### **MEMORIES**

## **FROM**

# **MOWEAQUA**

**Extracts from the** 

Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mar 1891 - Dec 1893

Moweaqua, Illinois

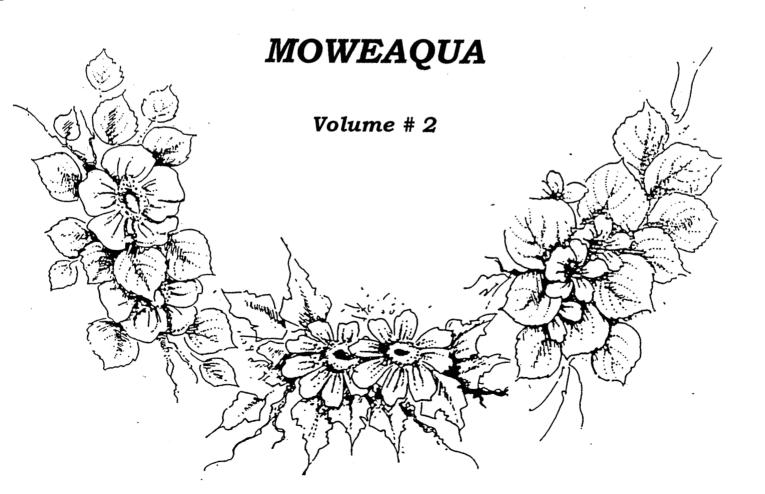
Volume # 2

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# **MEMORIES**

**FROM** 



#### This book is dedicated

With Love

To my three children,

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

And to my late husband,

Donald J Jacober 1941-1993

"The heritage of our past is the treasure of our future...

The present is the time for us to preserve it for those to come."

#### HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

#### TO THE READER:

It is with great pleasure that I submit this work entitled 'Memories from Moweaqua, Volume 2, which consists of excerpts from the Moweaqua Call-Mail from March 1891 through December 1893. All extracts were taken from actual copies of the Moweaqua Call-Mail. This is due specifically through the efforts of the Moweaqua Public Library Librarian, Mrs Barbara Collins. Her foresight into preserving the valuable, historical news contained in the fragile pages of the Moweaqua Call Mail was responsible for these extracts.

Great care has been taken to extract data relating to births, marriages and deaths that were noted in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* during this time. Also included are birthday celebrations and anniversary celebrations, since these events may aid a genealogist in pinpointing exact dates, and the articles verify a person's age and/or the date and place of their marriage. This will add genealogical value to this document.

If I was unsure of any information, found an obvious error, or did not copy an article in its entirety, I have included a '(Note)' at the end of the information given. These notes will be in parenthesis and will be italicized.

For your convenience, I have included maps of the local area, (state, township and county maps). To add interest to this book and to aid in verifying exact dates, I have included a calendar for the various years covered. The calendars are found at the beginning of each specific year.

For ease in using this book, I have cross-referenced any unusual spellings of names and highlighted the names in the text. Please note that sometimes a woman's maiden name is available, as in the case of a marriage, and sometimes only her married name is given (as in the case of her death). When a woman is listed as 'Mrs J D Doe', I could not tell if it was her initials, or her husband's initials. Therefore, in the index, I have listed the woman as: Doe, J D (Mrs). To assist you in finding an individual, please consider both the maiden name and married name(s) when researching a female.

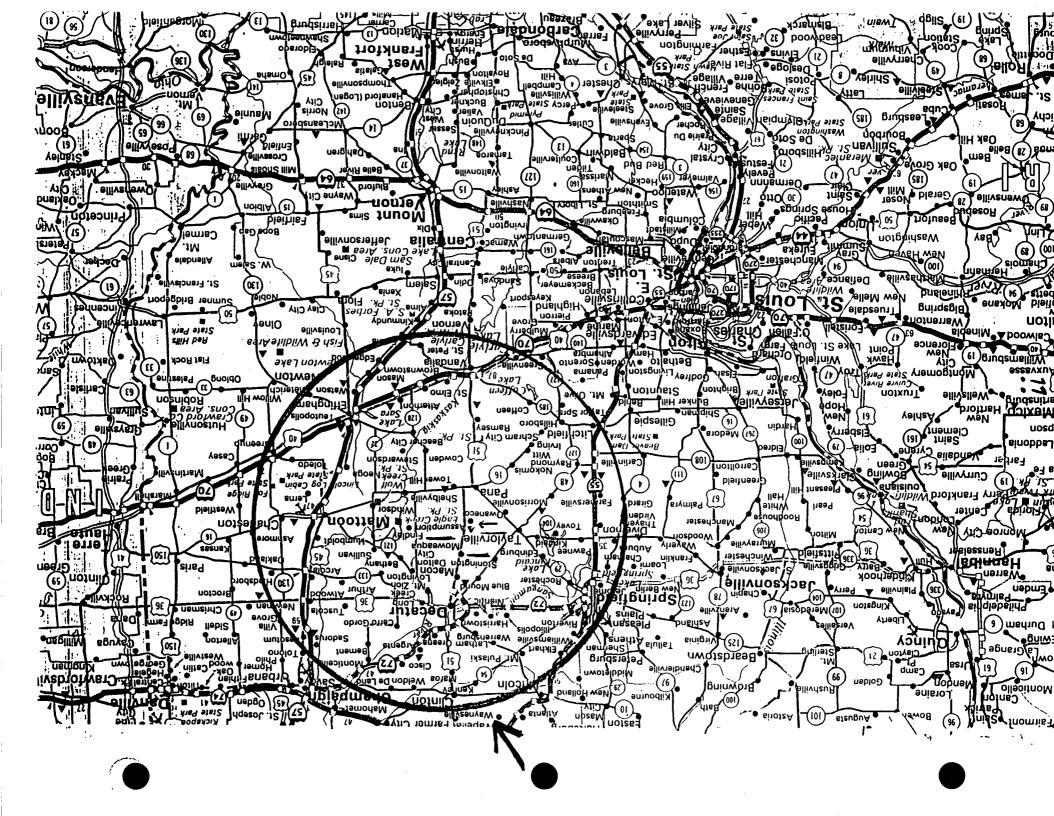
There are over 3,000 names in this volume. I have tried to be as accurate as possible. Many of the articles have been copied verbatim. I have extracted the information to the greatest extent possible; however, the actual papers were extremely fragile, and sometimes the print was not as good as it could have been. There is some duplication of the extracts (ie. A death notice may be listed on the front page and again in the township news (Obed, Prairie Home, Yantisville, etc)). I chose to leave duplicate articles in 'as found' rather than screen them and perhaps miss an article.

If you have any questions or would like to contact me, my address is given below. A special thank you to Ms Barbara Collins – a fine woman with a definite concern for preserving Moweaqua's past heritage!

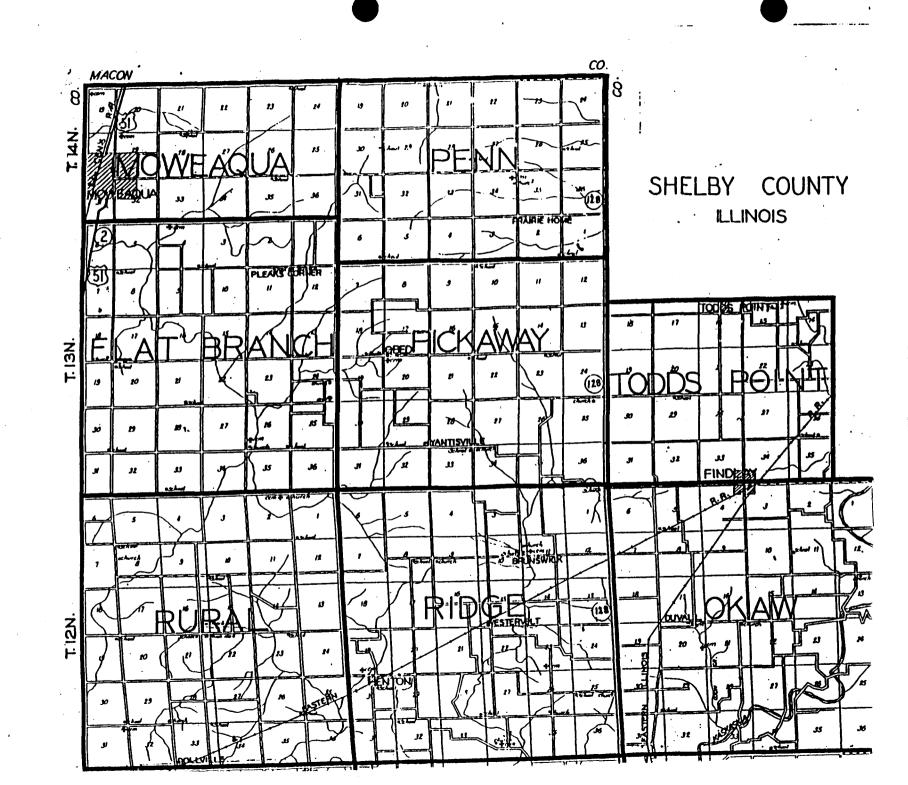
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# Old Disease Names And Their Modern Definitions

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

<u>Camp Fever</u>: Usually another name for *typhoid fever*. Typhus has appeared in the ports, but it was NOT a disease of the Civil War. In spite of repeated introductions from Europe and from Mexico, this form of typhus failed to form a permanent foothold in either Canada or the United States. The American Civil War of 1861-675 was one of the few wars of any magnitude in which typhus was not epidemic among the military camps, prisons, and refugee camps. (Ref: N H Topping et al, Studies of Typhus Fever, National Institute Bulletin No. 183 (1945)). Also see typhoid fever.

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

Cramp Colic: Appendicitis

Croup: Congested cough.

<u>Death from 'Teething'</u>: Tooth infections with inflammation and cellulitis were causes of illness and death before there was adequate denistry.

**Dropsy**: Edema (swelling), ususally of the hands and feet, although other parts of the body may show visible signs; water retention of the body, caused by kidney or heart failure. Today, dropsy may be called congestive heart failure. It can be an accumulation of fluid around the heart for a variety of complex reasons.

*Falling sickness*: Epilepsy.

<u>Gout:</u> Still called this today. Inflammation of an extremity – usually the foot, resulting from some fatty blood vessel/circulation problems. Not dissimilar to arthritis, but not involving the joint in the same way. It refers to an inflammation, not just in a joint, or an extremity, caused by the formation of crystals of oxalic acid when it accumulates in the body. It most often occurs in joints where circulation is poor, but can even cause gallstones or kidneystones. Extremely painful, may cause the infected area to become hot, redden, and very sensitive. Often called the 'rich man's disease', probably comes from the fact that

anything which aggravates the acid level in the blood may bring on an attack, including lots of red meat (since that was expensive until modern times, only the well-to-do might be exposed to that 'trigger' of gout). Today's remedy includes increasing the intake of water. An attack can be calmed within 12 hours or so to the point where it's possible to walk again. Without treatment, attacks diminish over a week to ten day period. Most common gout manifests itself as a swelling in the big toe joint (either foot). Most common description is: high uric acid levels in the blood cause uric acid crystals to form in the joint linings. As the joint moves, then it's equivalent to having sandpaper rubbing against the joint linings and bone – result: incredible pain. Attacks come on very suddenly without warnings. Neither heat nor cold packs seem to make much difference.

<u>Iail Fever</u>: Typhus. (See Camp Fever). Not normally found in the US.

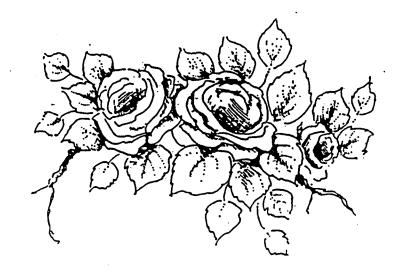
*La Grippe*: French for the English word 'grippe'. In modern days we know this disease as either 'influenza', or simply 'the flu'. The flu used to be a pretty deadly disease and can still be very threatening for people with immune systems weakened either by other diseases, age or general bad health.

Lung Fever: Pneumonia

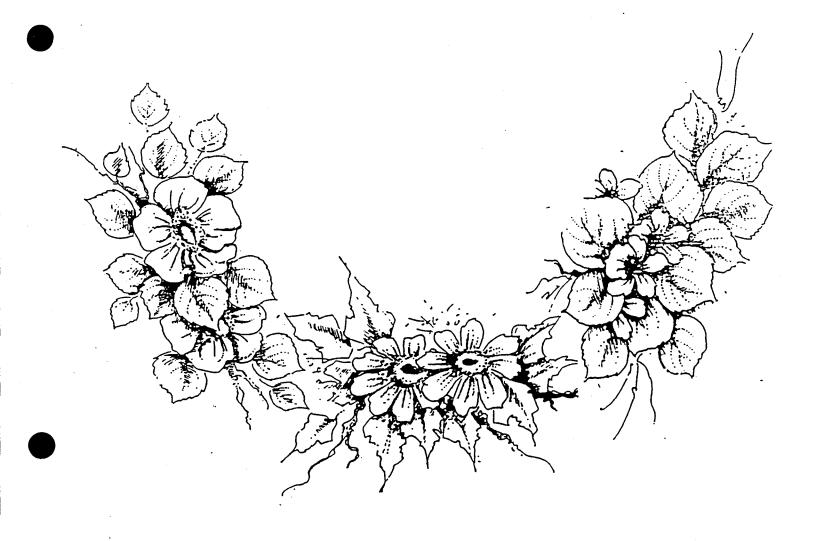
**Lung Sickness**: Tuberculosis.

*Milk Leg*: In the 1800's, milk leg was common following childbirth. It was a painful swelling of the leg soon after childbirth due to thrombosis of the large veins. Today it would commonly be called *phlebitis*, or an infection or irritation of the veins of the leg, caused by inflammation and clotting in the femoral veins, usually as a result of infection during child birth. The more formal name is *Phlegmasia Alba Dolens*. (ref: Webster's New World Dictionary, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 1976, pp 901-2.)

<u>Scarlet Fever</u>: A common cuase of death in children before the 20<sup>th</sup> century. It is caused by strep bacteria with a very strong endotoxin (bacterial poison). A child gets *pharnagytis*, then a skin rash, with bleeding into the skin and a high fever in a very bad form, which is almost never seen today. Collapse and death may come within 48 hours. Lake all infectious diseases, it appeared in 'bursts', or epidemics. For some reason, the disease is no longer so violent, and children are not at risk for these complications today. Penicillin and other antibiotics are used today to handle the disease.



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#### MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA VOLUME 2

Excerpts from The Moweaqua Call-Mail

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#### 12 March 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A B Longenbaugh and Miss Julia Pogue of Pickaway were united in wedlock here at home of bride's sister, Mrs Henry C Robertson, on Thursday at 9 AM; Rev J P Styles officiating. After they were married, they went to Todd's Point to attend the 'high noon' wedding of Robert Roller and Miss Allie Fleming. Mr Longenbaugh is a good farmer and Mrs Longenbaugh is one of Pickaway's best young ladies. They will reside in Pickaway.

James Dunham, near Wichita, Kansas, while in the act of stealing a dressed hog from a neighbor recently met with swift, fatal and strange punishment. The neighbor had killed some hogs the day before and left them out overnight to cool. The next morning he discovered one of them missing. He followed traces of the direction the thief went and found James Dunham leaning against a fence. Investigation proved the dead body of Dunham with his neck broken. Around his neck hung the stolen hog by the gambrel stick. It is supposed that the thief attempted to cross the fence with the hog on his shoulder and slipped, causing his death.

John F Kimmerly, who has lived east of Moweaqua is now located with his family east of Walker. He is smiling all over because of the birth of his little daughter on 24 February 1891.

Miss Stella Armstrong had a surprise party in honor of her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Louis Peterman, a widower with four daughters, shot himself at Rockford, Illinois, last Thursday because a young woman refused to marry him.

Body of **Ted Hendricks**, an oil well pumper, was found in a derrick near Lima, Ohio, recently. It is believed he was murdered by a rejected suitor for his wife's hand. Born to **Thos Baldwin** and wife on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1891, a son; born to **W H Moss** and wife on Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 1891, a son.

Mr and Mrs Joseph Askins who were married at Obed last week will locate at Lakewood in southern part of Shelby County. The bride is the daughter of Mr O Brinker of here. The 20<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs Eli Foster was celebrated last Friday, 6 March 1891.

Godfred Gwinner, died at his home in Brown County, Ohio, on the night of Saturday, 21 February 1891. He was afflicted with rheumatism for over a year and which produced paralysis. He is the youngest brother of Mrs W J Snyder, southeast and had many friends in Moweaqua.

L Current and Miss Allie Crews were married in Decatur yesterday.

Yantisville News: **Preston Hunter** and bride went to housekeeping last Wednesday at the **A Hunter** farm east.

Thomas Cutler died at his home in Shelbyville, Thursday, 5 March 1891. Remains were entered in the Cemetery near the Locust Grove Church. Thomas E Cutler was the eldest son of Capt E B Cutler and he died of consumption at 40 years of age. Twenty years ago he was considered one of the ten strong young men of Anderson Valley, Indiana. He was a

member of the U B Church. He leaves a wife and one child. (also listed in the Obed news)

Married at the home of the bride's parents at this place on Wednesday, 4 March 1891, were W E Carsell and Minnie E Conner. Mr Stephen Polk of Radford and Miss Ada Bridgman of Obed assisted in the ceremony. (Article gives list of presents in Yantisville news, 7 March 1891)

On the morning of February 1891 (date not given), William Jaggers passed away at quarter til 9 o'clock after a long illness. He leaves a father, mother, 3 sisters and two brothers to mourn his loss. He was 22 years of age; remains interred in Bell Cemetery. (Memorial from Latah, Washington, dated 1 March 1891)

#### Thursday, 19 March 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Mary Bell died at Groveland, Indiana, recently at age 108 years.

Wm Fulton aged 82 died at poor farm near Bloomington and was buried in potter's field. He was a farmer of McLean County for many years and was worth at one time \$40,000. He divided his property among his children upon the death of his wife and had been utterly deserted by them.

Daughter born on Friday, 13 March 1891, to Mr and Mrs Wm Scrogin.

Died at residence of his uncle, **J S Bilyeu** on Sunday afternoon was **Jackson Bilyeu** of consumption. He had been afflicted with the disease for 3 years. Services held on Monday after which interment was had in the Bilyeu burying ground.

Died on Friday morning in Decatur, Walter A Stanley, son of Charles and Sarah E Stanley of La Grippe. He was aged 1 year and 9 months; burial in Hay's graveyard on Saturday. The body was brought to W H Moss' residence in Moweaqua where a short funeral service was held after which interment followed.

Married at residence of bride's parents Mr and Mrs Fred Krughoff at Hoyleton, Washington Co, Illinois, on Thursday 12 March 1891, was W H Elmers to Miss Anna Krughoff. The newly married couple arrived in this city on Saturday whence they departed to the home of the groom's parents, Mr and Mrs Albert Elmers.

Roy Roland of Shelbyville was buried there on Saturday. His friend, Newt Corrington of this place attended the funeral.

Died near Valparaiso, Nebraska on the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1891, C M Pool of paralysis; he was 66 years old.

Mrs Thomas Porter, one of the oldest citizens in this locality died on Sunday. Obit next week.

The four year old child of **Mr Hammond**, southeast, died on Saturday and was buried in the Bilyeu Cemetery on Sunday.

#### Thursday, 26 March 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On Monday night of last week, **Maude Hewitt**, aged 14, and **Arthur Wilson**, 24, eloped from Elgin. Wilson is a peanut vender and Maude is the daughter of wealthy parents. Officers pursued the fugitives to prevent the marriage. The girl's father says he will make her a widow if they are married.

Body of **George E Close** aged 35 of Kansas City, was found in a thicket near Sterling, Illinois. Several hundred dollars and notes were found in his pocket. Death was due to suicide.

The body of Wm Crawford, hanged at Decatur, was buried in an obscure graveyard. The trustees of prominent cemeteries would not grant a permit.

Henry Mann, aged nearly 90 died at Clinton. He cooked for Abraham Lincoln during the Black Hawk War and was born in Jamaica.

Daughter born to D H Pool and wife on Sunday, 22 March 1891.

E W Chandler, a brother-in-law of Mrs W A Steidley of Moweaqua passed away and was interred to rest in Decatur over the Sabbath.

Michael Hinton and Rose Miller were married at Assumption on Tuesday evening. The bride was a daughter of E M Miller of Assumption and a niece of W C Miller of this city. Card of thanks appeared from Henry Traughber and Mrs Valentine Snyder, Sr, both of this city for the kindness' extended in the death of their mother, Mrs Mary Traughber who died at the home of her son, Henry Traughber. She passed away 23 March 1891 in Moweaqua and was 83 years of age. Services from the ME Church; Rev AC Armentrout officiated. Burial was made in the Traughber Burial Ground, north. She came here at an early day and was among the first settlers of Moweaqua township. E W Chandler, Decatur resident for many years, died at his home in that city on Wednesday, 18 March 1891. Services held at the residence on Sunday afternoon. He was an honorary member of Modern Woodmen of America and the Order of Red Men. After the services, the long procession, headed by the Goodman Band, proceeded to Greenwood Cemetery where the mortal remains of Warren Chandler were deposited under a spreading oak tree. He leaves a wife and 2 children, a little son and daughter. Julia Ann Stombaugh Porter, wife of Thomas Porter, died of heart disease on 15 March 1891 at their residence 3 miles northeast of this place. She was a little over 62 ½ years. She was one of the first settlers in this locality, having been brought here by her parents, Martin and Catharine Stombaugh, about 60 years ago from Tennessee, her native State when a little over 2 years old. The old homestead where she was brought up joins the corporate limits of our village on the northwest and is now owned by Mr Adam Snyder. It is one of the old landmarks and is well known to all early settlers. She knew by experience what hardships, deprivations and dangers there were in early pioneer life. Many a time has she related to her children and friends how she made her flax thread from the plant, her yarn and cloth from the sheep's fleece and numerous other things very rarely done in these days of ease and convenience.

