sister of Dave Hays (old time family) and Harve Moore. Hilda clerked for Leona Cooper 1939-1972 in the Sub Deb Shop now Harrelson Antique Store. She has two brothers, Herman of Pekin, Illinois, and August Lee (Pat) in Denver.

In 1903 Father William started Billy Brown Saloon (better than taverns because women weren't allowed). William died in 1930, Ed continued, changing to a restaurant. He was famous for his chili, brain sandwiches,

and pie. Old timers talk about this good food yet today. They lived in the house with the round porch where Rainbow Wash is now located.

Browns raised granddaughter Eleanor Madden through High School.

Howard was associated with brother Lewis who designed and built Brown's Garage & Service Station in 1929. Howard retired after building was sold to Art Callison in 1962.

**WILLIAM AND MITCHE LAMB MILLER
104 WEST SOUTH**

Bill was born in Decatur a son of Paul (deceased) and Onrine (Debrun) Miller. His grandparents are Minnie Bouvet Debrun and Joseph Debrun.

Mitchie is the daughter of Harold and Georgia Bright Lamb. Her grandparents are Ira and Nellie Lamb and George and Katherine Bright. Bill has worked at Firestone for thirteen years.

They bought their home from LeFevers in 1970.

They have two daughters, Jo Lynn, seventh grade and Terri, fifth grade.

**JAMES AND ELEANOR ALLISON PERRYMAN
108 WEST SOUTH**

James' parents, Otis and Ida Blosser Perryman were farmers in rural Moweaqua. Great-grandfather settled in Cowden and was an officer in Civil War. Ida was a devoted homemaker and helped raise several grandchildren. Grandfather Blosser came from Hawkins County, Ohio to west of Moweaqua to farm land. Great-grandmother Abernathy was from Virginia. James is one of four children, Gilbert married Mildred Zindel of Moweaqua, James Wesley married Eleanor Allison, Ruth Pearl married Charles Stiner of Moweaqua and Jean Louise Gunter of Washington, D.C.

Eleanor's parents, Colonel and Emma Rigsby Allison were from Moweaqua. Her father was a blacksmith of Moweaqua for thirty five years or more. Grandpa George Allison was a farmer west of town. Grandma Nellie Belle Allison died in 1944 during the flu epidemic. In 1918, during World War I, Dr. Sparling would load her with medicine and send her one direction to help flu patients while he went the other way. She did practical nursing, gave medicine, and owned five properties in town at her death. Eleanor is one of seven children, Leslie of Moweaqua, Mildred of Decatur, Ina Belle Lober of Vandalia, Jeauquetta DeClerk works at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Corena of Stonington, and John of Morrisonville.

James has had kennels since 1938, boarded and trained dogs and horses for many years. He is a World War II veteran.

Eleanor has worked in office at Wagner Castings Co. (her present employment) for thirteen years, worked Ayars Bank six years, worked thirteen years at Moweaqua Home Telephone Cc. Eleanor was active in Girl Scouts for several years.

They bought this home in 1941. It is one of the earlier houses. Eleanor's great-grandfather Rigsby built this original house. It was remodeled in 1952 with Leslie Allison's help.

**SARAH BIRLEY
110 WEST SOUTH**

Sarah came to USA in 1910 from Sheffield, England. She was twenty-one when she sailed by boat named "The Celtic". The trip took ten days. She came to Moweaqua in March of 1912. Her husband, James Birley, worked in the coal mine until the explosion in 1932. They have five children, Matida Overlin of Moweaqua, Sarah Rose of Assumption, Mae Klaus of Highland, Jim of Oklahoma, and Tom of Arcola. Sarah still has one sister and three brothers living in England.

Sarah's parents were Thomas and Bursella Street Flinn.

Mrs. Sarah Birley will be eighty-six in June, 1976.

**DELMAR AND MARIE SCHNOBEL SRNKA
310 WEST SOUTH**

Delmar's parents, Ed and Anna Behrns Srnka live on West Wall in Moweaqua. Delmar had one brother and one sister.

Marie's parents, Frank and Leona Schnobel, are from Erie, Pennsylvania. Marie was one of four daughters and five sons, most of family live in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

They have three children, Mrs. Terry (Leona) Patheal, Mt. Auburn, who has three children, Mrs. Jerry (Nancy) Davis, Moweaqua, who has two children, and Mrs. Ron (Delene) Nusbaum, Decatur, who has two children.

The Srnkas bought the Dug Cassidy farm from Don Drew (2 miles east, 1 mile south). For eight summers Marie conducted Brownie Day Camp on this farm. Agnes Federman was Day Nurse and Senior High School girls served as counselors. Many girls from Blue Mound and Moweaqua camped at Srnka Woods.

The Srnkas sold the farm to Don Davis and moved to this address.

Delmar has worked at Caterpillar and looking forward to retirement in seven more years. He enjoys bowling.

Marie is a housewife and operates Thrift Shop on West Main in Moweaqua.

**EDWARD AND ERCHEL PYATT
320 WEST SOUTH**

Eddie is a retired farmer and Erchel is a housewife.

The first member of the family in America was Ebenezer Pyatt from France who settled in Ohio.

Erchel Wright is one of the eleven children born to the late A. C. and Effie Wright of Moweaqua and Bradenton, Florida, who moved from Jakes Prairie, Missouri, to rural Moweaqua fifty-one years ago. All of the children graduated from Moweaqua High School, Erchel in the class of 1935.

The Pyatts are the parents of two children, Roberta Sue and Thomas Eugene. Both were born in Sparling's Moweaqua Hospital on Elm St. Roberta Sue arrived in cold, cold December of 1936 and Dr. J. L. Sparling's wife was a wonderful nurse and person. She kept mother and babe for thirteen days for \$50.00, that was for delivery by Dr. Sparling and complete nursing care, and laundry.

Roberta Sue is now Mrs. Lee Smith of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and has two sons, Joel and Peter Burns. Tom of

Moweauqua is married to the former Lucille Dickerson and has a son, Jeffrey.

The Pyatts farmed six miles southwest of Moweauqua in Prairieton Township from 1947 to 1976 when they sold their 120 acre farm and moved into the fair village of Moweauqua. The previous twelve years they rented farms east of Moweauqua. They are long time members of the First Christian Church.

Their home was built in 1973 by Gerald Davis.

Ercel's mother, Mrs. Effie Wright is eighty-eight years of age.

TULIP & WEST TULIP

**GALE SARVER
106 WEST TULIP**

**BRUCE SARVER
349 TULIP**

Luther Sarver, a native of Kentucky, came to Moweauqua about 1905 from Assumption. Mr. Sarver was engaged in the poultry business. His wife was the former Minnie Page of Shelbyville. Mr. & Mrs. Sarver became the parents of six sons, Alfred, Gale, Raymond, Wayne, Verne and Homer. Mr. Sarver died in 1913. Mrs. Sarver remarried several years later, marrying William Catherwood. The Sarver boys welcomed into their home a sister, Dorothy Jean. Mr. Catherwood was a coal miner by trade and the Sarver boys followed in his footsteps taking employment in the Moweauqua mine. Mr. Catherwood lost his leg in a mining accident and two of the Sarver boys, Raymond and Verne were victims of the mine disaster in 1932.

After the mine disaster, the Sarver boys sought other means of employment. Alfred became a letter carrier in Decatur, now retired and lives in Decatur. Gale became an electrician, now retired, spending his winters in Florida and his summers in his mobile home in Moweauqua. Wayne became a painter and paper hanger. He, too, is retired and lives in Brownstown. Their sister Dorothy Jean became the wife of Paul Brooks, son of Mrs. & Mrs. William J. Brooks of Moweauqua. She makes her home in Findlay.

Gale, the only member of the family still residing in Moweauqua, married Frances Grant of Decatur in 1935. She was the daughter of Harry and Fern Ropp Grant. During the 1940s her parents lived on a farm southeast of Moweauqua. Mr. & Mrs. Grant were the parents of five children, Glen, Frances, Harryette, Delores, and Barbara. Delores and Barbara lived here at one time. Barbara was the wife of Robert Green, son of Melvin and Ruth Adams Green of Moweauqua. Barbara died in 1945. Glen resides in Mt. Zion, Harryette is the wife of the late H. D. McCarty and resides in Chicago Heights, Illinois and Delores is the wife of William Cranford of Munster, Indiana.

Gale and Frances Sarver became the parents of four sons, Morris, James, Howard and Bruce. In 1962 they sold their home on Warren Street to Robert Adams, and moved into a trailer on Tulip Street. In 1968 they built an all electric home at 349 Tulip Street. Mrs. Sarver (Frances) was well known in Moweauqua as a painter and paper hanger, having worked in almost every home in town. She died in

1972. Gale sold his home in 1974 to his son Bruce. Morris is retired from the Navy and resides in Vero Beach, Florida. James, a former teacher in Shelbyville and Findlay, is a retired lieutenant from the Navy and resides in Moweauqua where he is with Fleetwood Oil Company. Howard resides in Venice, Florida. Bruce married Marabeth Bright of Moweauqua and lives in the former home of his parents. He is with Dawson and Wikoff Funeral Home.

WILLIAM AND VELMA GRAVITT ZINDEL TULIP STREET BOX 209

William's parents were William and Pansy Zindel of Moweauqua.

Velma's parents were Lloyd and Irene Bohannon Gravitt from Springfield. Velma has one brother, Charles Gravitt in Springfield.

William and Velma were married in 1961 and came to Moweauqua from Decatur to this address.

William farmed with his father until his father died, and continued farming until 1969 when he had a sale and sold out. Now he helps James Sparling with farmwork.

Velma worked at Decatur Memorial as LPN in OB Department for fifteen years and retired in 1972.

Velma had a daughter by a previous marriage—Sonja Huskey Bunning, now living in Springfield. She has one daughter, Tamara Gay Bunning, seven years old.

DUANE AND ANTONIA RHODES TULIP STREET RR #1 BOX 211

Duane's parents were Ira and Carrie Eagleton Rhodes. Ira taught schools and farmed part time in Fayette County. Duane is the youngest of eight children, all are living. Duane was Chief of Police in Nokomis for six years.

Antonia was born in Salzburg, Austria. Her parents were Anton and Victoria Pogle. Anton worked for the government and Victoria raised nine children. All of Antonia's brothers and sisters are married with families living in Austria.

Antonia was married in Austria and came across on the Queen Mary in 1954. Antonia's father's ancestor was a baron, similar to a lord in royal families.

Duane and Antonia married in 1974 and lived in Decatur. Duane is Department Manager of Camera and Jewelry at K-Mart on Pershing. Antonia works at K-Mart, Mt. Zion Road.

They have one son, seven years old, Walter Allen, and two married daughters, Rebecca Rowe of Springfield and Sheila Foulks of Argenta. There are two grandsons.

The Rhodes moved their double wide mobile home to Moweauqua in March 1976.

"It's quiet and peaceful and we were fortunate to find ample space to place our home. It's great to have apple trees in our yard."

EDGAR AND MARY SELDMAN CONNOLLEY RR #1 BOX 212

Edgar went to school in Mt. Pulaski. He works at Caterpillar, also installs chain link fences, is a self contractor.

They bought this home in 1962 from Floyd Jones. They have lived in Moweaqua eighteen years.

Mary has a beauty shop in her home.

Edgar is an only child and Mary has two brothers, Jack of Mt. Zion, and Steve in West Salem.

They have three daughters, Gail Sheets of rural Moweaqua who has a son Corey, two years old, Lisa is a senior in high school, and Tanya in the fourth grade.

"I enjoy living here—friendly people."

LEROY AND JEAN RAMSEY
RR #1 BOX 213

Roy's great-great-grandfather was George Davis Ramsey. His son Dennis Ramsey was a Colonel in American Revolution and was a relative of George Washington's wife. He was mayor of Alexandria, Virginia, 1788-89. Dennis Ramsey's home at 221 King Street, Alexandria, Virginia has been made the information center for that area. He piloted the boat when George Washington crossed the Delaware. He was also an honorary pall bearer at Washington's funeral. Dennis was born in Alexandria, Virginia, 1756, married Jane Allen Taylor, had nine children and died September 10, 1810.

LeRoy runs a Service Station with his brother, Paul.

LeRoy and Jean are the parents of four children, Steven Ramsey of Tremont, teaches Industrial Arts, Rusty Ramsey of Fort Collins, Colorado, operates the Taylor Rental Service, Mark Ramsey, a freshman at Millikin and Amy Ramsey, in the eighth grade.

They have two grandchildren in Tremont, Steffany, two years old and Shelley, one year old.

VELMA COOPER
RR #1 BOX 218

Velma is a sixth cousin of Davy Crockett. Her father, Robert Eugene Crockett was born on a farm at Rochester, Illinois. Her family consists of three daughters, all married, two live in Rochester and one in Montana.

Her house was built in 1962 and was owned by Roy Cooley.

Velma lived in Detroit, Michigan and moved because she liked a small town.

WILMA HOUCHINS
RR #1

Wilma's parents are John and Myrtle Rogers Henton. Wilma has one brother and two sisters. They are from Bone Gap.

Don (deceased) was the son of William and Maude Smith Houchins both deceased. Don had seven brothers and one sister.

Wilma has worked at the Moweaqua Bowl and Moweaqua School for three years.

Wilma and Don moved to Moweaqua in 1951. Don was transferred here because of work. They have lived in the trailer for twelve years.

Wilma has one son, James of Moweaqua and one daughter, Marilyn, a sophomore at ISU in Normal. Wilma has one grandson, Chad.

ELMER AND SHARON NEELEY TRUEBLOOD
RR #1 TULIP STREET

Elmer's parents are William E. and Mary Hamblin Trueblood. He came from Kansas and lived in Illinois from 1944 until his death in 1973. Elmer is one of four children.

Sharon's parents are Clarence D. and Ruby J. Cearlock Neeley of Moweaqua. Sharon is one of five children. Clarence married Carolyn Sampson and lives in Moweaqua.

Elmer graduated from Moweaqua High in 1963. He has worked at Firestone ten years. His mother resides in Macon.

Sharon and Elmer have lived most of their married lives in Moweaqua, with exception of two years in Decatur. They bought one-half acre from Dwight Wallace in 1966 where they placed a mobile home.

They have three children, Anita, fifth grade, Duane, third grade, and Rebecca, five years old.

RAYMOND AND BETTY VATTHAUER PEKOVITCH
RR #1 BOX 210 (WEST TULIP)

Raymond's parents are Joe and Joanna Pieta Pekovitch of Moweaqua. (See Joe Pekovitch Story on 329 S. Hanover.)

Betty's parents are Gilbert and Helen Creech Vathauer of Prairieton Township. Gus Vathauer came to Illinois in 1890 to farm. Creeches have been in Illinois for several generations. Betty was one of three children, Richard married Beverly Wooters, Robert married Judy Bouvet of Taylorville and lives on the Vathauer homeplace.

Ray and Betty married in 1972. Ray has worked at Caterpillar since graduation ten years ago. Betty is a housewife.

They bought their home in 1972 from Roberta Craig.

They have two daughters, Tina Louise, three years old and Tracy Lynn, two years old.

LOUIS AND FLORENCE VAN DYKE SWONK
RR #1 (WEST TULIP)

Louis' parents are Glen and Lorine Dove Swonk who lived in Chicago. Glen, deceased, managed F. W. Woolworth Store. Lorine, retired LPN did private duty in homes in Chicago and Moweaqua area. His grandparents are William and Florence Dove Weber. Louis has two brothers, Francis, of Lexington and a twin brother, Leo of Champaign.

Florence's parents were William and Edna Hoskins Van Dyke of Philadelphia, both deceased, She was an only child.

Florence met Louis in Philadelphia when Louis was in the U. S. Navy in Korean War. They married in 1957 in grandmother Florence Weber's living room. At one time, Louis had a restaurant in Moweaqua, now retired, They bought this mobile home with three rooms attached from Robert Graven in 1975.

They have one son Todd in the seventh grade.

"I think it's the best town ever".

CLARENCE AND EVELYN LOUGHARY DURBIN
108 WEST TULIP

Both Clarence and Evelyn were born in Bond County of Vandalia area. They lived in Pana before moving to Moweaqua in 1974.

Their five children are Darrell, Diane (Mrs. Donald Tilton), Audry of Dieterich, Karen Sue, a sophomore and David in Special Education School in Taylorville.

They are raising Michael Joseph, a four year old grandson.

Clarence works at Wagner Casting in Decatur.

**DANIEL AND WILMA HANCOCK SHELATO
RR #1 (WEST TULIP)**

Daniel is the son of Ishmael T. and Charlotte L. Shelato of Danville, Illinois. His grandparents are Rose Shelato and Mr. & Mrs. Elmer Bonnet.

Wilma is the daughter of Vernon O. Hancock and Eunice E. Hancock of Kingman, Indiana. Her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. George Hancock and Mr. & Mrs. Jake Niccum.

Daniel has worked for the N&W Railroad for seven years. Wilma is a housewife.

Daniel and Wilma have lived here six months. The house is three years old. They bought it from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Graven. "We wanted to live in a small and friendly community."

They have three children, Kathy, seventeen years old and a junior at Moweaqua High, Tina, fifteen and a freshman at Moweaqua, Danielle, twelve and a seventh grader at Moweaqua Middle School.

**DONALD AND WILMA FOSTER
104 WEST TULIP**

Donald and Wilma moved to Moweaqua because they liked the idea of living in a small town. They moved their mobile home to Cook's Trailer Court. They have two children, Donald Lee and Deborah Marie.

VINE

**LARRY AND KRISTINA DOBRY ZINDEL
107 NORTH VINE**

Larry's parents are Francis and Mary Beeman Zindel of Moweaqua. He is one of five children, namely: Sharon Kay Mentz (deceased) Larry, and Dennis Lee of Moweaqua, Mary Sue (Mrs. Charles Ruot) of Vandalia, and Cathy Arndt of Moweaqua.

Kristina's parents were James and Rose Marie Dobry of Alliance, Nebraska. She is one of five children.

Larry and Kristina married in 1973. They met when Kristina was in college in Rapid City, South Dakota and Larry was in the Air Force.

Larry is a supervisor at Firestone. Kristina is an Avon lady and a housewife.

One son, Justin, will be two years old in August.

**FRANK AND NORMA YOUNG
117 NORTH VINE**

Frank was born in Springfield. He is employed at Caterpillar Tractor Company. His parents and grandparents lived in Auburn, Illinois.

Frank's wife, Norma, was born in Sterling, Illinois. She is a homemaker. She is of Irish and German descent. The Youngs have lived in Springfield, Auburn, Fowler, and Coatsburg, Illinois before being transferred to the Decatur area.

Their two children are Jennifer, who is in second grade, and Rebecca, who is five years old.

**CLIFF P. AND RETA WILSON CEARLOCK
129 NORTH VINE**

Cliff was born in Fayette County at Boyle City, Illinois. He is the son of Otis and Minnie Carter Cearlock and one of eight children. There are four Cearlocks living; Joe in the state of Washington, Clarence, who lives in Fillmore, Illinois, and a sister lives in Effingham and Cliff of Moweaqua.

Reta's parents were Joshua and Sarah Fish-Wilson. She is the youngest of thirteen children. One brother, remaining, is Newell Wilson, who lives in Ramsey.

The Cearlocks moved to Moweaqua area in 1925. They lived southwest of Radford, then moved to Assumption. From there they moved to Flat Branch Township where Cliff was road commissioner for two terms.

They purchased their present home from Bill Wiegman in 1943 and moved to Moweaqua. After almost twenty years as Agent for Moorman's Feeds, Cliff is now retired. Reta is employed part time.

Their four children are. P. J., who is married to Betty Howard of Moweaqua, Mrs. Merrill (Mildred) Anderson of Decatur, Mrs. Talmadge (Jean) Hughes of Peoria, and Mrs. LeRoy (Shirley) Fulk of west of Radford.

The Cearlocks have eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

**ROBERT AND VERA M. FRANKS UTZKE
201 NORTH VINE**

Robert's parents were Robert Sr. and Clara Paul Utzke. They were both born in Germany but married in Minnesota where they farmed. Robert Sr. came from Germany in 1907, and Clara arrived in this country in 1908.

Robert has one sister, Erna Whalen, living in Rockford, Illinois.

Vera's parents were Frank and Ann Franks, who lived near Polson, Montana, which is in the Glacier National Park area. She has three sisters and one brother living in North Dakota and Montana.

Robert is a member of Long's Plumbing, Inc., and Vera is employed at the Eastern Star Home in Macon.

There are three children, Jon in the seventh grade, Daniel Joe, a fifth grader, and Doreen Joy, in fifth grade.

**CARROLL R. AND CAROL ANN BURRUS SMAIL
209 NORTH VINE**

Carroll's parents were John Andrew and Doris Rubin Smail of Brownstown, Illinois. Emelia Erk Torbeck, the great-grandmother of Carroll, came to America in 1947 from Germany. She settled in Washington County, Illinois, and later moved to St. Paul, Illinois. Ludwig Rubin, born 1817 in

Pommon, Germany, married Henrietta Lenz and moved to Watertown, Wisconsin, later to St. Paul, Illinois. John A. Smail came from Holland in 1853. He was a cabinet maker and gunsmith, first settling in Ohio before coming to Illinois.

Carol Ann's parents are Glenn and Irene Bolt Burrus, who live in Vandalia. Carol's ancestor, Charles Burroughs (Burrus) was born in 1732 in Ireland. He came to America about 1763, settled in Albermarle County, Virginia. He was a Revolutionary War soldier. He died in 1805. There were eight children. Son Jacob and his four sons came down the Ohio River to Allen County, Kentucky. The sons later moved to Illinois. One son, Richmond, settled in Hardin County, Illinois. Three sons came to Fayette County, Illinois. Carol's father, Glen Burrus, is a descendant of one son, John Burrus, her great-great-grandfather.

John Bolt, Carol's mother's ancestor, came to Virginia as a settler and settled in Grayson County before the Revolution. He fought in Islom's Militia in the war for independence. Elias Bolt, her great grandfather migrated from Virginia about 1833 and lived in Ohio for four years before moving to Illinois. On Carol's maternal grandmother's side, she is a descendant of Micah Ross, also a Revolutionary War soldier. He lived in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and through him, she is eligible for D.A.R.

The Smails have lived in El Paso, Texas, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Charleston, Illinois. They moved to Moweaqua in 1967 because of employment in this area.

Carroll is employed by the Illinois Power Company, and Carol Ann is a teacher in the Moweaqua Community School.

The Smails have one child, Wesley Linn, who is in kindergarten.

JOHN AND LINDA BROWN AUSTIN 215 NORTH VINE

John and Linda (Brown) Austin have lived in Moweaqua most of their married life and at their present address for the past thirteen years.

John is employed at the Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur.

The Austins have two daughters: Susan, a senior at Moweaqua High School, and Connie, a seventh grader.

RALPH E. AND MARGARET WISE DENTON 229 NORTH VINE

Ralph's father was George Denton. His great-grandfather, grandfather and father were all reared east of Moweaqua near the Tolly cemetery. They were closely related to the Caseys and Armstrongs.

Grandfather Elias Denton was 6 ft. 6 in. tall and he married Sarah Gass who was 5 ft. 3 in. tall.

Ralph's mother was Kathryn (Katie) Pope Denton. Her mother was Martha Jane Jagers. Her parents were Daniel and Mary Portwood Jagers. They were closely related to the Atterburys. Katie Denton's father was Charley Pope, son of Matthew and Nancy Jane Hoover Pope. She was married three times; to a Pope, Drake, and a Hammil. All but Hammil died during the Civil War. Dan Jagers lived

one-fourth mile east of Pleak Corner, known as Jagers Hill. This is where Juanita Mathias now lives.

Margaret Wise Denton was born in Manitoba, Canada. She is a housewife and sells Avon products. Her great-grandfather, Jesse Donnel, married Matilda Williams. They lived many years in the old home of Helen Gregory, now owned by Glenn Brookshier. Jesse Donnell was a horse buyer and trader. They sold their home in the early 1900's and moved to Pittsburg, Illinois, where he died in 1905.

Ella Donnell Carroll was Margaret's grandmother. She married Alonzo Carroll. They lived about a mile north of Moweaqua, just across the railroad tracks, where Ella's mother, Grayce Wise, was born. She was one of seven children: Florence, Grayce, Clyde, Arch, Waverly, Fern and Othello ("Dutch").

Margaret's mother, Grayce Carroll Wise, had five children: Kenneth and Ronald, living in Macon, Helen Lillpop, who lives in Dalton city, Carroll, who lives in Pana, and Margaret Denton, who lives in Moweaqua.

Margaret's mother is now eighty-six years old and lives with a daughter, Helen Lillpop, in Dalton City. She remembers the great fun at the Fourth of July and Baptist Church picnics. They were always a must in her family.

Margaret's father, Burt Wise, was born east of Macon. His father, Samuel Wise, built many of the country roads east and south of Macon in the Sanner Chapel area.

The children of Ralph and Margaret Wise Denton are: Peggy (deceased), John, who lives in Mt. Zion, Gene, residing in Moweaqua, Freddy (deceased), Betty Craft, who lives in Moweaqua, and Linda Houchins, who also lives in Moweaqua.

LONNIE AND CHERYL LINN 301 NORTH VINE

Both Lonnie and Cheryl were born in Decatur. Lonnie is employed by the York Division of the Borg-Warner Corporation. Cheryl is a medical secretary at St. Mary's Hospital.

The first of Lonnie's family to come to America were August and Elizabeth Schmahl. They came from Dusseldorf, Germany, and settled in Indiana. His grandparents lived in Santa Claus, Indiana, Moweaqua and Iowa.

Cheryl's parents have lived in Indiana and Illinois. The Linn's have lived in Moweaqua always except for four years. They moved back here because of the excellent school facilities. The Linn children are Amy who is in the second grade, and Eric, who will soon be four years old.

KENNETH W. RADER 329 NORTH VINE

Kenneth has lived at his present address almost twenty-five years. He works at the Caterpillar Tractor Company and has a bait shop that is open after four o'clock in the evenings. He sells licenses, rents motors, and sells all kinds of fishing equipment.

His children are Linda and Rhonda, who both live in Decatur, Brenda, who lives in Sullivan, Robert, who lives in Moweaqua, and Candace, who is a fourth grade student at the Moweaqua school.

**FREDERICK AND CLAIRE GERRISH KITCH
402 NORTH VINE**

Fred's parents are Charles and Louise Thomas Kitch of Moweaqua. The Thomases came from Indiana by covered wagon to Shelby County. The Kitches came by wagon from Pennsylvania to Niantic and Moweaqua. Fred is one of four children: Curtis and Fred, both of Moweaqua, Betty Woolen of Sullivan, and Martha Kater of Mt. Zion.

Claire is the daughter of William R. and Helen M. King Gerrish. The King and Jewell families were very early settlers in St. James, Long Island. Joseph Smith, called "Bull" Smith was Claire's ancestor. New Yorkers know of him thru the New York history books of Long Island. "Bull" received his name by riding a bull to claim land. He could claim all land he covered, thus staking out land that still remains in Claire's family.

Claire's parents live in the metropolitan New York area. Her father is a retired engineer. Claire has a brother, Robert, in New York.

Fred retired after serving twenty-two years in the U.S. Navy. The Kitches have lived in many places all over the world. Fred is employed in maintenance at Caterpillar. They came to Moweaqua in 1967 and bought their present home in 1974. They have four children: David, who is employed with IBM in Dusseldorf, Germany, Jillane, who works for St. Mary's, Nycole (Nikki) who works for the state in Springfield, and Charles, who is a junior in high school.

Fred's hobby is fishing and Claire does painting and club and community work.

"Now that we are adjusted, we have really found a home here."

**CHARLES A. AND NELLIE DRESCIK AUSTIN
405 NORTH VINE**

Charles' parents are Carl and Flossie McQuality Austin, long time residents of Moweaqua. Charles is one of seven children who are Carl Jr., John and Charles, all of Moweaqua, Dorothy Thompson and Judy Hutchins of Decatur, Darlene Durbin of Macon, and Jerry, of Hollywood, Florida.

Nellie's parents were Frank and Catherine Drescik who lived in Pana. Nellie has one sister, Carolyn Eisele of Pana.

The Austins moved from Pana to their present address in order to be nearer to his employment. Charles works at A. E. Staley and Nellie is a housewife.

The Austin children are Kathy, who attends Richland College, Candy, who is in the sixth grade, Brenda, who is in fourth grade, and Jennifer, who is in kindergarten. Charles Jr. is four years old.

**FRED BROWN, SR.
429 NORTH VINE**

Fred and Ella Brown reside at this address in the home they built in 1973. They were former residents of Stonington before moving to Indiana in 1958.

Mr. Brown is a retired coal miner, having worked forty years in the mines.

The Browns have two children: Fred Brown Jr., who lives in Pinckneyville and Linda Austin, who lives in Moweaqua.

The Browns have four granddaughters.

EAST WALL

**JAKE JOHNSON
102 EAST WALL**

Jake was the seventh of ten children born to C. Frank and Eva Adams Johnson.

He has worked at Illiopolis Ordinance Plant, Young's Packing Plant, Barrington Country Club, and farmed. He had schooling with Jimmy Dale Car and Body Repair Shop in Decatur.

In 1912 at age five, he was stricken with crippling polio, paralyzing the right limb. Amputation at Mayo Clinic in 1943 was necessary.

Jake is now retired to his new little house built in 1974 where he keeps busy working with wood, fruits, and gardening.

**ERMA GLORIA JOHNSON
126 EAST WALL**

Erma Gloria's parents were C. Frank and Eva Adams Johnson. The Johnsons were of English descent coming to Ohio to Sangamon and Macon Counties in early 1800s. Great-grandfather G. W. Johnson bought land next to the sight of Lincoln Homestead west of Decatur. They are buried in the tiny Whitley Cemetery near the Lincoln restored log cabin.

Eva was the tenth child of twelve born to Joseph and Nancy Widick Adams. Their parents were Ellington and Elizabeth Adams, and Samuel and Melinda Widick, pioneers of Prairieton and northwest Moweaqua area.

Frank and Eva were farmers living two and one-half miles east, now the sight of Drew's Lake. They bought this home on Wall Street in 1920 from the Ezekiel Prescott Estate.

There were ten children, eight boys and two girls. The five oldest are deceased, namely, C. Verne, Ryegate, Montana, Leon of Portland, Oregon, Cloyd on Montana ranch, Wheeler of Wood River, Ill., Nancy Johnson Crouch Long of this address. The five youngest are Joseph, retired wood designer of Phoenix who married Nancy Scribner of Moweaqua (deceased), Jacob, Erma, B. Bennett retired from Houston and making this address his home now, and Retired Colonel Jim who married Corinne Gregory of Moweaqua now living in San Antonio. There are twenty-five nieces and nephews.

Erma Gloria began teaching home school, Round Grove, in 1933. She taught seven years in Moweaqua Grade School, was a Control Tower Operator Lady Marine in World War II, M.A. degree from Columbia Teachers College in New York City, elementary and art teacher in Decatur schools, retired in 1973.

She was a Charter Member of Junior Women's Club, conducted first Summer Playground Program in City Park in 1946, has hosted many community clubs and groups at Snyder's Lake Home northwest of Moweaqua.