Uncle Wash McGinnis was celebrating his sixty-first milestone last Sunday in Loami. (20 March 1891 news submission)

#### Thursday, 2 April 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Daughter born to Mr and Mrs I H Potter in Decatur on Sunday, 29 March 1891. Mr and Mrs C F Johnson, east, have a baby boy born to he and his wife on 27 March 1891.

Abner Widick, uncle of Mrs R A Denny of Assumption, was buried in Moweaqua.

Abner Widick, an old and respected citizen of Prairieton township in Christian County, died of consumption at his home on Saturday. Services were held at the house on Tuesday afternoon and remains were deposited in the Traughber burying ground. He was born in Boone County, Kentucky, in 1822 and was past 69 years of age at the time of his death. He came to this country at an early day and was one of the earlier settlers. A half a century ago he was married to Miss Jacobs who still survives him. A family of ten children were

born to this marriage, six of whom have passed over to the other side. He leaves a wife and four children to mourn him. Wm Widick of Prairieton is the only living son, while there are three daughters, Mrs H C Miller of Moweaqua; Mrs L C Uhl of Smith's Centre, Kansas, and Mrs John Evans of Ft Worth, Texas. He was lovingly known as Uncle Abner and had many friends and was known as being honest and upright. Wm Widick was appointed administrator of the estate of his father, his sister Mrs H C Miller moved to the home place. Farm sale was held on Friday, 1 May 1891.

Mr and Mrs Thos Gregory, northwest, lost a five-year-old son who died on Monday, 30 March 1891.

Mrs George Townsend presented her husband with a new daughter on Saturday, 28 March 1891, in Obed.

Jacob Shride of Obed is rejoicing over the advent of a daughter born on Monday, 30 March 1891.

Mrs Harmon Williams of Loami, aged 61 years died Tuesday, 24 March 1891, afternoon after a long and painful illness. She leaves a husband, two sons and a daughter to mourn her loss. She was interred on Thursday morning in the Oak Grove Cemetery (News dated 27 March 1891).

Mrs Mary B Cushing, widow of the late Milton Buckingham Cushing, died in St Joseph, Missouri, on Thursday at the home of her daughter, Mrs E H Bouten of old age. She was born in Salem, Massachusetts, on 28 September 1807 and was a lineal descendant of John Alden. She was the mother of Milton B Cushing, paymaster of the United States Navy who died in Washington DC on 1 January 1887; of Luther Ward Cushing who was killed by the Apaches in Arizona in 1874, of Col. Alonzo Cushing who was killed at the battle of Gettysburg while in command of Battery A, 4<sup>th</sup> US artillery and of Commander W B Cushing of Albermarle fame who died at Washington DC in 1877. The only remaining member of the Cushing family is Mrs E H Bouten at whose home Mrs Cushing died. She will be entered in a vault at Mt Mora Cemetery and in the spring will be sent to Fredonia, NY, and interred in a memorial lot where her four sons are buried. The marriage of Miss Myrtle Coats and Frank Conklin was fixed for next Wednesday in

Lansing, Michigan, but on Thursday night, Miss Coats who was of unusual beauty and not quite 18 years of age was seized and convulsions and died in less than two hours. Just before her death, a lengthy letter to her family was found in her nightclothes which admitted that she had taken poison. Portions of the letter were not revealed to her lover or authorities except to say that she admitted self-destruction.

Warren Barrett, the oldest man in Minnesota, died last week at Gilmantown at aged 102 years. He was born in Vermont in 1789.

#### Thursday, 9 April 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Otto Happ, prominent farmer of Champaign County, died the other night from the effect of a gunshot wound in the head. He had been in ill health for some time and was considered to be suicidal.

Hon J B Grinnell, founder of Grinnell College, died in the town that bears his name in Iowa, last week, aged 70 years.

The fourth child of **P** N Barber of Colfax died the other day from diphtheria. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> child in the family who has died from this disease within three weeks and the fifth and last child of the family was reportedly dying.

David Sills, 65 years of age, fell in the river at Peoria a few days ago and was drowned before assistance could reach him.

Charles Stanley and Lonely Stanley were married in Decatur on Monday.

Annie Workman, aged about 7 years, died at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs Jas B Workman southwest of Moweaqua on Saturday, 4 March 1891, from the La Grippe.

Services held Sunday at the Cemetery after which her mortal remains were deposited there. Hays Cemetery is her final resting place.

David Hoy, the oldest man in Pickaway Township in Obed, celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday with his eleven children, all living and the youngest being 30 years old.

Edith Underwood of Loami, aged 13 years died last Sunday. (Loami news)

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J M Jarrett of Loami died last Sunday of diphtheria. (Loami news)

Miss Beatrice Campbell and Mr Geo Dodd were married Wednesday at the home of the bride (Loami news).

General **Albert Pike** who was 81 years old last December died at his home in Washington, DC, on 2 April 1891.

#### Thursday, 16 April 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

No hopes were entertained for the recovery of Edward Culver of Blue Mound, father of **J H Culver** of this city. He is suffering from cancer of the stomach and formerly resided in Long Grove, northeast of Moweaqua.

Daisy Kirkman was in Decatur on Friday to attend the funeral of her great aunt, Mrs Elvira Pugh who passed away in that city.

Mrs John D Hays of Walker died on Friday, 10 April 1891, of consumption and remains were interred in Hays burying ground.

Mr H A Pratt of Moweaqua received word of the death of his brother, Walter E Pratt who died at his home in Lake City, Colorado, on 9 April 1891; La Grippe being the cause of his death at 45 years of age.

Mrs Mary Abbott celebrated her 54<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 9 April 1891, at the home of her daughter, Mrs Jas B Howse. The surprise party was given by her daughters, Mrs Jos M Housh and Mrs Jas B Howse.

Mrs **David Hays**, **Sr**, mother of Mrs **Major Hayes** and widow of **David Hays**, the pioneer of the Hays settlement, celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday at the home of **Major Hays** last Saturday.

Married in Newark, New Jersey, on Wednesday, 8 April 1891 was Miss Harriet Elsum and Mr Wm Katzeler. Mrs Katzeler is a niece of Mr Jas H Elsum of this place.

Robinson Baird of Prairie Home celebrated his seventy-second birthday and was given a gold-headed cane. His daughter, Mrs Mary Sheffler also celebrated her birthday. She was given a fine gold watch and chain.

William Jeisy and Walter Winters of Salem attended the wedding of Justus Jeisy at Taylorville on Thursday evening last. (13 April 1891 news)

#### Thursday, 23 April 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Joseph Burton**, aged 42 years, a molder, suicided at Rock Island by taking an ounce of laudanum. His daughter saw her father in the act of taking the poison and tried to wrest the bottle from him but failed. He said he was taking the poison because his wife acted badly.

Lawrence Conlee, a pioneer settler of the lead mines, and at one time an extensive landowner in Jo Daviess County, died at the poorhouse near Galena at the age of 75 years. He lived the life of a hermit for many years after losing his fortune by unwise speculations and was lately consigned to the County house.

Mr Henry Ferris, one of the original Galesburg colonists of 1835, died a few days ago aged 82 years. He was one of the heaviest subscribers to Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad stock when the road was built and became wealthy because of his investment. Col. H T Noble died suddenly at his home at Dixon of pneumonia, aged 61 years of age. He had just closed a term as mayor and was a member of the G. A. R. and odd fellows. He was prominent throughout the state.

**G** W Spencer of Moweaqua and Ollie E Gilman of Macon were married in Macon on Monday. They came to Moweaqua on Monday noon and began housekeeping in the groom's house in southeast Moweaqua.

Loami news: Blanche, infant daughter of Mr and Mrs C L Vincent, died on Tuesday. A son was born to D P Colburn and wife on Monday, 13 April 1891.

Miss May Alexander and Mr Lewis Jarrett were married in Springfield at the residence of W F Workman on last Wednesday evening.

Mrs Jonah Smith died Monday of paralysis aged 67 years. Services held on Wednesday in the M E Church. (17 April 1891 news)

Yantisville news (crowded out for last week) Surprise oyster supper given by Mr and Mrs S J Sprinkle on Wednesday evening, 8 April in honor of son Ollie Sprinkle's 21 birthday. About a hundred invited guests surprised young Sprinkle.

Col. Henry Astor Weeks died yesterday (20 April 1891) at his residence in New York. He was a member of the G. A. R. and served as colonel of the 12<sup>th</sup> New York volunteers. He leaves a widow, an unmarried daughter and one son, Bartow S Weeks. He was a man of considerable wealth.

#### Thursday, 30 April 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

W S Reighley and wife welcomed a baby daughter on 16 April 1891.

Mrs Esther Robb of Kane died recently, supposed to be 108 years old. She was born in County Kildare, Ireland, and came to this country 24 years ago.

Henry Wilkinson, a young man about 23 years old, was struck by lightning and killed instantly while plowing a field for Cal Hunter two miles south and three miles west of Owaneco on Wednesday just before noon. One of the horses was knocked down by the shock but was not killed. The lightning struck him on one side of the head and face and ran down him to the ground. The deceased was a nephew of James Wilkinson of this city and had returned from the West only a few weeks ago.

Thomas Shepherd, 65, and Miss Anna Miller, 62, were lovers when young residents of Buffalo, NY. On Wednesday of last week, they met on a train, both bound west, renewed acquaintance, stopped off at Bloomington, Illinois, and were married.

John Cunningham, first engineer on the railroad and now known as the Chicago and Alton, died early last Thursday morning at his home in Alton, Illinois, aged 71 years. In 1850, he was sent to Alton by the Danforth Locomotive Works of Patterson, NY. In Prairie Home, Mr and Mrs McBurney went to Springfield to visit the latter's father, Hon J H Laughlin and to tell the Col. of the arrival of his two grandsons, Ben H

Mulligan and Jas G Mulligan, born last Thursday, 23 April. Dr Huff reports they are the heartiest, largest twins he has ever seen – one weighing nine pounds, the other weighing 10 pounds.

Last Thursday was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wedding day of **John W** and **Mollie H Protsman** of Prairie Home. A good number of friends surprised the couple with their presence. (For 27 April 1891 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*).

Miss Mollie Connor of Yantisville was surprised by her friends on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 1891 with a surprise birthday party honoring her 23 years.

#### Thursday, 7 May 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

La Grippe drove Geo Seaton of Bowen, near Carthage, Illinois, crazy. He nearly killed his father and then killed himself.

Captain J H Kellogg, of Jacksonville, Illinois, Captain, Co H, Sixth Michigan Cavalry, who was a prisoner escaped twice from Libby Prison, was recaptured each time, but made a success of his flight from Macon, Georgia, died last week.

Harry Martin, son of the postmaster at Shelbyville, was instantly killed near Windsor on Monday night of last week, by jumping off the limited express and striking a post as he fell.

Edward Culver, formerly of Long Grove and well known here, died Saturday morning at his home in Blue Mound Township, Macon County. He had been ill several months past with an affection of the stomach and his death was no surprise to friends. He was born in Pennsylvania and at the time of his death was 63 years of age. He removed to Illinois in 1854 and for many years was a resident of Christian County. About ten years ago he became a resident of Macon County. Funeral was Sunday in Blue Mound, remains were interred at Grove City. He was the son of William and Maria Culver, born in the state of Pennsylvania on 12 July 1828, being the eldest of 10 children, two of whom alone survive him. While he was still young, the family moved to Guernsey County, Ohio. He was married on 23 October 1849 to Miss Elisabeth Scott here. Twelve children were the fruits of this union, eight of whom are still living. He moved to Christian County, Illinois, in 1854 where he continued to live with a short interval, the remainder of his life. He moved to Nebraska in 1882, where his wife died in the town of Edgar on 23 December 1884. Mr Culver was married in Blue Mound, Macon County, Illinois, on 13 February 1887 to Mrs Louisa Uhrich who lives to mourn her honored husband. He was converted and joined the ME Church early in life and remained with the Church the rest of his life. He was a true man. He died in great peace at his home in Blue Mound, 2 May 1891, aged 62 years, 9 months and 20 days.

Mrs Sarah Crist died of starvation at Decatur. She was afflicted with a stricture of the stomach and she had taken no nourishment for twenty-five days.

Samuel Borcham, proprietor of the Friend's Creek nursery near Decatur, was struck by lightning the other afternoon and killed instantly.

Michael Skelly, assistant superintendent of streets at Decatur, was found dead in his office the other night, death being caused by heart failure.

Henry Ashemayer, president of the First National Bank of Mount Carroll, died of paralysis. He was worth nearly a half million dollars.

Mrs N G Estes of Loami gave a dinner Tuesday in honor of her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Mrs Ida B Foster of Springfield, after just 8 days of wedded bliss with George R Foster, found that he was a free-lover and called for a bursting asunder of the matrimonial links.

#### Thursday, 14 May 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Mrs John Crevison of Vermilion County, Illinois, while attempting to extinguish a fire in a field on her husband's farm, had her clothes ignited and was so badly burned that she had to crawl to the house. She died a short time after reaching the house.

Mr and Mrs David Baughman of Johnson township, near Casey, Illinois, each 70 years old, celebrated their golden wedding last week in the presence of their family.

Minnie Peters of Galesburg, Illinois, poured kerosene into a stove to quicken the fire. The flames shot out, igniting her dress, she ran from the house and along the road and finally fell. Her injuries were such that she died.

Frank Ford, a young man of Council Hill Station, Jo Daviess County, was out riding with a young lady; the horse ran away and the couple was throwed. Young Ford died instantly, the young lady received painful injuries but will survive.

Jas B Howse of Flat Branch reports that the family has a new baby, now about a month old

The funeral of Mrs Rebecca Jacobs was held on Monday in Pana. Mrs Jacobs died very suddenly at her home in Pana on Sunday morning. She was a sister of Mrs Jos Adams of Prairieton Township and was well known here.

In Yantisville news, Mrs Ellen A Hawley, aged 28 years and 14 days, died at her home one mile west on 7 May 1891. She had been a long and patient sufferer of consumption until on Thursday morning when she died. She leaves a husband, four little children and five stepchildren, an aged father and mother, three sisters and a brother. Remains interred in Locust Grove Cemetery.

In Loami, Willie C Joy and Miss Ola Elmore were married on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mrs Macca Colburn.

A daughter was born to A V Staley and wife on 7 May 1891 at their home near Loami.

#### Thursday, 21 May 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Mr Thomas Snow died on Sunday at the family residence in this city, aged 64 years. Services took place at the ME Church on Monday afternoon and was largely attended, every seat being taken. Remains were deposited in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. He had been afflicted with partial paralysis for many years and was a patient sufferer. Thomas C M Snow was born in Mattison, Amherst Co, Virginia, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1827. On 16 May 1852, he was married to Arminda Montgomery who survives him. In December 1861, he enlisted in the Union Army, Co E, 61<sup>st</sup> Ill Vol Infantry. After his term of service had expired, he re-enlisted on 20 March 1864, serving altogether 3 years and 9 months. He was an old resident of Moweaqua, having settled here about 30 years ago. He leaves a wife and five children, three sons and two daughters to mourn him. His children are John H Snow and E E Snow of Moweaqua, William Snow of Wichita, Kansas, Mrs V Snyder, Jr of Moweaqua, and Mrs E H Withers of Streator.

R H Rutledge died at Heyworth, McLean County, aged 81 years. To him and Charity Weedman was issued in 1831, the first marriage license ever issued by McLean County, Illinois. He died where he located in 1828.

James McCleary, aged 90 years, who had been missing from his home in Quincy was found drowned near that city. His body was discovered in a bayou.

At Stanford, McLean County, J A Riley and Samuel Riley, of that place and Berry Fowler, of Monticello, took drinks from a bottle which they supposed contained whiskey, but which was filled with aconite. A short time later, J A Riley was dead and it is believed the other two will surely die.

Charles Barding and wife have a new daughter who arrived on Friday, 15 May 1891. George Portwood and wife have a new daughter who arrived Thursday, 14 May 1891. Mrs Elisabeth Lockhart died in Decatur last week. Her daughter and husband, Mr and Mrs A J Johnson of Moweaqua went to Decatur for the funeral services.

Denwood Myers, youngest son of Mr and Mrs S D Myers died on Saturday from the effects of diphtheria.

#### Thursday, 28 May 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Philip Clark, aged 80 and his good old wife, Christina Clark, aged 79, held an interesting party at their home in Clinton to celebrate their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. Twenty of Clinton's oldest citizens were guests at the dinner. Mr Clark is a veteran of the Black Hawk War, having served in the same company with Abraham Lincoln.

Mrs. Jennie B Coleman, wife of L A Coleman, died at Springfield, aged 48 years. She

Mrs Jennie B Coleman, wife of L A Coleman, died at Springfield, aged 48 years. She was a daughter of the late Judge Stephen T Logan who was at one time the senior member of the law firm, Logan and Lincoln.

Mrs Sarah Rothchild of Chicago celebrated her 103<sup>rd</sup> birthday a few days ago at the home of her daughter, Mrs Simon Kahn. Four generations assisted in the celebration.

Mrs Harrison Swan, wife of a farmer near Eylar, was killed by being dashed against a corn crib in a runaway accident.

Mrs Abe David, a very young wife, of near Stronghurst, Henderson Co, suicided by hanging. She is believed to have been temporarily insane at the time.

The 14 year old son of Rankin Robbins was killed near Oquawka after falling and hitting his head on some nails that were in a board where he fell.

John B Freeman reached his majority yesterday (21 years) and his father, John Freeman, Sr made him a present of five \$20 gold pieces. Today Mrs Freeman will entertain a company of young people from Decatur at Paradise Farm near Moweaqua. (from Decatur Herald-Dispatch of Tuesday, 26 May 1891).

Mr and Mrs Henry Bunning and wife, northeast, have a son who arrived on Saturday, 23 May 1891.

#### Thursday, 4 June 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss Minnie Brandon, a beautiful girl of Carterville, Illinois, committed suicide by hanging to a cross-beam in her father's smokehouse. Her father objected to her marrying the young man she loved.

Miss Agnes Marts, daughter of Joseph and Minerva Marts died at the home of her parents at Stella, Nebraska, on 18 May 1891. She was a sufferer from consumption for several months and had been in great pain but bore it with smiles of Heaven. She left her father, mother, four brothers and four sisters to mourn her loss. The Marts family were former residents of this County.

Isaac Scott, a wealthy farmer near Hickory Grove, Vermilion County, was struck and killed by lightning.

Mrs D G Watson, one of Christian County's oldest and most respected citizens died Tuesday night. Burial will be in Jacobs Cemetery.

Mrs **Abbott**, from whom a tumor was removed last week, died in St Louis, Tuesday morning and the remains were ordered shipped to this city for the burial (From *Shelby Co Leader*).

#### Thursday, 11 June 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss Kibler of Newton, Illinois, aged 19, 6 feet tall, sixty-three inches around the waist and three feet wide across the shoulders and hips and weighing five hundred and eight pounds, died Thursday last.

Wm Appel, a cigar manufacturer of Warsaw, this state, becoming disgusted with himself, because he could not stop drinking, went into an abandoned building last week, and, standing between two empty whisky barrels, shot himself in the head.

John Lohman, tallest man in this state, died last week at his farm in Fondulac township after a brief illness. He was aged 75 years and had been raised in North Carolina and 'had to stand up on his toes to see the sun shine over the great hills there in the morning'. This is what he used to tell inquisitive people who asked what made him so tall, he being six feet and nine inches in his stockings. He had resided in Tazewell County for many years. Benjamin W Brainard, one of the oldest citizens of Logan County, died a few days ago at age 63. He was said to have been the wealthiest man in the County.

David Leonard, a G. A. R. Veteran and janitor of the Cook County building, had a fatal accident. He marched in the Memorial Day parade and when he returned to the County building at 9 o'clock at night, he observed that the flag was still floating from the top of the building. He went to take it in and on his way down fell through the light shaft from the top floor to the basement.

Two youthful lovers, Miss Ida Townsend and Elmer Foster of Bush Township, Jo Daviess County, suicided the other night. They had been out for a drive during the evening and returned late. The girl's mother called her at the usual hour the next morning, and receiving no response, she broke into the room where the two lovers were found dead; the young man upon the bed and the young girl on the floor to which she had fallen in her agony. They had taken strychnine which they had hidden for the purpose of suicide. The girl's father is wealthy and Foster was a farmer; it is said her parents opposed the union. Mrs Jane Watson died at the home of her husband, 2 ½ miles west of Moweaqua on Wednesday morning, 3 June 1891, at age 75 years and 9 months. She suffered a severe fall in September 1889 in which her right hip was broken and since that time she has been confined to her bed, having no use of the broken limb and never being able to move it. A few days before her demise, she was taken with congestion of the stomach and this caused her death. Jane Robinson, youngest child of James Robinson, a Revolutionary soldier was born in Mercer County, Kentucky, in the year 1815. She was married to Dudley G Watson on the 24th day of June 1834 and during the almost 57 years of their married life, had been a faithful and loving wife. On 24 February 1857, she, with her husband, located on the farm which was her home at her death and they have lived there ever since. To them, 12 children were born, 6 sons and six daughters, nine of whom are living. Those living are Martha E Morgan of Prairieton, David R of San Antonio, Texas; Sarah

Surdam, Dalton City; Dudley J; and James of Assumption; Rebecca Mackey of Dennison, Texas; Nathaniel T of Decatur; Isabel Kelly of Dallas, Texas; and William G of Prairieton township. Those deceased are Fannie, Mary Jane and John W. She joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at the age of 13 and has been a consistent follower of the Church and teachings.

Several young people attended the birthday dinner last Sunday 2 ½ miles northeast of Moweaqua in celebration of Miss Belle Tolson's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. The gathering was given by Miss Belle's mother.

Miss Etta Harper was married in Decatur last Thursday; her sister, Mrs Ed Bonnell of Prairie Home attended her sister's wedding.

Parents of Miss Linnie Park gave a party on Tuesday night honoring her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. The family lives near Loami.

Sir John Alexander Macdonald, the most forceful figure in Canadian Politics for the last half century is dead on 6 June 1891 in Ottawa, Canada. He is the eldest son of the late Hugh Macdonald, Esq. of Sutherlandshire, Scotland, and was born in Glasgow on 11 January 1815. He was married twice, the first wife was Isabella, daughter of Alexander Clark, Esquire of Dalnavert, Inverness-shire, Scotland, who died in 1856. He next wedded Susan Agnes, daughter of T J Barnard, a member of her majesty's privy council of the island of Jamaica.

#### Thursday, 18 June 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Col. Nathan Whitney died at the home of his son, A R Whitney near Franklin Grove, Lee County. He celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of last February. He was the oldest mason in the northwest.

Thos Smith, a farmer near Dixon, suicided in that city the other day by shooting. He was 50 years old and leaves a wife, but no children.

Mr H T Richardson and Miss Nettie Mills both of this city were married by Justice I B Curtis at his office in Decatur yesterday forenoon. They are located in their neat little home on Macon Street. He is a barber by trade and having lived in Moweaqua most of his life is well known. The bride has lived in Moweaqua for about 8 years, coming here from Perry County, Indiana.

Mrs J H Donnel of Moweaqua was surprised on the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her birth last Thursday. More than 80 invited guests were present. A group picture was taken by H W Bray.

Daisy Price, daughter of Mr and Mrs William Price celebrated her 7<sup>th</sup> birthday one day last week. In honor of the day, her parents presented her with a handsome Miller organ. Mrs Lydia Loose of Loami received a telegram on Monday stating that her son, Frank was killed on Saturday at Emporia, Kansas, while at work in a round-house. (prepared for 12 June 1891).

#### Thursday, 25 June 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

William Thornton, of Virden, while eating supper Saturday evening, choked on a piece of meat and died before a physician could arrive.

Uncle Nathan Corley of Pickaway celebrated the occasion of his 64<sup>th</sup> birthday with about 200 persons attending the celebration.

Grandma Barrickman, a widely known and much respected lady of Ridge, aged

89 years, was buried yesterday in the presence of a multitude of her friends. Her husband lived to be almost 100 years of age.

William Stice, a prominent farmer residing north of Jacksonville met with sudden death while hauling a heavy load of rails when the team ran away throwing him below the wheels of the wagon.

Bert Barrackman, eldest son of John Barrackman of Brunswick, was drowned on Sunday last at the dam at that place.

R I Smith and wife of Taylorville have a new baby boy who arrived at their home on Sunday, 7 June 1891.

Clyde Mitchell had a splendid time at the residence of S R Mitchell on Friday in honor of the youngster's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. The party was given by his parents.

Mrs Jasper N Clark died at the home of her husband near Liberty, Kansas, on Monday, 15 June 1891. Mrs Clark had been sick for some time with typhoid fever. Her husband was the son of the late William R Clark of Flat Branch and a brother of the Clarks and Mesdames F P Snell and Thomas Smith of this city. Burial was in Independence, Kansas.

Miss Minnie Robertson was given a surprise birthday party in honor of her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mr and Mrs Robertson and Charles and Miss Barbara Merryman. Ex-Senator McDonald died in Indianapolis, Indiana, on 21 June 1891.

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#### Thursday, 2 July 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Wm Shoemaker died Saturday at the home of her husband, southeast of Moweaqua of consumption. Funeral was on Sunday.

Mrs T L Nordyke, an estimable lady who lived near Assumption, died of consumption last week. She leaves a husband and five children. Funeral was on Saturday.

Mrs William Gordon had a surprise birthday party at her residence 6 miles southeast of Moweaqua on 17 June 1891. It was in honor of her 69<sup>th</sup> birthday. All guests departed, wishing Mrs Gordon many more happy birthdays. All had an enjoyable evening. James Robertson and wife have a new son born on Saturday, 27 June 1891.

Mr and Mrs Orson Briggs of Old Stonington welcomed a 10 pound baby boy born Friday last.

#### Thursday, 9 July 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John Zimmerman, 21 years of age, committed suicide by jumping out of a window at his father's residence.

Edwin Dawson, aged 12, fell from a tree at Bloomington the other day breaking his arm. He died from lockjaw following the onset of an infection to the wound.

Dr Eli S Faris, born in 1807, whose grandfathers were killed in the Revolution, died at Decatur. He cast his first vote for Andrew Jackson.

Albert Worsham and Miss Mattie Hays, both of this locality were united in matrimony on Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 1891, at the M E Parsonage in Moweaqua. He is the only son of Mr and Mrs Samuel Worsham of near Assumption, and he is a well respected young man. The bride is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs Major Hays of Prairieton township and is well known and respected by all who know her. She will make Mr Worsham a fine and loving wife.

#### Thursday, 16 July 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Mrs Sarah E Bowman died at her home, four miles west of Assumption on Monday, 13 July 1891, aged 39 years, 6 months, 6 days. Sarah Elizabeth Snell was born in Warren County, Ohio, on 7 January 1852. In 1868 she came to Illinois with her parents and has lived here ever since. On 9 November 1874, she was united in marriage to William Bowman who survives. She became a member of the M E Church in 1874 and remained so until her death. She was the mother of two children who survive. Remains were brought to the residence of her parents, Mr and Mrs Zealy Snell of Moweaqua late Monday night, and early Tuesday morning they were interred in the Cemetery west of town.

Andrew Adams and wife have a new son born 1 July 1891.

Henry Byram, Jr and wife have a new son who was born 7 July 1891.

Word was received here on Monday from George E Patton, who is in Pennsylvania, that his father died about eight hours before he reached Menno. George was delayed several hours in Decatur by the Illinois Central wreck.

Mrs Corley of Tower Hill died on Saturday of last week and friends met at the Church on Sunday for the services. While the sermon was being preached, the husband of the deceased, W. B. F. Corley dropped the fan from his hand and fell dead. The coffin containing Mrs Corley was returned to the home, a casket procured for Mr Corley, and on Tuesday, they were laid side by side in the same grave.

A little daughter came to the home of **John Bridgman** of Obed on Tuesday. Mr and Mrs **John Bridgman** are rejoicing over the arrival of a new baby girl at their home in Yantisville on 7 July 1891.

H E Connor celebrated his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday on Wednesday, 8 July 1891, at a surprise party held at his home in Yantisville.

#### Thursday, 23 July 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr 'Jack' Irvin was married on Tuesday, 21 July 1891, to Miss Anna Scribner.

A D Hayes of near Moweaqua married Miss Belle Lamar of Harristown on Sunday, 17 July 1891.

Squire Linscott, 71 years, a resident of Pontiac died a few days ago.

Mr and Mrs J B Fortner and wife have a new son who arrived on Saturday, 18 July 1891. The funeral sermon of Mrs D G Watson, deceased will be preached at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, 26 July 1891.

Hugh Green and Miss Belle Workman were married in Taylorville on Wednesday, 15 July 1891. They are residents of this city.

#### Thursday, 30 July 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Andrew Hays, Sr, one of the oldest and best respected citizens of Moweaqua, died at his home in this city on 25 July 1891. Services were held at the ME Church on Sunday afternoon; interment in the Hays Cemetery southwest of town. Deceased was born in Indiana on 26 June 1820. He came to Illinois, settling in Sangamon County almost 40 years ago. He married Sarah Ann Hall on 26 September 1839, and has been a kind and devoted husband. About 20 years ago he was united with the ME Church here at a revival meeting. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn him.

Mrs J W Weight of Salt Lake City, Utah, formerly Miss Hannah Edwards of this city, died of consumption at her home on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June last. Mrs J G Stewart is in receipt of a letter from the husband of the deceased stating the above facts.

George South and Miss Mary Denton both of Flat Branch Township were united in holy matrimony on Thursday, 23 July 1891, at Taylorville. The groom is the youngest son of Mr John South and is an industrious and upright young man. The bride is the daughter of Mr James Denton of Flat Branch.

A daughter was born to **Thomas Seymour** and wife on Tuesday, 28 July 1891 at their home near Obed.

Mrs James D Rawlins, mother of the late Major General John A Rawlins, secretary of war during the first administration of President Grant died the other night at her home in Jo Daviess County where she had resided for over 60 years. Her age was 89 years, her husband, two years her senior, to whom she was married 64 years ago, survives her. They were among the earliest settlers of Illinois, having settled in Jo Daviess County as early as 1827, coming from Kentucky. Her husband fought in the Black Hawk War. She leaves four sons and a daughter.

David Potts, an old citizen of Logan County, died at his home near Lincoln a few days ago.

James Hill and Miss Ella McMullen were married in Taylorville on Thursday, 23 July 1891. Both live a short distance southeast of here and are well known to our people. On last Thursday night, an accident on one of the electric street car lines in Decatur resulted in the throwing of a car from the track and the death of Miss Hattie Lockwood. The car was packed full of people among whom were two ladies from Moweaqua, Misses Pollie Clark and Nellie Parker.

An 8 pound daughter came to bless the home of E M Rawlings and wife on Monday, 20 July 1891, near Yantisville.

A 7 pound daughter came to the home of Mr Seymour and wife of Yantisville on Tuesday, 21 July 1891.

F W Hughes of Assumption was married to Miss Near of Oconee at the home of the bride in Flat Branch on Sunday, 26 July 1891.

A four-year-old girl was killed 4 miles south of Oconee Friday by a fast train. She was standing on the track when seen by the engineer, but too late to save her. She was thrown some 30 feet and died 6 hours later (Flat Branch news)

#### Thursday, 6 August 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr M. W. P. Sellers, for many years a resident of this County, died at his home southeast of Moweaqua on Wednesday evening, 29 July 1891. Mr Sellers had been in feeble health for some years and got about with difficulty. Funeral was held at the house on Thursday afternoon after which remains were interred in the Snyder burying ground, south. 'Uncle Billy' as he was familiarly called by almost everyone, had reached a ripe old age—he would have been 84 years old in September next. He came to this County in an early day and resided continuously here for over 40 years.

Dr Thomas G Ereskine, of LeRoy, McLean County, was found dead in his office. He had not been seen for several days and on forcing open the door, the doctor was found lying dead upon the floor, having evidently been a corpse several days. It is the opinion that he committed suicide by poison.

The death of Mrs Margaret Dillow removes one of the oldest inhabitants of Union County. She was 97 years of age and older than the State of Illinois. She was born in North Carolina.

John Wallace, one of the early settlers in Livingston County, dropped dead the other day. Cause of death is heart disease.

The funeral of Mrs Sarah Peabody took place at Stonington on Monday. Mrs Peabody was about 80 years old and was among the oldest settlers in Christian County.

A marriage license was issued on Tuesday to Eugene Harper and Miss Ida Porter, northeast, and their marriage has doubtless occurred ere this.

Jennie Potter, infant daughter of I H and Ella Potter of Decatur, died on Thursday in Moweaqua of cholera infantum. Services were held from the house on Friday with interment made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. The little one had been sick only a few days. N T Watson and wife of Decatur have a new boy born Tuesday, 4 August 1891.

James B Huffy and wife of Bloomington have a new little daughter presented to him on 26 July 1891 by his good wife.

Henry Lutz returned to his home in Prairie Home after attending the funeral of his father at Belle Fentaine, Pennsylvania.

#### Thursday, 13 August 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Frank Gregory was presented a little daughter on Wednesday, 5 August 1891, by his wife.

Samuel Henton and wife, northwest, have a new daughter who arrived on Thursday, 6 August 1891.

Geo W Hays and wife, south are rejoicing in the birth of a daughter born to them on Monday, 10 August 1891.

On Friday, 7 August 1891, Mrs Ella Bertzfield, wife of Anson Bertzfield, died at her home two miles north of Prairie Home. She was sick but a day or so and was aged about 19 years. She was a Christian lady and the loss will be greatly felt. Funeral occurred at the Prairie Home Church on Saturday afternoon.

James A Jacobs celebrated his 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday on Tuesday and invited his friends to celebrate the occasion at his home near Loami.

Mr and Mrs George Snyder of north of Moweaqua are doubly happy now. A pair of twin boys just put in their appearance at the Snyder domicile last Saturday.

Squire S D West, one of the pioneers of Moweaqua passed the 70<sup>th</sup> milestone on his life's journey yesterday. He was the recipient of a handsome gold watch from his son, Frank West. He is highly respected and well thought of in this vicinity and has been a long time resident of this county.

William Green died at Joliet the other day aged 112 years and 9 months. He had been blind for years, but up to his death was quite bright and active. He distinctly remembered the battle of Waterloo, and knew all the prominent commanders and military men at that time.

Jennie Wadhams, aged 7 years, was playing with matches at Galesburg when her clothes caught on fire and she burned so badly that she died.

John Crogton, a prominent farmer and stock raiser of Marshall County committed suicide by shooting. Domestic trouble was given as the cause.

#### Thursday, 20 August 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Beverly Armstrong was the recipient of a surprise birthday dinner on Monday of this week. It was in honor of her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday and was a complete surprise to the good lady. About 50 guests shared the enjoyment of the occasion.

C Ruby and wife of Fame are rejoicing over the arrival of another girl baby at their house on 12 August 1891.

Rev J P Hays, a pioneer Methodist circuit rider, died at Bloomington, aged 89 years. He began his religious work at Hennepin in 1820 and was a good old man.

#### Thursday, 27 August 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The Call-Mail contained an item last week regarding Mrs Martha Goodwin being called to Johnson City, Tennessee, by the serious illness of her daughter, Mrs William Wyatt. The lady died last week and the remains were brought to this place on Saturday accompanied by the sorrowing husband and mother. Funeral was from Mrs Goodwin's home on Sunday.

John Evans and wife have a new son born to them on Sunday, 16 August 1891.

Mr J B France and Miss Mae Milligan of Amory, Mississippi, were married at the Baptist Church in that city on Tuesday, 25 August 1891. The bride is a daughter of Mr and Mrs J R Milligan, formerly of Assumption.

Mr Stephen C Polk and Miss Laura Radford were united in the bonds of wedlock at the Hotel Brunswick in Decatur by Justice Ira B Curtis on Wednesday of last week.

John Farmer, who lives near Jacksonville, has been severely afflicted. Two of his children having died with black diphtheria, while a third was, at last reports in a precarious condition. The disease was supposedly contracted by treating a cow sick with sore mouth. Mrs A J Brown died at Waynesville, DeWitt County, having taken paris green. She left a husband and a little son. While the doctor was working to save her life, Mrs Brown expressed a desire to live and said she hoped the Lord would forgive her.

Mrs John Green, wife of a Logan county farmer, heard a horse struggling in a stall while her husband was absent from home. She entered the stable to release the animal and was thrown down and trampled so badly that her life was despaired of.

Col Charles Tinkham, one of the most prominent businessmen of Champaign County, died at his home in that city a few nights ago.

Rudolph Schempff, a prominent German resident of Peoria drown himself in a fountain pool. He had been ill, and it is believed he was demented.

#### Thursday, 3 September 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Albert Pratt and Miss Chloe Dean of near Moweaqua were united in wedlock at the Methodist Church on Tuesday evening, 1 September 1891, by Rev A C Armentrout. He is the oldest son of H A Pratt, one of our best farmers who lives a mile south of town and is a steady and industrious young man. The lady he has chosen for a life partner is a daughter of Mr George Dean who also lives south of the city.

Frank Denton and Miss Nettie Gordon, both of Flat Branch, were married in Shelbyville on 24 August 1891. He is the eldest son of Elias Denton, the bride is a daughter of Mr Levi Gordon and is a handsome and accomplished young lady.

Mr I W Osborne, who in his normal condition stands just a little over six feet, is now treading so high hat he will hardly speak to common mortals. He was presented with a pair of handsome baby girls last Saturday night.

The infant son of Stephen Workman and wife died Saturday evening in Loami.

Mort Price, son of Mrs Sarah Price, died Saturday night of dropsy of the heart in Loami.

He was ten years of age.

John Bly and Miss --- Moore of near Bruce Station, were married last Thursday near Prairie Home. John is a prospering young man and has fine crop prospects. They will go to housekeeping on a part of the S H Sanner's farm.

Bartley Scarlette, one of the oldest and best respected citizens of Moweaqua, died at his home here on Friday, 28 August 1891, from the effects of cancer. He had been afflicted with this terrible disease for more than 20 years past and never was without a hope that it might be cured until recently. Services were held at the family residence on Saturday afternoon. He was a member of Moweaqua Lodge No 180, A F & A M and he was buried in the beautiful ceremonies of the Order. Interment was made in the Masonic Cemetery south of town. He was born in Jefferson County, Tennessee, in 1830 and was past 61 years of age at the time of his death. He, with his family, located in Moweaqua almost thirty years ago and have lived here continuously ever since. In 1878 he was elected representative of the general assembly from this district and served his constituents with honor. He was a man of sterling honest and strict integrity.

#### Thursday, 10 September 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

William C Mauzy and wife have a new daughter born to them last Saturday night. Hiram Goatley and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a new daughter born to them recently.

Word was received here from Charles M Hiter's sister that Mr Hiter had died at some small town in Texas and that he was buried there. Hiter was an unusually intelligent man, but a perfect slave to the drink habit.

Edith Tully died at her home in Charleston, Illinois, on 27 August 1891, at the age of 9 years and 7 months. Between the hours of 4 and 5 o'clock in the afternoon, her spirit took flight to the better land. She had been sick about six months.

Mr and Mrs Henry Yantis of Yantisville went to Circleville, Ohio, last Sunday to attend the double wedding of Mrs Yantis' brother and sister which took place on 1 September 1891.

George W Coons of Loami celebrated his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday in the presence of a large assemblage of friends and relatives.

George D Snodgrass and Miss Ona Harbur were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. Rev J M Johnson officiated (Loami news).

#### Thursday, 17 September 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Benjamin Purcell, for 30 years a prominent resident of Tuscola, died a few days after a short illness. He would have completed his full 100 years on 14 December 1891. He was a remarkable man, both physically and mentally.

Chris Roewenkemp, a prominent farmer of Washington County, was killed by a bridge giving way. His team and wagon fell upon him.

Death occurred at Tuscola of William Watson, 80 years. He had lived in that locality for 25 years and was well known.

Conrad Kamel of Bureau County was killed by the cars near South Bend, Indiana. He was on him way home to Germany to visit his parents.

F W Flesh, of this place received word last week that his brother, Rob Flesh and Miss Carrie Hembrechts are to be married in Springfield, Illinois, on the 30<sup>th</sup> inst. H C Miller and wife, southwest, have a daughter born on Tuesday, 1 September 1891.

#### Thursday, 24 September 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Infant daughter of Mr and Mrs J B Fortner departed this life on Tuesday, 22 September 1891. She had been sick several days. Services were held yesterday.

Mr and Mrs George Clouser of Piatt County celebrated their 67<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary at the park in Bloomington on Wednesday of last week. Over 1,000 relatives and friends attended the celebration.

Mrs Cora Riggs of Havana is the mother of triplets, all living. No 1 was received as an ordinary matter of fact, but no. 2 proved a stunner, while the announcement of No 3 proved a general revolt. Mrs Riggs was a Miss Warner, formerly of Lincoln.

Miss Laura Tyndal died on Saturday morning, 20 September 1891, at the residence of Beverly Armstrong, east, of consumption. She was 21 years of age at the time of her death and had been a sufferer with consumption for a year past. Interment in the Tolly Graveyard on Saturday evening.

C F Rice and wife have a new daughter born on 21 September 1891.

James B Riley and wife have a new son who was born on Tuesday, 22 September 1891. Samuel Garvin, a young farmer near Edinburg, expected to marry Miss Maude Wambeley of Springfield. In anticipation of the event, he let her have \$200 withdrawal to procure a bridal outfit. She did so and then used it to marry another fellow. Mr Garvin is not happy, but exceedingly fortunate after all.