She is an active member of the Central Illinois Rock and Mineral Club and proudly displays collected specimens of rocks and minerals.

"It was a pleasure talking with new and old friends in helping to compile the Who's Who of Moweaqua. I am sorry it couldn't have been 100% listing of family stories instead of these 96% printed of the city of Moweaqua."

JESSE R. LONG
126 EAST WALL

Jesse's parents were Harry and Florence Warren Long. Harry was born in Hagarstown, Maryland, of Dunkard religion. A general took over their house for headquarters during the Civil War.

Florence Warren was born southwest of Macon. Grandpa Milton Warren came from Kentucky. Florence taught school in Macon several years.

Harry Long and Florence came from Kansas to a three room house where Hilvety airport is now. Later they moved to one-fourth mile east of Allenboro to Grandfather Warren's farm. Sons Merle, Jesse, and Ora went to Long Grove School, Sunday School at Sanner Chapel, where Saidie Rogers was their Sunday School teacher.

Harry built new home in 1915 east of Fame. He sold the house and farm and moved to town on North Macon (Mrs. Eda Bohlen's home) in 1919. In early 1920s Harry bought into hardware store with Dave Adamson. Adamson, Miller, and Rice became Adamson and Long. About 1928 Harry Long bought out Adamson. It became Long's Hardware. Depression forced him out of business, he retired in 1932. Harry died in 1943 after being a bed patient for seven years at Moweaqua Hospital.

Harry and Florence had three sons. Merle was born in Kansas, was 84 years on March 22, 1976, married Esther Long of Assumption, worked at A. E. Staley's until retirement. One daughter Jean Louise at age three died from a burn accident 1924. Second son, Jesse Long lives in Moweaqua. Ora Long was born at Allenboro in 1905. Ora (Pooch) married Louise Vilmure of Assumption in 1942. Served in Sea Bees and helped secure Okinawa. Ora died on his 50th birthday in 1955. His widow, Louise, lives in Assumption

Jesse Long married Ruth Clapper in 1922, later married Nancy Johnson Crouch in 1943. They moved to Hanford, Washington where government was developing atom bomb and on to Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He returned to Moweaqua in 1946 to start plumbing business with brother Ora (Pooch) as helper. He bought Hotel Drew in 1949 where Long Plumbing, Inc. is located today.

Jesse served in World War I, 158th Field Artillery in Army of Occupation at Kolbnz, Germany.

Jesse celebrated his 82nd birthday February 11, 1976. He continues to manage his plumbing and heating business going to the office daily.

His mother's sister, Mrs. Nellie Peters Pennypacker Lawrence, and brother Merle of Decatur are his only close relatives.

WANDA HERTEL
116 EAST WALL

Wanda is the daughter of Adam and Anna Calvin Boyer who lived two miles straight south, right down that railroad track across the creek. The house is no longer there. They cut wood to burn from the timber and helped farm in summer on ten acres of land. Wanda was one of five children. All deceased except Wanda. Wanda had a half sister, Jennie Walters and a half brother, Claude Boyer.

Her first husband, Ross Portwood, father of Viola Clausen of Shelbyville was killed in Moweaqua Mine

Disaster. She married Raymond Hertel (deceased), and farmed west of Moweaqua. They bought farm south of Little Flock Church. After Raymond's death, she bought a new trailer and set up on the Jacobs lot, but retains former home on South Main and farm.

"I moved in the trailer to be close to Christian Church, to the stores, or any place I want to go in walking distance." She joined the church in her teens. "I try to help myself, and enjoy watching the girls bowl."

Wanda will be 84 on July 30, 1976.

Wanda loves to ask you this riddle, a doctor told her when she was at Mayo's Clinic for eye surgery. "What kind of a man is a man that would marry a man?"

(A minister)

ELLA McCLELLAND LAUGHLIN
204 EAST WALL

Ella's parents are George W. and Nancy Jane Baird McClelland who moved to Moweaqua in 1892 when Ella was two years old.

They moved to the farm in 1905. Ella graduated in three years from High School in 1908. She boarded with Kirkers and Mr. J. Q. Riley, and "Grandma" Hammil.

David's parents, Josiah and Mary Black Laughlin, were originally from Ohio. David was a farmer.

Ella and David had two children, Mrs. Harold (Margaret) Fairweather, of Oreana, who has two girls and one boy. She has a Masters Degree in Music and taught flute at Millikin. Robert was born in Moweaqua Hospital, studied at the U. of I. in Engineering. He married Joyce Keny, lives at Seal Beach, California.

Ella and David bought the Weakley home in 1972. David died February 2, 1976.

Ella's hobbies include beautiful embroidery and crewel work.

Things to remember of the 1890's and early 1900's.

Ice skating on the old Frazee tile pond, the Fourth of July picnics in the park with fireworks at night, on the town square, the annual August Baptist picnic in the park, the annual Thanksgiving dinner served in the basement of the Christian Church, the horse drawn fire, the horse drawn ice wagon, the sprinkling wagon, drawn by horses, that laid the dust in the town streets, the entertainment in "Riblin's Opera House", local talent and other, the annual "parade" when school children and adults marched to the cemetery on "Decoration" Day, the circus that came to town each summer and set up in Whitworth's pasture, the first ice cream sodas, five cents each; the Republican Newspaper edited by Whitworths.

GERALD AND SHIRLEY COLLINS WORKMAN
210 EAST WALL

Jerry works at Caterpillar Tractor Co. in Decatur and Shirley is a housewife.

Jerry is the youngest of ten children born to Charles and Eva Dotson Workman. His family all live within a twenty-

five mile radius of Moweaqua. He married Shirley Collins, daughter of Virgil and Mabel (deceased) Collins, of Moweaqua in 1950.

They have a daughter Tammie Sue born in 1958. She is a senior at Moweaqua High School.

Their home was built around 1950 and owned by Kyle Adams.

**MRS. TOM (GRACE LINN) RILEY
220 EAST WALL**

Grace's parents were John and Susan Proctor Linn from Corinth, Kentucky. She had two brothers, Harry and Ray Linn of Moweaqua, both deceased. On May 23, 1976, she will be 84 years old.

Grace has six children. Albert Riley (deceased) married Lucy London in London, England during World War II. They had two daughters, Mrs. Ronald (Jean) Todd of Moweaqua who has three sons, David, Christopher, and Brian, Mrs. Diana Taylor of Decatur who has four children, Beth and John and twins Amy and Angela Jordan. John has two children, Ronnie of Decatur who has two children, Darrin and Ramona, and Nadine Woods of Assumption who has three children, Brad, Monte, and Pam. James and wife Ruby of Chandler, Arizona he works for Civil Service in charge of Ambulance Service. Kenneth (deceased) had four children, Ray who died in Germany while in the Army, Jack of California, Linda Durbin of Moweaqua who has a son Bradley, and Johnnie of Macon. Gene works for Civil Service in Arizona and has a son Gary in Decatur. Gene served in Viet Nam two times and lost one finger due to shrapnel wounds, Janice has lived with her since two months old. They adopted her. She is now attending Millikin University in Decatur.

At one time Tom and Grace kept twelve foster children in their home. They had several others with them over the years. They kept them all in school and Sunday School.

Tom and Grace were married 62 years when he died in 1970.

All of their five sons were in the service at the same time during World War II. James, Albert, Kenneth, and Gene made careers of military service, James in the Air Force and others in Army.

Albert was Chief Warrant Officer. He also served in Korean War and Viet Nam War.

James and Kenneth met accidentally in North Africa during World War II. Both were stationed at different bases. Neither knew the other was there until they met by chance.

Since all the boys were in the service, they were rarely all together. "One Christmas was especially happy because they were all here at home."

Few women have given as much tender loving care in rearing children, numbers of foster children, and an adopted child, as this beautiful mother of 84 years, Grace Linn Riley.

**GRACE SPALDING
229 EAST WALL**

Grace is the daughter of Luther and Sally Ahl Hilvety, farmers in Macon and Shelby County. Sally Ahl was a sister of Charles and Minnie Ahl who lived in Moweaqua in the early 1900s. (See Sally Sprague story for Hilvety story.)

Grace is one of five children, Owen Hilvety of Moweaqua, William Hilvety of Herrick, Victor Hilvety of Macon, Harriet Miller, of Macon, and Grace Spalding of Moweaqua. Moweaqua.

Tom and Grace lived on a farm east of Moweaqua for about twenty years. Grace moved to this apartment about eight years ago. Grace works at Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Tom's parents are Selma and Ikey Renfro Spalding from Macon area.

Tom and Grace had four children. Tom lives in Elburn and is an IBM Service Engineer, Mrs. Jerry (Suzanne) Collins of Moweaqua, Stephen of Moweaqua, works for Greyhound Corp., Internal Auditor, and Linda is at Southern Illinois University studying Wildlife Management.

**JAMES AND SHIRLEY DRAKE SNYDER
230 EAST WALL**

James is the son of Blanchett and Evelyn Lockart Snyder, farmers south of Moweaqua who recently moved to Moweaqua. They are descendants of the original Snyders of Moweaqua. James is one of three children, James, Anne Jones, and Gwinner Snyder.

Shirley is the daughter of Arthur Drake of Decatur and Mrs. Cleo (Ed) Ramsey of Illiopolis. Her step-brothers and step-sisters are Edward, an architect engineer and a co-pilot for American Airlines living in Wilton, Connecticut. Archie of Decatur who works at Caterpillar, Judy (Mrs. Robert Tea), of Poston, Arizona, Carol Jane (Mrs. Harold Brown) of Sherman, Ill.

Arthur Drake is retired from Black & Co. and living in Decatur. Cleo operated a Beauty Shop over Ayars bank and in her home in Moweaqua. Later she married Ed Ramsey of Assumption and lived in Moweaqua where three of the four children were born. They moved to Illiopolis where he retired from Signal Depot and had TV Shop. Ed died in 1973. Cleo maintains her home in Illiopolis and visits her children periodically.

James works at Caterpillar and Shirley works at Sessels in Decatur. They have seven children, Susan Snyder (Mrs. Roger Bohlen) of Ft. Collins, Colorado, Steven married Vicki Kingery and lives in Ashmore, Illinois, Rebecca Snyder Mange of Denver, Colorado, Mary Ellen Lehman of Moweaqua, Julianne of Macomb, Illinois, Jennifer Snyder sophomore in high school and Paul Drake in eighth grade.

James and Shirley have one granddaughter Heather Bohlen six years old.

**D. MICHAEL AND GINGER MOORE JUSTICE
308 EAST WALL**

Michael was in the Navy and is now with Moore & Rieblin Construction.

His parents are Kermit and Dorthey English Justice. Michael is one of five children.

Ginger is an LPN at Shelbyville Restorium. Her parents are C. B. and Pearl Woodward Moore. She is one of three children.

They have a son, James M. Justice.

**EILA KIRK
313 EAST WALL**

Eila is the daughter of Edwin Archer Kirk who married Maude Juniatte Pontius in 1910. E. Archer was born in Blue Mound and Maude Pontius was born in Pickaway Township, Obed. The Kirks came to Illinois from Ohio; the Waltz's were Swiss emigrants settling in Pennsylvania, 1776-77.

Fredrick Rinehart Waltz came to America in 1731. On arrival in New York, he faced another insult even worse than banishment, by the sale of his body into slavery to pay for his passage across the sea to the British Government and was required to labor 18 months to redeem himself.

Eila's mother's people, Johannes Pontius born in Alsace in 1718 and died in 1794 in Buffalo Valley, Pa., was married to Anna C. Zeller. Both were of Huguenot parentage. Johannes came with 349 Palatines, sailing from Rotterdam, Holland via Cowes, England, on British ship Glasgo, landing in Port of Philadelphia Sept. 9, 1737 where he took allegiance to British Government.

Leonard Melcher born in Germany in 1787, was one of a family of ten who came to the USA in 1796. All died at sea except Leonard and his sister Lucy. They were reared by Dr. Fanistock in Pennsylvania.

Four children were born to Edwin and Maude Pontius Kirk. Karl Archer Kirk, of Ames, Iowa, married May Malone from Tower Hill. Earl is farm manager for research at Doane's Agriculture. May taught at Pleak for two years 1935-37. They have two sons.

Eila Roberta Kirk has lived all her life around Moweaqua. Dwight Pontius Kirk is a machinist at Chula Vista, California. He has three children. Lewis Kirk was deceased as a baby.

Eila and her mother moved to this home on the death of her father in 1947. Her mother died in 1970.

Eila is a seamstress and enjoys companionship with the elderly.

Her home was built in the 1890's and owned by Atteberry and Earl Jacobs.

**FRED AND CAROL PETERSON ATHEY
316 EAST WALL**

Fred's parents are Fred and Helen Kline Athey of Decatur. Fred has two sisters, Mrs. Hiram (Charlotte) Athey Crum of East Peoria and Mrs. Eugene (Audrey) Pirtle of Cisco.

Carol's parents are Henry and Ethel Salzman Peterson of St. Elmo. She has one sister, Mrs. Robert (Dorothy) Eaton of Decatur.

Fred's grandfather was a railroad man and lived in Decatur and Windsor. Fred's parents lived in Shelbyville and Decatur.

Carol's maternal grandfather came to America from Germany when he was five years old.

Fred and Carol lived in Decatur but wanted to raise their children in a smaller town, found this big house, and bought it from Owen Hilvety. It was built in the early 1900s.

Fred works at ADM and Carol is a housewife.

They have five children, Jodi Lynn, senior in high school, Fred Jeffrey, sophomore, Joseph Andrew, seventh grade, Jennifer Lynn, age two, and Jon Michael age two months.

**JESSIE BURKITT
317 EAST WALL**

Jessie's parents were Francis Marion and Amanda Ellen Mitchell Sanders. Her father served three and one-half years, without intermission or furlough, as a volunteer from Illinois in the Civil War. He arrived in Moweaqua on foot alone, no money; stayed with a Mr. Scribner in Round Grove area. He bought land seven miles east and one-fourth mile north, (Sanner Chapel area) from Mr. Middlesworth of Shelbyville. He walked to Shelbyville on business and returned the same day (no horses).

Mr. Art Smull had the first car in the community. He drove the car taking the pall bearers in it to the funeral of Jessie's father in 1912. Amanda was born in Pennsylvania of Scotch descent. Francis and Amanda had three boys and one girl. A half-sister, Mary Ellen prepared for teaching and helped raise Jessie after her mother died. Francis Marion Sanders married Mabel Elmers of rural Moweaqua. William Parker "Park" Sanders and Benjamin Mitchell Sanders were bachelors of rural Moweaqua.

Sam Burkitt's parents were Aron and Sarah Bowers Burkitt of Carbondale. They owned a hotel in Carbondale. His mother moved to Moweaqua after Aron died. Sam was one of three children.

Jessie and Sam met at a box supper at Round Grove School. Sam told his mother he was going to buy Jessie's box. Jessie took a fancy box, and Sam had to pay \$7.00 for it. Sam took Jessie home with a rubber tired buggy with a team of horses named "Miller & Prince". They married in 1917 and lived with Sam's mother. They moved to town in 1920 ("Not been run out yet") says Jessie. Sam was in oil and real estate business. He died in 1959.

Jessie was a homemaker, visiting the "home" in the country often and enjoying city life. Her hobbies are music and garden flowers and house plants. She is a fifty year member of OES of Illinois.

"Mighty fine little city."

**MARIAN ADAMS CUTLER
327 EAST WALL**

Marian's parents were Cloyd and Ada Poole Adam. She has one sister, Mrs. Carl (Charlene) Weitkemper, of Moweaqua.

John's parents were Sherman and Amanda Housh Cutler. John was one of ten children, Mrs. Theodard (Gladys) Keilman, Michigan, Mrs. Charles (Margaret) Miller of Findlay, Mrs. Carl (Viola) Beal, of Moweaqua and four deceased.

John Cutler died May 19, 1970.

Marian and John had four children, Susan Plain of Decatur, Steven, Jean Lehman, and John E. in the fourth grade.

Marian is a beautician and operates Marian's Shop in her home.

**EARL AND LUCILLE VAN ZANT PORTWOOD
330 EAST WALL**

Earl works for Sears, Roebuck & Company and Lucille teaches school.

Their home was built about 1900 and owned by Colberts.

The following is a story as told by Lucille.

I, Lucille Portwood, came to Moweaqua in 1954 as an "innocent" young school teacher who had just graduated from Eastern Illinois University. My home here was with Mrs. Opal Leach who lived across from the park. One fall day after school I was in my bedroom upstairs when a man, whom I'd never seen before, appeared on a ladder at the window and started to open it. I went to the window and said—"If I'd known you were coming to elope, I'd have had my bags packed." I learned later that the man at the window was Earl Portwood who worked for Thompson Lumber Company and was there to put on the storm windows. He was rather quiet that day but the incident must have made an impression on him because a few weeks later he asked Leona Morrell (another teacher) to arrange a meeting between us. We met at Leona and Oliver's home and started to date. In the spring of 1955 we became engaged and were married August 7, 1955.

Our first home was an apartment above Ayars State bank. We lived there while Earl and his dad built our house on South East Street. About this time Earl and his dad bought the lumber company from Mr. Thompson and it became Portwood Lumber Company. In 1967 they sold the lumber company to Fathauer's who built the Village Mall there.

We lived in our home on South East Street until 1962 when we bought this house where Mrs. Colbert had lived. After some remodeling, we moved in, in February, 1962.

ROBERT AND ALICE DICKERSON 332 EAST WALL

Robert's grandparents are Harry J. Dickerson and Lillie Atteberry Dickerson. His parents are Lee Dickerson and Edna Asa Dickerson. Lee was a cobler and later employed at Muellers. Lee and Edna had five children, Mrs. William Minott (Betty), Robert, Mrs. Richard Moore (Lillie Lou), Mrs. Tom Pyatt, (Lucille), and Mrs. Joseph Webb (Linda Sue). Robert's father was the oldest of four children. His mother, Edna Asa Dickerson, was the youngest of eleven children.

Robert and Alice have four children. Robin works at Imperial, Kim is a junior in high school, Randy is in the eighth grade, and Tony is in the sixth grade. Robin, Kim, and Randy were born at the Old St. Mary's Hospital. Tony was born in the New St. Mary's Hospital.

Their home was built in 1905 and former owners were Bryce P. Smith, Marcus H. Miller and Maurene Moore.

TOM AND LUCILLE DICKERSON PYATT 339 EAST WALL

Tom works for Wagner Casting, Decatur and Lucille is a housewife and mother.

The first member of the family in America was Ebenezer Pyatt from France.

Lucille Dickerson married Thomas E. Pyatt at First Christian Church in Moweaqua. They have one son, Jeffrey Thomas. Jeff is a sixth grader at Moweaqua Middle School.

Lucille's father, Harry L. "Lee" Dickerson had operated at his residence just west of the South elevator on Railroad Avenue, the Home Shoe Repair Shop from 1946 to 1950, having moved here from Decatur with his wife, Edna, and their

children in 1939. Lucille has one brother, Bob, and three sisters, Betty, Dubby, and Linda.

Tom's parents, Edward and Ercel Wright Pyatt farmed in the Moweaqua area from 1935 to 1976 when they retired and moved into town. Tom has one sister, Roberta.

Tom and Lucille's home was built between 1901 and 1909. In 1942 William Newman purchased the property from Olive Simpson. October of 1971 Thomas E. Pyatt purchased the property from Gertrude Newman, a widow.

WILLIAM AND JUANITA SEIFERT GILLETTE 341 EAST WALL

William Gillette was born to Willis and Eda Curdt Gillette on October 31, 1906. His parents farmed in Christian and Shelby Counties.

Juanita Seifert Gillette was born to John and Mamie Workman Seifert on June 20, 1908. Her parents farmed in the Moweaqua area for over fifty years. August Seifert, great-grandfather of Juanita came to America from Cologne, Germany in 1854. Her father came to Illinois from Indiana when he was 16.

In 1939 Charles and Juanita Seifert Bilyeu purchased the Snyder Cafe located in the Drew Building on North Main now occupied by Long's Plumbing. This cafe was owned by Blaine and Mable Snyder. The cafe got a new name with its new owners. It was renamed "Charnita".

The latter part of November, 1941, Charlie and Juanita moved their cafe from the Drew Building to the Masonic Building on the corner of Main just one block south of the former location. With a corner location it makes sense that the cafe should have a new name. The cafe became "The Corner Cafe". Moving then was different than now and a lot less expensive, just back power. Everything was moved by carrying except the stove and refrigerator.

Since Moweaqua, during these years was not blessed with much entertainment, the Corner Cafe, was a great place for all the young people of our town to gather. Charlie and Juanita liked the kids of our town besides the fact they served big crowds of people on Saturday nights when the farmers came to town to shop and visit. Sunday dinner crowds packed the cafe to overflowing.

About 1947 Charlie and Juanita sold the cafe to Ivan Trulock and Harry Gaither. Somewhere around 1950 Juanita Seifert Bilyeu bought the Corner Cafe back. She continued to serve the kids and adults of our town until 1957. It was a sad day when the Corner Cafe closed. Our young people today have really missed something by not having had a "Corner Cafe".

ETHEL STUMP 342 EAST WALL

Ethel bought and moved into this house in February 1958 from a farm seven miles east and three and one-half miles south of Moweaqua after her husband Noble Stump died in November 1957. There are no buildings on that farm anymore. Noble's folks were German and hers were Irish. Noble's grandparents, the Hoys, built and lived in the house on the farm. His parents, the Charley or Uncle Doug Stumps, also lived there and Noble was born in the homeplace. Nobe and Ethel lived there from the time they were married till Nobe died and their only child Douglas, now deceased, was born there.

Ethel's father was John Carroll from Vandalia area and her mother was Carrie Donnell whose folks came to Shelby County from Tennessee.

During the early 1930's Nobe and Ethel spent a lot of time in the summers going to the church softball games. Each church in town and the surrounding rural areas had a team and would play their games at the old school yard. Nobe was manager of the Locust Grove team and Douglas pitched. The Christian Church usually had the best team.

Ethel was born on a farm southeast of town.

The Earl Houts', a former school band director, are the only people who lived in the house before Ethel did. She moved there eighteen years ago and Houts had lived here five years or more, so the house is twenty-three or more years old.

Ethel will be 85 years on March 30, 1976. She has three grandchildren, Wayne Stump in Minneapolis, Janet Stump Daughtee in Morton and Roger Stump near Oreana. Each has two children so Ethel has six great-grandchildren.

RICHARD AND ELOISE MOORE LOCKWOOD 344 EAST WALL

Richard's parents, Ray and Harriet Enlow Lockwood live at Snyder Lake Home, Moweaqua. His grandparents are James and Mary Lois Linn Lockwood and Allen and Lara Alice Beaman Enlow. Both his parents and grandparents lived around central Illinois.

Eloise's parents, Homer E. and Ruth Minerva Brewer Moore have lived all their married life at Findlay, Illinois, just north of Westervelt. Her grandparents Willie and Effie Mae Harrell Moore had five children. Willie was one of thirteen children. Her great-grandfather Payton Moore was one of twenty-one children, lived in Clark County, Kentucky.

Richard was one of eight children, Ray, Shirley, Mary, Robert, Ralph, Richard, June and Donna Lockwood. He started school at Okaw Branch rural school. Richard and Eloise have lived most of their married life in Moweaqua. Their home was formerly owned by Ruth Chapman.

Richard works at R&W Body Shop, Moweaqua. Eloise works at Mallory Timers, Pana.

They have two children, daughter Mrs. Charles Ruth Jenkins is secretary for Wright's Heating. Their child is Lana Jo, seven years. Their son is Larry Lockwood of Moweaqua.

BEN AND SANDRA DAWKINS CAPLINGER 347 EAST WALL

Ben's parents are Ben Franklin, Jr. and Virginia Shaw Caplinger of Maroa. Ben is one of four children, Mrs. Barbara Walters of Maroa, Mrs. Don (Beverly) Wisnasky of Decatur, Ben of Moweaqua and Robert of Oreana.

Sandra's parents are Roy and Viola Odell Dawkins of Louisville, Illinois. Sandra has one brother Michael, a teacher in the Moweaqua School.

Ben's grandparents were from Kentucky and Maroa. Ben and Sandi moved from Maroa because of Ben's employment.

Their home was built in 1900. Former owners are Andrews, Petraski, Kranz, and Sarver.

Ben and Sandi have three children, Kape, seventh grade, Wade, fifth grade, and Lane, third grade.

Ben and Sandi like Moweaqua quite well. Ben has taught here thirteen years.

JOYCE KOCHER 347½ EAST WALL

Joyce is librarian at Assumption Junior-Senior High School. She graduated from Olney Central College and Eastern Illinois University.

JOHN AND MARJORIE TRULOCK GORDEN 400 EAST WALL

John Gorden's grandparents were John M. and Minnie Siegler Gorden. They had five children, Vernon J., Mrs. Ira (Ruth) Traugher, Mrs. Isaac (Maude) Bilyeu, Wayne, Charles (died in childhood). John's parents were Wallace and Elizabeth Marshall Gorden. John was an only child.

Marjorie's grandparents were Jas. and Sarah Trulock, who came from England 110 years ago, and LeRoy and Rebecca Greathouse Pennington. Her mother and father were Harry and Bertha Mae Pennington Trulock. They had seven children, Margaurite, LeRoy, Mrs. Don (Phyllis) Dial, Ivan, Mrs. Robert (Doris) Smith, Don, and Mrs. John (Marjorie) Gorden.

Harry Trulock had a store and residence at Pleak Corner in 1929. He operated the store for fifteen years. Later he moved to town and built and operated a neighborhood store. It is now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Lagen.

John and Marjorie have one daughter, Mrs. Terry (JonAnn) Coffman. John and Marjorie have four grandchildren Tracey, grade five, Travis, grade three, Troy and Kirsten twins in kindergarten.

Their home was built in 1965 by Dr. & Mrs. H. H. Foster.

GERTRUDE BROWN NEWMAN 409 EAST WALL

Gertrude's parents are William Edgar and Alice Electa Long Brown of Stonington. They had nine children, three deceased, Gertrude is the oldest, Mrs. Florence Dowd of Moweaqua, Ross of Stonington, Burns of Stonington, Tom of Pawnee, and Fred of Moweaqua. Her maternal grandparents were Hugh B. and Lucy Clawson Long who lived on a ranch in Nebraska. They moved to Assumption area when Gertrude's mother was ten years old. Her paternal grandparents were Emmett Burns and Mary Adelia Pennington Brown of Taylorville area. Emmett was a Baptist minister and painter.

Bill's parents were Karl Newman Sr. and Christina Debrun Newman. Bill's father, Karl, came to U.S. from Germany when he was fourteen years old. He was on his own. After several years, he came to Assumption-Moweaqua area. He worked in coal mine until he retired. He married Christina Debrun in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Assumption. They had seven children, Marie died in infancy, Karl, Jr., Cecilia, John, Jake, Bill, and Kathryn. All deceased except youngest, Kathryn, who lives with daughter in Decatur.

Gertrude and Bill were married in St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Macon 1932.

Bill started working in the coal mine with his father at eighteen years old. He didn't like mining. He began helping a masonry contractor, George Gibbons of Macon. Within two years was contracting and doing work on his own. Dry wall was unheard of then. Bill did all kinds of masonry and stone work. He became widely known for his work and was always busy.

They had four children. Patricia Lou is an RN, graduated from St. John's Springfield, and married Paul E. Collins of Macon. They have six children, Brent William, Christopher Lynn, Dorin Michael, Paul Elizabeth, Monica Jane and Todd Edward.

Alice worked at Muellers, married Richard Lee Knecht of Casey. They had seven children, Pamela Alice, Brian Allan, Sheila May, Rebecca Ann, Angela Marie, Phillip Eric, and Michelle Lee. They lived most of married life in Phoenix. A year ago the father was killed in an auto accident. Alice and family now live in Moweaqua.

Caren is an RN, graduated from St. John's Springfield. She married Howard J. Burns and has three children, Anne Marie, David Howard and Mark Joseph. Howard is a teacher in Moweaqua High.

William John Jr. married Linda K. Sckowska from Blue Mound. She is also an RN, graduated from St. John's Springfield. They have one son, Anthony William. Bill worked with his father and learned the masonry trade. He is now doing masonry in Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Gertrude lives in a mobile home, next door to daughter Caren. She has lived there since Bill passed away in 1971. He suffered a heart attack while working on a new house that Neil Hilvety was building. He went as he always said he wanted to go, suddenly and on the job.

Some of the buildings he worked on are New Post Office on West Main, telephone building, Catholic Church and new school.

"I have a beautiful family, am very proud of all of them and all the lovely grandchildren."

E. B. AND ALICE THOMASON SANNER 410 EAST WALL

Jacob Sanner I, a physician from Europe, arrived in Pennsylvania in 1778

Edward Beecher Sanner's parents were William and Anna Mary Otta Sanner, descendents of Samuel and Barbara Paul Sanner and August and Augusta Derfur Otta. Ed has three brothers, Arthur, deceased, Bill and Clarence; three sisters, Nora Macklin and Augusta, both deceased, and Lena Hill.

Alice's parents were George C. and Lola Ethel Jackson Thomason from Patoka, Illinois. Alice is one of six children, Harry, Archie, Alice, Tom, Lucille Weerts, and Margaret Fathauer.

Ed and Alice lived most of their married life on a farm east of Moweaqua. They built their new home and moved to town in 1974.

They have three children. Robert Edward married Wilma Spriggs and lives in Muscatine, Iowa, where he is Vice-President Bandag's Corporate Development. His work has taken him around the world and repeat calls to India, Russia, Republic of China, Brazil, and Mexico. They have a

daughter Lori and son R. James in college and son Randy in Muscatine School. Mary Ann married James E. Hedges of Moweaqua and they have two children, Carol Ann, EIU and James, Moweaqua Grade School. Lola Carol married Aubrey Dell Duncan of Moweaqua and has two children, Cynthia, EIU, and Martin Troy, Moweaqua High School.

HOWARD AND CAREN NEWMAN BURNS 413 EAST WALL

Howard's parents, Howard and Florence Hatting Burns, are from Dwight, Illinois. His father was a railroad machinist. They had four children, Robert, Chicago, Howard, Moweaqua, Richard, Chicago, and Mrs. Kenneth (Rita) Virden, farms in Odell, Illinois.

Caren's parents, William John and Gertrude Alice Brown Newman, lived all their married life in Moweaqua.

Howard and Caren have three children, Anne Marie, sixth grader, David Howard, fourth grader, and Mark Joseph, first grader.

Howard built this home in 1961 and lived as a bachelor for a year, then married Caren Newman, a former student of his in Moweaqua High.

Both Caren and Howard are of German and Irish descent.

Caren graduated from St. John's Nursing in 1960 and has continued working at St. Mary's Hospital.

Howard came to Moweaqua after receiving his B.S. Degree from Illinois State University on his first teaching assignment in 1951 as Industrial Arts Teacher. He is completing his twenty-fifth year. He received his Masters degree in 1961 from Colorado State.

Howard organized the present Scout Troop in 1955, and has served as Scoutmaster from 1955 to present time. He has received many scouting honors, Scouters Key, Scouters Award, Silver Beaver Award, Vigil Honor-Order of Arrow, and was honored by the Community for scout work.