At Danville, the other day, **Harmon Smith**, a wealthy farmer, was run down by a passenger train, killing him and his team of horses.

#### Thursday, 1 October 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

H Daniel Smith, infant son of R I and M J Smith, aged 3 months and 9 days, died in Taylorville on Wednesday, 23 September 1891, at 11:50 PM. The little fellow was a constant and severe sufferer for the past nine weeks. The little son was laid to rest in Oak Hill Cemetery.

The 8 months old child of **Thomas Barnett** died on Thursday of last week at **T J**Gordon's home, west. The little one's mother was dead and it had been taken to Mr

Gordon and wife to raise. Funeral was held at the house of Friday.

LE Harlan of Moweaqua received the sad news that his father, JC Harlan died on last Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs Megredy near Cambridge, Kansas. Mr Harlan received the word on Monday of this week. The elder Mr Harlan was 75 years old and the cause of his death was malarial fever. Funeral was held near Buckley, Illinois, on Saturday. He leaves 8 children, 5 sons and 3 daughters. The sons are LE of Moweaqua, John C Harlan, William P Harlan and Elmer Harlan of Iroquois County and George F Harlan of Rock, Kansas. The daughters are Mrs. W. R. Megredy and Mrs George Sampsel of Kansas and Mary E Megredy of Missouri.

The will of Uncle Jackey Messamore who died recently at Alto Pass at the age of 91, has been admitted to probate. Uncle Jackey was an ardent Republican and the peculiarity of his will is that it does not give one cent to one son and two daughters who are Democrats while the rest of the children who are ardent Republicans are liberally provided for Charles Morehead Hiter died on 1 September 1891 at Mount Pleasant, Texas, of a congestive chill (Obit has drawn picture of Mr Hiter). He was born at Clarksville, Tennessee, on 17 September 1856, of German parentage, his ancestors having been natives of the Grand Duchy of Heyser Darmstadt in Germany. At the age of 8 years, he and one sister were left orphans who found a home in the family of a kind uncle where they were well cared for and brought up befitting a station that would fit them for almost any position in life. His education was commenced in the Carrollton High Schools and then through the Blackburn University at Carlinville, Illinois. He displayed considerable talent for journalism and newspaper ability. And like that of many other young men, composed of much sunshine with some shadows, among which was the great love of Rum and strong drink. In April 1884 was his first appearance in Moweaqua, Illinois, were he began to work with W A Steidley who was then publishing the Moweaqua Mail. After some 5 or 6 months, Mr Hiter and A Gilliland purchased the Mail, Hiter being placed in charge as editor and publisher. He also learned the art of telegraphy while in Moweaqua. (more on this obit - highlights only taken)

Cards are out in the Loami area announcing the wedding of Joe Staley and Miss Linnie Park which is set for 6 October 1891.

Benjamin Allison an aged farmer of McLean County was killed at Bloomington by being thrown from a cart and dragged through the street.

#### Thursday, 8 October 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail

Dudley Porter and wife, north, have a new daughter born on Sunday, 4 October 1891. Milton Litzenberger and wife, north, have a daughter born on 6 October 1891. Mr E B Bilyeu, an old and respected citizen of Christian County was united in marriage last week to a lady from the vicinity of Centralia.

George W Allison and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a son born 24 September 1891.

Daniel Conroy had fallen under the wheels of a coal car on the Illinois Central as it started away from Moweaqua on Monday. Apparently one truck of the coal car crushed Conroy's legs and he was taken to the office of Dr Buck who, upon examination felt that amputation would be no avail. Conroy's mother came down on the evening train from Decatur and took her son home at 8:43. Arriving there, both of the man's legs were amputated, but he did not survive the ordeal, dying at 1:30 on Tuesday morning. He was an iron molder by trade and had been to Assumption to visit an uncle. He was a single man about 24 years of age and lived in Decatur. He was of the Catholic faith and was attended by the priest from Macon until his death.

On Wednesday, 30 September 1891, at the home of her husband, **H Matthias**, southeast, Mrs Catherine Matthias departed this life. She had been afflicted with consumption for over a year. She was aged 26 years and leaves a husband and two little boys to mourn her loss. Services were held at the Baptist Church southeast, Thursday; interment in the Baptist Cemetery.

Edward Estelle, a farm hand 23 years of age was killed at Chillicothe last Thursday. He had attended the state fair at Peoria and was stealing a ride home on what is known as a 'blind' baggage car. As the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific train, on which he was riding neared Chillicothe, he attempted to jump on, but fell under the wheels and was killed.

#### Thursday, 15 October 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Jas A Jacobs and wife, southwest, have a new son who was born on Sunday, 11 October 1891.

F Hempel and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a bouncing baby boy last Saturday, 10 October 1891.

Theodore Cox of Prairie Home and Miss Bertha Middleton of Flat Branch were married in Shelbyville on Wednesday, 7 October 1891.

Mr H R Munson of Rural and Miss Lola Robinson of Flat Branch were married on Wednesday, 7 October 1891, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr Samuel Robinson in Flat Branch. They will locate on Chris Burgener farm in Rural township, southeast of here, next year. They are excellent young people.

Scott Gregory and wife are parents of a fine new son who made his first appearance in this world on Friday of last week.

Mrs A B Lawrence who resides west of Moweaqua, passed the 50<sup>th</sup> milestone of her life's journey last Sunday, 11 October 1891. She has resided in this locality for twenty-three years and has a large circle of friends. Over 60 guests celebrated the affair with the Lawrence family. The affair was conducted by the two married daughters of the lady, Mrs H J Ziegler of Blue Mound and Mrs Clem Scribner, north.

Little **Mabel Avery** of Prairie Home died last Tuesday, 6 October 1891. The remains were followed, by a long train of sorrowing relatives and friends, to Prairie Home Cemetery. Services were held at the Church by Rev **McIntosh**, Galloway and Robinson.

Joseph E Staley and Miss Linnie Park were married Tuesday in the presence of about two hundred friends and relatives (Loami news)

Little Ethel Cloyd celebrated her sixth birthday Saturday afternoon at the residence of her grandfather, Stephen Staley in Loami.

A child of Mr Frank Tory of Randolph in McLean County, upset a cup of hot tea. Part of the fluid ran down the child's throat and entered its lungs causing death almost instantly. Mrs Catherine Frakes died in Bethel township, McDonough County, aged 100 years. She was a resident of Schuyler County for many years.

John Linn of this city, was called to Kentucky last week by the sad intelligence that his father was dead. He left Wednesday evening for his old home.

Miss Laura Tyndall died at her home at Beverly Armstrong's on 18 September 1891. She had been a sufferer from consumption for several months past and the last few weeks of her life were spent in very great pain, yet she bore it all with christian patience. (The memorial states 'death has saddened her earthly home, left a wound on the hearts of her many dear friends and her dear sisters...' (No mention of any relatives other than 'sisters'))

#### Thursday, 22 October 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wedding of Mr Chas W Litt and Miss Mary E White occurred last evening at the residence of Mr Jas Ridge of southeast of Moweaqua.

Last Wednesday evening, 14 October 1891, W S McDonald, formerly of this city, and Miss Lou Long of Assumption, were married in Assumption, the ceremony being held at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs Charles Long. Ceremony was conducted by Rev Elliott of the Presbyterian Church. The groom is a steady and industrious young man; he is a brother of Mrs Chas Snell and Miss Anna McDonald of this city. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Chas Long of Assumption and is well accomplished.

Wednesday, 14 October 1891, at 6 o'clock PM, Mr C W Rice married Miss Ida Jacobs. The occasion was had at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs Melinda Jacobs, one mile west and one mile north of Moweaqua, Illinois. Witness to the marriage were Miss

Eda Rice and Mr J S Eaton; the bonds of matrimony performed by Rev A C Armentrout. (Description of the gown and clothing wore by both bride and groom was

Armentrout. (Description of the gown and clothing wore by both bride and groom was given, as well as list of presents and names of persons presenting the gifts. Not copied in this book).

Wm Daughtrey, one of Moweaqua's oldest and best citizens, is carrying his head high these days. The reason is, he is the owner of a handsome gold watch, presented to him on his 51<sup>st</sup> birthday which occurred on Monday, 19 October 1891, and was a present from his good wife.

Warren Lucas, formerly of Loami, fell dead at his home in Springfield yesterday. R F Grimes of Radford turned 44 years old on 13 October 1891, and his friends and neighbors gave him a surprise dinner. (Fame news)

Henry Kuhn and Miss Millie Colburn were united in marriage Wednesday at New Berlin (Loami news)

W L Park of Loami turned 48 on Tuesday and about one hundred of his friends and family gave him a surprise dinner in honor of the 48<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Daughter was born to Stephen McCray and wife on 13 October 1891 in Loami.

Stephen R Elger, a highly respected and wealth citizen of Plattville committed suicide by shooting himself in the heart. He had a surgical operation performed and left a note stating he could not endure the pain any longer.

#### Thursday, 29 October 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr John Bilyeu was surprised with a gathering at his home by friends and family in honor of his 37<sup>th</sup> birthday last Tuesday. (Oak Branch news)

Miss Alice Smith, aged 24, daughter of Fred J Smith, threw herself under a passing train at Decatur and was killed.

Mrs Hannah H McClum, relic of Judge John E McClum, died at Bloomington the other morning. She was a native of Providence, Rhode Island, and was 70 years of age.

A runaway at Mount Carroll, Carroll County, resulted in the death of Miss Kittie Colebour, a young lady well known. Two other ladies with here were seriously injured. Mr and Mrs Everett Russell have a new little daughter born on Wednesday, 21 October 1891.

On Wednesday, 7 October 1891, at the bride's home six miles southwest of Edinburg, Mr Walter Winter of near Radford was married to Miss Kate Poff. Ceremony was

performed by Rev Cusan of Edinburg. They will honeymoon to St Louis where they attended the Exposition. They will farm three miles south of Moweaqua.

#### Thursday, 5 November 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Grandma Portwood of Long Grove died last week at age 78 years.

A quiet wedding occurred on Friday, 23 October 1891, at the home of the bride's parents southeast of Moweaqua. It was the marriage of J W Dean to Miss Chloe E Smock, ceremony performed by Elder L Corley. The bride and groom are two of Rural townships best young people. They will reside on the home place which Mr Dean will farm with his brother-in-law.

James K P Russel of Decatur and Miss Lizzie Dowd of Moweaqua, daughter of Mr and Mrs P Dowd of this city, were united in marriage last Friday in his office by Esq. I B Curtis.

Miss Alma Adams of Moweaqua attended the fashionable wedding of W F Hill to Miss Mary Beatty in Decatur last week. The groom is a cousin of Miss Adams.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs P G Ludwig on 25 October 1891. (Salem news) In Maple Grove, Mrs Tolston hosted a gathering in honor of Miss May Tolston's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday last week.

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Simon Primmer on 25 October 1891 in Prairie Home.

Emma Ferguson, wife of Lee Ferguson, aged 23 years, passed away of consumption on 23 October 1891 in Loami.

Wm Hodgerson, an old and highly respected citizen who lived three miles west of here was found dead in his barnyard on Friday afternoon. (Loami news)

Miss Nora Snodgrass who had been sick with consumption for several months, passed to her reward last Sunday evening at the age of 26 years. (Loami news)

Solomon Mason, for 52 years a resident of McLean County, died the other day at the age of 91 years. During the 50 years he had lived on the same farm, just east of Bloomington. His death was caused by old age; he leaves a large property to be divided among his 9 children.

Mrs Martha Sawyer, died at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr S W Wade in Clinton, a few days since. She was in her 92<sup>nd</sup> year and had lived in McLean and DeWitt counties for nearly 65 years.

Asa J Buffington, an old and respected citizen of Prairieton Township, died suddenly of neuralgia of the heart on Sunday evening, 1 November 1891. He had not been feeling well for several days but anticipated nothing serious. He was in Stonington on Saturday. Services conducted by J V Clements Post GAR of this city of which deceased was a member. Interment at Old Stonington on Monday. Asa J Buffington was born in Jefferson County, Illinois, in 1830 and was aged about 61 years at the time of his death. He joined the Methodist Church when young, but on moving to Old Stonington, became a member of the Baptist Church there. He entered the service of his country on 2 January 1862, as a private in Co K, 47<sup>th</sup> Illinois. He received an honorable discharge on 1 March 1862 on account of a dislocated ankle. He became a member of J V Clements Post in this city on 27 March 1886. He leaves a wife and large family, all grown. He was very well known, well respected and highly thought of in this vicinity.

#### Thursday, 12 November 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Samuel Miller and wife have a new daughter born on Thursday, 5 November 1891. H D Bassett of Mobile, Alabama, married Miss Irene Thompson at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday, 10 November 1891, at 9 AM; ceremony performed by Rev O P Galloway. He is a prominent business man in Mobile and is well known to our people. The bride is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs H B Thompson and is an amiable and accomplished young lady.

Ex-County Judge, W W Hess of Shelbyville, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday evening, 31 October 1891. Services conducted at the family residence on Sunday afternoon, after which the interment took place in Shelbyville city Cemetery. Judge Hess was a life long Democrat and for many years a prominent figure in Shelby County politics. Wm Schumacher of this vicinity and Miss Clara Meyer of Decatur were married in the latter city at the residence of the bride's parents on Monday night, 2 November 1891, at 7 PM. The happy couple arrived here on Wednesday and went out to Will's farm southeast, where he held a public sale on Friday. It is their intention to locate in St Louis, for which place they departed this week.

J J Combs and wife who reside near Macon, celebrated their 42<sup>nd</sup> wedding anniversary on Wednesday of last week. The children decided to surprise them and agreed to meet at a near neighbors, from whence they proceeded, bearing their catables with them to the home place. Here they found Father Combs in the field husking corn while Mother Combs was picking the feathers from her ducks. These occupations speedily discontinued and the children made welcome at their childhood home. Twelve children were born to this union, eleven shared the festivities with their parents; one son being unable to attend. H W Bray, Moweaqua's photographer was present and took an out-door family picture of the group. The couple were each presented with an easy chair.

On Thursday, 5 November 1891, at the home of Mr and Mrs S J Sprinkle, the marriage of Mr Charles Merryman to Miss Annie Sprinkle took place. Mr and Mrs Merryman will soon go to housekeeping on the farm recently purchased by him. (The announcement provides detailed description of the clothes the bride and groom were wearing as well as a list of the presents received and the names of the giver)

Tobinsport, Indiana news: Dr Wm White, Jr died very suddenly at Derby last Wednesday.

At Danville, C Leverenz accidentally severed an artery and bled to death before anyone knew of the accident. He was cutting leather.

John Lilienthal, aged 18, son of a prominent farmer near Danvers, McLean County, accidentally killed himself while hunting.

Dr Horation N Hurlbut, the oldest practicing physician of Chicago died the other morning of pulmonary disease. Dr Hurlbut was born in Batavia, New York, in 1806, and was within four days of attaining his 85<sup>th</sup> year. In the spring of 1851 he went to Chicago and had since lived in that city.

#### Thursday, 19 November 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr and Mrs Ed Matheny of Dalton City, have a new daughter born on 15 November 1891.

Mr E Potter of Decatur was married to Miss Flo Frey at Maroa on Thursday evening,

12 November 1891. The ceremony occurred at the residence of the bride's brother, Mr G W Frey and was performed by Rev W F Gibson, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place. Mr Potter is an old Moweaqua boy and has a host of friends. They will reside in Decatur, Mr Potter having a good position as depot solicitor for the Citizens Electric street railway in that city.

Albert Baker of Clinton, a freight brakeman of Illinois Central, known to his companions as 'Boss Owens' was caught between two cars at Walker and the life ground out of him by the wheels. Nothing could be done for the unfortunate man, however, he died Thursday morning at about 6:30 o'clock. His mother, who is a widow, arrived on the vestibule, but he was already deceased.

Mr Waldo Simons and family went to Hites Run last Saturday evening to attend the funeral of Waldo Smart who had died suddenly of apoplexy (Tobinsport, Indiana, news). E E Dumb of Cannelton died last Tuesday (Tobinsport, Indiana news).

Mr and Mrs Thomas Gregg of Hancock County, celebrated their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a few days ago. Mr Gregg is 86 and Mrs Gregg is 87.

John B Freeman and Miss Lizzie M Reeme of Decatur were married in that city on Monday night of this week. The groom is the son of Mr and Mrs John Freeman, east. Thomas Hudson Jr and wife have a new son born 16 November 1891.

#### Thursday, 26 November 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Mattie Burt of Springfield and Mesdames Mary and Sallie Kitch of Niantic were in Moweaqua over the Sabbath. They were here to attend the funeral of their niece, the late Lulu Kitch.

David J Atterberry was shot and instantly killed on Monday afternoon as he was on his way home. Two of his sons have been accused of the murder.

Married in Taylorville on Wednesday, 18 November 1891, Mr Ed Daughtry of this city and Miss Aileen Millot of Assumption. The newly married couple have arrived in Moweaqua and expect to make this city their home.

Lulu F Kitch was the oldest daughter of F C and Sarah Kitch who formerly lived in Niantic. Lulu was born in Niantic on 12 October 1871, and died in Moweaqua on 20 November 1891, being 20 years, 1 mo and 8 days of age. She joined the Baptist Church in Moweaqua in the winter of 1888 under the preaching of Rev J W Hawkins, and has followed a christian life. She was afflicted with that dead disease consumption and was an active worker in a good cause until a few short weeks before her demise. She suffered a severe hemorrhage of the lungs and from that time she gradually sank and died peacefully. Services by Rev J F Winchell at the Baptist Church on Sunday. Following the services, interment was made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery west of the city.

Long Grove news: The funeral of **Grandma Nihiser** was held last Saturday and the remains were interred in the Long Grove Cemetery. (16 November 1891 news)

Loami news: Mr and Mrs **James Jacobs** gave a party on Friday evening, 13 November in honor of the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of their son, **Alpheus**. All had a pleasant time. (21 November 1891 news)

Jas. Nicholson, aged 92, died at Decatur. He leaves a large family and considerable property. Mr Nicholson voted for seventeen presidents.

A son was born to J T Cash as wife on Sunday, 22 November 1891.

Mr. Martin Bridgeman, the aged father of Mr Henry Bridgeman, southeast, died at his home in Jacksonville on Tuesday, 16 November 1891. Mr Bridgeman had been sick for some time with presumably cancer of the stomach, although the physicians would not state positively what was the cause of death. Funeral services were held on Thursday with interment made at the Ebenezer Church north of Jacksonville. Martin Bridgeman was born in Virginia in 1810 and was consequently 82 years of age at his death. He came to this country in 1851 and has resided in Illinois continuously since that time. Ten children were born to himself and wife, all but one of whom is left to join the aged wife in sorrow over the departed husband and father. The entire family were present at the funeral. Mr Bridgeman and wife have lived in close companionship for a little over 61 years and grew old together. Mr and Mrs Henry Bridgeman returned Saturday from Jacksonville where they were in attendance at the bedside and burial of Mr Bridgeman's father. They have been absent about three weeks.

Mr Adam Bower of Arnheim, Brown County, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary E Kittering of this County, were married by Rev Panwitt on Wednesday, 18 November 1891, at the residence of Wm J Snyder, southeast. Ceremony was performed in the presence of family only. The groom is a substantial citizen on Arnheim and stands well in the community in which he lives. The bride is a sister of Mr M Schneider, Sr of this city and has lived with the family of her nephew, Mr W J Snyder, for ten years past. She is familiarly called 'Grandma' by her intimate acquaintances, being 60 years of age, 6 years younger than the groom. The happy couple left the evening after the wedding for their home in Arnheim. (Note: 'Schneider' and 'Snyder' was as spelled in the article)

On Thursday evening, 19 November 1891, at 5 o'clock, in the presence of about 55 guests, Mr Wm Hoewing married Miss Annie Winter at the residence of the bride's parents. After the ceremony, which was performed in German by Rev Panwitt, a bounteous supper was spread. (List of presents and the givers were included in the article; not fully copied here).

Miss Oma Corley was the honored guest at a surprise birthday party honoring her on Friday at her home in Yantisville.

#### Thursday, 3 December 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Charles Conner, the popular young teacher of Long Grove school, returned last Friday from Rome, Indiana, whither he had been called by the serious illness of his father, Samuel Conner. We regret to learn that Mr Conner did not reach home until after his father was dead.

Tobinsport, Indiana news: John Fella, a son of Jake Fella, formerly of Troy, was crushed between two cars on the Short Line Ry. Friday morning. John was employed as a brakeman and while coupling the cars made a misstep and lost his life.

Mrs Ed Heaton, a young woman of Macomb Township, McDonough County, was accidentally and fatally wounded by a pistol shot by her husband.

Urias M Mayer, aged 50 years, died at Freeport. He was city clerk and deputy County and circuit clerk for many years.

Mr Joseph Gass died at the home of his son, George Gass, in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, on Thursday, 19 November 1891, aged about 62 years. Mr Gass formerly lived in this city and vicinity and was well known and universally respected. His son, Burrell Gass, resides southeast of this city in Flat Branch Township.

Obed news: On Saturday, 28 November 1891, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs Frank Andrix.

The 60<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Mrs John Suppes was celebrated in a happy manner one day last week. About 75 invited guests gathered at the home of Mrs George Suppes to surprise 'Grandma Suppes'.

Born on Wednesday, 2 December 1891, to Mr and Mrs Ed Carsell, a fine son. Mrs Ella Potter, wife of I H Potter of Decatur, died Tuesday night at 10 o'clock of consumption. The remains will be brought to Moweaqua this Wednesday evening and the funeral will occur from the M E Church on Thursday.

Married at the home of the bride's mother near Yantisville, in the presence of a few invited guests on 6 December 1891, were Mr H E Connor to Miss Leona Carswell. The couple will go to housekeeping this week in the handsome little cottage in Moweaqua which Mr Connor has prepared for his bride. (List of wedding presents and giver; description of ceremony and attire also provided in article.)

Thursday, 10 December 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail: 16 pages of advertisements for items which would make good Christmas gifts. New firm in town – Aydelott and Haslam. Only 8 pages of the issue were in the volume I researched. No personals, etc. – This issue was incomplete.

#### Thursday, 17 December 1891 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Miss May Miller, daughter of W C Miller died of consumption at the home of her father in Moweaqua last Tuesday morning. She had been a sufferer with this dread disease as well as complications of other diseases. Services from the M E Church Thursday and will be conducted by Rev A C Armentrout.

John R Miller and wife welcomed a son on Wednesday, 9 December 1891.

Mrs W M Prall of Parsons, Kansas, died at her home last week. The remains were interred in the Cemetery at Parsons on Wednesday evening, 9 December 1891. Mrs Prall was a sister to Mrs Frank Snell of this city and had been an invalid for several years. She

was an estible Christian lady and her death is a great loss to the community.

Died at her home, 355 East William Street, Decatur, Illinois, Ella Virginia Potter, wife of I H Potter of consumption, aged 33 years. Deceased had been afflicted for several months with this dread disease. On Tuesday, 8 December 1891, at 10:40 PM, her spirit took its flight to the better world. Remains were brought to Moweaqua on the evening train on Wednesday and taken to the residence of M Snyder, Jr. From there they were taken to the M E Church on Thursday where services were held. The mortal remains of Mrs Ella Potter were then deposited in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west, there to await the Resurrection morn. Ella Virginia Shaw was born at Windsor, Shelby County, Illinois, on 15 August 1858. She was married to I H Potter in July 1887. Two children were born to them, one of which, baby Jennie, died last July, preceding the mother to the other shore. Marguerite, a sunny haired little girl of three years old is left behind to comfort the sorrowing husband and father. Deceased was the only daughter of Mrs Margaret Tolly of Decatur and a sister of James and Joshua Shaw of that city.

Jesse Jacobs, aged 3 years, son of Mr and Mrs Isom Jacobs died last Sunday of typhoid fever. Interment was made on Monday at the Jacobs grave yard, northwest.

The infant son of Wm and Mattie C Manley died on Monday last after a brief illness. Services were held at the German M E Church on Tuesday and the remains consigned to the grave in the Church yard.

A son was born to Lewis Sandborn and wife on Wednesday near Loami.

Mr and Mrs David Greening of Loami celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on 6 December 1891.

Died at the home of her son, Thos Knowles, northwest, on Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1891, Mrs Mary Knowles, aged 84 years. Mrs Knowles had been ill for several years and being of such an advanced age, it was known that he could not recover. Remains were taken to Springfield for interment on Tuesday. Mrs. Jas Q Reighley of this vicinity, is a daughter of the deceased.

Thos Stringer and Mrs Matilda Hieatt were married in Decatur on Wednesday of last week.

#### Thursday, 24 December 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died in this city at the home of her father, W C Miller, Miss Ada May Miller on Tuesday morning, 15 December 1891, at 4 AM. She was afflicted with consumption for about 4 months. Services held at the M E Church on Thursday, 17 December 1891, after which her mortal remains were entered in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, just west of this city. Miss Ada May was born at Bald Mound, Shelby Co, Illinois, on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 1872. United with the M E Church on 9 September 1890, since which time she has lived a consistent christian life. A peculiarly pathetic fact was that deceased was engaged to be married to R E Ayars of this city, the wedding day was fixed for 23 December 1891 (yesterday). Instead of going to the altar with her lover, she was buried a week before that time. She was attired in her wedding dress for her burial.

George A Jacobs, one of the pioneers of Central Illinois died at his home in this city on Tuesday morning of La Grippe. The funeral was held yesterday.

Mrs Charles Brickey of this city on Monday received a telegram stating that her sister, Mrs J A Hilsabeck had died at 12 o'clock that day at her home in Shelbyville. Mr and Mrs Brickey left on the evening train for Shelbyville. Mrs Hilsabeck had been sick only a short time with La Grippe.

Mr and Mrs H E Travis of this city are happy in the possession of a host of friends, a new and handsome upholstered rocker, a wooden cradle and just the 'cutest' doll the latter three articles presented by their friends on Wednesday night of last week, the occasion of the fifth (or wooden) anniversary of their happy marriage.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother near Pana, Mr Jesse C Adams of Prairieton Township and Miss Amy Austin on Wednesday, 23 December 1891. The groom is the youngest son of the Hon Joseph Adams, member of the Illinois General Assembly from the 34<sup>th</sup> district and is a fine young man. He is a successful farmer to which calling he will direct his energies. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs Jesse W Austin, who resides 5 miles this side of Pana, and who was widowed by her husband being killed in the hay field this summer. Mrs Austin owns a large and valuable farm and is among Christian County's best residents.

Dr Ira B Curtis, aged 69 years, died at Decatur. Deceased was County treasurer for three successive terms and had been a justice of the peace since 1887.

Mrs Jane Potter, one of Moweaqua's oldest residents, died Wednesday morning at her home. Obit next week.

On Wednesday, 9 December 1891, Mr W Schwartz and Miss Rosa Hawley were united in the holy bonds of wedlock at the residence of L Corley in Yantisville.

Preston Hunter and wife of Yantisville have a new little son who arrived on 20 December 1891.

#### Thursday, 31 December 1891 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

(This issue of the Moweaqua Call-Mail was mistakenly printed as 24 December 1891; apparently someone forgot to adjust the date before printing.)

Elder **D** G Watson, a pioneer of this County died of La Grippe at his home in this city on Tuesday afternoon, aged 79 years.

Mary Jane Potter, wife of the late I H Potter was born May 1826 in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, and died at her home in Moweaqua on 23 December 1891 at 9 PM of La Grippe. Services were conducted by Rev A C Armentrout at the M E Church on Thursday, 24 December 1891, at 2 PM, after which the beloved mother was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Mary J Potter was a member of the Presbyterian Church for years. She had been an invalid for the past 10 years and for the last year confined to her bed. During the last five years she had been tenderly cared for by her niece, Kate Day. She leaves seven children, two by a first marriage: Mrs M Snyder and Mrs Samuel Miller of Moweaqua, five by the second marriage: I H and EE Potter of Decatur, Mrs A Gilliland, Morcena M and Hallie M Potter of Moweaqua.

In Decatur of Thursday of last week, married: Mr Wm Henry to Miss Maria Ann Hudson, both of this city. The happy couple left on the evening train to visit Mr Henry's sister in the south part of the state. He is one of Moweaqua's best young men. He has resided here for the last three or four years. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mrs Joshua Hudson of this city and an estimable young lady.

A happy wedding occurred at the residence of Mr James Boyd in this city on Wednesday night of last week, 23 December 1891. Mr John C Wilson of this city was united in hold bonds of wedlock to Miss Bettie Newman of Kentucky. Rev A C Armentrout pastor of the M E Church officiated. Following a wedding supper and the congratulations a hearty good wishes of the few friends present, Mr Wilson and wife went to their neat little home on West Street which had been prepared and furnished by the happy groom.

George A Jacobs one of the oldest settlers in Central Illinois, and a pioneer in her early history departed this life on Tuesday morning, 22 December 1891, at his home in this city. Mr Jacobs had been sick but a short time, indeed had been engaged in outdoor work on the Saturday previous to his death. His taking off is attributed to La Grippe. Funeral services were held in the ME Church Wednesday when all that was mortal of Geo A Jacobs was laid to rest in the Jacobs Cemetery, southwest. George A Jacobs was born 24 February 1816 in Clark County, Kentucky. He was one of 8 children, who with their parents removed to Illinois is 1829 and settled in Round Prairie near Springfield. The next year they moved to near Mechanicsburg. In 1838 they moved to Brushy Branch in Christian County. Geo A Jacobs was married 2 October 1840 to Miss Harriett Widick and settled 3 miles southwest of Moweaqua, where he lived before moving to this city in 1890. To this union 5 children, one son and four daughters were born. A happy married life was vouchsafed them until on 17 December 1851, when Mrs Jacobs died. Mr Jacobs was

married to Nancy J Atteberry on 27 April 1852. Then children, 7 boys and three girls were born to them, 6 of whom are yet living. On October 10, 1881, Mrs Jacobs departed this life, leaving Mr Jacobs again a widower. In 1883, the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, Mr Jacobs was married to Mrs Mary Ballinger, and in 1890 the moved to their present home in Moweaqua. Mr Jacobs was a pioneer in this locality. He was here before there was any town and long before the building of the great Illinois Central railway. He experienced many trials and hardships of a pioneer life and was fully able to appreciate the great changes that have taken place. By hard labor, careful investment and frugality, Mr Jacobs amassed a competency. He has an untarnished and honorable home, highly respected. Loami news – Mr William Huffmaster of Owaneco who was born and raised here died on Tuesday.

John Adams and Miss Lizzie Carson were married Thursday at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs Jane Mengle aged 76 years, died on Sunday at the residence of **D P Coburn**. Willis A Hill and Miss Katie Atteberry of Moweaqua were married in Decatur on Thursday, 24 December 1891, by Rev H A Hoover.

Public notice of the sale of estate of **David J Atteberry** on 14 January 1892, 10 head of horses, 10 head of cattle, a Devon bull, miscellaneous items.

Letter printed from Mrs H F Hughes in Chetco, Oregon, dated 8 December 1891. She tells of the state of affairs in that area.

Jennie Kitch died yesterday at the home of her father, F C Kitch. Obit next week.

Jas T and D G Watson of Assumption, N T Watson of Decatur and W G Watson of Bridgewater, Illinois, with their wives, attended the funeral of their father, Rev D G Watson yesterday afternoon.

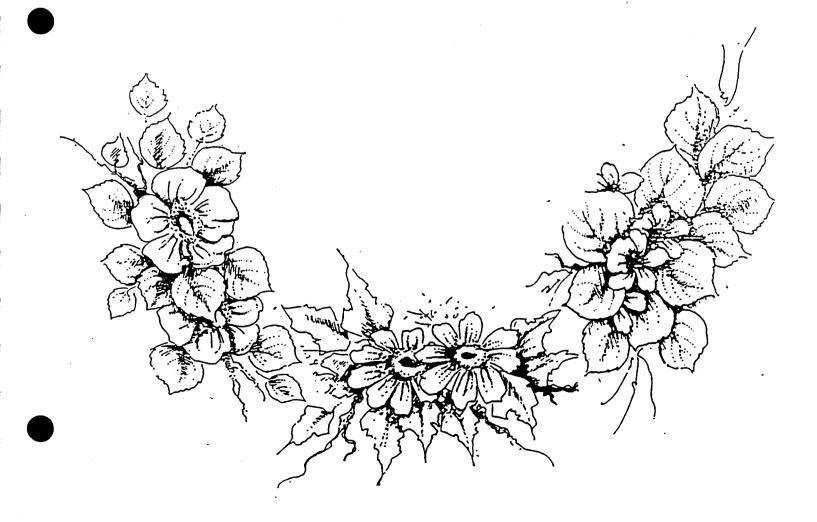
Mrs Sarah E Snow, widow of the late John C Snow died at her home in this city on Wednesday, 23 December 1891, aged 66 years. Services were held at the M E Church in this city on Thursday and remains were deposited in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. Sarah E Young was born in Green County, Illinois, on 1 October 1826. She was married to J C Snow on 22 March 1859. She was a faithful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and died triumphant in the faith. She was preceded in death by a daughter who died in her girlhood, more than 20 years ago, and also by her husband who died on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 1890. In the death of Mrs Snow, the family of John C Snow becomes extinct, and her father's family almost so. Only one, her brother, Felix Young is left, the only surviving relative.

It was a great surprise to Moweaqua people last Saturday to hear Mrs J A Reed, who with her husband was here on a visit from Cowden had died. Mr Reed had come expecting to visit with Mrs Sarah E Snow and other friends. Upon her arrival she found Mrs Snow very ill and became a guest of Mrs/Dr W P Buck. As is known, Mrs Snow died on Wednesday, and Mrs Reed, although far from well, attended the funeral on Thursday. She was taken seriously ill that evening and although she received the very kindest of care and best medical attention, disease triumphed and at 4:00 PM her spirit passed to Him who gave it. She smilingly bade the friends standing around her bedside, the minister and her husband, 'Goodbye', sent messages by the latter to her parents in Maryland, and died with a smile on her face. Services were conducted on Sunday afternoon. Her husband departed on the Diamond Special Sunday night for their home at Hagerstown, Maryland, with the remains where interment was made. Ella M Boward was born at Hagerstown, Maryland,

3 October 1872. She united with the Christian Church at Hagerstown in the autumn of 1880. She was married to J A Reed, the eve of September 2, 1885, and removed to Illinois, the same fall. Mr Reed and wife have resided in Moweaqua continuously for the past four years until last fall when they removed to Cowden where he has the principalship of their public schools. Both Mr and Mrs Reed are held in the highest esteem and respect by all who knew them in this vicinity. Our sympathy to the family.



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#### Thursday, 7 January 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Mr John Pogue and wife of Pickaway Township, had a golden wedding anniversary on Thursday last

Mr Carey Tripp and Miss Leona Watson of near Assumption were married last Thursday by Rev Jos Thomas.

An inquest was held on 25 December 1891, in Prairieton township on the body of Oliver Henderson, a lad about 12 or 14 years of age. It seems that the boy accompanied his grandfather and uncles to Moweaqua on Thursday, 24 December 1891. Several of the parties had been drinking. When near the home, the boy and his uncles, Wm Adams, W S Norman and Henry Norman stopped and engaged in play. One of the men ran after the Henderson boy and he fell but again arose and attempted to run but fell again, this was repeated for a third time. The last time he did not get up again and died in a couple of hours. These facts were developed at the inquest and the jury returned a verdict that the deceased came to his death from heart disease. It was reported that the boy previously had been subjected to heard trouble.

Jennie Kitch was the youngest daughter of F C and Sarah Kitch. She was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 26 November 1874, and died on 30 December 1891, being 17 years, 1 month, and 14 days of age. Since she was 5 years old she had been afflicted with spinal disease which had drawn her body out of its proper shape and at times caused her great pain. She was united with the M E Church in the year 1889 under the ministry of the Rev A C Armentrout and was a consistent member until her death. This is the second daughter Mr and Mrs Kitch have lost within the last few weeks. The funeral of 'Little Jennie' was held in the M E Church on New year's day, Rev A C Armentrout officiating. Remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Executors Notice of M William P Sellers, Deceased, late of the County of Shelby, Illinois, deceased.

Owing to the non-arrival of the portrait of Elder **D G Watson**, that was to accompany the publication of his obituary, it will be published next week. **Wm Surdam** of Dalton City, accompanied by his family was in Moweaqua on Wednesday of last week attending the funeral of Elder **D G Watson**. Mrs Surdam is a daughter of Father Watson.

A French tile digger named 'Crippy' was found dead in his bed at the Blue Mound Hotel yesterday morning. Cause of death is unknown.

#### Thursday, 14 January 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Death of **Dudley G Watson** at his home in this city on Tuesday, 29 December 1891, removed from our midst a man who has grown familiar to all our people. He was born in Franklin County, Kentucky, on 19 October 1812, and died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Tuesday, 29 December 1891, being two months more than 79 years of age – almost four score. He was married to **Jane Robinson**, the daughter of a Revolutionary soldier in Anderson County, Kentucky, on 25 June 1834. For 57 years plus, Father Watson and wife lived together on their farm in Christian County, sharing the burdens, toils and joys of life. Twelve children, of whom nine are living, were born to them. Those living are Mrs **Martha Morgan**, Moweaqua, **David R Watson**, Corpus Christi, Texas, **Dudley J Watson** 

and James T Watson of Assumption, Sarah Surdam of Dalton City; Isabel Kelly of Dallas, Texas; Rebecca Mackey of Dennison, Texas; William T Watson, Bridgewater; Nathaniel T Watson of Decatur. Those who are dead are Mary Jane Rice, John W and Francis Smith. His aged wife died at their country home on 3 June 1891. He was a life long Christian and exemplified by his life the beauties of a christian religion. In 1842 in Anderson County Kentucky, he united with the Methodist Church of which he was a member until 1860. He then withdrew and joined the Old School Baptist Church to which he was faithful to the end. Services from the Baptist Church on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Remains were interred in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. (Sketch of Mr Watson accompanies the obit).

Married in Assumption on New Years Eve, 31 December 1891, Mr Ira Obern to Miss Allie V Moore of that city. Mr Obern is a member of the tile and brick firm of Obern Bros., southeast while Miss Moore is one of Assumption's best young ladies. They will reside at the groom's residence, southeast.

Died at the home of her parents, Rev and Mrs A C Armentrout in this city on Saturday morning, 9 January 1892, Mrs Mary L Cosner. Deceased had been ill for some time and her death was expected yet came as a severe blow to her parents. Remains taken to the home of the late deceased at Virginia, Illinois, on Saturday where interment was made the day following.

A D Matthews and wife have a son born 2 January 1892.

John Alexander was picked up in the streets of Springfield Saturday night and taken to the hospital where he died Thursday morning. His remains were shipped to Loami and buried Friday; in Oak Grove Cemetery.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Sue Staley to R J Short on Tuesday evening, 19 January 1892, at the home of the bride.

While attempting to dodge a freight train at a Decatur crossing, John W Taylor, aged 37, was struck and instantly killed.

#### Thursday, 21 January 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

John Fahner and wife have a new little daughter born to them last week.

Mrs Ora Patterson, nee *Travis*, of Shelbyville died at the home of her mother in that city on Sunday evening last of consumption. She was a sister of Miss Allie Travis, well known to many people in the Moweagua area.

A J Hays and wife have a daughter born on 11 January 1892.

Mrs J L Cosner (taken from the Gazette, published at Virginia) who has made her home in Virginia since her marriage has passed away in that state. Mrs Cosner was the second daughter of Rev and Mrs A C Armentrout of this city and resided here with her parents during the early part of her father's pastorate. Mary Armentrout Cosner was born on 14 June 1866 at Winchester, Illinois, the daughter of Rev and Mrs A C Armentrout. She was married in Moweaqua, this state to Joseph L Cosner on 26 June 1888, and came to this city where she lived up to the time of her death. Realizing that her life must be of short duration, she was taken to the home of her parents where she died on 8 January 1892. Remains brought to this city, accompanied by her husband, parents and other members of the family on Saturday and then taken to her late home in this city. The funeral occurred Sunday at M E Church, Rev D J Strain officiated. Interment at Walnut Ridge Cemetery.

Forty-five thousand dollars in cash, secreted by **Thomas Higgs**, a farmer who died near Decatur not long ago, has been found in the house.

On 31 July 1891, Miss May Slade was married to Stanley Kirby. In September of the same year, Mr Kirby died, and the other day, Mrs Kirby died, at the age of 18 years—a marriage and death of both husband and wife in less than six months.

W H Elmers and wife southeast, are rejoicing in the birth of a baby girl at their home on Wednesday, January 13, 1892.

Born to Wm Doody and wife on Tuesday, 12 January 1892, a daughter.

#### Thursday, 28 January 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr Ephraim Adamson last Friday evening, 22 January 1892, was pleasantly surprised by his family and other friends on the occasion of his 53<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

W F Boysel, southeast, received a telegram on Monday announcing the sad intelligence that his father, Jacob Boysel at Nebraska, Ohio, was dying from an attack of La Grippe. Mr Boysel left on the evening train in answer to the summons.

Samuel E Goodwin who resides east of Moweaqua, and Miss Minnie Cross of near Macon, were united in the hold bonds of matrimony on Thursday, 21 January 1892, by Judge W E Nelson at his office in Decatur. She is the daughter of Mr and Mrs John Cross. They will reside on a farm near here. The groom is a grandson of our old 'Jacksonian' friend, the venerable David Wood of Woodburn, Macoupin County. Married by Judge Wm E Nelson in Decatur on Thursday, 21 January 1892, Mr Joseph E Bramblett to Miss Gussie Markwell. The ceremony took place in the parlors of the Hotel Brunswick and was attended by a few friends of the couple from Blue Mound. The groom is the eldest son of Benjamin and Mrs Martha E Bramblett. The wedded pair will reside on the farm of the groom's mother, Northwest of Moweaqua.

Married at the residence of the bride's mother in Moweaqua on Wednesday evening, 20 January 1892, at 7 o'clock by Rev Joseph Thomas, C F Osborne to Miss Bella Baldridge in the presence of relatives and invited friends. The groom is a trusted employee in the store of Gregory, Combs and Co. The bride is the only daughter of Mrs Cynthia Baldridge of this city and is well known. (Article lists wedding gifts and the name of the giver)

Surprise party for Miss **Debbie Thomas** at the residence of Mr **Oscar Humphrey**, southeast. It was in honor of her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday.