HOWARD AND DONNABELLE DEWALT STOMBAUGH 414 EAST WALL

Howard's parents, Rollie and Millie Carr Stombaugh, were farmers in the Macon Community. Their early ancestors came from Kentucky. Howard has one sister, Mrs. Everett (Mary) Cullison at Forsyth. A brother Edward is deceased.

Donnabelle's parents, Ray and Opal Parks Dewalt were originally from Moweaqua both school teachers at Hammond, Indiana, and Lansing, Illinois, retired now in Forsyth. Opal's parents, Delmar and Mae Smith Parks, lived on a farm east of Moweaqua all their married lives. Delmar, Donnabelle's grandfather, was a brother of Pearl Parks Humphrey and Oscar Parks.

Donnabelle and Howard have five children. Terry Roy married Sue Vogel from Manito, Illinois and lives in Livonia, Michigan. Terry is a Financial Analyst for Ford Motor Company, Dearborn, Michigan. They have one son, Matthew Eric, six months old. Ronald Dale married Diana Tolly of Moweaqua. Ronald is a lawyer and works for Love, Beal, Pratt, in Monmouth, Illinois. They have one son, Brock Joel, six months old. Brenda married Don Tankersley and is at the Office of Recorder of Deeds, Decatur. Don works for

Norfolk & Western Railroad. Ricky Lynn is a senior at Illinois State majoring in business. Kimberly Jo is a sophomore at Moweaqua High.

Donnabelle and Howard lived fifteen years on a farm, where grandparents lived east of Moweaqua and have lived in this home built in 1961 for fifteen years.

LEROY AND HELLEN CURRY RUOT
JAMES RUOT
415 EAST WALL

LeRoy's parents are Eugene and Pearl Crocker Ruot of Pana. LeRoy was one of ten children. His brother, Lyle Ruot, lives in Moweaqua.

Helen's parents were William Anderson and Frances Hunter Curry from Fayette County. They were farmers in Prairieton Township. She is one of ten living children. Three brothers live nearby, Clarence Curry of Assumption, M. F. Curry of Stoningham, and Charles in Taylorville.

Both Roy and Helen's grandmothers were of Indian descent. LeRoy's mother is eighty-three years old.

They purchased their home from Jerry Fedrignon who built it in 1959.

Roy and Helen came to Moweaqua in 1942 when Roy started working at Radford Elevator. He is now a custodian at Moweaqua School where he has been for several years. Helen is a housewife.

Son, James, a bachelor, makes his home at this residence. James works at MVSS.

Daughter, Carmen, is a junior in high school.

ROBERT AND MARILYN WIDICK YOUNKER
416 EAST WALL

Robert's parents, Virgil and Vera O'Kelley Younker, are from rural Assumption and Cowden. Robert is the second of seven children, Bette, Robert, Leon, Ralph, Lois, Louise and Pam.

Marilyn's parents are W. B. and Opal Widick. Her mother came from Monticello and her father and his parents were long time farmers in Prairieton Township.

Robert and Marilyn have two children, Judy, attending EIU, and Jeff a freshman at Moweaqua.

John Supinie was the first owner of their home built in 1959. Robert and Marilyn own two parcels of ground which was purchased by her relatives in 1851 from Illinois Central RR for \$10.00 an acre.

BERNARD AND HELEN SUPINIE MURRAY
418 EAST WALL

Bernard's grandparents, Thomas and Mary Murray from Ireland settled on a farm east of Macon in the mid 1800's. William Crosson came from Ireland, married Martha in Chicago and settled on a farm east of Macon. Bernard's parents, John Murray and Anna Crosson married in St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Macon. They had three sons, William of Macon, Edward of Macon, and Bernard of Moweaqua.

Helen's grandparents, Martin and Mary Supinie came from Austria-Hungary in the late 1800s. Martin was a coal

miner. John and Mary Novota came from Austria-Hungary to Ladysmith & Willington B.C. in Canada. He was a miner. They returned to Hungary when Helen's mother was two years old but returned to U.S. when she was sixteen years old settling in Blue Mound.

Helen's parents, John Supinie and Mary Novota were married in the Catholic Church in Macon. They went to Hungary in 1913 and were detained through World War I, were allowed to return to States in 1920. Three infants died in Europe. Their children were Andy, Helen, Frank, John, and Margaret in Cicero. On Dec. 24, 1932, Helen's father John and brother Andy were killed in the mine Disaster.

Bernard was born east of Moweaqua, went to Assumption High School, in World War II and saw action in Europe landing in Normandy and going all the way to meet Russians at the Rhine River. He married Helen Supinie, lived in Macon, then moved in present home in 1960. Bernard worked at MVSS, acting Post Master, DX Gas Station, Houdaille Hershey and now operates Shell Station in Macon.

Helen is a homemaker, after working at St. Mary's and General Electric over eleven years.

They have five children. Bernard Jr. works for R. E. Common Equipment Co. within Firestone. Marcia married George M. Blades of Moweaqua and has daughter, Theresa. Steve is an apprentice tool and die maker at Wagner Casting. Theresa married Steve Shanks of Moweaqua and has a son, Ryan. Margaret is a junior in high school. Hobbies include music, reading, knitting, crocheting, sewing and cooking.

JAMES AND GLEA KAY WINDELS WARNICK
420 EAST WALL

Jim is owner of the Spectator Book Shoppe in Decatur and Glea Kay is a social worker.

The first member of Jim's family in America was James Warnock (Warnock was the spelling at that time) from Belfast, Ireland who settled in Tennessee, after landing in the U.S. about 1750. James Warnock's son, William Warnick settled in Decatur and was the first sheriff of Macon County and a leader of the community. Glea's family on the Workman side, the Wortmans were Morman. On the Windels side the family came from Belgium in the early part of the century and settled in Illinois.

Jim's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warnick of Moweaqua. Glea's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Windels, also of Moweaqua. Jim built their home in 1957.

Jim and Glea have two daughters, Allyson, second grader and Camille, two years old.

WEST WALL

GARY AND KAY BURGNER FATHAUER
110 MALL CENTER

Gary is the son of Delbert and Margaret Thomason Fathauer. He is a descendent of Herman Fathauer who came from Germany about 100 years ago. Gary is very much a part of Fathauer's Supermarket in the Moweaqua Mall.

Kay is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Burgener of Moweaqua. Kay manages the Gina Lee Card and Gift Shop

in the mall. Kay's first family in America was Samuel Burgener from Switzerland in 1847 who settled in Gallion, Ohio. Kay's grandparents are Fred Burgener 81 years and Leona Burgener 80 years.

Gary and Kay remodeled the upper story of what was Portwood's Lumber Yard Building for their living quarters. This building is now a part of the Moweaqua Mall.

Gary's hobbies are piano, swimming, pet dog, bicycling, creating flower arrangements, window and store decorating.

Kay's hobbies are piano, horses, tennis, painting, drawing, pet dog, and bicycling.

WILLIAM (BILL) H. HAYS 115 WEST WALL

William's parents were Andrew and Minerva Isabel LeMar Hays. His grandfather was Henry Hays for whom the Hays Cemetery was named.

He was the youngest of four children. Clarence died in infancy, Iva married Tom Rowe, Irene married Joe Heriot, and William born in 1895.

Bill remembers teachers Fannie Harris, Emma Schroll, Grace Haslam, William Harris, and Principal William McGinley. He quit school at age fourteen to work at the livery barn on North Main and Elm Streets—Buckmaster and Bullock.

During the Mexican Revolution he served a year in the Army in San Antonio. He was with the Machine Gun Battalion in France in World War I.

He drove a truck, worked at Claude Vollmer's Garage where Post Office is now located, worked for Harold Runkel Body Shop, and Haldon Gordon.

Bill has been in many states via freight trains, often running to hop on a moving train. He found it fun just to be going some place. Many summers he spent working in the harvest field of the northwest.

At 5:00 o'clock a.m. and no later than 5:10, five mornings a week, Bill, being an early riser, enjoys breakfast at Windels Restaurant.

One can almost always find Bill standing on the Main Street Corner of mornings and evenings greeting friendly passers-by enroute to and from work.

"It's some place to go, see everybody, and everybody is friendly."

Bill now enjoys drinking cokes and orange pop with his friends. He is a devoted Cub Baseball fan.

EDNA ASA DICKERSON 205 WEST WALL

When H. Lee and Edna L. Dickerson and their three children moved to Moweaqua in 1939, the five lots and house that they bought had been occupied by the William Catherwood family. The house was situated on the corner of Railroad Ave. and West Wall. In 1893 this piece of ground was added to the village plat and was owned by Margaret and Tom Ponting.

After moving to Moweaqua, two more children were added to the family tree. The fourth child, Lucille, was born in the home and the fifth, Linda, was born in the Moweaqua Hospital.

Since Lee had worked at the shoe repair trade since he was twelve years old and still worked at that occupation after having moved to Moweaqua, he decided in 1946 to open a shoe repair shop in his home. The shop was known as the "Home Shoe Repair Shop". He kept the business until 1950.

In 1968 Lee retired from Mueller Co. in Decatur. In 1969 the home place and two and one-half lots were sold to their daughter and her husband, Bill and Betty Minott. A new mobile home was moved in on the west two and one-half lots for the Dickerson's retirement years.

In 1971 Lee died suddenly after having undergone lung surgery. Edna still lives in the trailer home.

The children of Lee and Edna are Betty L. Minott, Robert E., Lillie L. (Dubby) Moore, and Lucille Pyatt, all of Moweaqua, and Linda Webb of Northridge, California. There are fifteen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Edna L. Asa Dickerson's father (James P.) was born March 3, 1865, while his father Preston was away fighting with the Illinois Cavalry in the Civil War.

Edna's father, James Parrish Asa, grew up to be a Southern Baptist Minister. In his latter years of Ministry he was a traveling evangelist and preached throughout central and southern Illinois in the Christian Church.

JOSEPH AND THERESA OVENTILE HIBBARD 209 WEST WALL

Joe's parents were Walter and Elizabeth Birley Hibbard. Each came from England, around Sheffield, but married in 1914 in Decatur. Walter was a coal miner until health problems developed. Walter and Elizabeth had four children, Joseph of Moweaqua, James (deceased), Leola who lives with her mother in Moweaqua, and John of Lexington.

Theresa's parents were Oliver and Cecilia Newman Oventile. Oliver was born in Italy and was a carpenter. Theresa was an only child.

Joseph has worked at Caterpillar for twenty years and Theresa is a homemaker. They bought their home in 1956.

They have three children, Michael married Carolyn Rued of New York and lives in Decatur. He is a truck driver and they have one son Michael Allen, Jr., one year old. James married Cathy Bolz of Moweaqua. He works at Caterpillar and Cathy works at Kentucky Lithograph. Joseph works at Firestone and lives RR Assumption.

SID SCRIBNER 210 WEST WALL

Sidney Scribner was born May 1, 1900, in Christian County at Dunkel Station. He was a son of Clem Melton Scribner and Hannah Jane (Lawrence) Scribner. He was one of eleven children. His brothers Morris, Lawrence, Rollie and John and a sister Mrs. Joseph (Nancy) Johnson, all are deceased. His brothers and sisters living are Clemmie Scribner, Carbondale, Paul, Moweaqua, Mrs. James (Bessie) Marshall, Shelbyville, Mrs. Leslie (Minnie) Allison, Moweaqua, and Mrs. Robert (Mary) Kendal, Sun City, Florida.

Sid married Allie Angeline Curry (deceased) in Taylorville, Illinois in 1924. She was a daughter of William A. and Frances Hunter Curry. Her brothers and sisters were Clarence Curry, Assumption, Milburn Curry, Stonington, Sid Curry, deceased, Charles Curry, Taylorville, Mrs. Mayme Moss, deceased, Mrs. Edna Bilyeu, deceased, Mrs. Leona Green, Joliet, Mrs. Lois Singer, Paramount, California, and Mrs. Helen Ruot, Moweaqua.

Sid and Allie had five children, Mrs. Paul (Imogene) Daley, Assumption, Mrs. Wanda Adams, Shelbyville Restorium, Mrs. Don (Clara June) Crowe, Moweaqua, Mrs. Samuel (Connie) Perryman, Moweaqua, and Mrs. (Donna) Carl Asbury Cook, New Port Richey, Florida. They have twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Sid retired from farming and carpentering in 1965.

**ANNA EDWARDS STONEBURNER
212 WEST WALL**

Anna's parents were Frank and Emma Sunderland Edwards. They lived all their lives in Blue Mound. Frank retired from Muellers. Anna's grandfather, Bert Edwards, was one of the first settlers in Blue Mound.

Anna married Wilmer Stoneburner in 1955 and later moved to a farm in Vandalia. He died in 1963. Anna moved to Moweaqua to be near her sister, Mrs. Norman (Betty) True. Anna was one of eleven children, all living nearby in surrounding towns except one sister, deceased.

Anna's daughter, Patricia, will graduate from Moweaqua High this year.

Anna has worked at Windels Restaurant about fourteen years.

"This is a very nice town, people are fiendly and helpful."

**GEORGE AND MARCIA MURRAY BLADES
216 WEST WALL**

George's parents are Paul and Jacquelyn Pryor Blades who lived in Moweaqua about twelve years and have moved to Decatur to be closer to work. Paul is a mechanic at Wagner's. Jackie works at the Long Horn in Decatur. George was born in 1948. He has one brother Howard who works for the Herald & Review.

Marcia is the daughter of Bernard and Helen Supinie Murray of Moweaqua. She has four brothers and sisters, Ben, Steve, Therese, and Margaret.

George is an electrician at Wagner Casting. He and Marcia were married in 1972 and lived in Kemper Trailer Ct. and also mobile home on #51 highway, then moved to this location in May 1974.

They have one child Theresa age two years.

"We'd never consider moving out of town. We like Moweaqua. It's home."

**HOWARD RHODES
229 WEST WALL**

**JOE ERNEST WOODRING
224 WEST WALL**

Joe's parents were Joseph Ernest Sr. and Mary A. Skiff Woodring, who always lived in Moweaqua. Joe's grand-

father, Nate Skiff made Natski Medicine and sold it to a Medicine Company. Joe's father started working in Moweaqua coal mine when he was twelve years old. He was big for his age. Joe, Frank, and Big Joe (father) laid off the day of the Mine Disaster since it was the day before Christmas; thus they escaped death.

There were three children, Mary (Mrs. George Gaines), Frank living in Lakewood on a small dairy farm, and Joe.

Joe graduated from Moweaqua High in class of 1930. Their class flower was the red rose. Dr. J. L. Sparling presented the diplomas.

Joe started working in the coal mine in September 1930. Joe worked in the mine two more years after the mine was reopened. After its closing he worked in the Peabody Mine at Taylorville until Moweaqua Centennial in 1952. He has worked on farms, for Moweaqua Village, and for Carroll O'Dell.

Joe will be sixty-six on October 14, 1976

Joe married Vivian Logerot in 1935. They parted in 1952. One daughter was born, Llwana May, who attended Moweaqua High School and is now married to James Knierin who works for Herald & Review Paper in Decatur. They have a family.

Joe is often seen walking with his dog, "Brownie" or standing on the corner playing his harp. He is retired on Social Security. "This is about all I have to do."

**JOHN AND MARY FUNK MORRISON
300 WEST WALL**

John is the son of Clarence and Margaret Langford Morrison who farmed around Oconee. John is one of seven children.

Mary is the daughter of Earl and Hazel Doolin Funk, who lived eight miles east of Moweaqua. She is one of eight children. Her brother Paul married Jackie Schweska and lives in Moweaqua.

They have two sons, John William Jr. married Sheryl Myers of Moweaqua and Wayne lives in Riverton and works for the State of Illinois. He graduated from EIU in 1974.

John retired from Muellers after thirty-three years. Mary is manager of the school cafeteria after Fern Stump retired. She has worked with food at school for twenty-two years.

They built their home in 1956.

**CLAIRE B. (BEN) AND HAZEL DAVIS SPRAGUE
304 WEST WALL**

Ben's parents, Jessie Jones and Frank T. Sprague of Elwin married in 1903 and raised nine children. Ben has a twin brother, Carol.

Hazel's parents, Willis Davis and Lena Hocker Davis raised four children.

Hazel and Ben were married in 1936. Their children are Judy Bromely of Macon and Willis of Moweaqua. They have six grandchildren.

The Sprague family was formerly from Indiana and many of them are still there. The Jones family lived in Elwin and a few are still there. The Hocker family was

originally from Pennsylvania. Both grandparents settled at Elwin and many of the family are still in that area.

Ben and Hazel moved to Moweaqua in 1960 to manage the Moweaqua Bowl.

Hazel did own and manage "Hazel's Corner", a clothing and dry goods store located at East and South Main Streets, now "Hight's Delight."

CHARLES AND CAROLYN COLLIER REISH 320 WEST WALL

Chuck is the son of Charles (deceased) and Alice Lucille Jackson Reish of Assumption. Charles was of German descent. Alice is a beautician. They had three sons, Charles, Ronald and Richard.

Carolyn is the daughter of Earl (deceased) and Daphne Waters Collier. Earl worked at Wagners and Daphne worked thirteen years at Kresges. They had three daughters, Carolyn, Doris and Donis.

Chuck and Carolyn have always lived in Moweaqua since marriage. They have a son Charles Earl, fifth grade, and a daughter, Lisa, third grade.

Chuck has been a company man at Firestone (twelve years) and Carolyn did work at G.E.

This house was moved in from the country, was an old gambling house southwest of Moweaqua. It was known as the Charles Smith place. It's quite old. They found old beer bottles in the flu when Earl remodeled.

MRS. EARL (DAPHNE WATERS) COLLIER 320 WEST WALL

Earl's parents, William and Marcia Lillebridge Collier were of English descent. Earl was born and raised in Oklahoma. He came from a family of twelve. One brother, Ernest Collier lives in Macon. Earl worked at Wagner's in Decatur. He died in 1965.

Daphne's parents were Richard and Minnie Carnes Waters of Arkansas. She was one of three children. After Daphne's mother died at age five, she lived with her grandparents Carnes in Oklahoma.

In 1940 Earl and Daphne Collier, with their two small daughters, Doris and Donis, moved from Oklahoma to Mt. Zion where they lived for four years, during which time another daughter Carolyn was added to the family. In 1946 they bought the house at 320 W. Wall Street from Bilyeus.

Earl and Daphne had three children, Mrs. Eugene (Doris) Glenn of Siloam Springs, Arkansas has two children, Mrs. Richard (Donis) Graven of Ft. Leonard Wood have three children, and Mrs. Charles (Carolyn) Reish of Moweaqua have one boy and one girl. Daphne has seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Daphne has recently moved into a new mobile home on 129 S. Ponting.

LEWIS AND TODDY McINTYRE PORTWOOD 323 WEST WALL

Lewis works at Campbell GMC in Decatur and Toddy is a housewife. Lewis is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Portwood, both deceased.

They have four children, Debra, a sophomore, Michael, a freshman, Ramona, an eighth grader, and Penny, in kindergarten.

Their house was built in 1912.

LARRY AND JUDY FUNK BENNETT 329 WEST WALL

Larry "Doc" operates Doc Bennett's Corvett Service and Body Work. Judy is a housewife.

Grandparents Bennett lived in Bement and Grandparents Oakley lived in Toledo.

Doc's parents are Harry and Reva Oakley Bennett of Sullivan. Doc is one of five children. Harry farmed nine miles east on blacktop for many years and moved to Sullivan to retire in 1974.

Judy is the daughter of Paul and Jackie Schweska Funk of Moweaqua. She has two sisters, Mrs. David (Jody) McLearn of Moweaqua and Jan, a freshman at the U. of I.

Judy and Doc have three sons, Brian, in sixth grade, Darin, in third grade, and Chad, two and one-half years old.

Their home was built in 1952. Carroll Zindel bought the ground from Ed and Pansy Zindel and built this house and the one to the east for Hedges.

EDWARD AND ANNA BECKENDORF SRNKA 327 WEST WALL

Edward's parents are Matthew and Teresa Srnka. Matthew is of Bohemian descent and Teresa was born in Czechoslovakia. Edward was the oldest of five children, he had four sisters. He was store manager at Eisners, Woodford & Locust, in Decatur for forty years. They lived at Jasper and Prairie in Decatur for seventeen years. They moved to Moweaqua in 1970 to be closer to son, Delmar, and bought the home where Maurine Moore lived. It was built in 1951.

Anna is the daughter of Fred and Teresa Beckendorf, born in Germany, came to Mt. Olive, Illinois. She was the youngest of ten children, all deceased except Anna.

Anna and Ed had three children, (one deceased), four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Edward says, "I like Moweaqua alright, nice little town but my wife misses her old friends in Decatur."

On April 26, Edward will be 85 years old and on September 21, Anna will be 83 years old.

EAST WARREN

RICHARD AND BERTHA SHANKS NICHOLS 102 EAST WARREN

Richard was adopted to Nathan and Olga Behler Nichols at age seven.

Bertha's parents are Carl and Myrtle Wilkins Shanks. Carl drove a truck for Allied Van Lines out of Indianapolis for twenty-five years, then bought a farm near Shelbyville where he retired. Bertha's great-grandfather David Jarvis was in the Civil War. She treasures a painted story of Jarvis returning to the scene of a battle in his later years.

Richard and Bertha married in 1952 and farmed in Tower Hill. He is completing twenty-three years of employment at A. E. Staley.

Bertha has worked at Eastern Star six years. She has a half-sister, in Connecticut and a half brother in Assumption, Carl Shanks, Jr.

There are four children, Steve Shanks and family of Moweaqua, Lloyd Nichols, living at home, twins, Donna and Diane Nichols at home. They have one grandson, Ryan Shanks, six months old.

**CARL AND MARCELLA ALLSOP
109 EAST WARREN**

Carl was born in Cowden. His parents are also from Cowden, his grandparents were from Holiday. Carl is employed at Caterpillar, and moved to Moweaqua to be nearer to his employment. The family moved here from Stewardson.

Marcella was born in Stewardson. She is a housewife. She and Carl have four children: Floyd, who works for Kentucky Lithograph, Jim, who lives on Chestnut Street and works at Caterpillar, Kevin and Carla are both high school students at Moweaqua High School.

**JAMES AND ELDEAN VINCENT THRASHER
110 EAST WARREN**

James and Eldean were both born in Kentucky. They moved from there to Stonington. They moved to Moweaqua because they were attending church here. James works at Caterpillar and Eldean works at the Moweaqua Bowl. Others who have owned their present home are Ruff and Hays families.

The Thrashers have eight children, three of them are married. David, Greg, and Connie Scholz, the married children are living in or near Moweaqua. Keith is in seventh grade, Carolyn in the fifth grade, Mark is a third grader, and Mike is four years old. Tim is a one year old.

**MRS. FLORENCE (WILLIE) SCHRADER JACKSON
116 EAST WARREN**

Mrs. Jackson's mother was a daughter of Michael Workman of Christian County. After their marriage, Florence and Willie Jackson made their home on a farm in Pleasant View Township.

The Jacksons retired in 1969 and bought the house formerly owned by Lloyd Snyder, Jr. They looked forward to their yearly visit to East Aurora, N.Y. to see their son, Earl, and his family. Mrs. Jackson continues to visit Earl once a year since the death of her husband in 1972.

Her son Herbert Jackson and his wife, Frances, along with their son, Ray, live on a farm near Walker, where they farm extensively.

Her son, Paul and family live in Saginaw, Michigan where he is in the construction business.

Son, Kenneth and family live in Mt. Auburn. He is employed by the Firestone Company.

Mrs. Jackson's daughter, Eleanor, Mrs. Keith Williams, lives in Moweaqua. A son, Ray, was killed in an automobile accident in Arizona in 1952.

Her youngest son, John Aaron, became ill while he was in the service in Germany, died in California, and is buried in the Bilyeu Cemetery.

Mrs. Jackson, a very spry seventy-seven, says, "Fiddle jo, I just keep on going and I am thankful that my family are all well and have homes of their own."

**ROBERT AND KAY ADAMS ADRIAN
117 EAST WARREN**

Robert's parents are Carl M. and Elnor Adrian. Robert is employed at Sloan's Implement in Assumption.

Kay's parents are Gerald and Wanda Adams.

Their new baby is Angela Kay Adrian, three weeks old.

**DORWIN AND HAZEL POPE SR.
120 EAST WARREN**

Dorwin's grandparents and parents came from Herrick, where Dorwin was born. He works at Fathauer's Grocery. He and his family moved from Mt. Pulaski to Moweaqua because of his employment. The house they live in was previously owned by Claude Pinkston. They moved to Moweaqua in August, 1971.

Hazel's great-grandfather Fisher came from Scotland and settled in Indiana. Her grandparents lived in Rockport, Indiana, and her parents lived in Mt. Pulaski. Hazel is a housewife.

There are eight children: Dorwin Jr., James Edward, who lives in Decatur, Janet Elaine, who lives at home and is entering nurse's training, Carol Ann Howerton, who lives in Lincoln and is a nurse's aid, Roger Del, Beverly Sue, a senior, Kent Allen, a freshman, and Brenda Lee, who is in the seventh grade.

**NELL CARSELL ARMSTRONG
121 EAST WARREN**

The house at 219 East Street was the Carsell home. Ed Carsell (Nell's father) had it built by his brother, Hugh. Nell was born there as were her brothers Orville (Pete) and Ted. Ted, Helen Armstrong Sanner and Jeanne Armstrong Burt and family lived in the Carsell home at different times.

Karl died in 1971.

Nell and Karl had seven children, Betty Armstrong, Menlo Park, California, Mary Armstrong, Menlo Park, California, Helen Sanner, Pacific Grove, California, Jean Burt, Pacific Grove, California, Virginia Smith, Santa Rosa, California, Bob Armstrong, Decatur, and Dorothy Walters, died in December 1975. She has twelve grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Her grandson Dick and wife, Sue, live in Marion, Illinois.

Nell likes her home on Warren because it is close to town, grocery stores, and church.

**CARL AND JEAN MATLOCK WOOTERS JR.
130 EAST WARREN**

Carl was born in Moweaqua, as were his parents and grandparents. Carl is a millwright and carpenter.

Jean was born in Assumption, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Clarence G. Matlock. Her parents lived in Flat Branch Township and her grandparents lived in Yantisville.

Carl and Jean purchased their home in 1962 from the Sarah Hayes estate. Jean is the Village Clerk and Treasurer. She and Carl have a son, Monte Allen, who was born in Decatur, and is in the fourth grade.

**JOHN AND MARY JO McPEAK PARKER
201 EAST WARREN**

John is employed at Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur, and Mary Jo works at Pershing Estates, Decatur.

The Parkers have four children, Rex, who is in his second year of college, Randy, who works at Firestone, and twin girls, Carol and Cheryl, who are sophomores in the Moweaqua High School.

**TUAN NGUYEN
202 EAST WARREN**

Tuan Nguyen was born in Viet Nam. When Viet Nam was divided, his mother Tra Ha Thi fled from North to South Vietnam. She had to leave other children and escape with only Tuan Nguyen, who was then only a baby.

Twenty years later they fled Viet Nam for the second time. Tuan was then in the army and he knew when the Communists came he would either be killed or imprisoned. They made another new start in America in 1975.

Although they do not know the whereabouts of the brothers and sisters, they have some cousins in Chicago and Pennsylvania, as well as friends in Carbondale.

Tuan works at Sloan's Implement Company in Assumption. He also works nights at Angelo's Pizza in order to return to college. He had previously attended Saigon University before coming to the United States.

Tuan and his mother live in the trailer previously owned by Blanche Osborn. He likes living in a small town.

**CLEONA WORKMAN
211 EAST WARREN**

Clarence (Lum) Workman's grandfather was "Banty" Jim Workman who lived in Prairieton Township. Lum's father was Wilbur (Wib) Workman and his mother was Lillie Robinson Workman. Lum was one of twelve children. He married Blanche Cole and had two children, Clarence, Jr. who lives in Florida, and Robert who lives in Harrisburg.

Lum was a farmer and worked for the Moweaqua Coop Grain Company. He retired from farming in 1970 and moved to Moweaqua. Cleona had one son, Kenneth (Dink) who attended high school in Moweaqua and entered the service. He was killed in an airplane accident west of Moweaqua in 1952.

Lum and Cleona took a ten day old niece, Geraldine Hardin, to raise. She attended Moweaqua High School and graduated from Stephen Decatur High School. Geraldine married Warren J. Briggs and had four daughters, Pamela Miller Buella, Dawn Briggs, Sheri Briggs, and Crystal Briggs.

Geraldine was killed in an automobile accident in Decatur in 1974. Upon her death, Dawn and Crystal went to live with their father while Sheri and Pamela remained in Decatur.

In July 1974, Lum retired from Moweaqua Coop and only lived two months after his retirement. Cleona's grand-

daughters, Sheri and Pamela, and three year old great-granddaughter, Chastity, are frequent visitors in her home. They have become Cleona's love and concern.

**ARNETTA NIEMUTH
212 EAST WARREN**

Arnetta's grandparents lived in Kansas, and so did her parents before moving to Moweaqua. Arnetta was born in Lyons, Kansas.

Arnetta came here in 1965 from Wisconsin because her parents were living here. She is employed at the Kentucky Lithograph.

Mrs. Niemuth has four children: Terry, who works part time at the L & W Market and full time at the Kentucky Lithograph, Gary who works part time at Fathauer's and will graduate in 1976, Sharon is a freshman, and Michael is in the eighth grade.

**MARVIN AND VIRGINIA HEATHER
214 EAST WARREN**

Marvin was born in Ramsey. He is employed at the Sloan Implement Company. He and his family moved to Moweaqua because of their work.

Virginia was also born in Ramsey. She is employed as a garment worker.

There are three children: Brenda Duez, who lives in Mt. Zion. She is a housewife and has three children; Marvin, who is employed at Mississippi Valley, and Darlene, who is a sophomore at Moweaqua High School.

**WAVE WORSHAM
215 EAST WARREN**

The first member of Mr. Worsham's family was Major Hayes who came to America and settled in Virginia, then came to Illinois.

Mrs. Worsham's grandparents lived in Moweaqua, as well as his parents. His residence was built in 1902, and the previous owner was Catherwood.

**STEVEN AND KATHY BOLLHORST TIRPAK
217 EAST WARREN**

Steven is the son of Steve and Jean McQuality Tirpak. He is one of five children. Andrea Jean, Robert Michael, Steven Andrew, Shirley Denise, and James Garner.

Steve is a carpenter for Dick Sims Construction in Decatur. Steve and Kathy were married in 1975. Steve bought their mobile home in 1972 just after graduating from high school when working for Les Allison.

Kathy is the daughter of Paul and Shirley Suppes Bollhorst of Moweaqua. The Bollhorst family has lived in Moweaqua for twenty years or more. Kathy is secretary for Inland Telephone Company, Moweaqua.

Steven is a sportsman and Kathy enjoys cooking.

"Moweaqua is full of good people."

ROBERT W. AND VERA M. ADAMS
220 EAST WARREN

Robert's grandparents were William O. and Lucy Messick Adams. Grandfather was killed while taking a load of hogs to town. He and his wife had four girls and two boys.

Robert's parents were Charles and Nettie Radford Adams and they lived west of Moweaqua. Robert was born in Moweaqua, and had three brothers and two sisters.