In Memoriam of five of our precious members: Little Harry Locke a regular attendant at Church has gone to meet his Father. He was a regular attendant and his bright little face was seen every Sunday among our number. The second death among us was that of Mrs Ella Shaw Potter on 8 December 1891. We remember her gratefully for her kindness. On 15 December 1891, May Miller, one of our brightest and best workers passed beyond. No one could say that May ever harbored a dishonest thought. When May Miller died one of the best specimens of noble womanhood passed away. Mrs Ella B Reed's spirit passed from us on 26 December 1891. No one could meet her and not love and respect her. One of our sweetest singers, Jennie Kitch passed away on 30 December 1891 at the age of seventeen. Twelve of those years were spent suffering, during the greater part of the last, she was unable to leave the house. We rejoice in her release while we greatly miss her presence among us. Signed/The Moweaqua L.T.L.

J A Sanders, of Evansville, Indiana, attended the wedding of his cousin, C F Osborne in Moweagua last week.

Mrs Hugh Hockaday of Decatur attended the wedding of her cousin Miss Belle Baldridge in this city last week.

In Loami news, Miss Sue Staley and R J Short were married Tuesday evening in the presence of about 150 relatives and friends. They left on Wednesday for Hubbell, Nebraska, where they will make their new home. (note dated 23 January 1892) Maple Grove notes: Samuel E Goodwin of this place was united in holy matrimony to Miss Minnie Cross of Long Grove last Thursday at Decatur. A large crowd of boys and girls met at Mrs Martha Goodwin's residence last Saturday night to 'shiveree' the newly married couple, S E Goodwin and wife.

In Prairie Home news (25 January 1892 dated) Born to Mr and Mrs H B Wise, a son and to Mr and Mrs Ed Coombes, a little daughter.

#### Thursday, 4 February 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Elmer E Johnson who was in the printer's trade in Moweaqua under the tutelage of J W Crane and late was a member Moweaqua Mail publishing firm, is now located at Lohrville, Iowa, where he is publishing the *Enterprise*. He says he was married the first of this year.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents on Wednesday evening, 6 January 1892, by Rev Winchel, Miss Ada Scribner to Mr John Powell. The bride is the second daughter of Mr Lewis Scribner of this city and is one of Moweaqua's best intelligent young ladies. The groom is one of Macon's young and successful barbers. The newly married couple left on the midnight train for Macon where they will make their home.

Mr Isaac Bilyeu died at home at Tuscumbia, Missouri, on 19 January 1892, aged 79 years, 1 month, and 7 days. Deceased was born in Overton County, Tennessee, came with his parents to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1829. In 1838, he was married to Miss Mary Ann Bilyeu and removed to Miller County, Missouri, where he resided until his death, his wife having preceded him to the spirit land some years before. He was the only living brother of Uncle George Bilyeu, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Prairieton Township, Christian County. He leaves five children, two sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

Mrs Geo Suppes, southeast, returned on Wednesday of last week from Winchester, Illinois, where she had been to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs Wilphena.

Wm Briggs, stepson of M F Pleak of Pleak's Corner, died at the home of the latter on Sunday morning, and was buried at Locust Grove on Monday. The deceased had been in poor health since early spring. He leaves a wife and two children who are at the home of her mother in Kansas.

Sunday morning, the body of George Kimmerly was found in the edge of the maple grove on the L S Colby farm, two and a half miles east of Walker Station and 4 miles northeast of Moweaqua. The deceased had been suffering with the grippe and had taken his brother's 38 caliber Smith and Weston revolver and had gone to the grove to shoot himself in the mouth. He left his home Friday morning and up to Sunday morning the search was kept up for the young man who was single and aged about 25 years. It became known that a revolver was missing and fears of suicide were entertained. Kimmerly was making his home with his brother, John at the time of his death. Friday morning, he and his brother

were to go and haul fodder, but George said he was not feeling well and soon after went from the house. It was supposed he had gone to town.

Joe D Staley, wife and Miss Julia Price attended the funeral of Mrs Etta Cline, Sunday at Waverly

Levi J Harbur, Miss Rhoda Harbur, Levi Harbur, and Miss Laura Workman went to Racine, Wisconsin, on Tuesday left Loami and went to Racine, Wisconsin, on Tuesday and were married. Their reasons for leaving this state were that they were cousins and our laws make it a criminal offense for such to marry.

May, daughter of Mr and Mrs W E Wright of Loami, died on Thursday morning. Funeral services were held Friday morning at the C P Church, conducted by Rev J M Johnson, after which interment was made in Sulphur Springs Cemetery (news dated 30 January 1892)

Judge Isham Linder, an old pioneer, aged ninety years, died at his home near Carrollton, Illinois, on 12 January 1892. He cast his first vote for president for Andrew Jackson, and his last for Grover Cleveland. He rode on horseback as a delegate from Greene County to the congressional convention at Griggsville in 1837 that nominated Stephen A Douglas for congress and in 1848 to the state convention at Vandalia that nominated Thos J Carlin for Governor.

Sale of the livestock and tools for Nancy Baldwin, deceased will be offered on 27 February 1892 at her former residence, 3 miles east and 4 ½ miles south of Moweaqua. James F Hill, administrator.

Joseph Garner of Paris, was called home on Tuesday evening by a telegram stating that his little daughter was dying. He left on the evening train for Paris. He is part of the Call-Mail force and his absence, coupled with the illness of the editor, makes us several hours late this week.

Mrs Christina Sponsler, one of the oldest settlers of Moweaqua, died on Saturday last, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs Chas Howells, near Cerro Gordo, Illinois. Mrs. Sponsler had been making her home with her daughter for the past two years. She had been quite sick some few weeks ago, but had recovered somewhat. The improvement was not permanent, however, and her death occurred on Saturday. Remains were brought to Moweaqua on Monday evening, and Tuesday morning, funeral services were conducted by Rev A C Armentrout at the M E Church in this city. After this, all the mortal remains of Grandma Sponsler were deposited in the Masonic Cemetery, southeast, by the side of her husband, who had preceded her to the better world years ago. Christina Reed was born in Hummilsville, Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, on 9 August 1816, and died 30 January 1892, thus being more than 75 years of age at the time of her death. She was united in marriage to Simon A Sponsler in May 1841. Mrs Sponsler had been a professed christian for 60 years of her life. In 1832 she was confirmed as a member of the German Lutheran Church and remained a member in good standing in that Church until the winter of 1851, when she joined the ME Church of this place, in which she remained until her death. The deceased was the mother of five children who are as follows: Mesdames Wm Daughtry, F C Kitch and D H Pool of this city, Mrs Charles Howells of Cerro Gordo and Wm Sponsler of Niantic.

#### Thursday, 11 February 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Belle, infant daughter of John and Anna Manly, died on 30 January 1892, aged nine months and three days. The remains were taken to San Jose, Illinois, on Monday at which place interment was made.

Died at her home in this city on Monday of this week, Miss Ella Gaskil, departed this life, aged 33 years. Services were conducted by Rev A C Armentrout, pastor of the M E Church, were held at the family residence on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The remains were interred in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery west. Ella M Gaskill, the subject of these lines, was born in Wellsville, Ohio, 5 July 1858, when she moved with her parents to Nokomis, Illinois (copied exactly, cannot determine if she was born in 1858 or if that is when she moved with her parents. Believe it is her birthday since the exact date (5 July) is given). In March 1882, she with her parents, located in Moweaqua where she has resided up to the time of her death which occurred 8 February 1892. In July of 1882, she made a profession of Christianity and united with the Christian Church of Nokomis, Illinois, and has been an earnest and steadfast member ever since. In April 1891, that fell destroyer, the blight of so many lives. La Grippe seized her and claimed her for its victim. From that time forward, her decline was slow but sure. A change of climate was made but all of no avail and finally after months of patient suffering on 8 February 1892, at five minutes of three AM, surrounded by members of her own family and kind sympathizing friends, she breathed her last in the full assurance of a bright immortality and eternal life. Her last words were "I am so happy", then she smiled and fell asleep. Ella was an ardent admirer of the beautiful. Possessed as she was of a natural gift for arranging and making beautiful things, she was ever busy beautifying the family home. Many beautiful specimens of her handiwork are left as reminders of her love. She also possessed great ability as an artist and her paintings have been greatly admired by all who have seen them. Her brother is J D Gaskill of Galesburg who was here to attend the funeral of his sister.

James Moffitt, doubtless the earliest settler of Hancock County, died in Sonora Township the other day at an advanced age. He is said to have settled in the County before the Black Hawk War.

Hon James W Haworth, of the "306" Grant delegates, a leading manufacturer and citizen, died in Decatur the other day, aged 56 years.

At his home in the village of Dakota, Stephenson County, Col George Walker died from an attack of the grippe, aged 82 years.

Samuel Milligan, aged 89 years, fell down a pair of steps at Freeport and injured himself so severely as to cause his death.

Mr and Mrs Richard Naguin died in Galena, Illinois. Their death occurred but a few hours apart. They had been married sixty years.

Uncle Isaac Bilyeu, who died in Miller County last week, served as a juror in the first circuit court in Miller County (Kansas City Star)

On Thursday of last week, 10:30 AM, by Rev A C Armentrout in his study, **J R Baker** of Assumption, was united in marriage with Miss Naomi Canary of this city. They left on the noon train for Assumption where they will reside.

Mr Emsley A Ross of Lipscomb, Texas, formerly of Moweaqua, was married to Miss Lizzie E Manny, of Hoopeston, Illinois, recently.

In Stonington, Mr Ed Livergood and Miss Beeman were married last week. Also, John Bollinger and Miss Kunart were married. (8 February 1892 notes – Stonington)

The infant son of Mr and Mrs Geo Basse died Saturday of lung fever near Loami. (6 February 1892 notes – Loami)

#### Thursday, 18 February 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

On Wednesday, 17 February 1892, at high noon, Mr Hugh Carsell and Miss Mollie Connor of Yantisville, were united in wedlock by Rev J F. Winchell of this city. The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents in the presence of a large company of invited guests both from that vicinity and from Moweaqua.

Mrs Julia Freidley of this city, on Monday, received the sad intelligence that her sister, Mrs Fred Hillsabeck had died of pneumonia at her home in Shelbyville on Sunday night. She was an old resident of Shelbyville and much respected.

Saturday evening about 8 o'clock, a party of young folks went in on Ote Reed and gave him a surprise party and reminded him that he was 24 years old. The evening was spent with music and singing and at 10 o'clock a nice lap supper served by Mrs Reed and daughters serving, all of which Ote had no knowledge until he, as well as the guests were invited to eat. He received a handsome Album quilt which had been made by his young lady friends as a token of their esteem. (13 February 1892, Yantisville notes)

Elsa Foster of Prairie Home smokes two cigars at once now – it's a boy 'Baby McKee'. (13 February 1892, Prairie Home notes)

A double wedding took place at Bloomington the other day, the brides being daughters of W A Bunnell. The contracting parties were S E Beatty and Miss Ella M Bunnell and J C Dooly and Miss Lillian Bunnell.

The other day, Solomon Williamson, a prominent republican and Church member, dropped dead of heart disease at his home north of Decatur. He was a pall bearer the day before at the David Houser funeral and was joking at the time of his sudden death.

Fletcher Bishop, a prominent farmer near Bloomington, died at age 58. He was the first to die of a family of thirteen children.

#### Thursday, 25 February 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs David Hoy, quite an aged lady living near Obed died Monday afternoon after a short illness.

At the residence of the bride's parents in Yantisville, on 17 February 1892, Miss Mollie Connor and Mr Hugh Carsell were united in matrimony by Rev J F Winchell at high noon in presence of 40 guests. Following the ceremony, the bride, groom and guests were invited out to a dinner table groaning under all the luxuries and delicacies possible. (Lists the attire of the bride and groom, and wedding presents and the giver.)

Mrs Joseph Jones gave an elegant dinner on Tuesday in Loami in honor of the seventy-second birthday of her mother, Mrs Achra Davis. (20 February 1892, Loami notes) Death of Maj. W G Bond who died at Monmouth. Deceased was 69 years of age. He enlisted in the 83<sup>rd</sup> Illinois and was promoted to be major in 1862. He held various military positions in the south during the reconstruction period. Maj. Bond was sheriff of Warren County a number of years and Captain of Co H, 67<sup>th</sup> Regiment, I.N.G. for a number of years.

Frank Justice of Sargent, Douglas County, was felling a tree when one of the large limbs struck him on the head, killing him instantly.

W S McDonald was called to Assumption Monday by a telegram announcing the death of his wife's brother, George Long, which occurred that afternoon at 3 o'clock. He left on the evening train for that place.

Gus Bridgeman and Miss Ida Pontins were united in marriage yesterday at the residence of her parents, Mr and Mrs W H Pontins, southwest.

Cupid's Victory – Married – Wednesday night, 17 February 1892, Mr Robert Cribbet and Miss Mattie Harper at exactly 7 o'clock the rendition of a beautiful wedding march was begun by Miss Lou Hilvety. Rev A C Armentrout made them one. The bride is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs E W Harper. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Macon County. (List of wedding presents and guests also included in the article.) Mr and Mrs John Yantis of Yantisville are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl Tuesday morning (22 February 1892, Yantisville notes).

Married on Sunday, 14 February 1892, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Allie Rhodes to Mr Cecil Calvert. (Yantisville news).

A grand reception was given to Mr Lem Weakley and bride at the home of his father, two miles southeast last Monday (Yantisville).

Quite a number from Moweaqua attended the Carsell -Connor wedding on the 17<sup>th</sup> inst (Yantisville).

Cards are you announcing the marriage of Mr Salem Peterson to Miss Mollie Yantis (Yantisville news, 22 February 1892).

A six-year-old son of Mr and Mrs Chas Syers died on last Tuesday of brain fever (Stonington, 22 February 1892 notes).

#### Thursday, 3 March 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Chas Lynn died at her home in Chester, Illinois, on Tuesday of last week. She was the only daughter of Hon J S Cochran of Freeport, Illinois, well known to many of our citizens

Mrs H J Conover gave an elegant dinner last Saturday in honor of the 87<sup>th</sup> birthday of her mother, Mrs Burnetta Barkley in Loami.

Mary Farner, an old resident of Englewood, sick and destitute, died, the other day while being taken to a police station in a patrol wagon.

David Galloway, a well known farmer residing near East Dubuque, was drowned the other day in the Mississippi, while attempting to cross the river on the ice. His team broke through.

#### Thursday, 10 March 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Regardless of a steady down-pour of rain and the almost impassable condition of the roads, on Wednesday evening, 24 February 1892, a goodly number of friends gathered at the residence of Mr W H Pontius of Elm Grove to witness the marriage of Mr Guthrie Bridgman and Miss Etta Pontius. At 6:30 PM, the Rev L D Field, of Decatur, pronounced the solemn words uniting these two young lives. Hearty congratulations followed and several young ladies embraced the opportunity to kiss the groom. Thursday evening Mr and Mrs Henry Bridgman tendered their son and his wife a reception at their beautiful home. (Lists of presents and giver also included.)

On Wednesday, 2 March 1892, at the residence of the pastor of the Lutheran Church in Decatur, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Mr Henry Otta and Miss Anna

Bowers. The groom is one of our most respected young men and is the oldest son of Mr August Otta who lives 7 miles northeast. The bride is the second daughter of Mr Herman Bower, who lives two miles north of Macon. There were few persons witnessed the marriage, but was more than overbalanced at groom's fathers. On arriving at home Thursday evening he found 60 guests present to receive them and extend congratulations. Mr Otta will live on a farm seven miles northeast of Moweaqua. It was purchased of Amos Middlesworth of Shelbyville, last fall. (Note spelling variation – Bower; Bowers; Bauer) Mr Henry A Otta of Moweaqua and Miss Anna L Bauer, of Macon were united in marriage in Decatur on Wednesday, 2 March 1892. Mr Otta and wife will locate on the groom's 80-acre farm northeast of Moweaqua – the wedding present of his father, Mr August Otta.

Mr Charles L Gordon of Prairieton township and Miss Inez Goffinet of Blue Mound were united in marriage in Decatur, Thursday, 3 March 1892. The young people are well known in Moweagua.

Mr and Mrs Calvin Thomas who live southeast of Moweaqua on Tuesday, the first day of March 1892, celebrated the golden wedding anniversary at their pleasant home in the presence of about 60 invited guests. This aged couple are the parents of five children, all of whom were present in honor of the occasion. A number of handsome presents were presented to Mr and Mrs Thomas, among which were two handsome easy rocking chairs. A sumptuous dinner was served at noon. The children who were present were: Mrs Minerva Martz of Stella, Nebraska, Marion Thomas, southeast, Mrs Rozetta Gregory, east, Loton Thomas, Hanon, Missouri, and E Thomas, east. Mrs Erwin of Alabama, a sister of Mrs Thomas sent them a gold thimble and collar button. Mr Thomas was born in 1818 and has resided on the farm where he now lives for 35 years. Although both are growing old, they are both in considerable good health.

Mr Jacob Kitch of Findlay died 24 February 1892 aged 77 years, 10 months and 6 days. Remains were interred in the White Graveyard there to wait the Master's call. Mr J M Rodman of the new grain firm of Kirker and Rodman, was called to DeLand, Piatt County, on Monday to attend the funeral of an old friend, Mrs Nathaniel Courrier.

#### Thursday, 17 March 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr M Workman, one of the pioneers of Prairieton township, died on Monday night at midnight

Saturday, 12 March 1892, being **Grandma Fortner's** 61<sup>st</sup> birthday, her children began to plan a surprise. About 11 o'clock they began to gather with their baskets filled, spread the table and then invited grandpa and grandma to dinner. Grandma is hale and hearty and bids fair to see many more such surprises. There were five children present – 2 sons and three daughters.

E O Smith well known to many of our citizens and the father of E O Smith, Jr of this city and of late years a resident of San Jose, California, died Tuesday evening of last week aged 75 years. He had been in poor health for some time. Deceased was a son of Rev James Smith, a popular and distinguished Methodist minister of Baltimore, Maryland, he was born in Montgomery Co, Maryland, 15 April 1817, and when 15 years of age went to Washington City where he clerked in a store. He returned to Baltimore and started for Ohio in 1834 then one of the frontier states. He walked a distance of 500 miles. At Springfield, Ohio, he was taught the carpenter's trade. He was at Montezuma and Terre

Haute, Indiana, and came to Decatur in May 1817. His first work there was to build a house for the late Capt L D Allen on Water street, now occupied by J C Lake. He built the old Macon Hotel, which until destroyed, stood on the east side of Central Park and also Spangler's mill. He was engaged in active business in Decatur until 1853 when he went to California, going across the plains with 39 young men and taking along a drove of cattle. He was gone two years and three months and prospered by investments. On his return to Decatur, Mr Smith put up many fine building on Water Street and with the late Dr. Stepp put up stores on the south side of Central Park. He made a second trip to California in 1858 when he encountered many dangers and difficulties. He was attacked by Indians and had to fight for his life. In the fall of 1860, Mr Smith left Los Angeles for Texas and was again attacked by Indians. He came to Decatur by way of Galveston, New Orleans and Cairo. In 1861, he was elected Mayor of Decatur. In 1864, he supported Lincoln for President and after the war he became a Democrat. In 1847 he was a member of the Illinois Constitutional convention, representing Piatt and Macon County territory. In 1848 he was elected state Senator for McLean, Tazewell, Logan, DeWitt and Macon counties as a Whig. He was active in securing early railroads for Decatur. Mr Smith's first wife was Harriett Krone, whom he married in May 1843. She died in January 1867. He married Mrs Catherine Hildman at Peoria in April 1869. He was the father of eleven children -Mrs A J Gallagher, James L and Edward O Smith Jr, Mrs Lydia Toland McKee, Mrs Rev S S Hiber; Mrs Frank Moore, Mrs Laura Brown, Lowell and T C Smith, Gertrude Smith, Waltz and Kate Smith. All are living except T C Smith who died about a year

John C Hughes and wife have a new daughter born Sunday, 28 February 1892. Married at the residence of the bride's parents at Yantisville on 20 March 1892, was Mr Charles Hall and Miss Neva Reed. The 7 o'clock ceremony was officiated by Rev Inman. (Yantisville news)

Stonington News dated 7 March 1892: Jacob Schwab, the supposed bachelor, was married to Mrs Murray last Tuesday. Mr John Yockey and Miss Mary Zepf were married last week.

Mrs Anna Avery has returned to Prairie Home from Monett, Missouri, whither she had been to the funeral of her brother, C Cotton.

Isaac Morain, residing near Clarence, Ford County, was accidentally crushed to death while moving his household good. A runaway team was the cause.

Jeremiah Moran, a well-known mining expert, was squeezed to death near Danville between the mine roof and a car which ran off the track.

Robert B Hanna died at Bloomington, He was a captain in the 72<sup>nd</sup> Indiana, one of the regiments composing Wilder's Brigade.

John Ambrose, 8-year-old son of John Ambrose Sr of Springfield was killed by the cars as he was playing about the cars which caused his decapitation.