Vera was born in Missouri. Her family background is of Scotch-Irish and Dutch descent. She had four children by a previous marriage: Diana Marie Scribner, San Ramon, California, Keith Reid, Assumption, Marvin Reid, Canada, and Dennis Reid, California.

The house in which the Adams live was built in 1890, and the previous owner was Gale Sarver.

Robert had three children by a previous marriage: Jeanne Andricks, Strasburg, Mary Louise Brozio, Decatur, and Sondra Mae Adams, Massey Hall, Decatur.

STEVE TIRPAK
222½ EAST WARREN

Steve is the son of Michael and Ann Oravetz Tirpak. Michael was born in Czechoslovakia and came with his parents to Pittsburgh when he was about ten years old. His younger sister, Mary Tirpak Pekovitch, was also born in Czechoslovakia and came to Pittsburgh with a girl friend, Mrs. Mike (Veronica) Potsick, Sr.

Michael came with his parents to Moweaqua to work in the coal mine. He returned to Pittsburgh to marry his wife, Ann, and brought her to Moweaqua. Mike Potsick returned to Pittsburgh to marry Ann's girlfriend, Veronica, who had come to this country with Mary Tirpak.

The history of Ann Tirpak and Veronica Potsick is as follows: They both came to America together, both met two fellows who came from their country and they hadn't known them prior to coming to America, both married men named Mike, both came to Moweaqua, both husbands worked in the coal mine, both husbands were killed in the disaster, both had a son named Andy, and both these boys were killed with their fathers in the mine.

Ann Tirpak had fifteen children and Veronica had seventeen children. Ann Tirpak was born in 1886 and died in 1970 at the age of eighty-four. Veronica Potsick was born in 1887 and died in 1967 at the age of eighty.

The children of Michael and Ann are: Michael, who died from burns, John (deceased), Mary (deceased), Ann (deceased), Verna (deceased), Andy, who was killed in the mine disaster, Helen, who is living in Chicago, Margaret, living in Assumption, Bill (deceased), Kathryn (deceased), and Emma. There was also, Steve of Moweaqua, Mike (named after firstchild), Joe, and Amelia of Chicago.

Steve married Jean McQuality, now divorced. They had five children, Andrea (Mrs. Dan Coen), Robert, who lives in Cerro Gordo and works with the railroad, Steven, who married Kathy Bollhorst, Shirley, who married Mark Trimble of Blue Mound, and James who lives with his father and is a carpenter.

Steve has operated "Steve's Barber Shop" for twenty-one years which is located at 108 North Main Street. Steve's hobbies are fishing and hunting.

"I think Moweaqua is a pretty nice town."

INEZ E. BILYEU
230 EAST WARREN

Inez was born in Shelby County. She is a housewife and mother. She was married to Eugene Bilyeu who is now deceased.

Inez's parents and grandparents lived in the Moweaqua vicinity. She has a brother, Guy Bridgeman, who is eighty-three years of age and lives in Overland Park, Kansas. Inez moved to Moweaqua from Decatur to be near her relatives. Her hobby is sewing.

Inez has two children: Russell E., who was born in Decatur. He lives here and works in Decatur at Marvel-Schebler. Her daughter is Eleanor J. Tich who was born in the Moweaqua hospital and now lives in Decatur. She does volunteer work for the Decatur Memorial Hospital.

There are six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

RONALD AND SANDRA BAILEY RHODES
310 EAST WARREN

Ronald is the son of Clifford and Laura Sanderson Rhodes who lived in Carlinville. He is one of a family of five boys.

Sandra is the daughter of Jack and Bessie Chumley Bailey of Irving, Illinois. She is one of a family of four children.

Ronald and Sandra married in 1961 and lived in Litchfield. They came to Moweaqua because of Ronald's job at Firestone in 1967. They bought their present home in 1971. Sandra works at Griegolet in Decatur.

The Rhodes' four children are: Cathy, who is in eighth grade, Gary, who is in the sixth grade, Jody, who is a first grade student, and Rhonda, who is three years of age.

The family hobbies are fishing and hunting and the CB radio.

"Our children like school and we like Moweaqua."

DONALD M. AND BELMA R. MANES HENDRICKSON
311 EAST WARREN

Grandfather Henry Hendrickson came to the United States from Norway when Donald's mother was five years of age. They came on a sailing ship in 1874. Because of illness, they did not land at Ellis Island, but sailed on down the St. Lawrence River to another island, where they were held in quarantine for six weeks. They settled in Marion, Iowa. Donald was born in Kamar, Iowa.

Belma's relatives are of Scotch-Irish, and German descent. They lived in Arkansas, Missouri, and Illinois. Grandfather King Manes fought in the Civil War. He was captured and spent time in a prison camp.

Belma's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Manes, built a covered wagon and with four children, four horses, two bull dogs, and a tent, toured some of the south. They traveled through Arkansas, Kentucky, and Missouri. The trip took a year, from 1914 to 1915. Belma does not recall the start of the trip, but does recall the return journey. There were many stories of fording streams and rivers, of meeting and visiting people, and of friendly Indians. Belma was born in Moweaqua.

The Hendricksons bought their home from Mary Spangler. The home had been previously owned by Belma's

parents. It holds many happy, and many sad memories, and they are glad to have it in the family.

The Hendrickson children are: Donnis Smith, who lives in Kaneville, and is a registered nurse, Janet Chally, who is in Aurora and is secretary at the library, Winifred Pennington, from Sugar Grove, and is a bookkeeper, Judith Colby, who lives in Anaheim, California, Barbara Gvovai, living in Aurora, John, who lives in Waterman and works at Caterpillar in Aurora, Doris Altiery, living in Sugar Grove and is working in real estate, Diane Elberly, who lives in Hickley and is a housewife and mother, and Michael Clauss, living in Aurora and working at Caterpillar there.

All the children attended college except Judith and Barbara. There are twelve grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

HOMER McINTYRE (DECEASED)
312 EAST WARREN

Homer's parents were Claude and Juanita Adams McIntyre. The house is now vacant.

Homer played saxophone in a band in Decatur. He worked at the Kroger store in Moweaqua, at the Illiopolis Ordinance Plant, and at Mississippi Valley Structural Steel. He then worked at Mac's Pool Hall. Homer's dad bought the pool hall from Dan Stroh, and Homer ran it until shortly before his death in 1975.

Homer spent many hours fishing with all his good buddies. He never married.

ROLLIE HARDIN
313 EAST WARREN

Rollie's grandparents and parents always lived in Moweaqua. Rollie at one time lived in Clinton, but returned to Moweaqua.

Rollie has been with carnivals, circuses, theatres, and the movies. He owns seven rides and a cotton candy trailer. He has been in the amusement business for over fifty years.

Previous owners of the house in which he lives were: John Webb, Ezekiel Prescott, and H. H. Thompson.

BERT AND MAY WARD PHILLIPS
314 EAST WARREN

Bert is the son of John and Mary Tate Phillips who were farmers near Mt. Vernon. Bert is one of a family of thirteen children, of which six are living. A sister, Mrs. Roy (Doris) Cooley lives a mile south of Moweaqua.

May is the daughter of Vanie and Annie Prindel Ward, who were farmers near Mt. Vernon. May is from a family of six. One sister is still living in Mt. Vernon. May died in 1972.

Bert and May grew up together as neighbors. They came to Moweaqua in the 1920s. Their home was purchased in 1958. Bert retired from H. A. Kuhle & Co. in Decatur after twenty-two years. May worked at the Eastern Star Home.

Bert runs the Decatur Herald and Chicago Daily News paper routes. He and May had two children, Billy Bert and Bobby Joe, both of LaSalle.

Bert's hobby is running hounds in field trials, and he has won lots of trophies.

"Moweaqua is a good town."

CHARLENE ADAMS WEIKAMPER
316 EAST WARREN

Charlene is the daughter of Cloyd and Ada May Poole Adams. Cloyd was the son of Charles and Nettle Radford Adams. Ada was a sister of Charles Poole, Dessie Kirk, Tina Pratz, and Clyde Poole. Cloyd and Ada were farmers in Prairieton Township. Charlene has a sister, Marian Adams Cutler of Moweaqua.

Carl was the son of Henry and Addie May Carlyle Weitkamper of Lincoln. Henry was a mine inspector. His grandfather came from Germany. Carl was one of five children. He was a truck driver in Decatur. He died in August 1971.

Charlene is a secretary and bookkeeper, presently employed at Anchor Equipment Inc. She graduated from Moweaqua in 1937, which was the first year that seniors made a trip as graduates. They went to Chicago with Maurine Moore as sponsor. The class of 1937 was the first to have MOWEAQUA COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL on their diplomas. There were eighteen graduates, of which fifteen are still living.

Charlene has lived in the family home since 1937. Her hobby is working in ceramics of all types.

"When you leave Moweaqua, you always return."

HELEN SALLEE STROLLARD
317 EAST WARREN

Helen was born in Moweaqua and has always lived in this area. Her home is about one hundred years old and was purchased from Adam Boyer in 1952. Helen is a Decatur Signal Depot retiree. She went to Blue Grass Depot in Lexington, Kentucky in 1961. She retired in 1964.

She has one living sister, Mrs. Guy (Zelma) Moore. A brother, Carl Sallee of Blue Mound, died in 1956. He sang at many Moweaqua band concerts.

Aunt Mary Spangler, who was 102 years of age in March, 1976, is her mother's sister. Helen is enjoying her retirement, especially traveling.

She has one son, Owen M. Sallee, a pipe fitter, living in Decatur. He married Margaret Tirpak. He has a son and daughter by a previous marriage, Deborah Lyn, a school teacher in Joliet. Her husband is a teacher in Cole City. Owen Niel lives in Miami, Florida, and is a welder. He attended college for one and one-half years.

ANGIE ENLOW LINN
318 EAST WARREN

Angie was married to Otis Linn, who died on June 11, 1970. Otis was a farmer before retirement.

Angie's parents and grandparents were from Illinois and Missouri.

Angie's home was built one hundred years ago. Former owners were Ray Linn, Archie Scarlett, and Lorine Swonk.

GARY AND JUDY SHIELDS GELSINGER
320 EAST WARREN

Gary is the son of Nelson and Corean Hintz Gelsinger of Vandalia and St. Elmo. They are of German ancestry. Nelson worked in the oil fields and is now employed at

Trulocks in Assumption. Nelson was the youngest of seventeen children, three of whom died in infancy. There were nine girls and eight boys. Gary's mother died when he was very young.

Judy is the daughter of Glen and Maxine Leonard Shields of Moweaqua. Shadrach Bond, the first governor of Illinois was Judy's ancestor. Judy is one of four children.

Gary and Judy were married in 1965. Gary works at Firestone and also pastors the First General Baptist church in Decatur. They moved to Moweaqua in 1966 and bought their home in 1968 from Jerry Collins. They have three children, Terry, in the sixth grade, Timothy, in the fourth grade, and David, who is a second grade student.

Gary's hobby is coon hunting.

"I like Moweaqua—a warm and friendly community."

RICHARD C. AND LILLIE L. MOORE 325 EAST WARREN

The first member of the Moore family in America was William H. Moore, who came from England when he was nine years old. He and his family settled in Illinois. Richard's parents, Guy and Zelma Salle Moore lived in Assumption before moving to Moweaqua. Richard works at Staleys.

Lillie was born in Decatur. Her family is German-Indian-Irish. She is employed at the packing plant.

The Moore residence was built in 1894 and previous owners were Prescott, Burrows and Robinson.

There are three children: Candy, presently working as cashier at Fathauers, Cynthia K. Williams, married daughter, Richard R., who is a Junior in high school and works as gas station attendant.

FRANCIS E. LAMM (DECEASED) AND SYLVIA LAMM 330 EAST WARREN

Great-grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Lingenfelter came from Germany. They settled in Pennsylvania. The grandparents lived in Illinois, as well as the parents, Francis was born in Canton.

The Lamms previously lived in Pana, but came to Moweaqua to help clean up after the mine disaster in 1933.

Sylvia was also born in Canton, and her family nationality is German and Irish.

The Lamms were parents of eight children: Floyd, who lives in Bethalto, Lewis, living in Michigan, and is a graduate of Pana High School and Harvard Law School, Ray, who resides in Shelbyville, Virginia Smorado, living in Moweaqua, Francis Jackson, a resident of Macon, Clara Becker, who lives in Assumption.

A brother, Otis Lingenfelter is over 75 years of age.

ROBERT AND WILMA OWEN MOORE, SR. 331 EAST WARREN

Bob is employed by the city as a policeman, and Wilma is an assembler at York Division, Borg-Warner Corporation.

Bob's parents are Guy and Zelma Sallee Moore of Moweaqua. They had three sons, Bob, William Ray, who was killed in the Korean War in 1952, and Richard, who lives in Moweaqua.

Wilma's parents are Will and Mattie Owen of Decatur. Wilma was one of four children. She has one sister in Decatur, Mrs. Ruby Coleman.

The first member of the family to come to America was Thomas Newton Sellee, great-grandfather, who came from France in 1834 to settle on a farm in Indiana.

Bob and Wilma have two sons, Robert, Jr., and James, both policemen in Decatur. Robert married Patricia (Kim) Funk. They have a daughter, Lori Marie, who is five years old. Jim married Vickie Shuster. They have three sons, Tim, age six, David, age four, and Jim Jr., age three months.

JOHN C. AND GLADYS HAYS 333 EAST WARREN

John's parents lived west of Moweaqua. John previously lived in the southwest before returning to his home town of Moweaqua. The Hays present residence was built in 1962. John is employed as a Meat Inspector for the Department of Agriculture.

Gladys was born in Hoopston. Her family nationality is English. She is a housewife and is employed as a secretary.

The Hays have one son, David who was born in Humansville, Missouri. He is employed as a toolmaker-machinist. There are two grandchildren, Jonie Michelle and Kristie Elizabeth.

PHILLIP AND MARY LOU HERICH DeCLERK 404 EAST WARREN

Phil works in Decatur at Borg-Warner. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip DeClerk, Sr. His father is deceased and his mother lives in Assumption.

Mary Lou is the daughter of John and Suzanne Smorada Herich. Mrs. Herich was born in Czechoslovakia and came to Moweaqua with her parents when she was a baby.

Phil and Mary Lou have two daughters; Mary Joe, working at Borg-Warner and a married daughter, Diana Workman, who lives in Moweaqua. There is one grandson, Aaron Workman, who is one year old.

VIOLA CUTLER BEALL 410 EAST WARREN

Viola married Carl Beall (deceased). She has a son William Cutler, who married Faye Talley and they live in Moweaqua. They have five children, Mrs. Tim (Cheryl) Wooters, Sheila Cutler who is in nurses training in Springfield, Shirley, a senior in high school, Carol, a freshman, and Scott, who is a fifth grade student.

Viola's daughter, Norma Beall Mahone, lives west of Moweaqua and has two boys, James and Allen, and one girl, Lori, a freshman, in high school.

Son, Jack, married Nedra Ekiss and lives in Ramsey and has four children. Viola has ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Viola's parents were Sherman and Amanda Housh Cutler of Pickaway Township.

Viola enjoys fishing, flowers, sewing, and candy making. She especially enjoyed working on the Bicentennial quilts.

**LLOYD AND LEONA HUNEYCUTT LARGEN
420 EAST WARREN**

Lloyd worked for Borg-Warner in Decatur, but now he and Leona own and operate Largen's Grocery Store.

Lloyd's parents are Earl and Ella Peters Largen of Missouri. He is one of seven children. His mother will be eighty-five in August. His grandfather was a Baptist minister in North Carolina.

Leona's parents are Sam and Beulah Furr Huneycutt of Stanley County, North Carolina. She was one of nine children. Her father was eighty-three in March, 1976.

Lloyd and Leona came to Moweaqua when Borg-Warner moved their plant operations to Decatur from Flint, Michigan in 1950. Lloyd worked for Borg-Warner for twenty-seven years. Lloyd and Leona opened Largen's grocery store December 13, 1959. Later they bought the home and store building.

The Largens have three daughters. Nancy married Danny Sims and lives in Moweaqua. She has six children, Robert Goodrich, Jimmy Sims, Felicia Sims, who is in sixth grade, Danny Sims, a sixth grader, Billy, who is in second grade, and Kelli, who is three years old. The Largens second daughter, Helen, is married to Vennard Dowd and lives in Moweaqua. They have four children, Timmy, Brian, Beth Ann, and Keith. Third daughter, Susan is married to Harold Noffsinger and they live in Champaign. They have Balinda, ten years and Jeff, four years old.

**HARLEY G. AND NORMA L. HUDSON
421 EAST WARREN**

The first member of Harley's family in this country settled in Minnesota. His grandparents and parents lived in Moweaqua, where Harley was born. The Hudsons previously lived in Decatur, but moved back to Moweaqua in 1948 to build Bud's Grill at 100 South Main, now the Antique Workshop.

Norma's family nationality is French-Dutch. She was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. The Hudson residence was built in 1951 for the present owners. Harley works at Caterpillar.

Norma and Harley have two sons: Harley Eugene, now a minister in Leipsic, Ohio. He graduated from Lincoln Christian College in 1968. He and wife, Melanie, have three daughters: Tara, Tammy, and Christy. The Hudson's second son is Gerald Edward, who is a Country Company Salesman. He and his wife, Peggy, live in Clinton. Gerald graduated from Eastern Illinois University in 1970. They have two sons, Chad and Brad.

**RUSSELL AND CLEO CORDTS BILYEU
530 EAST WARREN**

Russell works for Marvel-Schebler in Decatur and Cleo (Catherine) is a housewife. Russell's parents were Jacob Eugene and Inez Bridgman Bilyeu. He has one sister, Mrs. Richard (Eleanor) Tish of Decatur.

Catherine's parents were Walter and Marie Von Lanken Cordts. She has three brothers living in Pana, Mattoon, and Mt. Zion.

Catherine's grandmother Anna Oye was nine years old when she came to the United States from Germany.

Russell and Catherine are the parents of four children. Ron, who is married and lives in Chicago, teaching in the Oak Lawn High School. He and his wife have one child, Stacy. Gary is a substitute teacher in Shelby County. Cindy does office work in Hollywood, Florida, and Karen is a freshman in Moweaqua High School.

**FRED AND MARIE MOORE SHUSTER
534 EAST WARREN**

Fred's parents were Mansfield and Bertha Hawthorne Shuster, farmers near McLeansboro in Hamilton County. Fred is one of five children.

Marie is the daughter of John Moore and Rosetta Well Hicks Moore of McLeansboro. Marie's mother was killed in the "Great Tornado of 1925" in McLeansboro.

Fred and Marie moved six and one-half miles east of Moweaqua on the blacktop in 1948 and were dairy and grain farmers. Their children are Carl of Kalamazoo, Robert of McLeansboro, May (Mrs. Robert) Hays of Moweaqua, Don of Moweaqua, Norma McPeak Brehm of Carmi, Dean McPeak of Windsor, Val McPeak of St. Charles, Mary Jo (Mrs. John Parker) of Moweaqua, Curtis McPeak of Dalton City, and Vicki Shuster (Mrs. James Moore) of Decatur. They have twenty-eight grandchildren, including a set of twin girls.

Fred and Marie bought their home in Moweaqua and moved on March 29, 1976 after adding a large family room to the house.

Fred was presented the Outstanding Farmer Award of Shelby County at the Farm and City Banquet in 1975.

**JOHN AND BETTY WEBB HELM
601 EAST WARREN**

John's grandparents lived in Mt. Olive and Taylorville, and his parents live in Taylorville where John was born. John is Drivers Education Instructor at Moweaqua High School.

Betty was born in Rensselaer, Indiana. Her grandparents live in Indiana and Competition, Missouri. Her parents live in Indiana. Betty is a housewife and substitute elementary teacher.

John and Betty previously lived in Taylorville and El Paso. They came to Moweaqua because of a job opportunity and the nice rural community.

They both graduated from Millikin University in 1965. Their first teaching jobs were in El Paso. They were there only one year before moving to the Moweaqua community in the fall of 1966. Betty taught in Macon for five years before their first child was born.

Their residence was built in the fall of 1966 by Harry Jackson.

John and Betty have two children: Beth Ann, who is four years of age, and Ryan, who is seven months old.

**CARL AND CONNIE THRASHER SCHOLZ
602 EAST WARREN**

Carl is the son of Carl Robert and Barbara Hays Scholz of Decatur. Carl was a salesman and Barbara is a housewife. Carl is one of five children: Carla, Robert, Carl, Tammy, and Ronnie. Carl Robert Scholz is deceased.

Connie is the daughter of James and Eldean Vincent Thrasher of Moweaqua. They came from Kentucky to Stonington, then to Moweaqua. James works at the Caterpillar plant and Eldean works at Moweaqua Bowl. She is one of eight children. David, Greg, Connie, Keith, Carolyn, Mark, Mike, and Tim.

Carl and Connie married June 1975. Carl was in the Army. Connie graduated from school in 1975.

Carl works for Decatur Window Cleaners at Firestone and Connie works at Fair Haven Christian Home in Decatur. A favorite hobby is bowling.

DON AND BEVERLY SCRIBNER EVERSOLE
605 EAST WARREN

Don's parents, Harold and Mae Pierce Eversole, had four children, Dwaine, who lives at Tower Hill, Mrs. Don (Marilyn) Weakly, living in Shelbyville, Don, who lives in Moweaqua, and Larry, who makes his home in Assumption.

Beverly's parents, Oral and Lena Harris Scribner, of Assumption, had four children: Mrs. Donald (Beverly) Eversole of Moweaqua, Joe, who lives in Assumption, Ralph, living in Pana, and Ronald, who lives in Assumption.

Don and Beverly have four children: Mrs. Michael (Donna) Stephenson, Michael, David, and Rodney, who is in the second grade.

Don is a semi-truck driver for Trulock's in Assumption.

MICHAEL AND MARLENE DAWKINS
610 EAST WARREN

Michael's grandparents lived in Louisville, Illinois, as well as his parents. Michael and Marlene lived in Louisville prior to moving to Moweaqua for employment reasons. Michael is a school teacher.

Marlene was born in St. Louis, Missouri. Her family nationality is German. Her parents lived in Illinois. Her grandmother, Bertha Kessler, who is eighty-seven, settled in Missouri and married there. They moved to Illinois in 1930. She presently lives in Flora.

The Dawkins children are: Dana, who is four, and Bert, who is two.

ROBERT AND MARY BOHLEN SANDERS
702 EAST WARREN

Bob retired April 1, 1976 as a Circuit Judge of the fourth Judicial Circuit and Mary is a housewife.

The first members to come to America in the Sanders family, came from England and Scotland during the pre-revolutionary days. Grandfather Sanders settled in Pawnee and Grandfather Armstrong in Moweaqua.

Bob and Mary lived in Shelbyville before moving into their new home in 1967. They moved back to Moweaqua to retire in the "old home town."

It all started back in July of 1940 when Robert Sanders married "the girl next door." He and Mary Bohlen were married in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hanko Bohlen at 405 East Main Street.

The Sanders' two married daughters are Nancy Jane Brown of Decatur, and Mary Carol Kneller of Moweaqua. They have three grandsons, Michael Brown of Decatur, and Todd and Tim Kneller of Moweaqua.

Both Bob and Mary's mothers are living at Woodland Nursing Home. Daisy Armstrong Sanders is ninety-seven years old and Martha Sanner Bohlen is eighty-six years old.

DONALD AND JUDITH WEST FISHBURN, JR.
720 EAST WARREN

Don and Judy moved into their new home in May 1969 because they wanted their children to attend Moweaqua school. They previously had lived in Decatur.

Don works for Ray Burns Plumbing & Heating, and Judy is a part-time secretary for the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.

They have two children: Susan a senior and David, a freshman in school.

GARLAND AND MAYE LOCKHART
723 EAST WARREN

Garland was born in Cowden. His ancestors were Pennsylvania Dutch. He is General Manager and Treasurer of the Dawson-Wikoff Funeral Homes Ltd. He is the Resident Manager of the Moweaqua funeral home. He is a World War II navy veteran, serving in the medical department for over three years. He is chaplain of the American Legion in Moweaqua, and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Decatur.

Maye was born in Oklahoma. She is of German-English-French-Indian descent. She is a housewife, having quit her job in the Quality Control Department at Borg-Warner when they moved from Decatur.

The Lockarts have two children: Dale, a corporation pilot, graduate of S.I.U., lives with his wife Carla, a teacher, and son, two year old Stephen in Crystal Lake. The Lockarts' daughter Mary is a graduate of Millikin and of the School of Nursing where she was an instructor until her marriage. She lives with her husband, Curt, who is an anesthetist and specializes in inhalation therapy in Princeton. They have two daughters, two year old Kathryn and four month old Sarah.

The Lockart house was completed in 1971 and they moved to Moweaqua for pleasant surroundings and business reasons. "A quiet, peaceful community."

HAROLD E. FULTON
727 EAST WARREN

Harold's grandparents lived in Fayette County, near St. James. His parents lived in St. James and St. Elmo. Harold had lived in St. James, St. Elmo and Decatur. He decided he wanted to retire in a small town. His home was built in 1969. Harold works at York Division of Borg-Warner.

The first Fulton in Illinois was John Fulton, born 1813 in Knox County, Tennessee. He settled in Fayette County about 1840 on a farm. Harold's grandfather, E. H. Fulton purchased the farm Harold now owns, in 1884 near St. Elmo.

Harold's mother, Ida Mae Fulton, resides in St. Elmo, and is eighty-one years old.

THERMAN AND BETTY MORRIS
729 EAST WARREN

Therman was born in Arkansas. His grandparents lived in Paragould, and his parents lived in Marmaduke, Arkansas.

In 1951, Therman's twin, Herman, a minister, and George Ward started the General Baptist Church here. They needed a deacon, and Therman, being an ordained deacon, decided he would move to Moweaqua to help get the church started. At that time, he and Betty, his wife, had two boys, Dennis, six years old, and Dan, three years old. Since then, they have added two more sons, Ken and Mike, and one daughter, Jill. They are still working in the General Baptist Church. On November 18th, they will have been here twenty-five years.

Betty was born in Arkansas, likes to sew and enjoys being a housewife. Therman likes ball games and bowling.

**LYNDELL E. AND SUZANNE KNIGHTS FISHER
730 EAST WARREN**

Lyndell's family is of Irish descent. His father was from Arkansas, his mother, from Illinois. He was born in New Port, Arkansas. He is employed at Caterpillar.

Suzanne was born in Pana. Her great-grandfather came from Ireland and settled in Illinois. They lived in Tower Hill, her parents lived in Moweaqua. Her mother had taught school here for twenty years.

The Fisher's two children are L. Scott, who is in the second grade, and daughter Melanie Ann, who goes to Kinder Care in Decatur.

Suzanne is employed by Plus Personnel. Their residence was built in 1969.

**RUSSELL AND GEORGIA EMERSON SHERWOOD
BOYER
800 EAST WARREN**

Russell was the son of John O. and Dolly May Webb Boyer, farmers who lived south of Moweaqua. Grandfather Webb came from Kentucky. Grandfather Boyer came from Uniontown, Pennsylvania to the Moweaqua area. Grandfather Webb ran the Webb's Livery Barn that did stand where the Shell Service Station is now located. The livery barn was finally moved to Harry and Mike Hudson's farm.

Georgia is the daughter of William and Norma Tolly Emerson. She is one of five children.

Russell and Georgia were married July 7, 1975 and moved into their new home in November 1975. Russell is a retired farmer and Georgia is a retired beautician.

Russell's hobby is drawing pictures with pencil and crayon.

**GEORGE AND JUANITA BROWN FLEETWOOD
801 EAST WARREN**

George's grandparents, grandmother Cora Arthur, came to Indiana from Italy. George's parents were Riley and Cora Arthur Fleetwood. He has two living brothers, Paul of Decatur, and Jack of Taylorville. Earl, a brother who lived in Butler is deceased, two sisters died young and one brother died as a result of World War II. Grandmother Anna Iuayle came from the Isle of Man, and settled in Kentucky, later moving to Illinois.

Juanita's parents are John W. Brown and Orpha Roberts Brown. She has twin sisters, Minnie Belcher of Clinton and Winnie Baker of Farmer City. A third sister, Doris Goodin lives in Creve Coeur.

George has a daughter, Beverly Troxel of Macon. Juanita has three daughters, Diana Quincy, and Susan Minott of Moweaqua and Barbara Lindholm of Chillicothe.

George and Juanita are owners of Fleetwood Oil Company.

**MORRIS AND MARJORIE HIPSHER McCAIN
902 EAST WARREN**

Morris is the son of Clayton and Mary Boaz Morris of Vandalia. Clayton worked in a shoe factory and now at Caterpillar. Mary worked in a shoe factory. Morris is one of seven children. His twin sister is Doris.

Marjorie is the daughter of Curtis and Edith Loveless Hipsher of Vandalia. Marjorie has one sister and one brother. She works at the Eastern Star Home in Macon. Morris has worked at Caterpillar for eighteen years. They moved to Moweaqua from Warrensburg. They built their home in 1975. When they sold their home in Warrensburg, they started looking and ended up in Moweaqua.

The McCains have three children: Scott, a seventh grader, Randall, who is in fourth grade, and Angela, who is in kindergarten.

Morris enjoys bowling, He has managed Little League and is very sports minded. Marjorie enjoys sewing.

"We have moved twelve times in ten years—we like Moweaqua better than any place we have been."

TOWNSHIPS

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FLAT BRANCH TOWNSHIP

REGINALD AND AMELIA ZINDEL ADAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Adams farm in Flat branch Township. Mr. Adams' people have lived in the Moweaqua area for many years.

Mrs. Adams' forebearers came from Switzerland to Illinois in the mid 1800's.

Reginald and Amelia have two sons: Ray, who is athletic director at East Joliet High School, and Dr. Robert Adams, who is employed at Teledyne M.E.C. in Palo Alto, California. There are four grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. DEAN BECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Becker live in Flat Branch Township where Mr. Becker farms. Mrs. Becker is a nurses' aide at the Eastern Star Home.

Mr. Becker is the son of the late Fred Becker and his wife Nellie.

Mrs. Becker is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Fortner of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Becker live in the home that was once the residence of Homer Becker, grandfather of Dean Becker.

The Beckers have two sons: Scott, who is in the fourth grade, and Terry, who is in the second grade in the Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH BECKER

Mr. and Mrs. Keith W. Becker live on a farm. Their parents are Mrs. F. E. Lamm of Moweaqua, and Mrs. Fred Becker of Flat Branch Township.

Early in 1870, William F. Becker, great-grandfather of Keith Becker, left Ohio in a covered wagon and headed west. When they reached Illinois, his wife felt that they had traveled far enough, so she and their five sons settled near Cerro Gordo. William went on west and was never heard of again. Mary lived alone, in later years, and died at the age of ninety-one, outliving all of her sons. One of those sons, Omer Becker was Keith Becker's grandfather.

Mrs. Becker is the daughter of Mrs. Sylvia Lamm.

The Becker home was built in the 1860s. It is known as the Old Bridgman Place, and had belonged to Harry Bridgman who fought in the Civil War. All the walls are of brick, three deep, including partitioning walls. All rooms are 15 x 15 feet square with ten foot ceilings. The massive woodwork is of walnut.

In 1943, Fred Becker purchased the farm. For twenty-seven years, Keith and Clara have lived here.

The Becker children are: Judy Becker Hastings, of Pontiac, Fred R. Becker of Tower Hill and Gail B. of Assumption.

Mrs. Nellie Becker is eighty years of age and Mrs. Sylvia Lamm is eighty-six.

MRS. NELLIE BECKER

Mrs. Nellie Becker and her late husband, Fred Becker, farmed in this area. Mrs. Becker, who was Nellie Wetzel, was the granddaughter of Benjamin Wetzel who came from Pennsylvania in 1829 to this community.

The children of Nellie and Fred are: Salena Baillie of Thawville, Jane Dickman of Herscher, Mary Lambdin of Pierson Station, Kenneth of Mora, Missouri, Keith of Assumption and Dean of Moweaqua.

Mrs. Becker's hobbies are raising exotic house plants and quilting.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH BORDERS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Borders live south of Moweaqua. Mr. Borders is in the foundation construction business. Two of his sons, Roger and Carl are also in this business.

Mrs. Borders' grandparents lived in Kentucky, his parents lived in St. Louis and later in Herrick.

Mrs. Borders family was mostly German, and they live in Illinois. The other children of Mr. and Mrs. Borders are: Sherrie, in the fifth grade, Marjorie, in sixth grade, and Richard, who is a sophomore in Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. CHARLES BURGNER

The Burgeners live south of Moweaqua, where they farm. They moved here from Pana. Mr. Burgener's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Collin Burgener.

The farm on which the Burgeners live was purchased by David Hill in 1914. Mr. Hill was Mrs. Burgener's grandfather.

Fire destroyed the farm house which had been built by Phillip Ludwig, who had owned the property prior to the Hill purchase. It has been replaced by the home of Charles and Carol Wooters Burgener, built for themselves and their family.

The Burgener children are: Bradley, who is in the fourth grade, Bret who is in first grade, and Chad, who is four years of age.

MR. AND MRS. A. COLLINS BURGNER

Mr. and Mrs. A. Collins Burgener moved to this area recently. Mr. Burgener farms, and Mrs. Burgener is an R.N., working for Dr. Huss in Assumption.

Mr. Burgener's ancestor, Samual Burgener, came from Switzerland. His father was Christopher Burgener, who came here from Richland County, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Burgener's home was built about 1908. It had belonged to Major Hill.

The children of Collin and Marie French Burgener are: Cleo, of Seattle, Washington, Lois B. Jones, of Rosamond; Jean B. Sloan of Mt. Zion, and Charles, of Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK J. BURGNER

Mr. and Mrs. Burgener farm in this township. Mr. Burgener is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Burgener. He moved back to this area from Bethany, in order to be near his family. They have one son, Matthew Todd, one year old.

MR. AND MRS. FREDERICK WOOTERS BURGNER

Frederick's great-grandfather, Sammuels Burgener came from Switzerland to the United States in 1847. He settled in Galion, Ohio. In 1852, he moved on to Richland County, Illinois. Frederick Burgener, father of Frederick O. Burgener, moved to Flat Branch Township from Noble. Mr. Burgener is a retired farmer.

The children of Frederick and Leona are: Harry Burgener and Warren Burgener, both of Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. HALDON BURGNER

Haldon and his wife live in Section twenty-three of Flat Branch Township. Mr. Burgener is an insurance salesman.

Haldon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Burgener. He is a graduate of Western Illinois University. His wife, Pamela S., is a graduate of the same college.

The Burgeners have three daughters: Jenny Anne, Amy Lynn, and Lisa Michelle, all pre-schoolers.

MR. AND MRS. HARRY W. BURGNER

Harry and Mary Porter Burgener farm in Flat Branch Township. They live in the house that had been his grandfather, Christopher Burgener's home.

The Burgener's five children are: David, of Longview, Texas, Haldon, who lives in Assumption, Jerry, living in Peoria, Frederick and Elizabeth who live in Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. WARREN E. BURGNER

Before moving back to this area to farm, Mr. Burgener had taught Vocational Agriculture for five years at Hartsburg, Illinois. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Burgener.

Mrs. Warren Burgener is the daughter of Mrs. Clarence Marmar. She also attended the University of Illinois.

The Burgener home was built sometime between 1870 and 1880. It had been the Wattsins home at one time.

The Burgeners have two daughters: Kay Burgener Fathauer, of Moweaqua, and Donna, who is at home. She is doing post-graduate work at Millikin University.

REVEREND AND MRS. DEAN COOPER

Reverend and Mrs. Dean Cooper recently came from Indiana to fill the pastorate at Fame Evangelical Church. The Coopers both attended the former Midwest Bible and Missionary Institute in St. Louis. Reverend Cooper also attended Bob Jones University in South Carolina and Grace Theological Seminary at Winona Lake, Indiana.

The Coopers' daughter, Ila Cooper Neibert, graduated from Bob Jones University with a music education major. Their son, Perry, is a senior at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana. Bruce, the youngest son, is a senior at Moweaqua High School.

Reverend Cooper's family lived in Illinois and is of English descent. Mrs. Cooper's family is of Dutch and Indian ancestry. Reverend Cooper's mother is eighty years of age.

MR. AND MRS. DELMAR CRAFT

Mr. and Mrs. Craft live just south of Moweaqua. They have two children: Sherry Ann and Delbert. Both children are pre-schoolers.

Mr. Craft works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur. With the exception of sixteen months in the Air Force in the state of Washington, Mr. and Mrs. Craft have always lived in Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. CLAIR A. DUNCAN

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan farm. It has been their home for forty-three years. Their house was built in 1876.

Mr. Duncan's great-grandfather Joseph Duncan, came to Illinois from Washington County, Tennessee, in 1851. His first home was near Jacksonville. In 1866, he bought a farm near Moweaqua.

Grandfather Martin Duncan came to Shelby County in 1867. He owned and operated a general merchandise store in Moweaqua, also dealing in grain and stock.

Clair's father, Martin Aubrey Duncan, who spent his entire life in Moweaqua, had been for some years Chairman of the American Association of Agriculture.

The Clair Duncan farm had formerly been the Haney Grooms property.

The Duncan children are: Aubrey, who lives in Moweaqua, Suzanne Schinzler, of Virden, Sherry Giles of Decatur, and Marion and Anna Maria, Florida. There are four grandchildren.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH ELLISON

Mr. and Mrs. Ellison farm south of Moweaqua. They have three children: Katherine Ellison Reiter of Chicago, Norman, who lives in Bolingbrook, and Gary, who lives in Moweaqua.

Their home was built in 1934 on property owned by Cecil Hudson. The land originally belonged to the Snyder family.

Mr. Ellison's family came from Pennsylvania to Prairieton and then to the Flat Branch area.

Mrs. Ellison's family were English and Irish, who settled in Ohio. Mrs. Florence Willoughby Brunken, Mrs. Ellison's mother is eighty years of age.

MRS. DOROTHY FEATHERS

Mrs. Dorothy Feathers and her late husband, Robert, came here from Cerro Gordo, where he had engaged in farming.

Mrs. Feathers' family were Irish. They had gone from Ohio to Nebraska, where Dorothy King Feathers was born in Falls City.

Mr. and Mrs. Feathers had farmed for twelve years before moving to the Cerro Gordo area.

Needlework and gardening are Mrs. Feathers' hobbies.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD GILLETT

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Gillett farm south of Moweaqua.

Mr. Gillett's maternal grandparents came from Germany and settled in Boulden, Illinois. Their name was Mr. and Mrs. Augustine Curdt. Eda and Willis Gillett, Bernard's parents, came from Boulden to farm in this area.

Mrs. Gillett's grandparents were Roland and Harriet Campbell Meryman who had come to Illinois from Tennessee. They cleared the land and farmed 160 acres. Mrs. Gillett's mother was Pearl Clipston.

The Gillett home was originally a three-room house built at least seventy-five years ago. Three rooms have been added. The workshop was originally the first Townhouse of Flat Branch Township.

The Gillett children are: Audrey Gillett Fitzgerald of Rochester, Louis, Mark, and Carroll, all living in Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. LOUIS M. GILLETT

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gillett live in the new home they built in 1973. It had formerly been the site of Mrs. Gillett's grandfather's home.

Mr. Gillett is the son of Bernard and Belle Harriet Gillett of Moweaqua.

Mr. Gillett farms, and works part-time for Sloan's Implement, Assumption.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillett have two children: Michael, who is seven years old, and Lisa, who was born in June, 1975.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD E. GREGORY

Mr. and Mrs. Gregory farm southeast of Moweaqua. They have two children: Michael, who is in the seventh grade, and Jeffrey, who is in the fourth grade.

Mr. Gregory's family ancestry is Irish. John Gregory came to this country from Ireland in 1750 and lived in Virginia. The last three generations of Richard's family have lived in Shelby County, Illinois.

Mrs. Gregory's family is also of Irish ancestry.

Members of the Gregory family who are seventy-five or older are: Trace and Eva Gregory, Ward Gregory and Pearl Gregory.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER HARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Harris live south of Moweaqua in a home they built in 1970. They came here to farm. They had formerly lived in Decatur.

The parents of Roger and Edna have always lived in Illinois.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Harris are: Alice Marion, who is four years old, and Roger, who is in the second grade.

Mr. Harris' hobbies are hunting fishing, and working on antique cars.

MR. AND MRS. BILL HAYES

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes, who live in the Morrell Subdivision, own and operate the Hays Hardware Store.

Mr. Hayes' great-grandmothers were both natives of Pennsylvania. His grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Whitsett came to the Moweaqua area 122 years ago, after her first husband was killed in the Civil War.

Mrs. Hayes' family were of German, Spanish, and Irish ancestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes built their home in 1964.

The Hayes children are: Bill Jr., a bridge inspector for Norfolk and Western, and Jacqueline, a Lab Technician at St. Mary's Hospital.

MR. AND MRS. RAY HAYS

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hays live south of Moweaqua with their children, Bradley, who is in the seventh grade, Bryan, who is in the third grade, Larry Christopher, who is in the first grade. Elizabeth Nicole is five months old.

Mr. Hays' family on the paternal side were Scotch. His grandparents, David and Clara Hays, lived in Moweaqua. On the maternal side of his family, Joannes Domin DeClerk came from Belgium in 1899, and settled in Assumption to farm.

Mrs. Hays' great-grandparents came from Scotland. They were William and Margaret Nicol.

Mr. Hays works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur.

MR. AND MRS. HARLAN HENDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Henderson came here from Urbana to set up the swine operation on the Dr. Frank Snell farm. He

received his BA at SIU and his masters at the University of Illinois. He is a swine producer.

Mrs. Henderson received her BA degree from Illinois State University.

The Henderson children are: Todd, who is in the fourth grade, and Leigh Ann, who is in the second grade in the Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. DALE HENNINGS

Mr. Hennings is a farmer and he also works for the Mississippi Valley Steel Company.

Mr. Hennings' grandfather, Bruce Hennings, came from Germany to settle in Shelbyville.

Dale Hennings came to the Moweaqua area to farm in 1954.

Mrs. Hennings' family are of German and Dutch descent. They live in Illinois.

The Hennings' home was built before 1900 and is believed to have been the Stivison residence.

The Hennings children are Patricia Hennings Tinsman of Shelbyville, Kevan of Assumption, and Pam Hennings of Springfield.

MR. AND MRS. LYLE HEUSTIS

Mr. and Mrs. Heustis live east and south of Moweaqua. Mr. Heustis is the manager of the Standard Oil Fertilizer Plant at Radford.

Mr. Heustis' family originally came from England and have lived in the Newman, Illinois area. On the maternal side of her family, there is Scotch and Irish ancestry. These people lived in Pennsylvania and Maryland. Mrs. Heustis' grandfather was French. Mrs. Heustis lived in Atwood before her marriage.

The Heustis home was the old Ez. Townsend place, later occupied by Glen Wooters, and then by the Carl Wooters family.

The Heustis children are: Beth, who is in fifth grade, and Melody, who is in third grade in Moweaqua school.

Lyle and Edna, with their children, enjoy crafts of all kinds.

MR. AND MRS. BILLY HIGGINS

Mr. Higgins works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur. The Higgins family moved to this area from Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

The Higgins children are: Diana, who is a junior in high school, Danny, who is a freshman, and Kathy, who is in the seventh grade at the Moweaqua school.

ARTHUR HOEWING

Mr. Hoewing's grandfather, Conrad, came to America from Germany in the mid 1800s. He began farming in Piatt County, later moving to the Boody area. He came to Moweaqua when his son, John, was six years old. The family lived on a farm one-half mile north of Flat Branch Townhouse. John married and lived in Decatur, where Arthur Hoewing was born. The family later moved to the Fame area and the children attended Fame School.

Mr. Hoewing and his late wife, Violet Schmahl Hoewing, had eight daughters: Martha H. McDaniel, who lives in Macon, Joyce Fringer, who resides in St. Joseph, Esther McIntosh, who lives in Michigan, Stella Carnahan, who lives in Decatur, Cheryl Linn, in Decatur, Patricia Morris, Decatur, and Rebecca, who attends Lakeview High School. One daughter, Melody, died shortly after birth.

Mr. Hoewing is a retired electrician. He is active in Mission work as a hobby.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT A. HUNTER

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter have two sons: Robert G. Hunter, who farms in the Moweaqua area, and Richard D. Hunter, who is an IRS representative in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter came to this area to farm in 1943. The house in which they live was built in 1916.

Mr. Hunter's family is of Scotch descent. John Hunter came from Scotland to Lancaster County, Ohio. Other members of the family came by covered wagon to Illinois from Ohio in 1874, settling in the Flat Branch Township. Mr. Hunter's grandfather, James William, came to Prairieton Township in 1850 from Tennessee.

Mrs. Hunter's great-grandfather, Gabriel, went to Holland from Ireland and then sailed for New York. From New York, he came to Macon, Illinois, where he settled on the prairie west of Macon in the year the Illinois Central Railroad was built.

Mrs. Hunter's mother, Lele Damery is seventy-nine years old. Mr. Hunter's father, Homer Hunter, is eighty-four years old.

MR. AND MRS. GARY JACKSON

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jackson have two children: Dawn, who is in the second grade in Moweaqua school, and Shannon, who is four and one-half years old.

Mr. Jackson attended Macon High School and now farms. His wife, Jennie, graduated from Lakeview High School in Decatur.

Mr. Jackson's people have lived for many years in Moweaqua and Macon. His wife's people lived in Maryland, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Her family is of Irish, English and Indian descent.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE JESSE

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Jesse have farmed for fifty years in the Flat branch area.

Mr. Jesse's father came from Missouri to Illinois and Mrs. Jesse's family came from Southern Illinois. The Myers family was one of English, German, and Irish ancestry.

The Jesse home was built in 1865. A former owner was Charles Bridgman.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse have four children: Rev. Lyle Jesse, of Findlay, Charles, who lives in Shelbyville, Evelyn Heiter of South Bend, Indiana, and Wayne of Lincoln.

Mrs. Jesse's hobby is growing houseplants.

MR. AND MRS. HORACE JORDAN

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan live southeast of Moweaqua. Mr. Jordan is a retired farmer. His family lived in Shelby County for many years.

Other owners of the Jordan home were James Tolly, Oll Stanley and John Angel. The United States Government had been grantor of the Land to James Tolly.

Mrs. Jordan's family has also lived in this area many years. Her parents were Ed and Mabel Longenbaugh Cole.

The Jordan children are: James Jr. of Moweaqua, Mrs. Anna Brown, of Decatur, Mrs. Wanda Jacobs of Danville, Mrs. Norma Saddoris of Findlay, and Mrs. Eleanor James of Bloomington.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES E. JORDAN

Mr. Jordan is a farmer and Mrs. Jordan is a bookkeeper for the Northern Propane Gas Company.

Great-great-grandfather James Jordan, who was born in Germany in 1755, came to America and settled in Illinois. Since then, the family has always farmed in the area south of Moweaqua.

Mrs. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wicklein are of German descent. They farmed in the Macon area.

The Jordan children are Peggy Ramsey, who lived in Tremont, Stephen, who lives in Moweaqua, and Pamela, who is a sixth grader in Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. CARL G. JESSE

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse's residence was built in 1898. Earlier owners of the property had been Bill Miller, C. C. Miller, Lois Burks, and Sally Krigbaum.

The Jesse family nationality is Scotch-Irish. The first member of the family to come to this country was George Jesse, who settled in Kentucky. Two generations of the family lived in Missouri before coming to Illinois.

Mrs. Jesse's family came here from Ohio. She was the former Ruth Howse.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse have three daughters living in Illinois: Lea Ann Welton, Shelbyville, Carol Sue Etherton in Assumption, and Betty Beck in Moweaqua.

A member of the family over seventy-five is Mrs. Hazel Himes Howse, who is seventy-seven.

MR. AND MRS. SAM B. LEHMAN

Mr. Lehman has farmed for thirty years in the Westervelt area, and Mrs. Lehman has taught school for twenty years in Shelbyville. Thirteen years ago the Lehmans bought the acreage and house of Bill Barbre. They had decided that it was in a community "good to live in." The ancestors of both Mr. and Mrs. Lehman are German.

The Lehman children are: Delores Sloan of Pana, Rosie Shuels, of Cowden, Mary Ellen Gillett of Moweaqua, Philip, of Moweaqua, Mike of Cowden, and Joe, a senior, Janice, a junior, Tammy, a seventh grader, and John, a sixth grader, in Moweaqua school. There are eight grandchildren in the family.

MR. AND MRS. HUBERT LINN

Mr. Linn works at Staleys. His family has lived in Moweaqua area for three generations. He graduated from Moweaqua school and attended Eastern Illinois University.

Mrs. Linn's family are of Dutch and English ancestry. They came from Kentucky. Mrs. Linn graduated from the Lovington High School and she attended Eastern Illinois University.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT E. MILLER

Mr. Miller is employed at Caterpillar in Decatur. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Miller. His grandparents lived in Westervelt.

Mrs. Miller's parents are Albert and the late Wilma Jesse Beckman. The great-grandparents of Mrs. Miller came from Germany.

The Miller children are: Cynthia, a sophomore, Robert a sophomore, Caren, a freshman, and David, who is in fifth grade at Moweaqua school. Jeffrey Michael is one and one-half years of age.

Family members over seventy-five years of age are Lucy Beck, who lives in Moweaqua, Merle Jesse, Mt. Zion, Cecil and Minnie Baley of Pana.

OLIVER AND LEONA ULM MORRELL (SEE JOSHUA MORRELL HUDSON STORY)

Oliver, youngest son of Marcel Sr. and Louise Morrell, was born in the house on South main, presently owned by Betty Smith. It was built and formerly owned by his grandfather August Morrell.

Oliver worked for Adams and Zindel contractors for seven years before starting his own contracting and building business in 1961.

Oliver married Leona Ulm from Mt. Carmel, a second grade teacher in Moweaqua since 1950. They have three children, Michael, a senior, Virginia, and Roger.

In 1954, Oliver built the home on East Cherry where he lived before selling it to Mark and Christine Gillett. In 1962, he purchased Mayme Green home, tore it down and built the home now owned by Della Dance. In 1964, he built the home in Morrell's Subdivision now owned by Ray Hays, Jr. He built the brick home where the family presently lives, one mile south of Moweaqua.

In his years of contracting, Oliver has built many homes in and around Moweaqua. He is presently leveling the sanctuary floor in the remodeling of the First Baptist Church.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL OGLESBY, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby live south of Moweaqua. Mr. Oglesby is employed by the Decatur Pump Company. They moved from Decatur to live on the farm they are now buying.

Mr. Oglesby's mother came to this country from Germany. His father is of Scottish ancestry.

Mrs. Oglesby's father was also Scottish. Her mother was French and German.

The Oglesby home was built in 1850 by Henry and Priscilla Jacobs. Other owners before 1900 were: Stephen Workman, John Plain, Thomas Ponting, Joseph Lane, Thomas Catherwood, Henry Armstrong, Henry Neal, Ezekiel Prescott, John Carrington, and George Simpson. Mr. and Mrs. Oglesby have restored the house to its original design and atmosphere.

The children of Paul and Dorothy Yeoman Oglesby are: Paul, a student at the University of Illinois, John, who is employed at Perkinson Fertilizer Company and Edward, a freshman in Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT L. PERKINS

The Perkins live on the Earl Mounts farm. The home on the land was built by L. D. Kirk in the early 1900s. An interesting feature is a room on the upper story with eleven windows, facing south, built for two invalids in the Kirk family.

Mr. Perkins' family comes from the Decatur area. His grandparents, (Harris) farmed in the Findlay area. Mr. Perkins works at Borg-Warner in Decatur.

Mrs. Perkins' great-grandfather, William McKendrie Eaton was the first teacher in the school of Moweaqua. Members of the family had originally lived in Pennsylvania, later Ohio, Indiana, then Illinois.

There are three sons in the family: Charles Brown, of Moweaqua, Michael Brown, in the Air Force in Utah, and Steven Brown, a student in the Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. BILLIE L. PIRTLE, SR.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Pirtle moved here from Decatur because Moweaqua reminded them of their hometown—small, friendly and pleasant.

Mr. Pirtle's family have lived in Tennessee for three generations. He is general foreman for Midstate Construction Company in Decatur.

Mrs. Pirtle's grandparents lived in Anna, Illinois and her parents live in Makanda, Illinois, which borders Giant City State Park.

The children in the Pirtle family are: John, a high school senior, Kevin Pearson, in the eighth grade, Kathy Pearson, a seventh grader, Paula Pearson, a fifth grader, and Kirk Pirtle, who is two years old.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SANNER

Mr. Sanner is a descendant of Jacob Sanner who sailed from Rotterdam and subsequently from England in 1771. He settled in Pennsylvania. Samuel and Barbara Paul Sanner came to Penn Township in 1833 from Pennsylvania. Mrs. Helen Shaffer Sanner's family is Pennsylvania German and English ancestry.

Mr. Sanner is a retired farmer. He and his wife live in Mrs. Sanner's home which was built in 1896.

Mrs. Sanner's children are: Harold Shaffer of Decatur and Marjorie Shaffer Quinn, who teaches in Arthur, Illinois. There are eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND J. SIMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Simpson came from Fairfield, Illinois to live with their son, Carl Simpson and grandson, Rodney.

The Simpsons are retired farmers whose families had lived in Wayne County, Illinois.

Carl Simpson, their son, works at Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Rodney Simpson, Carl's son, is a seventh grade student in the Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH M. SLOAN

Mr. Sloan works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur. His parents live in Florida.

Mrs. Sloan's parents came to Illinois from Pennsylvania.

The Sloans have one son, Michael, who is in the first grade in the Moweaqua school.

Members of the family who are over seventy-five are: Mrs. Amy Smith, who is ninety-six, and Mrs. Mattie; Dorman who is eighty-six.

MR. AARON SMALL

Mr. Aaron Small farms land on which his grandparents and his parents lived. The house, which has been remodelled, was built in 1890.

The first member of Mr. Small's family came directly from Germany to Illinois.

Mr. Small has one son, Brent, who is a senior in Moweaqua High School. His daughter is Mrs. Lawrence A. Burgener of Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. V. GWINNER SNYDER

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder live south of Moweaqua. Mr. Snyder is an insurance salesman.

The first member of the Snyder family to come to this country, came from Germany. His name was Michael Schneider, who planned the town of Moweaqua.

The original part of the home in which Mr. and Mrs. Snyder live was built by W. J. Snyder in 1865.

Mrs. Snyder's family are Irish, German descent. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dagner of Assumption.

The Snyder children are; Kimberly, a sophomore, Elizabeth, a freshman, and Michael, who is a sixth grader in the Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. CARL STINER

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stiner live on U.S. 51, south of Moweaqua. They both are employed with Long's Plumbing Inc.

Mr. Carl Stiner Sr. came to this state from Germany when he was seven years of age. He was a farmer.

Mrs. Stiner's family name is Gaither. Her great-grandparents moved to Moweaqua from Kentucky. On the maternal side of the family, the Frank Millers, lived in Macon.

The Stiner's three children are: Richard, in the seventh grade, Carla, who is in the seventh grade, and Curt, who is in the sixth grade.

Mrs. Stiner's grandmother, Mrs. Edna Smull, is over seventy-five years of age.

MRS. MARY STINER

Mrs. Mary Stiner, and her late husband, Karl, lived and farmed south of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township.

Karl Stiner's father was Charles Stiner, who had come to this area with his mother, Christina Stiner in 1866. Charles Stiner married Nancy M. Waltz and they had seven children, one of whom was the late Karl Stiner.

Mary Stiner was born Mary Bryson. Her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Simpson, came here from Indiana in a covered wagon. The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bryson, came originally from Kentucky and later settled in the Pleak's Corner community. They had three daughters and two sons, one of whom was Otto Bryson. Otto Bryson and Ella Simpson were the parents of Mary Bryson Stiner.

The children of Mary and Karl Stiner are: Carl Jr. of Moweaqua, and Robert Stiner of Decatur. There are six grandchildren.

Members of the family who are over seventy-five years of age are: Ora Simpson, Wiley Fore, and Retta Heitland.

MR. AND MRS. DOUGLAS W. SUPPES

Mr. and Mrs. Suppes are retired. They still live on their land in Flat Branch Township. Mr. Suppes' grandfather was born in Germany, and came to Illinois in the early 1880s. His maternal grandparents came from England and settled near Winchester, Illinois.

Mrs. Suppes' father was Samuel E. Cole, who was born in Redfield, South Dakota. They moved to Illinois where they lived near Obed. They had eight children.

The Suppes children are: Shirley Bollhorst of Moweaqua, Creta Ater of Macon, and Richard, of Springfield. There are twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Suppes is eighty years of age.

MR. AND MRS. STANLEY C. TAYLOR

Mr. Taylor's family has traced ancestors back to Switzerland, Germany and France. The earliest date of an arrival in this country was 1750. Stanley Taylor is the eighth generation in America. He is a farmer.

Mrs. Taylor's family has been traced to Wales and Ireland, although one branch was Scottish, living in Ireland. The earliest date of residence in this country was 1718. Darlene Taylor is the ninth generation of her family in this country. The first settled in Pennsylvania, then some of the members moved to Ohio. Others moved to Indiana. Mrs. Taylor's family, the Marshalls were mostly farmers.

The Taylor children are: Rebecca, a sophomore, Andy, in the eighth grade, and Ted in the second grade.

The oldest living member of the family is Velva Miller Cunningham, who will be ninety-four, June, 1976. She is Mrs. Taylor's maternal grandmother.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN J. THOMAS

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas live south of Moweaqua in the house they built in 1967. They moved here from Decatur because of a better tax rate and a good school system. Mr. Thomas is a machinist in the York Division of Borg-Warner.

Mr. Thomas is of Indian ancestry. His grandparents live in Cowden. Mrs. Thomas' father is Italian and her mother is of German ancestry.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas are members of the Flat Branch Bow-hunters Archery Club. Mr. Thomas has won both indoor and outdoor State Archery championships many times.

The Thomas children are: Fay, who is a freshman, and Joyce is in the kindergarten in Moweaqua school.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD VATTHAUER

Mr. Vathauer's family came from Germany in 1890 and settled in Macon. The family has lived in the Moweaqua area for three generations. Richard is a farmer.

The house in which the Vathauers live was built about 1875. It was originally the John Bridgman residence. The house has been remodeled three times.

Beverly Wooters Vathauer's family was Scottish, Irish, and German. George Wooters first settled in Centralia. His wife, Elizabeth Bunning Wooters, was of German descent. They purchased land on which the Vathauers live in 1898. The seven children of George Wooters were born and reared there. Richard and Beverly Wooters Vathauer are the third generation of Wooters to own the land.

The Vathauer children are: Tiffany Ann, in the fourth grade, and Camille Ann is in the second grade, attending the Moweaqua school.

MRS. KARL (VIOLET) WINTER

Mrs. Karl Winters and her late husband, Karl farmed in this area for many years.

Mrs. Winter's family came from Germany. Christian Rau left Kier Ahberg, Germany for Illinois in 1853. Mrs. Winter lived in Latham before coming to the Moweaqua area.

There are five grandchildren in the family.

MR. AND MRS. JERRY WOODARD

Mr. Woodard's parents, Lewis and Mildred Snapp Woodard of Coles County, have always lived in Illinois. Mr. Woodard works for Caterpillar Tractor Company in Decatur.

Mrs. Woodard's parents are Leo and Bonnie Roney of Shelby County. The Woodards have two children: Julie Ann, a first grader and John Aaron who is four years of age.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WOOTERS

Mr. Wooters' parents were the late Glen and Gladys Pontius Wooters. The first member of the family to come to the new world was *Johannes Pontius who came from France to Pennsylvania in 1738.*

The Wooters' home was built in 1957.

The children of George and Florence Wooters are: Sue McBroom who lives in Overland, Missouri, Christine Gillett, living in Moweaqua, Timothy, who resides in Flat Branch Township. Kathleen Wooters, in Richland College, Sandra, who is in high school and Georgia who is in junior high at the Moweaqua school.

MACON COUNTY

MRS. MARTHA APPENBRINK

Mrs. Martha Appenbrink, and her late husband, Walter, came to this community from St. Louis.

Plans for impending retirement made consideration of this area a good choice since daughters of the family resided in Central Illinois. Happily, the house and land on which Mrs. Appenbrink lives became available and the years of retirement began.

Martha Appenbrink's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Anna Dressing came from Germany to St. Louis, where members of the family have lived for three generations.

Children of Martha and Walter Appenbrink are: Edna Appenbrink Carr, Dalton City; Georgia Appenbrink Foley, Lovington; Paul, of Cicero, Ill. and David of Hinsdale.

MR. AND MRS. ERVIL ASKINS

Mr. & Mrs. Ervil Askins live north of Moweaqua, where Mr. Askins farms. Mrs. Askins teaches in St. Teresa High School, Decatur.

Mr. Askins' grandfather, of Dutch descent, was Obediah Brinker, who settled in the Obed community, which was named for him. Mr. Brinker had come to that area from Ohio.

Mrs. Askins' grandfather was George W. Russell, who lived on the land on which his son, George W. Russell built the house in which the Askins family lives. The house was built in 1913. The farm has always been in the Russell family. The Russells are of English descent.

The Askins' children are: Robert, who lives in Quincy, Ill.; Richard, of Milwaukee, Wisc. and Nancy Askins Arnett of Tipp City, Ohio.

MR. AND MRS. VERNE HAYNES

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Haynes live in Macon County, just north of the county line road.

Mr. Haynes' people came to Illinois from Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Haynes' grandmother's people came to America from Switzerland in 1730. Her father and mother lived in Pennsylvania.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Haynes was built in 1895. A former owner was Harley Stombaugh.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynes have two daughters, Lisa, in grade 4 and Lori, in grade 2, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hight live northeast of Moweaqua, in Macon County. Mr Hight is a farmer and a plumber. Mrs. Hight is a teacher in Mt. Zion.

Mr. Hights' family have lived in Illinois for many years, his parents are Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hight. The family originally came from Germany. Great grandfather Robert Hight drove cattle to markets in St. Louis and Kansas, on foot.

Mrs. Hight is the daughter of Paul Smock of Moweaqua.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Hight are Marcia, in the fifth grade and Amy in grade 2, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. RAYMOND HIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hight live in Macon County, northeast of Moweaqua. Mr. Hight farms and Mrs. Hight has a craft and clothing shop in Moweaqua.