#### Thursday, 24 March 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Michael Workman a well-known citizen of Prairieton township, Christian County, died Monday night the 14<sup>th</sup> inst at 12 o'clock. The deceased was a son of **David** and **Lydia** Workman of Sangamon County, both of whom preceded him to the better world several years ago. Michael Workman was born on Lick Creek, 5 December 1831, and raised in Sangamon County. He lived at home until his marriage which occurred in October 1851 to

Julia Ann Bilveu, oldest daughter of John H Bilveu. After his marriage, Mr Workman began farming for himself. He lived in Sangamon County until July 1855 when he moved to Christian County where he resided until his death. His first wife died 12 January 1859. He was married again to Hannah J Workman, daughter of Samuel and Belinda Workman. She died January 6, 1881. He was married again on 5 April 1882 to Mrs Melinda Bilyeu. She died in January 1889. He was married again on 24 December 1890 to Mrs Sarah Van Curen of Moweaqua, who survives him. Mr Workman was the father of seventeen children, of which 14 are yet living, nine sons and five daughters. Mr Workman was a well-to-do farmer in Prairieton township; was a kind and loving husband and father and a friend to everybody. Rev Myers conducted the funeral services after which the remains were interred in the Workman Cemetery to await the resurrection. Eugene Doody, the little son of Mr and Mrs Wm Doody, aged 4 years, died of diphtheria at the family residence on Monday morning. The little one had been ailing for a few days but was not thought to be seriously ill. A sudden change for the worse took place and the little one departed this life. He was a bright, intelligent, manly little fellow and had become very dear to his parents, grandparents and friends who will sadly miss him. Interment was made on Tuesday in the Catholic Cemetery at Macon.

An oyster supper was given **Peter Kooken**, Thursday evening in Findlay in honor of his 24th birthday.

In Loami news, Miss Isabell Trumbo and M F Mogredy were married Thursday noon at the residence of the bride's parents. James Wier died Friday near Loami of lung fever. He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn his loss. (19 March 1892 news – Loami) Will Calvin of Moweaqua and Miss Jane Leathers were married at the Presbyterian parsonage on Tuesday, 15 March 1892, at 3 o'clock PM. They went at once to their ready furnished house in south Moweaqua. Mrs Jane L Calvin, the bride, will in a short time, be able to draw \$1,000 out of the Building and Loan with which they intend to build a nice cottage in South Park. All this is her own hard earnings. (Another article – same issue): Married: On 15 March 1892, Mr William Calvin and Miss Rebecca J Leathers were married at the Presbyterian parsonage at Prairie Home by Rev Oliver Galloway. After the ceremony, they left of Mr Jesse Calvin's in Moweaqua where they were met by a score of friends. (List of guests and presents also in this article.)

Charles Miner, mayor of Windsor, Shelby County, died at Citronelle, Alabama, on Wednesday last. Mr Miner had gone south in the hope of benefiting his health. He was a victim of consumption and the disease had made such inroads upon his strength that the change apparently did but little good. He was a young man about 33 years old. He was at one time publisher of the *Gazette* at Windsor. A widow and one child survive him.

#### Thursday, 31 March 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A dinner in honor of the 45<sup>th</sup> birthday of Mrs R M Armstrong, southeast, on Wednesday of last week. Those present were Mr and Mrs Benjamin Ruffner, Mr and Mrs Lyman Donel, Mr and Mrs J McGinley, Mrs Sarah A Gordon, Mr John Brant, Mr and Mrs S A Dillman, Mr. J Mouser and mother, Miss Nancy Scribner, Mr Marion Ruffner, Mr A Gordon, Sr; Mrs Arthur Smith, Mrs Allie Foor, Mrs Margaret Roberts, Mr R A Armstrong's 'sister from St Louis, Missouri, and Mr A Byram.

Old Mr Gardner, a well-known resident of Stonington township, died in Decatur last Thursday and was buried at the Ponting Cemetery on Friday.

C C Headley of Chatham came over to Loami on Saturday and attended the funeral of James Weir.

Mrs Margaret Hitt, one of the oldest settlers of Jo Daviess County and a pioneer of the Black Hawk war, died at Elizabeth, Jo Daviess County, at the age of 92 years.

James Moore dropped dead in a store at Voorhies Station, Piatt County. He was an old veteran, having served in both the Mexican and Civil Wars.

William Finch, an old resident of Bloomington, aged 73 years, died the other day quite suddenly. He leaves an estate of \$150,000.

Walt Whitman, the poet, died at his home in Camden, New Jersey, on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month, aged 73 years.

#### Thursday, 7 April 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Cyrus Humphrey of London Mills, Knox County, is lying at the point of death at his home. He is afflicted with a cancer and his early death is inevitable. He is a brother of Messrs Nathan and Walter Humphrey of this township who were at his bedside last week.

Henry Sefeld, a Washington County farmer, was found dead in the mud underneath his wagon, which had been upset. He had been drinking.

Mrs F M Workman died of La Grippe at her home in Prairieton township on Friday last at 10:30 PM. Interment was made in the Bilyeu Cemetery, southwest, at 1 PM on Sunday last. Isabel Bilyeu was a daughter of Josiah and Melinda Bilyeu and was born in Prairieton Township, Christian County, Illinois, born the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June 1865, and was 26 years, 9 months and 12 days old at the time of her death. She was married to F M Workman on 7 July 1881, who survives her. Deceased united with the Christian Church in 1878, and had lived a consistent christian life until the time of her death. Mrs Workman leaves a husband and two sisters, Mesdames J R Miller and H J Radford to mourn her loss.

Died at the home of his uncle, George Longenbaugh, on 2 April 1892, at 9 o'clock AM of spinal meningitis, Edward Longenbaugh, only son of Enos and Ellen Longenbaugh of Nebraska, Ohio, aged 23 years and 7 months. He was a quiet industrious and ambitious young man, who left his home last fall to visit his uncle and to see more of the world, and although here only about 6 months, had made many true friends. His sickness which lasted about three weeks, was attended with great suffering and although away from home and away from father, mother and sisters, all that loving hands could do for him was done. His remains were taken to Ohio for interment. They were accompanied by his cousins, Miss Sallie and Albert Longenbaugh.

#### Thursday, 14 April 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs W W Coultas southwest on Tuesday, 5 April 1892. Mrs Rebecca Parks died on Monday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs Wallace Gregory. Seth and William Parks who were called here by the fatal illness of their mother, the late Rebecca Parks, departed for their home at Colby, Kansas, last Friday. Charles Sanner of Moweaqua and Miss Anna McIlwain, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ira McIlwain, were married at the home of the bride's parents in this city Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev M P Wilkin in the presence of the

immediate relatives and several invited guests. They departed on the early afternoon train for their future home in Moweaqua. (Moultrie County News)

Prairie Home news – Mrs Robert Roller died last Saturday and was buried on Sunday. Charles Sanner and bride went to housekeeping last week on the farm formerly occupied by I W Osberne, two miles from Prairie Home (11 April 1892 news – Prairie Home) The infant child of Mr and Mrs L Current died at the family residence in Decatur on Friday. The little one had not been sick long. Burial was on Saturday.

#### Thursday, 21 April 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Roland Meryman, one of the pioneers of Flat Branch township, died on Saturday morning last at 4 o'clock and was buried at 10 AM on Sunday.

Mr B K Lamb and family have suffered a sad bereavement within the last two or three weeks. One week ago last Sabbath they buried a child and on Thursday another one – a little girl also died and was buried Friday. Another child, their only one now, and the mother, Mrs Lamb are both very sick. Truly their trials are many and they deserve the sympathy of the entire community.

Uncle Jonah Smith celebrated his 82<sup>nd</sup> birthday Sunday in the midst of a large assemblage of relatives. (Loami News dated 16 April 1892)

Mrs Rebecca Parks who died at the home of her daughter Mrs Wallace Gregory in this city on 11 April 1892, was a pioneer of Shelby County, she having resided in this vicinity for a number of years. She was a amiable christian lady and was loved and respected by all who knew her. The cause of her death was merely a wasting away of physical strength and extremely old age. Funeral services conducted by Rev J F Winchell were held at the family residence, after which interment was made in the Little Flock Cemetery, southeast. Rebecca Hyde was born near Rome, Indiana, on 16 February 1818. She was the youngest child of a family of six children, all of whom are dead. At the age of 21 years, she was united in marriage to Henry Parks at the home of her parents in Perry County, Indiana. They resided in that County for thirty-four years and in that time a family of thirteen children were born to them, four of whom are dead. The family moved to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1872 locating in Penn Township on the farm now occupied by one of the sons, Mr Walter Parks. This land, when they settled on it, was raw and unimproved and was bought at a low price. After only about a year's residence there, the father died, leaving the widow and nine children to mourn his loss. For the past ten years, Mrs Parks made her home with her daughter, Mrs Wallace Gregory of this city. Deceased was a member of the Baptist Church, having, when quite young, joined the Church at Deer Creek, Indiana, and became a member of Little Flock Church when they arrived here, remaining with this connection until her death. The names of the children who are left to mourn the loss of a kind, devoted and loving mother are: Mesdames Phoebe Marshall, Debbie Gregory, Martha A Gregory, Lydia Gregory, Alice E Gregory, and Mr Walter Parks of Moweaqua, William and Seth Parks of Colby, Kansas, and Mrs Nancy Winchell of Stanton, Nebraska.

#### Thursday, 28 April 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

F M Workman, southwest, died Tuesday night and was buried today.

Roland Meryman was born in Fayette County, Illinois, in 1835, and died at his home in Flat Branch township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 16 April 1892 aged 56 years. He was

buried 17 April 1892, in the Masonic Cemetery southeast of Moweaqua, the funeral services being conducted by Rev J Thomas. The immediate cause of his death was stomach trouble. Mr Meryman moved to this County with his mother when quite young and made his home here until his death. He was married to Harriet Campbell in 1863 to whom were born 13 children: Seven sons and six daughters. Three of his daughters are dead, leaving then children to mourn their loss with the widowed mother. Of the original family, he had one brother, E Meryman, two sisters, Mrs Jas Renfro and Mrs Wm Armstrong living in Missouri, and one sister, Mr J J Portwood of this vicinity. Mr Meryman was regarded as an honest, upright man, ever ready to lend a helping hand to the distressed. His good name will ever remain green in the memory of his many friends and neighbors. Card of thanks included by Mrs Harriet Meryman and children.

#### Thursday, 5 May 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A son was born to John Whitsett and wife on 27 April 1892.

Elder W S Herman was called to Moweaqua on Wednesday from Bethany to conduct the funeral of Frank Workman.

A 12-pound boy was born to Mr and Mrs J R Hazen on Sunday, 1 May 1892, in Yantisville.

Mrs Sweet and Mrs Green have returned to Prairie Home from Chagrin Falls, Ohio, where they have been attending the funeral of their sister, Mrs J D Harmon.

A marriage license was issued in Decatur on Saturday to Albert Clark of Decatur, aged 50 years, and Jeannette Ann Hays of Moweaqua, aged 29 years.

#### Thursday, 12 May 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A D Black and wife have a new son born Sunday, 8 May 1892. Charles Snell and wife have a son born on Saturday, 7 May 1892.

William Campbell, the last survivor of the colony from the Selkirk settlement on the Red River of the North, who settled in Jo Daviess County in 1835, has died.

#### Thursday, 19 May 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Clarence E Snyder and Grace Landes were married at Jackson, Tennessee, on 11 May 1892, by the pastor of the 1st Methodist Church at that place.

Richard Gregory and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a son on Tuesday, 10 May 1892. Robert Beck and Miss Cora Patton, both of Prairie Home, were married in Shelbyville on Monday of last week. The bride was formerly a resident of Moweaqua and has many friends in this area.

Benjamin Coale, an early settler and prominent farmer near Bloomington, died recently, aged 71 years.

#### Thursday, 26 May 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Warren, the little son of Mr and Mrs J D Coultas, died on Friday with malignant scarlet fever. The little fellow was taken sick on Tuesday of the week in which he died. He was a bright, intelligent little boy, aged three and one half years, and was greatly endeared to his parents who are stunned by the sudden and severe blow. Burial was had at the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Saturday.

Mr J M Portwood, the genial merchant of Long Grove, is happy in the possession of a brand new baby daughter presented to him by his good wife on Tuesday, 17 May 1892.

#### Thursday, 2 June 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

J H Kirkman is smiling all over his good-natured face. He is proud of the little girl that arrived at the home of his son and wife, C T Kirkman of Clinton.

Mrs Celia Ludwig died at the home of her husband, Wm P Ludwig in Bible Grove, Illinois, on 23 May 1892 in the 24<sup>th</sup> year of her age.

Mr and Mrs Albert Worsham have a new son born Sunday, 29 May 1892.

Stephen Marshall an old resident of this locality died at his home west on Sunday. Burial was from Little Flock Church on Monday.

Mrs Wm Nichols of Decatur, died at her home in that city. She was a sister of the late Mrs Jane Potter, formerly of Moweaqua. The relatives in this city and vicinity were in Decatur yesterday to attend the funeral.

The headless body of a strange man was discovered lying near the cattle guard north of Radford last Saturday morning by Miss Grimes, a daughter of R C Grimes, a farmer who lives near Radford. Assistance was called and it was discovered that it was a plain case of suicide. On a card pinned to the coat was written the name Earnest Braune, and also the information that he was a victim of a recent flood – having lost home, property, family and all. It seems that he had lain down between the ends of two ties and laid his neck on the rail, face down, his body outside of the rails. The head was found 60 feet from the body. The suicide tried to buy laudanum in Assumption but was unsuccessful. The body was taken to Assumption where an inquest was held and a verdict of suicide returned. In news from Obed (23 May 1892), a daughter was born to Cyrus Weakley and wife on Wednesday, 18 May 1892, and 'Cy' is as happy as a coon.

In news from Loami: **D J Staley** and Miss **Olie Flowers** were married on last Wednesday in Springfield.

Mr and Mrs Jos Jones gave a party last Saturday in Loami in honor of the 6<sup>th</sup> birthday of their son, Roy Jones. About 25 of his schoolmates were present and they all had a good time.

Alva Brawner of Loami celebrated his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday on Friday evening with a grant platform dance. (Loami news – 28 May 1892)

#### Thursday, 9 June 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Miss Belle McHenry went Tuesday to Vandalia to attend the funeral of Mrs Henning, mother of Miss Grace Henning, who is well known here.

Mrs W S Reighley commits suicide at Kankakee. The entire community was shocked on Monday last by the receipt of the information that Mrs W S Reighley had committed suicide at the asylum for the insane at Kankakee where she was under going treatment for a disordered mind. Mr Reighley received a telegram from the superintendent of the asylum stating the above and later received a letter giving the particulars. (Contents of the letter are printed in this issue of the Call-Mail, but not in this book). Death was ruled suicide by tying a handkerchief around her neck, attaching herself to a clothes hook until she strangled herself. Mrs Nancy Reighley had only been an inmate of the asylum about 5 or 6 weeks. Her mental disorder can be traced almost directly to La Grippe. She suffered severely from the disease in the fall of 1891 and never fully recovered from its effects.

The remains were brought to Moweaqua on Tuesday evening, funeral services conducted by Rev A C Armentrout at the M E Church at 2 P M yesterday in the presence of a large congregation. The interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west. Nancy H Prescott was born in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 13 November 1858, and was the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Ezekiel Prescott. She was united in marriage to William S Reighley on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of March 1877. Five children were born to them, all of whom are living. The youngest being now about fourteen months old. Deceased was a true and faithful wife, a loving and devoted mother and an estimable Christian woman.

The other night a lamp exploded in the home of Mrs Mary Abrams in Decatur. The lady jumped out of bed and threw the lamp into the yard, but in doing so, her clothing took fire and she died in great agony at 3 o'clock the next morning. Her screams brought several men to the house who found her standing in the room, all her clothing burnt off and her body dreadfully burnt. The house was saved.

Rev A Helton of the United Brethren Church, aged 70, was killed by lightning in Decatur the other day. He was standing in the door.

Stephen Marshall was born in the State of Ohio in 1838, moved to Indiana with his mother, two sisters and a brother, located on a farm on Deer Creek, Perry County. On 28 October 1862, he enlisted in Co E, 49<sup>th</sup> Indiana Volunteer Infantry, and was discharged on 15 September 1865 as Corporal. He was a good soldier and served his country nearly four years. In January 1866, he married Miss **Phoeba Parks**, whose parents lived near where Mrs Marshall located in Indiana. Ten children were born to them, 8 sons and 2 daughters, all living but two. Mr Marshall made a good husband and father. He joined the Baptist Church when young and tried to live a Christian until called away by Him that doesth all things well. He died on 29 May 1893 (as printed, but this is 1892 issue, so this 1893 date has to be a typo) of rheumatism and heart disease. He leaves a loving wife, 6 sons and 2 daughters to mourn their loss.

G W Roff, over in Christian, despite the heavy rains and consequently late spring is happy as a big sunflower. When interrogated as to the cause, he said, 'It's a boy, Will; and was born the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May.'

Celia Ludwig nee Winkler, was born 12 August 1868, Madison, Indiana, and died, after long and severe suffering with bronchitis and consumption in Bible Grove, Clay County, Illinois, on 23 May 1892 at age of 23 years, 9 months and 11 days. She was converted under the pastorage of Rev Ph Skaer in her 13<sup>th</sup> year and since been an earnest and devoted follower of her blessed Savior. She was married to Rev Wm P Ludwig on 11 September 1887. Her wedded life, though otherwise a very happy one, was blighted by much sickness and suffering. This marriage was blessed with one child which preceded her mother in death. She leaves behind to mourn her, a bereaved husband, mother, father, one brother and one sister. The remains were brought to Moweaqua and laid to their resting place of the German Cemetery, southeast.

Mrs Jerry Campbell died at her home northwest of Moweaqua on Tuesday afternoon, 7 June 1892, of consumption. The funeral took place on Wednesday after which interment was made in the Tolly graveyard. Deceased was a daughter of Mr and Mrs D W Jaggers and was an estimable christian lady.

Obed news – born to Lewis Brinker and wife on Monday last, a daughter. (6 June 1892 news)

#### Thursday, 16 June 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Charlie Kuhn is stepping with a proud and martial tread between shifts now – cause why – it's a girl, and was born on Friday, 10 June 1892.

George Virden of Flat Branch Township, is jubilantly happy over the advent of a pair of twin boys born at his house on Tuesday night.

Born to Thos S Hays and wife on Tuesday, 14 June 1892, a daughter.

Loami news: Emma Wright died Friday of consumption aged 30 years. She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband and a son.

Memoriam on the death of Warren D Coultas (only a poem submitted by Ada C Patrick; no death date given)

In Prairie Home news, R A Baird and Miss Francie Turner of Todd's Point, were married last week. They will live with father and mother Baird.

W A McCrea, for many years connected with the wholesale boot and shoe house of D M Wells of Chicago as a traveling salesman, died very suddenly at his home in that city on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 1892. Mr McCrea had represented that firm here for 15 years or more and by his honest and upright dealings had won the confidence of our merchants. We are sorry to hear of his passing.

A very pretty and quiet wedding occurred at the residence of the bride's brother, J W Cooper of 121 East Reynolds Street, at 8 o'clock last evening. The contracting parties were Mr E R Osbourn of Moweaqua, and Miss Annie B Cooper, of Pana. Rev J A Kumler performed the ceremony, after which refreshments were served. The couple will go to housekeeping immediately at Moweaqua. The groom is a prominent and prosperous businessman being engaged in the manufacture of brick and tile, and the bride is a charming young lady well known in this city where she formerly attended business college (Springfield Daily Monitor, 3 June 1892 issue)

#### Thursday, 23 June 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Lafayette Goodwin died at her home in this city on Tuesday afternoon after an illness dating from February last. The funeral occurred at the Antioch church, 17 miles southeast yesterday afternoon, after which interment was made in that Cemetery. Deceased was a daughter of Mrs George Shride of Obed, and a sister of Lyman Shride of this city. On Wednesday, 22 June 1892, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents near Cerro Gordo, occurred the wedding of James Curtis of this city to Miss Pearl Howell of Cerro Gordo. The happy couple expect to arrive in Moweaqua this Wednesday evening when they will be tendered a reception at the handsome residence of the parents of the groom, M Curtis and wife. The groom is the youngest son of Mr and Mrs M Curtis of this city, and is a Moweaqua boy, having been born and raised here. The bride is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Henry Howell of Cerro Gordo, and is a charming young lady. She is a sister to Mr Chas Howell of Cerro Gordo, who is well known here. Mr and Mrs Curtis will locate here and expect to make this place their future home.

The body of James Holcomb of Bloomington was found hanging in a barn at the home of his brother-in-law, James Wilson. He had been missing for several days and had been a slave to whisky for 13 years. He was in the last term of court, his wife obtained a divorce, since which time he has drank heavily. He was once wealthy and prominent in politicks. Sam Peterson, Eric Eng and Gust Eng, ranging in age from 8 to 16 years, disappeared from Moline. The other day their bodies were found in the river.

Sixty-three years ago last Friday, amongst the beautiful mountains of southern Norway, Mrs John Holverson first saw the light and in honor of that event, occurred on eof the most happy and enjoyable gatherings of the season. The occasion was a surprise birthday party at the home of Mr and Mrs Holverson, one and ¾ miles northwest of Moweaqua. The crowd, which numbered about 45, arrived at 6 o'clock. (article lists food, gifts; not included here).