Mr. Hight was born at Radford, Illinois. His great grandfather, William Karl came from Germany with 6 children to settle in Illinois. Members of the family continued to live in Illinois or Iowa.

Mrs. Hights family, who are Illinoisians are of French, German, Irish and English descent.

The original two rooms of the Hight home were built about 1895. Mr. Hight bought the property from Ed Wempen.

Children of the Hight family are Robert, of rural Moweaqua, Karen Hight Bolt of Moweaqua and Stephen at home.

Family members over 75 is Mrs. Mary Savage.

MR. AND MRS. NEIL HILVETY

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Hilvety live in Macon County, just north of the Moweaqua-Macon County line. They built their home in 1972.

The Hilvetys had formerly lived in Oak Ridge, Tennessee where Mr. Hilvety had been employed by Union Carbide.

Mr. Hilvety's family lives in Moweaqua. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Owen Hilvety.

Mrs. Hilvety's family lives in Kentucky.

The Hilvety children are Mark, who is a sophomore at University of Missouri, Rolla; Brian, a sophomore and Annette, an 8th grader at Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH JORDAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Jordan live northwest of Moweaqua, where they farm.

Mr. Jordan's parents and grandparents live in Illinois.

The Jordan children are: Louis, who works for Ken-Del Corporation and farms with his father, Frances, Senior in High School, Katherine, Junior in High School and Carolyn in the second grade, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL SHADDOCK

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shaddocks home is in Macon County on the north side of the county line road. They have always farmed in the Moweaqua Community.

Mr. Shaddock's family was probably English. His grandfather's home was Virginia and he was a slave-holder before the Civil War. His son left to go to Illinois in the 1880's. Mr. Shaddock's father remembered that John Wilkes Booth was found and shot in a barn not far from his family home in Virginia.

Mrs. Shaddock's maiden name was Atkinson. Her family came from England to Illinois and settled in Pickaway Township, in the Findlay community. Her grandmother lived to be 99 years of age, and an aunt to one hundred ten.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Shaddock are: Arlene Shaddock west of Havana City, Illinois and Robert Shaddock of Maywood, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. CLYDE ROLES

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Roles live northwest of Moweaqua in Macon County.

Mr. Roles grandparents lived in Texas and his parents in Tuscola and Decatur.

Mr. Role's family lived in Illinois and Indiana and are of English, Irish, and German ancestry.

The Roles moved to the Moweaqua area to get away from the city and into a better school system. Mr. Roles is an electrician.

Children in the Roles family are: Susan, in the 3rd grade and Paul, in the 8th grade, Moweaqua School.

MR. HARRY SNYDER

Mr. Harry Snyder is a retired farmer, living northwest of Moweaqua. He is the son of Leonard and Mary Ellen Parsons Snyder. He was born in the house in which he has lived most of his life.

Mr. Snyder's wife was the late Blanche Tankersley, daughter of William and Mathilda Suppes Tankersley.

Children of Harry and Blanche Snyder are Creta Snyder Stogsdill, of Humboldt, Iowa; Haldon Snyder, Seattle, Washington and Gene Snyder, Surgeon, member of Deyer Clinic in Aurora, Illinois. There are nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In his retirement, Mr. Snyder enjoys playing a few games of pool each day, and the luck to win a few.

MR. AND MRS. LOREN E. UPCHURCH

Mr. and Mrs. Loren E. Upchurch live in Macon County. Their home was built about 100 years ago, and is the Day Homeplace.

Mr. Upchurch's parents are Ralph and Louise McAllester Upchurch of Whittington, Illinois. His mother's family came from Kentucky. Mr. Upchurch is employed by N&W Railroad.

Mrs. Upchurch's parents are Knox and Aretha Joy Hester of Iva, Illinois. One of Mrs. Upchurch's hobbies is quilting. She worked on the Bi-Centennial Quilt. Her daughter Cindra designed one of the blocks.

Children of Loren and Linda Upchurch are: Kindra, a Junior, Ralph, a Freshman, and Cindra, in the 4th grade, Moweaqua School.

MOWEAQUA TOWNSHIP

MR. AND MRS. ORLANDO BOHLEN

Mr. and Mrs. Orlando Bohlen from east of Moweaqua. Mr. Bohlen had taught Vocational Agriculture in Bowen and Bethany for eight years. In 1945, his parents Martin and Nellie Bohlen retired and moved to Decatur. The Orlando Bohlens moved to the homeplace to continue the operation of the farm.

Mr. Bohlen's grandfather, Peter, had come to this community in 1876 from Germany.

Mrs. Bohlen's family lived in the Macon and Walker communities. The first member of the family to come to this country was William Andrews who settled in Cambridge, Massachusetts. In 1634 he was one of the nine men who governed the town. Years later, members of the family moved west to Washington, Illinois where Mrs. Bohlen's father, Homer, was born. Her mother, Mayme Walker Andrews was born in the Assumption area, the daughter of Elijaah and Carrie Allison Walker.

Children of Orlando Bohlen are: Robert of Howell, Michigan; Virginia Bohlen Miller of St. Louis, Missouri; Susan Bohlen Bryant of Cheverly, Maryland, Christopher, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio and Gregory, at home.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL BOLLHORST

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bollhorst live in Moweaqua Township. Mr. Bollhorst is employed by Mueller's — Niebhur Realty Co., and Mrs. Bollhorst at the Gina Lee Gift Shop.

Mr. Bollhorst's grandfather, born in Germany came to Illinois and settled in the Vandalia area. His parents lived in the Macon and Harristown communities.

Mrs. Bollhorst who was Shirley Suppes is of French and German descent. Her family live in this community.

The Bollhorsts moved to Moweaqua from Decatur to send their children to Moweaqua School.

Children of Paul and Shirley Bollhorst: Kathy Bollhorst Tirpak of Moweaqua; Stan Bollhorst, Elwin, Illinois, Tony Bollhorst, Moweaqua and Lori Ann, 6th grade Moweaqua School.

MRS. FREDA BOURNE

Mrs. Freda Bourne and her late husband, Russell came to the Moweaqua area in 1939 to farm. Mr. and Mrs. Bourne had lived in Richland County.

Mrs. Bourne's present home was formerly the Peter Bohlen property. The house is close to 100 years old.

Mrs. Bourne has one daughter; Ellen Bourne Adkisson, who lives in Peoria, Illinois. Mrs. Adkisson teaches visually handicapped children.

Traveling, raising flowers and hand-craft are Mrs. Bourne's hobbies.

ARTHUR AND MARVIN BUNNING

Arthur and Marvin Bunning, who farm, live east of Moweaqua.

Arthur Bunning was born in 1911 in Allenboro, Illinois. Marvin Henry Bunning was born in the same house, but since the Allenboro Post Office had been closed, his birthplace was listed as Moweaqua.

The brothers, Arthur and Marvin are descendants of Katherine Bunning. She and her son Claus Henrich Frederich Bunning came from Germany in 1871.

Their residence was built in 1909.

Arthur and Marvin Bunning collect and repair old farm implements and tools as a hobby.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT D. BUNNING

Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Bunning farm in Moweaqua Township.

Mr. Robert Bunning is a descendant of Katherine Bunning who came to America with her son Henry, from Germany in 1871. They came from the Atlantic Ocean to New Orleans, then up the Mississippi by boat to Alton and across land to Bunker Hill. Their family came to the Long Grove Community in 1873.

Mrs. Bunnings ancestors, the Lambdins came to America from England in 1638, settling in Virginia.

The old home place on the farm is now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Bunning's son, David who is the fifth generation of Bunnings to live on and farm the land.

Children of Robert and Delsie Bunning are: Donald, who now lives in Charleston, West Virginia., John Robert lives in San Antonio, New Mexico and David lives in Moweaqua. There are 3 grandchildren in the family.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT CAMAC

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Camac live in Moweaqua Township. Mr. Camac works for A.E. Staley Manufacturing Company. Mrs. Camac is a bus driver for Moweaqua School system.

Mr. Camac's grandparents both came from Ireland before they were married. They settled in Bronson, Kansas. Their son, William Camac, when young got as far as Illinois in his attempt to work his way to Ireland. He met Sylvia Tolly, married her, and settled near Assumption. At the age of 72, William Camac realized his dream and made the trip to Ireland.

Mrs. Camac's family, the Waddells came from Indiana. Verne Waddell came to Illinois and married Zella Hall. They settled near Bethany. The Waddell family is of Dutch and English ancestry.

The Camac children are: David Camac of Cambridge, Illinois; Gary Camac of Waverly, Illinois; Carol Camac Hill of Decatur; Lori Camac, 7th grader and James Camac, 2nd grader in Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL COFFMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Coffman moved to Moweaqua in 1951 to start farming. They had formerly lived in Heyworth, Illinois. Mrs. Coffman is an LPN at Eastern Star Home.

Mr. Coffman's grandfather lived in Tennessee, and his parents in Missouri. Mrs. Coffman's family had lived in Iowa and later in Michigan. Her people were Scottish, Irish and German.

The house in which they live belongs to Don Drew. Originally the house was built by E.M. Doyle who came to Moweaqua Township in 1863.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Coffman are: Joe Coffman, Assumption; James Coffman, Moweaqua; Lola Coffman Stedman, Moweaqua, and Jerry Coffman, Clinton, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. DON DAVIS

Mr. and Mrs. Don Davis live in section 34 Moweaqua Township. Mr. Davis works at Pittsburgh Plate Glass Industries.

Mr. Davis' grandparents came from Ireland.

The Davis children are: Bradley in the 8th grade and Marcia in grade 5, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. VERNE FULK

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Fulk farm east of Moweaqua. The first member of the family to come from Germany to New York state was Andrew Volch in 1678. In 1767, the family changed the spelling of their name to Fulk.

Mr. Fulks' grandfather Josiah Tyson Fulk moved from Fulks Runs, North Carolina to Macon County, Illinois.

Mr. Fulk's parents lived in Long Creek, Illinois where he was born.

Mrs. Fulk's family is of Irish descent and live in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Fulk have three sons: Leroy, lives in Moweaqua and farms; Robert, lives in Schaumburg, Illinois and coaches; Richard, who lives in Arlington Heights, Illinois is a coach.

There are 10 grandchildren in the family. The great grand-daughter, Elizabeth Marie Fulk has 12 living grandparents.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY HIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Hight farm in Moweaqua Township.

Mr. Hights grandparents and parents always lived and farmed in the Moweaqua area.

Larry, his wife Sandra, and their children are the third generation to live in a home on this site. The first house, purchased by Clyde Hight, Senior, burned.

Mrs. Sandra Rapps Hight was formerly a school teacher.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Hight are: Amy Linn in the 6th grade, and Todd Allen in the 4th grade, Moweaqua School.

Members of the family over 75 are: Mrs. Elizabeth Stump and Mrs. Christine Gregory.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD HOGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Hogan live east of Moweaqua. They moved here from Sullivan to be nearer their families. Mr. Hogan was formerly with State Police but is now in sub-surface farm drainage work. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hogan, Macon.

Mrs. Hogan, who is part-time radiological technologist at St. Marys Hospital is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Novota, Jr. of Moweaqua.

Mrs. Hogan's father was born in Hungary. Her mother's family came originally from Salesia, Germany.

Family members over 75 are: Mrs. Ella Hogan, 84, and Mrs. Steve Novota, Senior, 80.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT G. HUNTER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hunter have two daughters: Elizabeth Lu Ann in the fifth grade and SuEllen in the first grade in Moweaqua School.

Mr. and Mrs. Hunter live and farm north west of Moweaqua.

Mr. Hunters' people originally came from Scotland. His grandfather, Homer Hunter lives at Yantisville. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Hunter.

Mrs. Hunter, who was Alice Hemer is the daughter of Mr. Tom Hemer. Her father's family origin was German, and her mother's people were English and French.

MR. AND MRS. MARVIN JORDAN

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jordan farm east of Moweaqua in Moweaqua Township.

The first member of Mr. Jordan's family to be recorded in America was Edward Gregory who settled in Virginia. Mr. Jordan is the third generation of his family to live in the Moweaqua community. He is the present supervisor of the County Board.

Mrs. Jordan's family, Scotch-Irish-French live in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan have just completed a new home. The old house on the farm had been built in 1874. It was the home of Barney Mulligan and his descendants.

Children of Marvin and Betty Shanks Jordan are: Vera Jordan Hettinger, of Decatur, Beverly Jordan McQuiggan of Greenville and Betty and Judy at home.

Member of the family over 75 is Mrs. Grace Tyler Shanks.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH E. KRUG

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Krug live north and east of Moweaqua. Mr. Krug is co-owner of Hemer Fertilizer Company in Moweaqua. Mrs. Krug is a first grade teacher in the Macon Grade School.

Mr. Krug is the son of Ralph and Evelyn Githey Krug of Crawfordsville, Indiana. He graduated from Purdue University and became associated with Agrico Fertilizer Company.

Mrs. Krug is the daughter of Wayne and Maxine Hemer. She graduated from Lindenwood College in 1966, and in 1969 received her Master's degree from University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Krug live on the Henry G. Hemer homeplace.

MR. AND MRS. B. ARTHUR MARKHAM

Mr. and Mrs. B. Arthur Markham living east and north of Moweaqua have one daughter, Debra. The Markhams moved to their present location from Assumption to be nearer Mr. Markham's work. He is a steamfitter.

Mr. Markham's family is English on the paternal side and English also on the maternal (Adkins) side.

Mrs. Markham's family is German-Irish. Her people live in North Dakota, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

Mrs. Iva Adkins, grandmother is over 75 years of age.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM C. McLEOD

Mr. and Mrs. William C. McLeod live east of Moweaqua. They moved here from Assumption because they liked the school system. Mr. McLeod works at Firestone.

The house in which they live was built on land originally purchased from the railroad by the Thomas Porter family.

Antecedents of the McLeod family came from Ireland in the middle 1800's. Other ancestors come from England and Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. McLeod have four children; Tammy who attends High School in Moweaqua, Joseph and Aliese who attend Grade School and Lukus, who is one year old.

William McLeod's grandmother is 87 years of age. Shirley McLeod's grandmother Adkins is 82.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE MARMOR

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Marmor live east of Moweaqua in Moweaqua Township. Mr. Marmor has retired from farming, and his work at Staley's. He had also worked in the mine a few years, before the disaster.

Mr. Marmor's grandfather lived in German Ridge, Indiana. His parents had lived in Indiana, Ohio and Kentucky, moving to Illinois when Clarence Marmor was 9 years old.

Mrs. Marmor's family are descendants of Pennsylvania Dutch people.

The history of the farm land reads as follows: 1850 — Land granted by U.S. Government to State of Illinois; 1852 — Land deeded by State to Illinois Central Railroad; 1863 — Railroad sold land to William Stevens; 1869 — Railroad sold land to Edwin Stevens for \$30.00 per acre; 1871 — Edwin Stevens sold land to Christopher Schroll for \$37.27 per acre (He borrowed money in 1877 at 10% interest). 1911 — Schroll's heirs sold land to Eugene Harper; 1922 — E. Harper sold land to James and Martha Keller; 1946 — Keller heirs sold to Clarence and Maude Marmor.

Schrolls, Harpers, and Kellers each lived on the farm.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES MINOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Minott live in a new home north of Moweaqua. The house is located on the Stogsdill Estate.

James Minott is the son of William and Betty Dickerson Minott of Moweaqua. He is one of six children.

Susan Minott is the daughter of Oscar and Juanita Brown Travis Fleetwood. She has three sisters.

Mr. Minott drives a bulk truck for Fleetwood Oil Company. Susan Minott is an L.P.N. and helps drive the gas truck.

Children of James and Susan Minott are James in the 2nd grade, Laura in the 1st grade, Rachelle in Kindergarten in Moweaqua School. Debra, age 2 and Stacey age 1 are preschoolers.

MR. AND MRS. BILLIE MITCHELL

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Mitchell farm in Moweaqua Township. They moved here from Blue Mound, in 1965.

Mr. Mitchell's father was Walter Mitchell of Blue Mound. His widowed mother, Mrs. Faye Pumphrey Mitchell, now lives in Moweaqua. Mr. Billie Mitchell was born and grew up in Blue Mound.

Mrs. Mitchell is the daughter of the late Wayne, and Vera Lawler Damery. Mr. Damery's family came from Ireland. Mrs. Damery's parents came from Ohio to Illinois and were both Dutch.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Damery had bought the old Barber place, and moved there in 1955 from Blue Mound. The house on the property had been built in 1912. When Mrs. Damery became a widow in 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell joined her on the Moweaqua farm. Mrs. Damery's hobbies are quilting, sewing and embroidering. Shw was 75 in April, 1976.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell are: Pamela, at Illinois State University; Randy, at Lakeland College and Sharon, who is a Senior at Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH D. OTTA

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth D. Otta live east of Moweaqua. Mr. Otta farms and does electrical work. Mrs. Otta is a price development clerk at Staleys.

The Ottas are the third generation to live on the family farm. The founder of the family in America, August Otta came from Germany in 1863 when he was 19 years of age. He worked in Dorchester, Illinois. In 1868 he bought the farm that now belongs to Kenneth and Betty Otta.

Mrs. Otta's family are English and German.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Otta are, William H. Otta, Decatur, Illinois, Susan Otta Woodard, Moweaqua, Pamela Otta Arnold, Morton, Illinois, and Linda Otta, Decatur, Illinois.

Members of the family and their ages are, Mrs. Alma Baldrige — 86, and Mr. Horace Baldrige — 92.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER PARKS

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parks live in Moweaqua Township. Mr. Parks works at the Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Mr. Parks father was of English parentage and his mother of German. His grandparents had come to Moweaqua from Perry County, Indiana.

The farm on which Roger Parks and his family live has been in the Parks family since 1896. Benjamin Freeman and his family had homesteaded the land in 1837 and kept it until purchase by the Parks.

Mrs. Parks family, the Bledsaws live in Illinois.

Children of Roger and Donna Parks are: Julie in the 3rd grade and Jeffrey in the 2nd grade, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. DUDLEY PORTER

Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Porter live on the Porter farm, north of Moweaqua. Mr. Porter works at Caterpillar Tractor Company, Decatur. The farm has been in the family for three generations.

Mrs. Porter's family, the Dows came here from Ohio, and are of English descent.

The Porter children are: Janis Porter Turner, of Toledo, Ohio; Joe Porter, of Pekin, Illinois; Dudley Porter III, of Atlanta, Georgia and Marjorie Porter McPeak, of Dalton City. One son, Benjamin Porter is deceased.

Member of the family who is over 75 is Mrs. Frank McDuffee, of Wayne City, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. B. E. PRUETT

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Pruett moved to the Moweaqua community from Pana to be nearer his work at Caterpillar Tractor Co. They are building a new home.

The Pruett's have two daughters, Kimberly Dawn in the 7th grade, and Gayl Renee' in 3rd grade.

Mr. Pruett's great grandfather came from France. Mrs. Pruett's family are Irish and German.

Mrs. Pruett enjoys gardening and her husband collects coins.

MR. AND MRS. DUANE RARICK

Mr. and Mrs. Duane Rarick live in Moweaqua Township where Mr. Rarick farms. He is also a Commodity broker. Beverly works for Kelly Services in Decatur.

Mr. Rarick's parents and grandparents lived in the house he and his family now occupy.

Mrs. Raricks, who was Beverly Bunning is of German descent. Her family was founded by William Bunning who came here in the late 1800's from Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Rarick have two children: Sheri, a High School sophomore, and Jim, a seventh grader, in Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. EDWARD A. REISS

Mr. and Mrs. Reiss live in a new home they built in 1973. The Reisses had formerly lived in Pana and Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Reiss have five children, Kathy Lynn, a freshman in High School, David Keith in 8th grade, Darin Andrew in the 5th grade, Mark Edward in grade 4, and Carla Ann in the first grade. All in Moweaqua Unit School.

Mrs. Reiss' family, which is German and Irish, came to Illinois from Pennsylvania.

Mr. Reiss is a maintenance mechanic for Firestone Tire Company.

JAMES AND LaROSE SHEPPARD SPARLING, JR. RR 1

Jim's parents were Dr. J. L. and Elsie M. Sparling. He has a sister Mrs. Dean Klump (Mary Jane) of Jacksonville. His grandparents were Wm. H. Sparling, M.D. and Mrs. (Lyons) Sparling.

LaRose's parents were Clayton and Maude (Porter) Sheppard. LaRose had one brother Edmund killed in Service and one sister, Hildreth Sheppard Gregory Coffman who has a son Phillip.

James and LaRose farmers south of town, have two children, James and Allen.

WAYNE AND EVELYN DARLING WOOTERS RR #2 BOX 220

Wayne is a farmer and Evelyn a homemaker. They have three children, Neal, student at U of I, Brenda, student at Richland Community College and Karen, a student at Moweaqua Community School.

The first member of the family to come to America was Johannes Pontius. He and his brother, Nicholas, sailed from

Rotterdam, Holland on the British ship "Glasgow" via Cowes, England and arrived in America September 9, 1738 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. As was the custom, Johannes went immediately to the area settled by people of his own nationality in Berks County, Tulpehocken Township, Pennsylvania. Originally they were French Huguenots.

Benjamin F. Pontius, grandfather of Wayne, was born in Walnut Township, Pickaway County, Ohio before coming to Shelby County, Illinois. Wayne's paternal grandfather, George Levin Wooters, was born near Herrick, Illinois, and moved to a farm southeast of Moweaqua as a young man.

Wayne's parents, Glen Henry and Gladys Pontius Wooters, lived southeast of Moweaqua. They are deceased.

Wayne has always lived in the Moweaqua area except for the 2½ years he served in the Air Force.

Wayne and Evelyn's home was built around 1895. The farm is known as the Tolson farm. It was in the Tolson family from 1882 to 1956. After the death of Richard C. Tolson in 1953, his wife, Hester Smith Tolson, sold the farm in 1956 to Wayne and Evelyn Wooters. Mrs. Tolson lives in Moweaqua.

The nationality of Evelyn's family is a melting pot of many nationalities, German, English, Irish, and French. Her parents and grandparents lived in the state of Illinois. All are deceased.

MR. AND MRS. OWEN YANCY

Mr. and Mrs. Owen Yancy live in Moweaqua Township. They came here from Hardin County, Kentucky because of better employment possibilities. Mr. Yancy is a supervisor at Firestone in Decatur.

Mr. Yancy's grandparents lived, in their retirement, in Mount Washington, Kentucky. Rev. A. N. Yancy was a Methodist Minister. The parents of Owen Yancy are Owen and Margaret Yancy who live in Moweaqua.

Mrs. Yancy's mother lives on the family farm in Flaherty, Kentucky. The farm has been home to the Vorvels family for 42 years. The family is of Irish descent.

The children of Mr. and Mrs. Yancy are: Thomas, 9th grader, William, 8th grader, Terry, 6th grader in Moweaqua School, Amy Elizabeth Yancy is six months old.

Member of the family older than 75 is Mrs. Janie Paston of Bowling Green, Kentucky.

PENN TOWNSHIP

MR. AND MRS. CARL ADRIAN

Carl's parents are Oliver and Iva Little Adrian who farmed in Shelby County. Oliver was seven years old when he came from Germany to Newton area. Carl is one of thirteen children, nine living. One brother, Wayne lives in Findlay and Homer and John Adrian live in rural Findlay.

Elnor's parents were William and Ardith (Grace) Kiefling who farmed on Williamsburg Hill and in Shelby County. William's father came from Germany. Grace was Irish and Sioux Indian. Elnor was one of three children.

Carl and Elnor were married in 1946 and have helped farm in Macon and Shelby Counties. They have six

children, Bill of Assumption, Judy (Mrs. Charles McLain) of Bethany, Robert of Moweaqua, Daniel of Sullivan, David of Assumption and Kathy (Mrs. Mart Titus) of Sullivan. They have four grandchildren.

HOWARD ALWARD FAMILY (See page 243)

MR. AND MRS. W. HAROLD BUNNING

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Bunning farm on the S. J. Bradford property south and east of Moweaqua in Penn Township. Mr. Bunning has been on that farm since 1954.

Mr. Bunning is a descendant of Katherine Bunning who brought her family here from Germany many years ago. Harold Bunnings parents were William and Anna Bunning.

Mrs. Juanita Stombaugh Bunnings family live in Illinois.

Mr. Bunnings children are: Shirley Bunning Funk, of Hammond, Illinois; Beverly Bunning Rarick of Moweaqua and William H. Bunning, Jr. of Waterman, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES COFFMAN

Mr. and Mrs. James Coffman farm in Penn Township.

Mr. Coffman's parents live in Moweaqua area. Mrs. Coffman's parents in Blue Mound.

James and Linda Coffman have three children Deborah, in grade 2; Byron who is 3 years old and Bradley who is 9 months of age.

Approximate date the house in which the Coffmans live is 1873. It had been the home of the Goodwin family.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH COX

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Cox live in Penn Township where they farm.

The Cox children are: Marilyn, who is a student at St. John School of Nursing, Springfield and Alan who is an 8th grader at Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. PAUL CUTLER

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cutler live east of Moweaqua. Mr. Cutler farms and Mrs. Cutler works at the Kentucky Lithographing in Macon, Illinois.

Mr. Cutler's family has lived in the Moweaqua area for three generations. His activities include: Conservation officer of Shelby County, 1957-1962; Grain Warehouse Examiner, Dept. of Agriculture, 1969-1974; Member of Township officials, State of Illinois; Shelby county Republican Chairman; Member of Masonic Lodge 180 A.F. and A.M. and Springfield Consistory Ansar Temple.

Mrs. Cutlers family lives in Illinois and are of Irish descent. Mrs. Cutler is a member of the Eastern Star.

The Cutler children are: Larry, who farms east of Macon, Garry, who lives in Macon, and Debbie who attends the Decatur Memorial School of Nursing. The Cutlers have two grandsons.

MRS. GLADYS EKISS

Mrs. Gladys Ekiss lives in Penn Township on the farm to which her grandparents, the Henry Smulls, had come in 1874. The family had earlier lived in Pennsylvania and then in Stephenson County, Illinois.

Mrs. Ekiss attended West Center School, then Decatur High School. After graduation she taught at Ocean Wave School in Macon County.

The late Mr. Ekiss family was of German ancestry coming here from West Virginia.

Mrs. Ekiss and her late husband spent all of their lives in the same community, never living over 3½ miles from Sanner Chapel.

The children of Lloyd and Gladys Smull Ekiss are; Kenneth Ekiss of Moweaqua, and Wayne Ekiss of Irving, Illinois.

Hobbies are an important part of life to Mrs. Ekiss. She grows decorative gourds, collects bells, makes bead jewelry and creates dolls costumed as children who lived a century ago.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH L. EKISS

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Ekiss live on the County-line Road north of Moweaqua where they farm. The house in which they live was built in 1913.

Mr. Ekiss' people came from West Virginia to the Macon and Moweaqua rural areas.

Mrs. Ekiss is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willis F. Hartwig of Moweaqua.

Children of Betty and Kenneth Ekiss are Connie Ekiss Cutler of Macon, Illinois, Gwen Ekiss Steele of Dalton City, Marilyn J. Ekiss who attends Lakeland Junior College and Kathy S. Ekiss who is a high school student in Moweaqua.

Family members who are 75 years or older are Willis F. Hartwig, Grace Hartwig and Gladys Ekiss.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID GAITHER

Dave's grandparents, Earl and Edna Miller Smull have always lived around Moweaqua or Macon. His parents, Dick and Helen Smull Gaither live RR Bethany. Dave went to school in Bethany.

He married Kathy Walters, daughter of Robert and Catherine Gilmore Walters in 1966 and set up housekeeping three miles from his parents, in Grandma Edna Smull's home built in 1936. This is seven miles east and one mile north.

Kathy's great-great-grandfather was born in Ireland 1858, settled in Ohio. Kathy has three sisters and a brother, all living in Decatur. David has one sister, Mrs. Carl (Mary Ann) Stiner.

David and Kathy are parents of two children, Kimberly Michelle, 3rd grade, Jeffrey David, 5 years old.

David is employed at Long's Plumbing and also interested in farming and C. B. radio.

Kathy is a housewife and loves to sew, embroider and is 4-H Leader.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD L. HAYDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Richard L. Hayden have recently moved to Penn Township from Assumption. They were interested in being nearer to their family and church.

Mr. Hayden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Hayden of Shelbyville. He attended Findlay School and is now employed at Caterpillar Tractor Company.

Mrs. Hayden is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pierce. She attended Moweaqua School and Sparks Business College.

The Hayden home was built in 1941 by the late Ervil and Jennie Pierce.

Children of Richard and Gertrude Hayden are: John William in 2nd grade, David Richard in 1st grade in Moweaqua School, and Elizabeth Anne, age 3½ years.

Family member over 75 is Brace Pope, grandfather of Mrs. Hayden.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT HEMER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hemer farm in Penn Township.

Mr. Hemer's great grandfather came from Germany. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hemer of Moweaqua.

Mrs. Hemers' family are of German-Irish descent.

Children of Robert and Donna Hemer are: Jody, in the 5th grade and Douglas in the 8th grade, Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. DON HENRY, SENIOR

Mr. and Mrs. Don Henry, Senior farm east of Moweaqua in Penn Township. They came to Moweaqua area from Mt. Zion.

Mr. Henry's family came originally from Ireland. Moses Henry came from there in the 1600's to settle in Virginia. Three generations of Henrys have lived in Mt. Zion.

Mrs. Henry's family is of German descent and live in Illinois.

Their home was built in 1900 on land that had been a Sanner farm.

Don and Helen Henry have four children: Don Henry, Jr. of Moweaqua, Jill Henry Minott of Moweaqua, Tim Henry, of Sterling, Illinois and Jenna Henry in High School in Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. BILLIE HUNTER

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Hunter live in Penn Township because they wanted to live in a small town area. They had heard Moweaqua had a good school system.

The house in which they live was built by Jessie Burkett's father before there were any roads laid out.

Mrs. Hunters family is German. They came from Pennsylvania.

Children of the Hunters are Kevin, parttime student at Richland College and Diane, senior at Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID JACKSON

Mr. and Mrs. David Jackson live in Penn Township. Mr. Jackson is a farmer, who has always lived in this area.

Mrs. Jackson's family, the Donohos are of Scotch-Irish ancestry, who also live in Illinois.

The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Jackson live was formerly the Hawley home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jackson have one son, Randy, who is a first grader in Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. CLARK PIERCE

Mr. and Mrs. Clark Pierce live in Penn Township where they farm.

Jessie Pierce, who lived in South Carolina was the earliest known member of the family in America. His descendants migrated to Sullivan County, Indiana and then to Flat Branch Township in Shelby County. The great grandfather, Addison Pierce, was still alive when Clark Pierce was born.

Mrs. Pierce's mother's family lived in Minnesota. The great grandparents had come to America from Bergenard Aslo, Norway. On the paternal side of the family, the earliest member to come to this country was from Switzerland in the early 1700's. He was Frederick Reinhart Woltz and he settled in Pennsylvania. Later he moved to Ohio and then to Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce have three children: Gertrude Pierce Hayden, Moweaqua, Marie Pierce Gillett of Moweaqua, and Louis Pierce of St. Charles, Illinois.

MRS. MABEL ELMERS SANDERS

Mrs. Mabel Elmers Sanders, and her late husband, Francis Sanders farmed east of Moweaqua in Penn Township.

The father of the late Francis Sanders was an English man who came from the state of Kentucky and later settled in Illinois. He served 3½ years in the Civil War. His wife was Amanda Ellen Mitchell who came from Pennsylvania. There were 3 boys and 3 girls in the family.

Francis Sanders and his brothers, Ben and Park, bought the present Sanders farm from Charles Grain. Mrs. Sanders has lived there for 30 years.

Mrs. Elmers maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Krughoff left their home in Pathen Uffein, Germany to settle in North Prairie Community near Hayleton, (Washington) Illinois. Mr. Krughoff, according to a biographer, was carrying \$8,000 in gold sewed into a belt. He was ill from carrying such a burden. The family consisted of 5 boys and 5 girls.

The paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Elmers came from Hanover, Germany in 1857. They landed in St. Louis and later moved to Illinois, east of Moweaqua, where they homesteaded.

MR. AND MRS. DON SHUSTER

Mr. and Mrs. Don Shuster farm east of Moweaqua. Formerly from McLeansboro, Illinois, the Shusters came here because the land is better for farming.

The Shuster children are — Brent, who is in grade three, Janie, who is in kindergarten and Eric who is a preschooler.

Mrs. Shuster's family is of Indian, Irish and French descent. Her grandmother, Mrs. Jane Morgan, of Decatur is 75 years years of age.

PICKAWAY TOWNSHIP

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BLEAVINS

Mr. and Mrs. John Bleavins live in Pickaway Township in an old house they found and love. The house had at one time been the home of Cornelius (Neal) Tolly. It had been built in 1884. Other families who had lived there were Phil Stanleys, L. Tollys, John Rogks, Cyrus Weaklys and Waltzs.

Mr. Bleavins is an iron-worker. His family is of Dutch descent. The great, great grandmother, Ida Roberts, having come from Holland.

Mrs. Bleavins is of Dutch, English and Irish back-ground.

The Bleavins children are Yancy who is a 6th grader, Kent, a 5th grader and Brad who is in kindergarten.

MR. AND MRS. ARTHUR C. DOWNS

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Downs farm in Pickaway Township.

Mr. Downs family came from Wales to this country in 1791. They settled in North Hampton County, Pennsylvania in 1817. Grandparents of Arthur Downs live in Downs, Illinois in McLean County. His parents live in Pana.

Mrs. Downs family are of German ancestry. They came from Pennsylvania to Ash Grove Township in 1873.

Mr. and Mrs. Downs have one son, A. Duane Downs of Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. VERNE GOTTFREIDT

Mr. and Mrs. Verne Gottfreidt live southeast of Moweaqua where Mr. Gottfreidt farms. He also acts as security guard at St. Vincent's Hospital in Taylorville.

Mr. Gottfreidts family originally came from Holland to Illinois. His parents live in Marian, Indiana. The land Mr. Gottfreidt farms has been in the family since 1880, when Daniel Moll became owner. Since then the farm passed to Mary E. Weakley; to Daniel H. Weakley and then to Margaret A. Gottfreidt, who is Verne Gottfreidts mother.

Mrs. Gottfreidts family lives in Indiana and are also of Dutch origin.

The Gottfreidt children are; Gregory in grade 7; Jeanette in grade 6; Anthony in grade 3; and Tracy age 3.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE HEMER

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hemer live in Pickaway Township. Mr. Hemer farms.

George Hemer, great grandfather of Clarence Hemer came from Germany to settle in Indiana. The next generation of Hemers lived in Moweaqua area.

Mr. Hemers parents lived in Penn Township.

Mrs. Hemers family is Pennsylvania Dutch descent.

Mr. and Mrs. Hemers home was built in 1901.

MR. AND MRS. FRANK JOHNSON

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnson live in Pickaway Township. Mr. Johnson is a retired farmer, and presently Road Com-

missioner of the township. Mrs. Johnson has retired from her position in Decatur.

Mr. Johnsons paternal grandfathers family came from England in 1664. His maternal grandmother Mahoney from Ireland to Indiana.

Mr. Johnson came to Moweaqua from Moultrie County in 1955 to farm.

Mrs. Johnsons family ancestry is also English-Irish, living in Illinois.

Mrs. Johnson has two living children; Donald Walton of West Lafayette, Indiana and Paul Walton of Centralia, Illinois.

Members of the family who are 75 years or older are Esther Trigg, a sister, and T. R. Johnson, a brother.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD LANTER

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lanter live in Pickaway Township. They bought the house, which had been the home of Jim Jordan, the elder, because they wanted to live in the country.

Mr. Lanters grandparents live in Kentucky and his parents in Illinois.

Mrs. Lanters family background is German and Indian. Her grandparents live in Missouri.

The Lanters have two children; Dawn, aged 3 years and Bradley who is 9 months old.

Mr. Lanter works at the Caterpillar plant in Decatur. His hobby is drag-racing.

MRS. CECIL MATHIAS

Mrs. Cecile Mathias lives in Pickaway Township on the farm on which she and her late husband, Chester Mathias lived for sixty years.

Mrs. Mathias family, the Roneys came from Ireland. The great, great, great grandfather, Hercules Roney came from County Antrem, Ireland, about 1740 to Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Hercules Roney and seven of his sons served in the Revolutionary War. Eventually, members of the family came to Bethany area, Illinois, where they have lived for 3 generations.

Mrs. Mathias' home was built in 1900 on a site a little farther north. Later it was moved to the present location and remodeled from time to time.

Quilting is one of Mrs. Mathias hobbies.

MR. AND MRS. LELAND MATHIAS

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Mathias live and farm in Pickaway Township.

Mr. Mathias is the grandson of Cecile and the late Chester Mathias. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Emreson Mathias of Bethany.

The Mathias children are Darren, who is a fifth grader and Melanie, a second grader in Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH REED

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Reed live in Pickaway Township in Section 16. Mr. Reed works for Caterpillar Tractor Com-

pany in Decatur. He is the son of the the late George and Manie Reed.

Mrs. Reed is the daughter of Ivan and Bonnie Dick of Bethany.

The Reeds have an infant daughter named Bonnie.

Mr. Reed raises swine as a hobby. Mrs. Reed enjoys embroidery work.

MR. AND MRS. ED SCRIBNER

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Scribner live at Obed and are retired. Mr. Scribner was born at Pleak. The ancestors of his family came from England to Kentucky. Mr. Scribner's parents lived in Shelby County.

Mrs. Scribner's family was of German Ancestry. They lived in Bethany, Illinois.

The house in which Mr. and Mrs. Scribner live was built in 1838. Records show the owners from that time to be — Philo Hale, Caroline Hale, Edwin Hale, George Hott, Daniel Moll. In 1870 the leasees became Abediah Brinker, George Shafer, I.O. and O.T. Weakley, who officially represented the United Bretheren Church of Obed. The house became the parsonage

After the church burned, the house was subject to purchase again. Owners through the years: J. and C. Weakley, F. Carter, P. Oglesby, G. Shride, Ralph and Haldon Ayars, C. Weakley, G. Meryman, J. Pinkston and in 1944 — Ed Scribner.

Children of Ed and Beulah Scribner; Gene Scribner, Decatur; Lois Scribner Traster, Bethany; Edward Scribner, Assumption and Marie Scribner Yates of Kinmundys.

MR. AND MRS. MICHAEL WOND

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Wond live in Pickaway Township because they like country life.

Mr. Wond's family is of German descent.

Mrs. Wond's people are of Irish and Indian ancestry.

The Wond home is about 100 years old. It was formerly, the home of Katie Cutler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wond have two children; Tammy, who is a senior in High School and Sharon who is a fifth grader.

The wond family raises geese, chickens and peacocks as a hobby.

MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE WOOTERS

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Wooters farm in Pickaway Township.

Mr. Wooters' great, great grandfather Levin Wooters who was the first ancestor of record in the United States lived near Centralia, Illinois. His children and grandchildren have since lived in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County.

Mrs. Wooters' family, the Simcox are of Scotch-Irish and Dutch ancestry. They came from Pennsylvania to Ohio, Indiana, then to Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Wooters have lived on the same farm since 1938. Former owners of the land had been the Thompson estate, later Oscar Barr. The present home was built in 1954.

Members of the family over 75 are; Fern Clark Wooters, Leona Wooters Burgner and Ralph G. Wooters of Moweaqua. Lena Moore Simcox and Lillian Moore of Assumption.

PRAIRIETON TOWNSHIP

MR. AND MRS. HAROLD E. ADAMS

Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Adams live west of Moweaqua. They have two children Harold E., Junior a second grader, in Moweaqua School and Robert, age three years.

Mr. Adams is the son of Isome Adams and has always lived in Moweaqua.

Mrs. Adams was Patricia Brady.

Members of the family who are 75 years or older are Mrs. Clara Matthews, 75 of Taylorville and Mrs. Neal, 75, of Chicago.

MR. AND MRS. RAY ALBERT

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Albert live in Prairieton Township. They moved from Marion County for reasons of employment, and the desirability of this community.

Mr. Albert is an Auctioneer. Mrs. Albert is employed at the Eastern Star Home.

The first member of the family to come to this country was Michel Albert, who had come from Germany in the middle 1700's. Jacob and Patsy Young Albert came from Pennsylvania to become the first settlers in Marion County, Illinois.

Carl Albert, speaker of U. S. House of Representatives is third cousin to Ray Albert.

Children of Ray and Judy Donaho Albert are Stephen, who is a 4th grader and Amy, a pre-schooler.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH C. ANDERSON

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth C. Anderson live in rural Moweaqua. Mr. Anderson is retired from the U.S. Army and works for J. L. Simmons Company. Mrs. Anderson is an R.N. and works at the Americana Health Center.

The Andersons have two children: Joni, who is in the 9th grade and Pamela in the 6th grade.

Mr. Anderson's grandparents and parents live in Iowa. Mrs. Anderson's family lives in Kentucky.

Mr. Anderson's mother, Blanche Anderson is 83 years of age. Mrs. Anderson's grandmother, Allie Caudill is 83 years of age.

D. O. AND INEZ ANDREAS HANS AND ENGE KNOOP RR #1

The first member of the Andreas family in America was Rueben Andreas from Germany.

Dwayne and Inez moved to Moweaqua from Minnesota because the Company, Archer Daniels Midland, moved him here.

They have two daughters and one son. They have seven grandchildren. They all love the "Homestead" as Mr. Daniels' (former owner) named it.

The house was built in 1850 and owned by Daniels, Van Laws, Wheeler Adams, and Pontings.

MRS. EDITH ARTHUR

Mrs. Edith Arthur who is 86 years of age, lives west of Moweaqua. Until recently Mrs. Arthur was actively interested in her farm.

Henry Raybolt came from Germany to Ohio. Later he moved to Kenny, Illinois. He purchased land west of Rowell in Dewitt County for two dollars an acre. Mr. Raybolt was an uncle of Mrs. Arthur.

The house in which Mrs. Arthur lives was built fifty-five years ago. Mrs. Arthur enjoys her collection of old glass and china. She has the hobby of raising flowers.

HALDON BILYEU FAMILY See page 243)

MR. AND MRS. LARRY BILYEU

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bilyeu live in Prairieton Township. Mr. Bilyeu farms.

The Bilyeu family came from France, being descendants of Pierre Billiou (as the name was originally spelled). Pierre settled on Staten Island in 1661. Members of the family, in later years came to Illinois.

Mrs. Bilyeu's family live in Illinois, and are of German ancestry.

The home in which Mr. and Mrs. Larry Bilyeu live was the George Jacob's home, built in 1918.

Children of Larry and Margaret Bilyeu are: Mary, who is a 7th grader in Moweaqua School, Marcie, who is a pre-schooler, and Teresa who is a High School sophomore.

MR. AND MRS. ALVIN BLOSSER

Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Blosser live west of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township. Mr. Blosser is Illinois Central Depot Agent in Moweaqua. The Blossers moved here from Assumption to take the railroad position.

Mr. Blosser is a descendant of Isaac Blosser who came from Hawking County, Ohio to Illinois. His father, Alvin Blosser, owned one of the first saw mills located west of Moweaqua. Alvin had also, when young, worked at the Brickyard Kilns in the same area, called Gingerville.

Mr. Blossers' family, of English descent lived in Assumption.

Members of the family 75 years or older are the Mrs. Nellie Pinkston, Myrtle Lloyd, Sarah Adams and Lou Blosser.

MR. AND MRS. BERNARD D. CORNTHWAITE

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard D. Cornthwaite live west of Moweaqua in a house they built in 1972. They chose the site because it is timberland.

Mr. Cornthwaite is a carpenter, and Mrs. Cornthwaite is employed at Kentucky Lithographing Company.

Their family consists of Lynette Cornthwaite who is a Senior at Moweaqua High, and Mrs. Mary Krekel who is retired.

The Cornthwaite family came from England to settle around Hamilton, Ohio. Later, members moved to Elwin, Illinois.

Mrs. Cornthwaites' family, the Krekels, who are of German descent, settled near Burlington, Iowa, in 1844. They were wine-makers and ran an Inn in the early days.

RAYMOND E. AND KATHRYN DAY (See page 244)

MR. AND MRS. FLOYD DIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dial live in Prairieton Township. They have always lived in Illinois.

Mr. Dials' uncle, Joe, who lives in New Mexico is now 96 years of age. When he was 31 years of age he went to Oklahoma and homesteaded.

MR. AND MRS. JACK L. DIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Jack L. Dial live west of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township. Mr. Dial works as a fitter at Mississippi Valley. Mrs. Dial is Librarian at Moweaqua Public Library.

Mr. Dials' grandparents lived in Westervelt and Moweaqua. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Dial live in Moweaqua. Mr. Dial, who was in service 4 years was stationed in Kansas, Rantoul and Saudi Arabia.

Mrs. Dials' family are of Scotch-Irish-Indian ancestry. Her father, the late Ned Adams exhibited award-winning parade horses. While living in Oconee, Illinois. Her mother lives in Moweaqua.

Children of Jack and Mildred Dial are: Paul and Sally Dial, at home.

MR. AND MRS. JESSE DITTY, JR.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Ditty, Jr. live in Prairieton Township. Mr. Ditty has worked for Mueller Company for 23 years. He also operates a shoe repair shop at his home.

Mr. Ditty's parents, Jennie and the late Jesse Ditty lived in Oblong, Illinois.

Mrs. Mary Brown Ditty's parents, Helen May and the late James W. Brown lived in Decatur. The maternal grandparents, Sam and Allie May came to Illinois from Pennsylvania.

The children of Jesse and Mary Ditty are: Tony, of Decatur, Donald, in the Navy in Charleston, S.C., and John, a junior at Moweaqua High School.

Family members 75 years or more, Allie May, 95 years of age, Charles Edwards, 75 and Bud and Vera Adams, 79 and 75 respectively.

MR. AND MRS. GEORGE DOBSON

Mr. and Mrs. George Dobson live east of Radford, in Prairieton Township. They came here in 1950 from Kansas. Mr. Dobson's work has been in purchasing departments of hotels, and later for Boeing in Wichita. He is now retired. Mrs. Dobson is a retired teacher, formerly in Mt. Zion and Assumption Community Units.

Mr. Dobson's family is of English descent. His grandfather, George Dobson came to this country from England and settled in Cerro Gordo. George Dobson is the son of the late Dr. J. W. Dobson of Moweaqua.

Mrs. Dobson's family is of French descent. Her great grandfather, Joseph Rousseau came from the Province of Quebec to Detroit, Michigan in 1844.

Children of George and Patricia Dobson are: Paul, of Oakland, California, and Claire Dobson Schmelzer, of New Brighton, Minnesota.

MRS. NETTIE GORDON
RR #1

Nettie's parents are James and Nancy Kinder Dinkins who lived west of Moweaqua and moved to Moweaqua. They lived where Jake Bilyeu and recently Zindel, now new home of Jerry Davis. Nettie was 1 of 5 children, Mary married Charles Kramer of Sangamon Co., Maggie Mae married Joe Seybold of Moweaqua, Myrtle Smith married Frank Smith of Taylorville (Frank is 101 yrs. in Feb. and living), Carrie married Henry Jacobs and now is in Lincoln Manor Nursing Home, 96 yrs. old, and Nettie who will be 91 on May 30, 1976.

Nettie (Jeanette) married Louis Gordon in 1905.

Louis's parents are Isham and Effadilla Workman Gordon. Louis was 1 of 7 children. Louis was 89 when he deceased.

Louis and Nettie had only one child, Mildred who married Fred Klarman of Moweaqua. They have one son, Dr. William Louis Klarman a Professor in University of Maryland.

MR. AND MRS. THOMAS J. GORDEN

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Gordon live in Prairieeton Township where Mr. Gordon farms. Mrs. Gordon is a registered nurse.

Mr. Gordon's great-grandparents who had lived in Kentucky moved to Illinois about 1860. They were William Gordon and Lydia Ribelin Gordon. His grandparents were Thomas J. Gordon and Libbie Lamb Gordon. His parents, the Glenn Gordon and Gertrude Hoffman Gordon.

Mrs. Gordon's parents are the late Andrew Corby, who lost his life in the Mine disaster, and Mrs. Ann Miller, of Moweaqua. The family was of Czechoslovakian and German descent.

The Gordon home was built in 1927 by Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Gordon.

Children of Thomas and Mary Ann Corby Gordon are: Scott Gordon of Mattoon, Mark Gordon and Linda Gordon at home.

Mr. AND MRS. HERMAN F. HAGUE

Mr. and Mrs. Herman F. Hague live in Prairieeton Township. Mr. Hague works for the Norfolk and Western Railroad. His people have lived in Christian County for three generations coming originally from Ohio. Mrs. Hague's people were French and German. Her mother came from Louisiana.

Mr. and Mrs. Hague have four daughters: Joan Hague Harris, in Colorado; Shirley Hague Gibbs, in Colorado, Gloria Hague Hammond, in Texas and Linda Hague Warnke, who also lives in Colorado.

MR. JAMES HASTINGS

Mr. James Hastings farms north of Moweaqua. His wife, the late Chloe Miller McMurty Hastings, died in January 1975.

Mr. Hastings parents had lived in Macon County. His father, Joe Hastings came from Massachusetts to the Macon County community. His mother, Anna Whitehead Hastings was from Ohio, and was of English descent.

The late Mrs. Hasting's family, the George Millers lived in McLeansboro, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID HUCKSTEP

Mr. and Mrs. David L. Huckstep live in Prairieeton Township. They came here from Assumption. Mr. Huckstep's business is building bins.

Mr. Hucksteps parents and grandparents have always lived in Arcola.

Mr. Hucksteps family, in this country began with Jeremiah Northcutt who was of Welsh descent. He fought with the Colonial Army in the Revolutionary War, and was present at the battle of Yorktown when Cornwallis surrendered. Many years later, family members settled in this area and in Assumption.

The children of David and Beverly Blosser Huckstep are: David, in the fifth grade, and Cynthia, age 7 months.

Family members 75 years or older are: Sarah Adams, 83 and Lou Blosser, 75.

MR. AND MRS. ROY R. JOHNSTON

Mr. and Mrs. Roy R. Johnston have farmed in Prairieeton Township for 30 years.

Mr. Johnston's grandfather, came from Scotland in 1851 at the age of 8, to this country. He settled in Springfield. On the maternal side of the family, great-grandmother Mitts came from Germany, and lived in Springfield.

Mrs. Johnston's family, the Gilletts were descendants of Augustine Curdts who came to Illinois from Germany.

Children of Roy and Marcella Gillett Johnston are: Mary Marie Johnston Maurer of St. Louis, Arlene Johnston House, of Taylorville, and Tony Johnston, sophomore at Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. JOSEPH E. KINWORTHY

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Kinworthy live in Prairieeton Township.

Mr. Kinworthy was born in Granite City, Illinois.

Mrs. Kinworthy was born in Pell City, Alabama where her family still lives. The family is German-Irish.

The Kinworthy's came here from Alabama because of job locations in Decatur.

Children of Mrs. and Mrs. Kinworthy are: Brent, Amy Jo and Tyrone and Jeremy who are twins.

HANS AND INGEBURG SCHOLZ KNOOP
RR #1

Hans is the son of Friedrick and Marie Bobzin Knoop. His father of Province of Mecklenbur Warnow, Germany was a railroad engineer with German Railroad System for fifty-two years. Marie was a housewife from Goldberg, Germany. They had five children. Karl Knoop worked for the German Railroad, Fritz Knoop died on the German side in World War II in Russia, Charlotte married Theo Hax who

works for West German Government at Frankfurt-Main, Hans of Moweaqua and Ernest died in Denmark during World War II.

Ingeburg's parents were Rudolph and Elfriede (Viol) Scholz. Rudolph was a railroad engineer in Germany. She was one of three children, Ingeburg of Moweaqua, Eberhard, a merchant in Frankfurt-Main, and Ursula married Oehlert, a retired carpenter.

Hans and Ingeburg married in 1943 in Germany. He was a soldier in World War II, a prisoner of War in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina in 1943-46. They married in June and he became a prisoner of war in September. He went back to Germany, lived at home in East Germany and escaped in 1950 to West Germany. The lived in Frankfurt-Main and came to U.S. in 1957. They were sponsored by the Lutheran Church in Minnesota.

Hans was a food service supervisor and manager for Minnesota Mining and Wilder Foundation 1960-73. Since 1973 they have worked for Mr. & Mrs. Andreas as caretaker-managers.

They have three children, Hans married Kathleen Milligan of Scottish descent. They have a son. Thomas married Rhonda Kuehl of St. Paul, Minnesota and works for Coca-Cola and in college. Wilfried married Terry Giesen and lives in Green Bay, Wisconsin. He is manager for Finance Corp. AVCO.

Hans learned to speak English in college in Germany. He improved on English when prisoner of war.

"I thought Moweaqua was very southern and the air very clean compared to Minneapolis-St. Paul. Whenever I come in contact with people, I think they were extremely nice. We like our work here."

MR. AND MRS. FRED KUNZMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kunzman live west of Moweaqua. Mr. Kunzman works for U. J. Austin.

Mr. Kunzman's grandfather, Frederick Kunzman came from Germany to New York State. Mr. Kunzman's parents live in St. James, Missouri.

Mrs. Kunzman's family have lived in Southern Illinois for many years. Her great-grandmother was a cousin of President Andrew Jackson. When President Jackson officially visited New Orleans, Mrs. Kunzman's great-grandmother and her grandmother, then a girl, traveled to Louisiana by ox-cart from Illinois to visit their famous relative.

The Kunzmans have one daughter, Shirley Kunzman Jones of Taylorville, Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. CLARENCE LAMBDIN

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lambdin, who have retired from farming, live in Prairieton Township.

Their home was originally the Radford residence and is about 150 years old. The house and land were purchased by Mr. and Mrs. James Lambdin, in 1902. Clarence and Rhea Lambdins covered the house with brick and made it an all electric house in 1957.

Mr. and Mrs. Lambdin both taught school in Shelby, Coles and Christian counties before they began farming.

Mr. Lambdin was a county assessor for 23 years in Christian County.

Rhea Wright Lambdin's first ancestor to come to this country was Obedia Wright, of Dutch descent. He settled in Bristol, Tennessee, and later in Missouri. Mrs. Lambdin's grandparents lived in Crawford County, Missouri. Her parents, Albert Claude Wright and Effie McIntosh Wright lived their early married life in Oklahoma. Some years later they went back to Missouri. The family finally moved to Illinois in 1925, attracted by the lushness of the countryside.

Clarence and Rhea Lambdin have three children: Barbara Lambdin Jones, of Assumption, Anita Lambdin Gaither of Panama City, Florida and Clarence Lambdin of Kyoto, Japan.

MR. AND MRS. WAYNE LUNSFORD

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lunsford who live in Prairieton Township came here six years ago from Iowa.

Mr. Lunsford works for Larry Bilyeu on the farm.

Mr. Lunsford's hobby is fishing. Mrs. Lunsford does ceramics.

MR. AND MRS. RICHARD LAYMON

Mr. Richard Laymon teaches in the Moweaqua School system. He and his wife and family live west of Moweaqua in a house built in 1875. The house had been owned by the Adams family.

Mr. Laymon's family moved from Pennsylvania to Ohio. Later they moved to Illinois.

Mrs. Laymon's family were Anglo-Saxons—leaving England to journey to Charles County, Virginia in 1630. There are also German ancestors in her family.

The Laymon's children are all students in Moweaqua Unit School. They are: Douglas, a sophomore; Paul, a Freshman; Thomas, in the sixth grade and James Laymon, in the first grade.

Mrs. Elsie Ford, Mrs. Laymon's grandmother is 92 years of age.

MRS. MOLLIE LICKLIDER

Mrs. Mollie Licklider and her late husband, W. J. Licklider farmed northwest of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township. They also raised poultry and were famous for their capons.

Mr. Licklider was the son of Frank and Mary Bowen Licklider. He was born in Missouri.

Mrs. Licklider was Mollie Carr. Her parents were Thomas and Ida Carr. She was born in Missouri, but moved with her family, in 1906, to Illinois. They were German-Irish.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Licklider moved here in 1942. Mr. Licklider died in 1962.

Mrs. Licklider raises beautiful house plants.

RAY AND HARRIET ENLOW LOCKWOOD RR #1

Ray Lockwood was born in Ohlman, Illinois, October 6, 1900. His parents were James Edward and Mary Lois Linn Lockwood. Ray had 5 brothers and 2 sisters. The sisters died

at an early age. His brothers, Howard, Jimmie, Toney, and Otis are deceased. Earl is still living and married Opal Brewer. They have one daughter Vivian. Earl lived on the Snyder farm, south of Moweaqua for 13 years, then moved to Taylorville. He was employed as a carpenter until his retirement. Ray lived on a farm with his parents, southwest of Moweaqua on Flat Branch, the Ike Barnes farm near Meridian Bridge.

Ray's father won several prizes playing his violin at Old Fiddlers Contests, in the hall at Moweaqua and in Macon. Ray accompanied him on the guitar or piano, and also played the violin.

Ray's father James, was the town marshall in Herrick in the early 1890-s.

Ray married Harriet Enlow March 1, 1924. They had 9 children; one daughter died at birth. They have 4 sons and 4 daughters, namely, Raymond, Richard, Robert, Ralph, Shirley, Mary, June, and Donna. They have 21 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. Ray and Harriet lived most of these years on a farm, but quit farming in 1951. They retired from Millikin University in 1967 and moved to the Roy Snyder Lake Home near Moweaqua where they now reside.

MR. AND MRS. LEON LOVALL

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Lovall live jut east of Radford in Prairieton Township.

Mr. Lovall farms for Robert Hunter.

The Lovalls have 2 daughters, Pamela, a freshman in high school and Susan a 7th. grader in Moweaqua School.

Mr. Lovall's family came from England. William Harding Lovall came from England to Indiana in the late 1700s.

Mrs. Lovalls people are of German ancestry.

Members of the family over 75 years of age are Mr. Lovall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hughey Thompson.

MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM MAHONE

Mr. and Mrs. William Mahone live west and north of Moweaqua in a new home built in 1972.

Mr. Mahone's grandfather, Michael Tirpak, came from Czechoslovakia to Pennsylvania and then to Moweaqua to work in the mine. Mr. Mahone, who had lived in Chicago, came to Moweaqua to live with his grandparents because he liked the small town atmosphere.

Mrs. Mahone's ancestry is Dutch-English-Irish.

The Mahone's have three children: Lori, a high school student in Moweaqua school, James of Lincoln, Illinois and Alan of Moweaqua.

MR. AND MRS. ELMER MARSHALL

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Marshall live north of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township. Mr. Marshall farms the John Simpson place and also serves as Road Commissioner of the Township.

The first Marshall came from Northern Ireland and were of Scottish ancestry. They settled near Bellefont, Pennsylvania in 1791. The family home is still standing. Grandparents of Elmer Marshall moved to Illinois in 1863 and settled in the Prairie Home area, building a home near

Friendship School house. One of the sons, James, who married Bessie Scribner was Elmer Marshall's father.

Mary Clark Marshall's grandparents came to Illinois from Pikeston, Ohio. The family was of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. They settled near New Holland, Illinois, and then moved to Lake City, Illinois. Later, the Clark family bought a farm south of Bethany. Most of the land is now Lake Shelbyville.

The house in which the Marshalls live has 3 rooms which were the original house built over 100 years ago. The land at the time was nearly all timber. John Simpson re-modeled the house in 1940.

Children of Elmer and Mary Marshall are: Lonnie, of Willoughby, Ohio, Janet Marshall Morrell, of Moweaqua and Samuel, at home.

MR. AND MRS. DANNY MORRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Danny Morris live west of Moweaqua in the home they build in 1972. Mr. Morris is a computer programmer for Caterpillar Tractor Co.

Mr. Morris' family came to this country originally, from England. His grandparents live in Arkansas, and his parents in Missouri.

Mrs. Morris' grandfather, Hanko Bohlen came from Germany. Her mother's family, the Bilyeus, are French and Dutch.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris have two daughters; Stacy, who is in the kindergarten in Moweaqua Grade School and Dana who is three years old.

Mr. Morris' grandmother, Mrs. Rogers, and Mrs. Morris' grandmother, Mrs. Bohlen, are both over 75 years of age.

MR. AND MRS. DENNIS H. MORRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis H. Morris lives west of Moweaqua in Prairieton Township. They built their home in a location of their choice. The Moweaqua school system also influenced their decision.

Mrs. Morris' family is of Irish, German and Swedish ancestry. Her maternal great-great-grandparents came from Sweden to Chicago in 1869. During the Chicago Fire they were separated for 2 weeks, added to the confusion of the situation in the city, they could not speak English. Her paternal grandparents came from England to Virginia.

The Morris' children are Robin and Dennis, both in grade school.

The family likes horses and plans to raise them as a hobby.

MR. AND MRS. FRANCIS MOTT

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Mott live west of Moweaqua. They came here in 1952. Mr. Mott is self-employed and Mrs. Mott works at Ayars State Bank. Mr. Mott's family has lived in Johnson County, Illinois for three generations. Mrs. Mott's came from Pulaski County, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Mott have three children; Dan Mott who teaches Science and Biology Lab at Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, Peggy Mott Allison of Assumption, and Steven Mott of Moweaqua.

The Mott's have 4 grandsons.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD MYERS

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Myers live east of Moweaqua in Flat Branch Township. Mr. Myers is a supervisor for Inland Telephone Company.

The 40 acres on which the Myers family lives was purchased from the U.S. Government in 1846 by James Howse. It later became the property of the late Albert and Ethel Pearson Harris, parents of Mrs. Myers.

Donald Myers is the son of Charles and Marie Hott Myers of Moweaqua. His great-grandfather was Nathan T. Skiff, who was born in 1840 and died in 1920. He served 4 years in the Civil War and was a member of G.A.R. Post in Moweaqua.

Mr. Skiff manufactured medicines, in Moweaqua. One was a liniment and the other a blood purifier and tonic. The trade-name was Nafski — three letters from each of Nathan Skiff's names. Formulas were registered with the government and in 1918 a company was incorporated. The medicine sold as far away as Oklahoma, Texas and Nebraska.

Children of Janice and Donald Myers are: Michael, Diane, and Thomas.

ROBERT AND NORMA NICHOLS NEWCOME

Robert is the son of Charles and Pearl Hardin Newcome of Moweaqua. His brother Haldon James married Lillie Mae Bushman. He deceased fifteen years ago. Haldon was in the restaurant business in Moweaqua and Decatur.

Norma is the daughter of Marshall and Mildred Marshall Nichols, who farmed in Prairieton Township. Marshall came from Vandalia to this area to farm as a teenager. She is one of eight children.

Robert's mother Pearl married Dallas Coburn. They had a restaurant "Coburn's Cafe" in Moweaqua for thirty years or more. Later they moved to Decatur and continued in restaurant business until retirement in 1958. Dallas died in 1974. Pearl lives in her home in Decatur.

Robert and Norma married in 1941. Both worked at Coburn's Cafe, lived in Maroa and Decatur for twenty years before returning to Moweaqua. Bought acreage in country in 1969 where their home is now. Bob worked at Staley's twenty-four years until health caused retirement. Norma works at St. Mary's Hospital.

They have six children. Beverly married Bob Griffith and lives in Dallas with three children. Pat married Ron Long and lives in Decatur. Sue married Terry Smith and lives west of Moweaqua with their three children. Brenda married Tom Sargeant of Decatur and has one child. Robert lives at home and works at Caterpillar in Decatur. Tami is a senior in high school and a checker at Fathauer's.

Hobbies are gardening and flowers. Also, they raise rabbits.

OLLIE NICHOLS

Ollie is the daughter of John W. and Millie Jane (Hays) Boyer who came from Pennsylvania and settled one mile south of Moweaqua. Ollie remembers her father clearing off the timber when she was very young. The land north of this house was once the Moweaqua Golf Course, now the Oliver Morrell Subdivision.

Ollie was one of three children; Ollie will be 93 on July 5, 1976. John Boyer, father of Russell Boyer, and Dale Boyuer. She went to school at Pleasant Flower, south of town two miles. She had two years in high school. Dr. K. L. Pistorius' mother, Emma Baumgarten was Ollie's teacher. She treasures a little picture card Miss Emma gave her.

Elmer's parents were George W. and Susan Kathryn (Smith) Nichols who were farmers around Blue Mound. If

Elmer and Ollie were married in Leap Year 1904 and lived at present location. They built this home in 1919. They raised all kinds of stock mostly cattle and farmed.

One son, Clyde lives in Blythe, California. They raised a girl 12 years old, Loca Pummill Hawthorne, until she married. Loca lives in Ramsey.

Elmer died in 1967 at age 89 yrs. They were married 63 yrs.

Ollie was a Charter Member of Charter Oak Club.

MR. AND MRS. DWIGHT PARKER

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Parker live in rural Moweaqua. Mr. Parker works at Caterpillar Tractor Company. Mrs. Parker is employed at the Village Mall Beauty Salon.

Mr. Parker's grandparents lived in Kentucky and his parents in McLeansboro, Illinois.

The Parker family moved here because they wanted a small acreage in the country.

Children of the Parkers are: Debora, Gary and Kristine.

Members of the family 75 years an older is Mrs. Rose Jumper of Jacksonville, Illinois.

MRS. MARY PUMPHREY

Mrs. Mary Pumphrey lives in the home she and her late husband, Eddie M. Pumphrey, enjoyed for 14 years. The farm is located in Prairieton Township, section 27.

Mrs. Pumphrey and her husband raised unusual breeds of chickens as a hobby.

MR. AND MRS. SAMUEL RETTIG

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rettig live in Prairieton Township. Mr. Rettig is a retired farmer.

Mr. Rettig's grandfather, Ezekiel Prescott came from England to Moweaqua when there were only 4 houses, here. He roomed and boarded at one of the homes, and later married a daughter of the family, Mary Taylor. Theirs was the first marriage in the newly established town.

Jacob Rettig, who came from Germany to Bucyrus, Ohio was Samuel Rettig's father.

Mrs. Rettig's family is of French and German descent.

Children of Samuel and Marie Rettig: Lewis, of Hobart, Indiana, Cynthia R. Spoon of Hobart, Indiana, and Donna R. Wyant, at Rettig's home. Two grandchildren, Brenda and Richard Wyant also live with Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Rettig.

MRS. C. F. RUSSELL

Breeze Hill Farm and Gardens, Moweaqua, Illinois, R. #1 is the home of Mrs. C. F. Russell (Freda). In 1940 the

Russells bought their home and restored the old house on the hill, then set about building their gardens. There are now more than fifty kinds of trees amid the many shrubs. It has long been known as a Wildlife Sanctuary and a place to study nature.

The old house, now some 140 years old, was built by Elizabeth and Ellington Adams. In 1838 they secured a land title and built a four room house, later adding four more rooms. The land title signed by President Martin VanBuren was given to the Russells by the late Charley Adams, a grandson of Elizabeth and Ellington.

A family cemetery was started when one of their young sons died and was buried under his favorite tree. The cemetery is on the highest point of the hill and just west of the house. It is known as the Adams-Gordon Cemetery.

Elizabeth's father was Randal Gordon. Elizabeth and Ellington lived out long lives here on the hill and are buried in the family cemetery as are most of their ten children.

Mr. Russell's ancestors were the Radford's of Assumption, Radford Station was named for the first Radford that settled in that territory. At one time Reuben Radford and Abraham Lincoln ran a grocery store at New Salem, Illinois.

Since Mrs. Russell has retired from her business in Decatur, she has added to the gardens a two acre park and a miniature zoo. There are now miniature Mediterranean donkeys, miniature pygmy goats, peacocks, white Chinese geese etc.

MR. AND MRS. CARL SEIFERT

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Seifert live in the home his uncle, John Seifert, had purchased from Jacob Bilyeu in 1927. Carl Seifert an agent for State Farm Insurance Company.

Mr. Seifert's grandfather came from Germany and settled in Cannelton, Indiana. Julius and Freida Seifert, Carl's father and mother, also lived in Cannelton. When Mrs. Julius Seifert died, Carl, age 3 was brought to Illinois to be raised by John and Mamie Seifert.

Mrs. Bonnie Moore Seifert is the daughter of Owen and Pearl Moore.

The Carl Seifert's have two sons: Roger, who married Cythia Cox and David, who married Debra Miller. Both young couples live in the Moweaqua area.

MR. AND MRS. ROGER SHEWMAKER

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Shewmaker live in Prairieton Township where they operate a greenhouse specializing in house-plants. Mr. Shewmaker farms with his father and brother, Steve. The family also raises registered shorthorns.

Mr. Shewmaker is the son of William and Melissa Carr Shewmaker. Formerly he worked for the Farm Seed Research Company in Boone, Iowa.

Mrs. Shewmaker was formerly Christian Education Director for Eastview Christian Church in Bloomington. Her parents, Josie and the late Curtis Martins, had lived in California and Oklahoma. Dixie Martin Shewmaker's father's people were French and English. They were the first families to settle in Northern Arkansas from Tennessee. Her mother's people were German.

WILLIAM AND MELISSA CARR SHEWMAKER RR #1

Will Logan Shewmaker came to Moweaqua from Kentucky to shuck corn. He married Lena Moss, daughter of John Louis and Alice Moss in 1917 and they had 6 children, Eloise, Evelyn, William, twins Keith and Kenneth and Velma.

Will died in 1932. Lena and children continued to live east of Moweaqua where the children attended Long Grove School. In 1942 she bought the home in Moweaqua at 104 N. East.

Lena married Theodore Johnson in 1958 and lived in Nokomis. After Theodore died in 1969, she moved back to Moweaqua until her death in 1971.

William, son of Will and Lena married Melissa A. Carr, daughter of Bernard and Pearl Myers Carr of Macon. In 1951 Bill and Carl Seifert started custom farming in this area.

In 1963 they bought the former Emma Snyder farm and home 1½ miles north of Moweaqua. William now farms for his own.

Melissa and Bill have four children, Roger married Dixie Martin from California. They have Shewmaker's Green House at the old Hays farm. Steve married Pamela Younker. Both Roger and Steve farm with their father. Judy is a senior in High School and Brent is a sophomore.

In 1974-75, the William Shewmaker's kept the foreign exchange student Elisbeth Klingest from Holte, Denmark (10 miles from Copenhagen). Will and Melissa visited Elisbeth and her family for 3 weeks in March 1976. Elisbeth is taking two more years of schooling and hopes to finish her education in U.S.

Her parents are making plans to visit the Shewmakers in the near future.

MR. AND MRS. MAYNARD C. SIMMONS

Mr. and Mrs. Maynard C. Simmons live in Prairieton Township. Mr. Simmons is a machinist at Superior Welding Company.

Mr. Simmons family has lived for many years in the Cowden community.

Mrs. Simmon's family, who are of German and English descent came to Illinois from Iowa.

The Simmons moved to Moweaqua to be nearer Mr. Simmon's work.

Children of Maynard and Bernadine Burrus Simmons are: Gary, of Moweaqua, Robert, of Moweaqua, and Lucinda, senior at Moweaqua High School.

MR. AND MRS. TERRY SMITH

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith live north of Moweaqua. Mrs. Smith was Sheryl Newcome. Her family and Mr. Smith's family had lived in Moweaqua.

The Smiths have three children: Lisa, who is a fourth grader and Jason, who is a first grader. Justin Michael, the new-born arrived February 14, 1976.

Their property was a clearing made by the Adams family who supplied timber for the Moweaqua Mine.

MR. AND MRS. LAWRENCE STEFFEN

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Steffen have three children; Larry, who attends Moweaqua High, Jimmie in Moweaqua Grade School, and Retha Steffen McCarty.

Mr. Steffen works for A. W. Cash Value Manufacturing Co., Decatur. His grandparents came from Germany to Pennsylvania. Later the family lived in Dieterichs, Illinois. Mr. Steffen's father, Nicholas Steffen is 80 years of age.

Mrs. Steffen's family are of Dutch and Irish ancestry. The family name is Hooper.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES STINER

Mr. and Mrs. Stiner live north and west of Moweaqua on the Hodge farm. Mr. Stiner works for Midway Sail Center, in Moweaqua. Mrs. Stiner is employed at K's Merchandise Mart in Decatur.

James Stiner is the son of Charles and the late Ruth Perryman Stiner. He is one of seven children.

Vivian Stiner is the daughter of Fred and Ruth Furnish Rambo. There are six children in her family.

James and Vivian Stiner have always lived in Moweaqua. They have two children: Charles, in the 5th grade and Gina in the 2nd grade, Moweaqua School.

Family hobbies are bowling, camping, fishing and trapping.

MR. AND MRS. HARLEY STOMBAUGH (See page 244)

MR. AND MRS. MONROE SULLIVAN

Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Sullivan live west of Moweaqua on the Continental Oil Company tract. They came here from Indiana because of job transfer. Mrs. Sullivan's family was German. Her grandparents had lived in Moweaqua but moved to Pana where her father was a miner. The family name was Pudlas.

Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan have three children: Father Vance Sullivan O.F.M. of Rockford, Illinois, Annette Sullivan Siegrried, of Springfield and Michael Sullivan of Springfield.

MR. AND MRS. DAVID THOMPSON

Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson moved to Moweaqua to be near his work. He is employed at Firestone Company.

David Thompson is the son of Harvey and Lois Thompson of Moweaqua. The Thompsons came here from Indiana.

Anita Thompson is the daughter of Vincent and Doris Meisher of Raymond. The family has lived there for three generations.

David and Anita Thompson are interested in water skiing, and stock car racing as hobbies.

MR. AND MRS. MARTIN TRAUGHBER

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Traughber live on their farm north and west of Moweaqua.

Mr. Traughber is the son of the late Ira and Ruth Gordon Traughber. Moweaqua has always been his home.

Mrs. Traughber is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Fearn. They lived formerly in Nokomis.

Children of Shirley and Martin Traughber are Cheryl Traughber Rowe of Bethany and Mark Traughber of Decatur.

Mrs. Traughber knits as a hobby and Mr. Traughber who works at Mississippi Valley, hunts and fishes for relaxation.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES D. TURNER

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Turner live in rural Moweaqua. Mr. Turner is manager of a lumber yard.

Mr. and Mrs. Turner have two children, Jason, aged 4 years and Jolene, age 1 year.

Mr. Turner's grandparents lived in Utah and Kansas. His parents lived in Illinois. Mrs. Turner's parents have lived in Montana and are now in Illinois. Her family's origins were Scotch, Dutch, Irish and English.

Members of the families were farmers, preachers and school teachers.

MR. AND MRS. JAMES TURNER

Mr. and Mrs. James Turner live in rural Moweaqua. They moved here from Decatur because they wanted life in the country. Mr. Turner works for Mississippi Valley Structural Steel Company.

Kentucky is the home of Mr. Turner's parents and grandparents. Mrs. Turner's family is of English descent and live in Illinois.

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT VATTHAUER

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vathauer, who live in Prairieton Township, farm. The house in which they live has been the home of three generations of the Vathauer family.

Mrs. Vathauer's family on the paternal side came from Denmark, sometime in 1800s. Her father and mother lived in North Dakota.

The Robert Vathauers have two children Ricky Gene Bouvet, a freshman in high school and Jeffrey Lynn Bouvet, an 8th grader in Moweaqua School.

MR. AND MRS. RONALD VAN SCYOC

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Van Scyoc live in rural Moweaqua. Mr. Van Scyoc works at Staley Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Van Scyoc's parents live in Cerro Gordo, Illinois.

Mrs. Van Scyoc's parents live in Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Scyoc moved here from Decatur to raise animals, and to enjoy living in a small town area. Mrs. Van Scyoc's hobbies are plants and liquid embroidery. Mr. Van Scyoc's hobby is guns.

The Van Scyocs have one son, Roscoe Van Scyoc III. He is 2 years old.

MR. AND MRS. GILBERT VATTHAUER

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Vathauer live northwest of Moweaqua in the former E. O. Smith home. Mr. Vathauer is a retired state Highway Supervisor and a farmer.

Mr. Vathauer's father, Gus came as a boy, with his parents from Germany in 1890. The family settled in Macon.

Mrs. Vathauer's people, the Creech family have lived for several generations in Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Vathauer have three children: Robert Vathauer, Mrs. Betty Pekovitch and Richard Vathauer. They all live in the Moweaqua area.

MR. AND MRS. LARRY WICKHOLM

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Wickholm came from Decatur to live north of Moweaqua in 1972. They wanted to experience country living and small town atmosphere.

The original structure of the house in which they live was built approximately 100 years ago. It was remodeled by Don and Phyllis Dial, and had formerly been Grant Jacobs home.

Mr. Wickholm's ancestry is Norwegian. Andrew Wickholm, his grandfather had left Norway to live in Wisconsin.

Mrs. Wickholm is of English ancestry. She was born in Liverpool, England.

The Wickholm children are Wendy and Amy, who are pre-schoolers.

MR. AND MRS. KENNETH WILDERMAN

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Wilderman live in a new home they have built south and west of Moweaqua. They chose the location because they wanted to live in the country.

Mr. Wilderman works for the Norfolk and Central Railroad. His grandparents live in Cowden and Decatur, his parents in Decatur.

Mrs. Wilderman's people have always lived in Illinois.

Children of Mr. and Mrs. Wilderman are: Kenneth, who works for Norfolk and Western R.R., Linda, a junior in high school, Clay, freshman in high school, and Gail who is a sixth grader in Moweaqua School unit.

Another son, Kevin Wilderman and his wife live in Decatur.

MRS. MILDRED WHEATLEY

Mrs. Mildred Wheatley and her late husband, Ralph moved to their farm east of Radford in 1928. Their children are Mary L. Wheatley Wetherell, of Decatur and Donna Wheatley Benson of Columbia, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. Benson have two sons.

Mrs. Wheatley's father, Samuel Wiant came from Circleville, Ohio. On the maternal side of his family, Gerhold Brownback came to this country in 1683 on the English ship Concord.

Mrs. Wheatley's mother was the daughter of Thomas Wagner who came to the Shelby county area from Lancaster, Ohio.

The late Ralph Wheatley's grandfather, Frank, came to Willey's Station, Illinois from Cincinnati, Ohio. In 1883 he moved to Assumption Township.

Lester and Katie Wheatley, Ralph Wheatley's parents celebrated their 71 wedding anniversary in January 1974. Mrs. Katie Wheatley, now widowed, is 92 years of age.

MR. AND MRS. DONALD WRIGHT

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Wright and family live in Flat Branch Township. The Wright Heating and Air-Conditioning business is owned by Mr. Wright. Mrs. Wright is employed at The Decatur Penney Store.

Mr. Wrights family has lived for three generations in Pana.

Mrs. Wrights parents are Ed and Etta Eddington of Nokomis. Her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Dirks came from Germany.

Children of Donald and Mary Ann Wright are: Debra, a senior, Brian, a freshman and Sandra, in the fifth grade, Moweaqua School.

The Wright family enjoy life in the country which includes dog and young cattle.

ALICE LAMBDIN ZINDEL (See page 244)

MR. AND MRS. ERNEST ZINDEL

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Zindel have lived for three years in the new home they built themselves, west of Moweaqua.

The Ernest Zindels have two children, David, who lives in Dixon, Illinois where he teaches at Souk Valley College; and Pamela Zindel Webster, who lives in Springfield. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. Zindel's grandparents came from Switzerland to Enterprise, Illinois in Wayne County. His parents live in Moweaqua.

Mrs. Zindel's family came to Illinois from Ireland. Her mother, Mrs. Clarence Sprinkle is 77 years of age. Her step-father, Clarence Sprinkle is 80 years of age.

MR. AND MRS. HERMAN ZINDEL

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Zindel live in Prairieton Township, where he farms.

The Zindels live in the same house in which Mr. Zindel has lived since he was 6 years old. The house was built before 1900 and had been the home of James Workman.

Herman and Barbara Jordan Zindel have always lived in the Moweaqua community and they both graduated from Moweaqua High School. Their children are: H. Dennis, who is a High School freshman and Brian G., who is a 6th grader.

MR. AND MRS. RALPH C. ZINDEL

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph C. Zindel live 2½ miles west of Moweaqua, in a home they built in 1973. Mr. Zindel farms.

Ralph Zindel is the son of Alice and the late Herman Zindel.

Mrs. Mary Elder Zindel is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elder, Blue Mound, Illinois. Her family is of English and German origin. Mary is a substitute teacher in Moweaqua.

The Zindel's children are: Kenneth Zindel, recently graduated from Western Illinois University, Carol A. Zindel, attending Illinois State University and Carl Zindel, who attends Moweaqua High.

HOWARD ALWARD FAMILY

Our confirmed genealogy sustains the claim our lineage had survived the wars and lived in Wales. Relief from oppression, mental and physical, free land and the fabled lures of the new country motivated our ancestors to sail for the new world. They arrived in what is now called New Jersey in the year 1640. We of Moweaqua are the benefactors of a table made from a box used to ship heirlooms on the Odyssey from England to America.

The records indicate they lived a rather tranquil life, begetting the average number of saints and scoundrels until trouble with the English divided the clan politically into the historical Loyalists and Separatists. The Loyalist adhesion to the British crown was politically, economically and socially unacceptable to those desiring independence and so they found themselves moving again, this time to Canada, where they reside today.

The Separatists remained and Stephen Alward, son of Henry Alward IV and several of unconfirmed status, fought along with the colonists in the Revolution.

In the trek westward, they dropped off here and there, sloughing off in Pennsylvania and elsewhere along the trail. Our great-great-grandfather, Benjamin Alward arrived in Fulton County, Illinois near Peoria in 1836. Great-grandfather Benjamin Alward III chose a rural dwelling place near Canton, Illinois where he became a wealthy land owner and farmer. My father was born there in 1867 and given the name George Washington in honor of the Father of Our Country. With pride he affixed his seal, "Geo. W. Alward."

Geo. W. Alward and Florence Anna Cutler were married at Canton, Illinois in 1896 and moved to Penn Township, Shelby County in 1900. An admirer of Washington, Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson, he tried to teach us a distinction between blind loyalty and the love of duty and commitment reaching beyond pragmatic simplicity though perhaps never succeeding but settling for nothing less. We lost him by unknown medical cause when I was a first year University student in 1929.

There were seven children in the Alward family. Lenore Elizabeth, married Jesse L. Pearson; they had five children: William Lloyd, Lakeside, California, owns and operates a marina; Charles R., Toulon, Illinois, teacher; John Wesley, Seattle, Washington, retailer; Fredrick Scott, deceased; Helena Von, deceased. Lenore and Jesse deceased.

Cutler Kenneth Alward was an inventor. His name appears in *Who's Who in the Midwest*. Deceased.

Gertrude Lillian married to Lloyd C. Wheeler, Chicago, who died in 1951. She then married James Dowd of Moweaqua. They divorced in 1971. Gertrude Wheeler now resides in Decatur.

Mary Louise, married Samuel J. Brubaker of Chicago. Both deceased. James E. Brubaker, son, lives in Pittsburg, Pa. An engineer, he is employed by Westinghouse, married, has four children. Nancy Beaver, daughter, lives in Sacramento, California. Married, has two children.

Mabel Lucille married Howard Whipple and lived in Chicago. Both deceased.

Crystal Leona, married World War II veteran, Edward Moffatt. Both deceased.

Howard Grant, farmer, has made contributions in agricultural engineering and does research in hybrid corn. Married Ruth Beery. They have three children. Gary Grant served in U.S. Army in Viet Nam, farms the Alward farm east of Moweaqua. Phillip Douglas resides in Chicago and will graduate from medical school in June '76. Married, has one child. Bradford Todd is a sophomore at Millikin University in Decatur.

HALDON B. BILYEU FAMILY

The earliest records of the Bilyeu family were found to be in France, where, like the members of the Workman family in England, at the same time immigrated to Holland to escape religious persecution. The early "Billiou" families in France (the spelling which later became "Bilyeu" in America), were believed to be French Huguenots also referred to as Walloon's. The record begins with Thomas Billiou of La Bassee in French Flanders born about 1600. He had a son, Pierre Billiou and a daughter Abigail Billiou, both born in France. Pierre was baptized about 1625 at La Bassee (actually Belgian Territory which was then in the possession of the King of Spain but afterwards became part of Artois, France). As a result of the persecution of the Walloons (French Huguenots of the early 17th Century) Pierre went to Leyden, Holland, where he married April 20, 1649 in Walloon Church to Francoise Du Bois, the daughter of Christian Du Bois, his registering being from Lille, France, and she from Reims (Rheims) France. They had several children in Holland who were baptized in the Walloon Church in Leyden before the family embarked at Amsterdam in the ship, St. Jan Baptist, on May 9th, 1661. They had one son born while crossing the Atlantic. They arrived in New York (then known as New Amsterdam) on Aug. 6, 1661. On Aug. 22 that year Pierre, with 18 Associates petitioned the government of the Province to grant them land upon which to settle on Staten Island. A majority of the petitioners later dropped out, but Billiou persevered and eventually settled there. It was he who succeeded in pacifying the Indians where others had failed, and with the assistance of the government's surveyor, laid out the first Staten Island Town. He was later appointed Judicial officer of first court, established Jan. 28, 1664; he was a delegate to the General Assembly in Manhattan April 10, 1664. He was appointed a Lieutenant of Militia May 14, 1669; and on Aug. 25, 1673 elected Schout (Sheriff) and Schepen (Magistrate) during the Dutch re-occupation. He owned property in New Jersey as well as on Staten Island. His will, dated Sept. 11, 1699, was proved in Staten Island in 1702. His sister Abigail married and came to America some time before 1681.

John S. Bilyeu was born Jan. 21, 1834 to parents John H. Bilyeu and Elizabeth Workman Bilyeu, while living in Missouri. He came to Illinois when he was three years old. At the age of twenty on Jan. 22, 1854, he married Malinda Workman, the daughter of Stephen Workman and Effie Maddox, born Sept. 26, 1835 in Illinois. They were married in the old Campbellite Church southwest of Moweaqua. They settled on a small portion of his father's land in Prairieton Township five miles southwest of Moweaqua, and here fifteen children were born: John, Mary, Stephen, Josiah, Peter, Martha, Elizabeth, George, Hiram, Edward, Lydia, Isaac, and three babies who died in infancy. He acquired about 700 acres of land and as his sons reached maturity and married, they became tenants on portions of his land. Only nine of his fifteen children lived to adulthood, married and settled as farmers in the vicinity of the homestead. After his death Jan. 1, 1915, his wife being already deceased in 1913, his land was distributed among his heirs, but today (1976) his grandson, Haldon Bilyeu, is the only descendant owning and living on any portion of the original holdings. This 80 acres was bought in 1884 from Mr. Radford by John S. Bilyeu for his son, Josiah. Later Josiah bought his brother John's 80 acres this being the east 80 acres and making 160 acres together. This east land was acquired by John S. Bilyeu in 1882 from Mr. Radford. Later another heir, his sister Mary, died and Josiah bought her 60

acres which was some of the first ground John S. Bilyeu had gotten in the year 1854 from the Illinois Central Railroad. John S. Bilyeu was a big, robust, friendly man with a bone-crushing handshake, and accompanied by a jovial chuckle. Few other than his relatives knew him other than "Paint". He was a member of Christian Church and a Democrat being elected to many offices in Prairieton township.

Josiah Bilyeu was the son of John S. Bilyeu and Malinda Workman Bilyeu. He was married to Mary E. Lawrence, the daughter of A. B. Lawrence and Nancy Bilyeu Lawrence on Oct. 17, 1900. Her father was born in New Jersey and only one of his family to come to Illinois at age of nineteen years. Her mother was born in Sangamon County, and to this union were born four children: Haldon, Harold, Camilla, Leona, the last three now deceased. Josiah died Sept. 30, 1947, and his wife died Feb. 23, 1960.

Haldon B. Bilyeu was born Dec. 9, 1903. He was married to Frances M. Johnston on March 9, 1935, and they have two sons, Larry Haldon Bilyeu born March 17, 1937, and Dale Joe Bilyeu born Jan. 8, 1940. They are both married and live on farms the family owns near the home place. Larry is married to the former Margaret Moomey, and they have three daughters, Theresa Ann born Aug. 9, 1960, Mary Margaret born May 9, 1963, and Marcie May born Nov. 10, 1973. Dale is married to the former Linda Venters and they have one son, Joe Aaron, born Jan. 12, 1970. Haldon and Frances are now living on the original 80 acres, being in family ninety-two years, another 80 acres they own being in family ninety-four years, and 60 acres being in the family one hundred twenty-two years. They are proud to be the only descendants of John S. Bilyeu to hold the inheritance of his land, his religion, and his politics.

RAYMOND E. AND KATHRYN DAY

An early ancestor was Robert Day, who with his wife Mary, emigrated to America in 1634, at the age of 30. They came from Ipswich, England. They settled in the east. Many adventures befell Robert and his descendants over the years as they moved westward. Some family members settled near Springfield, Illinois. Raymond's grandparents, Edward and Amelia, purchased farmland in Macon County from his sister and brother about 1900. They raised eleven children. Raymond's father, Raymond, Sr., continued farming the family estate. He married Beulah Abel of Blue Mound, who taught at the nearby Charter Oak School. Raymond was their only child. He married Kathryn Wright in February, 1944. Raymond, Jr. continues to farm the family land in Macon County. Kathryn is a teacher in the Moweaqua Community Schools. Their children are Rhonda (Mrs. Jerry Heller) of Weldon and Raymond E. Day, who with his wife, Winnifred House, live in Metamora.

MR. AND MRS. HARLEY STOMBAUGH

Mr. and Mrs. Harley L. Stombaugh have lived in the vicinity of Moweaqua all their lives. Harley, son of Daniel and Sadie Lyons Stombaugh, was born in South Macon Township. He had one brother Floyd who died in December 1973. The Stombaughs were of German descent. The Lyons were natives of Tennessee. Harley married Bernice Amelia Bilyeu at Tuscola, Illinois May 12, 1932. They made their home at 341 Wall St. in Moweaqua until March 10, 1934, when they moved to their farm four miles west of Moweaqua where they still reside.

Bernice was born in Prairieton Township. She was the daughter of Isaac and Maud Gorden Bilyeu, both of whom were born and reared in Prairieton Township. Bernice has

one brother — Herschel who lives in Morrisonville, two sisters—Marie (Boardman) who lives in Peoria, and Doris (Bohlen) who lives in Moweaqua. Isaac Bilyeu was of French descent. He was the son of J. S. (Paint) Bilyeu (see Bilyeu genealogy). Maud was the daughter of John M. and Minnie Zeigler Gorden. She had two sisters: Ceceilia (Smith) and Ruth (Traugher) and three brothers: Wallace, Vernon and Wayne. Maud's maternal grandparents, Christopher and Mary Weber Zeigler, immigrated to America from Germany, settled in Springfield, Ill., where they met and were married.

Bernice attended Illinois State Normal University one year. She began her teaching career in a one room school in the fall of 1927. While teaching she continued her education by attending summer school and taking extension courses and received her B.S. degree from Millikin University in Decatur. In the fall of 1947, when the rural schools began to consolidate, she was employed by the Moweaqua School where she taught the sixth grade for fourteen years. After that she taught mathematics in the junior high of Moweaqua Unit District No. 6, until she retired in the spring of 1972.

ALICE LAMBDIN ZINDEL

Mrs. Alice Lambdin Zindel was born and lived most of her life in this area. She taught in the Maple Grove and Kirby Schools. Alice Lambdin and her late husband, Herman F. Zindel, were married in September, 1926. Mr. Zindel was a farmer.

Mr. Zindel's mother, Amelia Feeler Zindel was born in Clay County, Indiana. Both of her parents were from Switzerland. Her father came to this country about 1834, settling in Holmes County, Ohio. In 1853, the family moved to Clay County, Indiana in a covered wagon. Discovering that educational advantages were not good, the family looked elsewhere for a place to live. In 1868, the family moved to Enterprise, Illinois. At that time, Enterprise was a German Speaking Community. Church services were all held in German. This custom endured until World War I.

Mr. Zindel's father, Conrad, was also of a family that had come from Switzerland. They had settled in Wayne County, Illinois before 1863 when Conrad Zindel was born.

The parents of Mrs. Alice Zindel were James A. and Hallie Johnston Lambdin. They were married in 1897 in the Macon community. Mrs. Johnston had been born in Coshockton County, Ohio where her grandparents had settled, having come to this country from county Hillsborough, Ireland. Antecedents of the family were Alice Dodds and George Dunn. According to family history, Alice Dodds had been of a royal Scotch family. She had fallen in love with the stable boy, married him and fled to Ireland.

Mr. Lambdin's family came from near Buckamshire, England. The first Lambdin in America settled in Virginia in 1638. About the year 1818 the family moved to Orange County, Indiana, where James Lambdin was born. As a young man he came to Illinois seeking farm work which he found in the Macon, Illinois community. There he married Hallie Johnston in 1897. In 1902 they purchased land from the Radford tract and made a home.

Children of the late Herman F. Zindel and his wife Alice Lambdin Zindel are: Ralph, married to Mary Elder, living on route 1, Moweaqua. Mary E., married to Herbert Teichman, living in Eau Claire, Michigan. James, married to Helen Johns, living in Decatur, Illinois. Herman L., married to Barbara Jordan, living on route 1, Moweaqua. C. Richard, married to Carol Wheeler, living in Peoria, Illinois. Evelyn, married to Robert Smitz, living in Metamora, Illinois.