#### Thursday, 30 June 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A very enjoyable birthday party was given Miss Ellen Aydelott at her home in this city on Tuesday night, in honor of her birthday.

Mr and Mrs Henry Hunt, who were married in Waco, Texas, their former home, a couple of weeks ago, are now residents of Moweaqua, having located in Frank Stroud's property in South Park. Mrs Hunt is a sister of Mrs Chas Kuhn of this city. (Same issue: Mrs Guy and daughter, Miss Shepherd Guy of Waco, Texas, have removed to Moweaqua, and will locate here permanently. They are mother and sister of Mrs Chas. Kuhn of Moweaqua).

On Wednesday afternoon of last week, this city was shocked by the news that one of 'Jim Riley's boys had drowned'. It was only too true. Early Wednesday morning, J B Riley and family started on a fishing trip to Flat Branch. They located on the banks of the creek about two miles south and a list east of town on what is known as the 'Widow Campbell farm' now occupied by Mr D Phelps. Here they camped and made ready to enjoy the day. After dinner they started to seine the creek for fish. The occupant of the farm, Mr Phelps had come down and was in the water assisting Mr Riley and his two boys, Samuel and Benjamin in handling the seine. As they approached a deep hole (neither Mr Riley nor his boys being able to swim), Ben called out for help (The following account is from Mr Phelps, himself). "He was told to come out, when he said, "I can't for the water floats me down." I then reached a stick toward him telling him to take hold of it, and I would pull him out. The boy reached for it, but missed it and sank under the water. Just then it was discovered that the father was also under water and reaching out his hand for help I made a grab and bought him to shore This gave me such a jerk, it threw me into deep water and I swam to the to the other side. By this time, the elder boy rushed into the water behind the one that was drowning. The current of water was so swift, it carried him down stream across the deep water. He was out of sight most of the time When he came to the top, I took him to shore. By this time, the father was over this strangling and rushed in the water again to search for the drowning boy. He had to be brought out again, and was so excited I had to hold him out of the water, and by the permission of his wife and myself, we kept him out a short time." The body was located by Wash Carwile and was recovered by N R Connor who dived after it. The poor boy had been in the water more than 3 hours and, of course, life was extinct. In searching for the body, it was learned that the hole was filled at the bottom with logs, roots and drift, and it is thought that the boys clothes either caught on a snag or that in his drowning struggles, he grasped one of the roots. In either event, he would have been held down till downed. The remains were taken to the home of his grandmother, Mrs Mary McCluskey in this city and prepared for burial. This took place on Thursday the funeral being held at the M E Church after which interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west. Deceased was 14 years of age, the first day of last March.

He was an industrious and exemplary young man and his death was a terrible shock to his parents and many friends and family members.

H A Walker and wife south, are happy over the arrival of a son and heir on Tuesday, 14 June 1892.

A son was born to **John Tolly** and wife on Wednesday of last week. This is perhaps the smallest baby ever born in Shelby County. It weighed only two and one half pounds, but is perfectly healthy and is as lively as a cricket.

The wedding reception given by Mr and Mrs Miron Curtis to their son, James and bride, on Wednesday evening of last week, was a highly enjoyable affair. The guests arrived at the appointed time and at the proper time, Mr Curtis and bride appeared, and the latter was made acquainted with many of the guests. The supper was soon announced and the company repaired to the dining room where a sumptuous repast was served. Following the supper, there was music and social conversation until a late hour. Arthur Howell of Cerro Gordo attended the Curtis wedding reception in this city. He is a brother of the bride. Mrs B K Lamb died at the home of her husband, southeast of Moweaqua on Monday morning. The burial occurred at the Tolly graveyard on Tuesday. Mr Lamb has lost his wife and two children within three months — the children having died within a week of each other about two months ago.

#### Thursday, 7 July 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Prairie Home news: Mr and Mrs John Protsman have a new daughter born to them on 24 June 1892 and Mr and Mrs Jay Palmer, a son.

Loami news – 2 July 1892: Harvey McGinnis died Tuesday of lung fever, aged 29 years. He leaves to mourn his loss, six brothers, one sister, a fond wife and small child. Funeral services were held Thursday morning in the M E Church, after which interment took place at Sulphur Springs. Scott McGinnis of Fairview, Fulton County, came down Thursday to attend the funeral of his brother, Harvey McGinnis.

Mr and Mrs Jay Palmer of Prairie Home have a son born on 24 June 1892, near Prairie Home

#### Thursday, 14 July 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss Nannie B Nichols of Bloomington, was found lying on the floor the other morning, and in a few minutes was dead. Her death is involved in mystery, as there is nothing apparent to indicate suicide or heart disease. She was aged 41 years.

W H Lamont, residing near Hamilton, Illinois, arose from bed on the morning of the 8<sup>th</sup> of July 1892, and went out of doors. An hour later his wife went tout to the barn and found his lifeless body hanging from a beam in the hay loft. He was 40 years old.

#### Thursday, 21 July 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

George F Rice and wife accompanied the remains of W H Yocum to Brazil, Indiana, last week. Deceased was a brother of Mrs. Rice.

Miss Minnie Notbrook and Chas Baughman were in Blue Mound last Sabbath, attending the funeral services of A C Baughman, an old resident of that locality.

In Loami News dated 16 July 1892, - Mrs Ruhamma Bates, aged 80 years, died yesterday after a short illness.

Joseph Baughman died at his home north of the city, last Friday night of cancer. He had been a patient sufferer from that dread disease for a long time and grew gradually worse. Mr Baughman was born at Lehighton, Carbon County, Pennsylvania, on 2 August 1814, and was 77 years, 11 months and 5 days old at his death. While very young, he removed to Mauch Chuck, Pennsylvania, where he resided until he was 17 years of age when he married Miss Mary Huntslea. His first wife lived until 16 October 1876. Twelve children were the result of this union. He removed to Medina, Ohio, with his family about the year 1833, where he lived until his removal to this state which occurred in the fall of 1863. Both his removal from Pennsylvania to Ohio and from there to this state, was made by the prairie schooner route. When he arrived here, he located near Grove City and remained there a short time before moving to the present homestead. Mr Baughman married his second wife, Mrs Mary Kryder, 10 March 1867, and they lived happily together until her death which occurred 28 April 1887. (Note: There has to be an error in this obit. His first wife lived until 16 October 1876; he married his second wife on 10 March 1867 – cannot be; even a transposition of the years does not work since his first wife did not die until October and his second marriage was in MAR.) On 13 November of the same year (1887), he married his third wife, Mrs Elisabeth Ward, who survives to mourn his death. Of his twelve children, eight remain to mourn with the sorrowing wife, his death. They are: S J Baughman, Trinidad, Colorado, Mrs A F Stuver, St Clere, Kansas, Mrs B F Parkinson, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, Mrs Susan Dreiblebis of Albion, Indiana; Mrs Jas Hunt and Mrs Levi Seigley of Wadsworth, Ohio and Mrs Ed Culver and Levi Baughman of Blue Mound. Mr Baughman was one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of this vicinity, and was loved by all who knew him. Services held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian church; the sermon was preached by Rev Bankson, the pastor. The body was laid to rest in the Pleasant View Cemetery; his funeral concourse was the longest ever witnessed in the neighborhood. Little Essie, daughter of Mr L Thomas, died at her father's home in this city on Sunday morning. She had been quite ill for several weeks. Interment was made in the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Monday.

W H Yocum, who came to Moweaqua a couple of weeks ago to visit with his sister, Mrs George F Rice, and was in very poor health, was taken a great deal worse while here and gradually growing worse, died on Wednesday evening of last week. The remains were taken to Brazil, Indiana, on Friday where interment was made. Deceased formerly taught school in Moweaqua and was well known here.

#### Thursday, 28 July 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr Wm Bowman and Mrs Eliza A Brown, both of this city were married yesterday (Wednesday) at 6 PM at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs C L Body, near Bement. The happy couple will go from Bement to Shelbyville where they will visit a week or so with relatives before returning home.

Thos Hudson, Jr of this city, last week received the sad intelligence that a brother of Mrs Hudson had been drowned. John Wynn was his name, and he was a former resident of Mineral Wells, Texas, near where Mr Hudson and family resided several years. Mr Wynn was drowned near Astoria, Oregon, on 29 June 1892.

Mrs Emma Huff, wife of Dr W J Huff, formerly of Prairie Home, Illinois, died in Troy, Indiana, on Friday, 15 July 1892. Mrs Huff had been ill of consumption for some years.

The doctor took her to Colorado last fall for the benefit of her health, but all failed. She leaves two children and a husband to mourn her loss.

W G Wood of Plainfield, Iowa, is reported dead. Mr Wood was at one time a resident of this city, in the jewelry and sewing machine business.

Wm Garwood, one of the oldest and best respected citizens of Prairieton Township, well and favorably known in Moweaqua, died Sunday evening last, after an illness of several weeks. The funeral occurred from the old Stonington Baptist Church on Tuesday morning and he was laid to rest by the side of his wife who died several years ago. Deceased leaves a family of seven children, two sons and five daughters. They are Henry; Ed; Mrs Jennie White; and the Misses Ida and Katie, of Old Stonington; Mrs Mary Stewart of Jacksonville, and Mrs Retta Locke of California.

#### Thursday, 4 August 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Elaine, the infant daughter of Mr and Mrs F W Ayers, died Wednesday afternoon of last week at 4:45. The little one had been ill for almost a month. Funeral services were held at the family residence on Thursday after which interment was made in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west.

Adam Boyer and wife have a new daughter born Saturday, 30 July 1892. The suicide death of Wm Price of Villisca, Iowa, was vehemently denied by a letter dated 28 July 1892, written and signed by Wm Price in which he sates his demise is a total exaggeration, and he wants to live forever.

#### Thursday, 11 August 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr Albert C Snyder to Miss Agnes M Miller to occur at Samuel Miller's residence a mile east of Moweaqua on Thursday, 18 August 1892.

Mrs Rosencrantz, who removed to Moweaqua about a year ago, died at her residence in this city on Monday last, of hemorrhage of the lungs. She had been a sufferer with lung trouble for sometime. Deceased was a daughter of Mr E Roff, southeast, and was an estimable christian lady. Interment was made Tuesday in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery, west. Grandma Catherwood, mother of Dr T L Catherwood of Shelbyville, died at the home of her son on Wednesday of last week. She was an old resident of Shelby County, having resided in Moweaqua for several years. She was well known all over the County. ,She was 90 years of age, and had lived a life of usefulness for which her many friends kindly remember her.

H W Hammil and wife of Kansas City, Missouri, well known here, are happy in the birth of a baby boy on 20 July 1892.

Rev M D Hawes, presiding elder of this district of the M E Church, died at his home in Decatur on Wednesday of last week. He had been sick but about a week. Funeral services were held in Decatur on Friday.

Elder R N Davies at one time presiding elder of this district of the M E Church, died on Wednesday of last week, the same day of Elder Hawes' death.

In Loami news – Edward Henry died Thursday at the residence of James Desper of consumption, aged 28 years. He was married three years ago to Miss Emma Davidson, who survives him.

Died on 15 July 1892 at the residence of Mr Hiram Evans, Troy, Indiana, Emma A Huff, wife of Dr W J Huff of Prairie Home, Illinois. The deceased was the daughter of Daniel D Avery, and was born at the old homestead near Avery Chapel, Perry County, Indiana, on 26 January 1852, and was interred in the Cemetery at that place, in accordance with an oft expressed wish to be buried in the old family Cemetery. She leaves a husband and two children, Karl and Maud, aged 5 and 3 years, respectively and three brothers - W S Avery of Perry County, Indiana, and O J and A D Avery of Shelby County, Illinois, to mourn her loss. She was a true and loyal wife, a devoted and affectionate mother, and a firm and steadfast friend. She had been a member of the ME Church from girlhood and, while not in the habit of making loud professions of religion, she was very conscientious in her relations and dealings with others; always doing what she believed to be right and just, fearlessly and without regard to what others might think or say. She was a lover of the beautiful in nature and art and was pleased with music, poetry and flowers. She was not a worshiper at the shrine of fashion but strongly attached to home, husband and children. (This obit is signed 'W.J.H.'. It goes on in more detail about her personality and honest traits, not entered in this book. A beautiful obit, and one which appears to be written by someone who truly loved this woman. I am assuming 'W.J.H.' to be the initials of her mourning husband, Dr W J Huff)

Died on 23 July 1892, at the residence of his grandfather, William Huff, of Spencer County, Indiana, Karl Huff, son of Dr W J Huff, aged 5 years. He was taken violently ill of peritonitis two days after his mother's death and died 6 days later. Healthful, bright, lovable, he was endeared to his parents by every tie that binds heart of parents to child. Only those who have loved and lost can fully realize what a shadow has been cast across the pathway of the father so recently bereft of his mother. W.J. Huff

#### Thursday, 18 August 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

A very pretty and impressive ceremony was solemnized on Tuesday last at the residence of Mr H F Day, uniting in marriage, his eldest daughter, Claire and Mr Frank Homrighous of Assumption, Illinois. Exactly at the hour of nine A. M., the beautiful strains of Lohengrin Wedding March announced the approach of the bridal party. The groom attended by his brother, Charles entered the sitting room, followed by the bride and her sister, Harriet as bridesmaid, and standing in the large bay window surrounded by beautiful flowers, they listened to the solemn words of Rev A C Armentrout, which made two souls as one. After the ceremony and congratulations a wedding breakfast was served. Mr and Mrs Frank Homrighous left on the even train for Tuscola, the home of the groom's brother. The groom's home is in Assumption, where he located a couple of years ago, in the jewelry business. He is the third son of Mr and Mrs Milo Homrighous of Shelbyville. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs H F Day of this city. Her home has been in Moweagua since her birth and her name is almost a household word, especially among the little ones, whose special friend she was. For several years she was the much-loved teacher of the primary department of our public schools and for two years has been president of the local Loyal Temperance Legion. The guests from abroad were Mr. E Homrighous, wife and sons, and Miss Steidley of Shelbyville, Illinois, Mr Milo Homrighous and wife of Tuscola, Illinois, Mr Jesse Beeman and Mr Z Lanham and wife of Assumption, Illinois, Mr W L Day and wife of Concordia, Kansas, Mr C W Morton and wife of Wynne, Arkansas, Miss Harriet Reed of Kansas City, Missouri, Misses Anna

and Lida Bronson of Jacksonville, Illinois, Miss Eleanor Chittick of Chicago, and Mr Henry Day of Boston, Massachusetts.

On the evening of the 10<sup>th</sup> of August, at the residence of the bride's grandfather, Mr A L Osborn, Miss Winnie Haverfield was united in marriage to Mr Edward Davis of Sugar Grove, Illinois. The marriage ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Rev I T Haverfield, of La Harpe, in a very impressive manner. The bride, Miss Winnie, was born and lived in this vicinity until a year or two ago, and being one of our most respected and popular young ladies, her marriage was quite a social event. The groom, Mr Davis, is a highly respected gentleman from Sugar Grove, this state. Plates were laid for two hundred guests which seemed to the writer to include this entire neighborhood, big, little, old and young, and the splendid home of Mr and Mrs Osborn was never filled with a happier group. The happy couple will spend a few weeks with the parents of Mr Davis after which they will return to this community and engage in the tilling of the soil. Father and mother of the bride presented them with a gold ring, tablecloths, bedstead. (Article included a 'partial list of the presents and guests'.)

A little child of Mr and Mrs John W Evans died on Monday morning. Its death occurred about an hour after the death of its grandfather, L D Evans, Sr.

Their Pearl Wedding – The sixtieth wedding anniversary of Mr and Mrs John Foster was celebrated at Shirley, near Bloomington, the other day. Mr and Mrs Foster were married in Muskingum County, Ohio, 9 August 1832. Mrs Foster's maiden name being Celia A Ballou. Mr Foster is aged 86 and his wife 80, and they are both in good health. They were among the first settlers of McLean County. Mr Foster is a farmer and owner of a great deal of land in McLean and adjacent counties.

Mr and Mrs W M Parry celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage near Astoria, a few days ago where they have resided for half a century. Some 300 people from 16 towns in central Illinois were present and extended congratulations to the happy couple. Mr and Mrs Parry were recipients of many valuable and tasty gifts commemorative of the anniversary which they were celebration. Mr Parry is a wealthy farmer.

Ella Cruse, the 13 year old daughter of Henry Cruse, a farmer living in the Mississippi bottoms, near Anna, shot herself with a target rifle, inflicting a wound from which she died. The girl ran away from home because of trouble with her stepmother, and whipped by her father, she suicided.

Born to **Henry Bohlen** and wife, northwest, on Wednesday, 10 August 1892, a son. Born to **Peter Lezhner** and wife on Friday, 5 August 1892, a son. Peter says 'It's a daisy, and weighs 12 pounds, already'.

Our item last week regarding the death of Mrs Rosencranz was partially incorrect. Her death occurred at the home of her father, Mr E Roff, and the remains were interred in the Cemetery at Little Flock church. (Note: In obit last week, her name was spelled 'Rosencrantz')

Mr and Mrs Harry Smith are grief stricken over the loss of their little infant daughter, Mabel E Smith, by death on Friday, 5 August 1892. The funeral services were conducted by Rev A. L. T. Ewert at the family residence on Saturday morning. (*Taylorville Journal*) Mrs Margaret Catherwood, venerable and beloved mother of Dr Catherwood, died at her son's residence in this city, Thursday of last week, and was buried in the Shelbyville Cemetery Friday afternoon from the Dr.'s residence. The funeral was largely attended.

Rev W H Lloyd, pastor of the Presbyterian Church officiated and was assisted by Dr Gilmore, pastor of the M E Church. Margaret Catherwood was born in Virginia, on 22 June 1802, so when death came, she had reached the age of 90 years, 1 month and 13 days. Her maiden name was Margaret Smith. On 28 September 1826, she was united in marriage to Thomas K Catherwood. They had but one child, Dr Catherwood of this city, a well-known physician of Southern Illinois. In 1858, both moved to Moweaqua. While there, on 26 November 1875, after a companionship of nearly 50 years, death deprived her of her husband. She continued to reside at Moweaqua until about 4 years ago when she left for Shelbyville. Since then she has made her home with her son and daughter, Dr and Mrs Catherwood. For many years she was a faithful member of the Methodist church, but some years ago transferred her membership tot he United Brethren church.

The only child of Mr and Mrs Jerome LaDow died on Tuesday of diphtheria. Deceased was a bright little girl four years of age and was the idol of her parents' hearts. The funeral occurred yesterday. The child's mother is a daughter of Mr L D Evans, Sr whose death is noted this week.

Died – the five-year-old son of Mr and Mrs W L Simpson, southeast, died at the home of his parents on Thursday of last week of diphtheria. Funeral services were held at the house on Friday after which interment was made in the Masonic Cemetery, south. The little fellow had been ill but a few days and his death was more sad by the reason of its suddenness.

L D Evans, Sr died at his home southeast of Moweaqua on Monday morning at a very advanced age. The funeral service occurred on Tuesday being conducted by J V Clementz Post G. A. R. of this city of which the deceased was a member.

#### Thursday, 25 August 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Marriage of Albert C Snyder of Monument, Colorado, to Miss Agnes M Miller, at the residence of the bride's father, Mr Samuel Miller at their pleasant country home east of Moweaqua, occurred on Thursday evening of last week. The ceremony was performed in the open air on the front veranda by Rev A C Armentrout, pastor of the M E Church in the presence of almost two hundred invited guests. At 8 o'clock, while the beautiful strains of a wedding march was performed by the deft fingers of Miss Irene Snyder, the happy couple, attended by F M Synder of Eldorado, Kansas, and Miss Blanche Miller, sister of the bride, as groomsman and bridesmaid, were united in holy matrimony. The groom is the only son of Mr M Snyder Jr of Moweaqua. He is a young man of ability who has joined the innumerable host of Illinois young men accepting Horace Greely's advice, has 'gone west' to carve for himself, a home. He is a prosperous and prominent contractor in the city of Monument, Colorado, near Denver. The bride is a daughter of Samuel Miller, one of Moweaqua township's most influential farms and has resided at the pleasant country home since her childhood. The newly wedded couple will leave on Tuesday for their home at Monument, Colorado.

On Friday evening, Mr and Mrs Albert C Snyder were given a reception by the groom's father, Mr M Snyder, Jr. at his pleasant home in east Moweaqua. (Wedding article describes the bride's and groom's personalities and decorations of the wedding and reception)

Mr and Mrs Chas S Stout of Canton, celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage a few days ago. Mr and Mrs Stout are both natives of New Jersey, and have been residents of Canton for the past 20 years. They have 8 children living, 20 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Mr Stout is 80 years of age, his wife is 79; both enjoy good health. John Kelly, aged 55, having a wife and two children, crazed from a second attack of the grippe, jumped into the Sangamon River at Decatur with suicidal intent. He was rescued but will die of congestion of the lungs.

Ernest Fuchs, a brewer of Galena, Illinois, was drowned while bathing in the Galena River a few days since. He was bout 40 years old and unmarried.

Miss Lona Matthews, daughter of the county clerk of Logan county, drank an ounce of carbolic acid the other day and is expected to die.

Herman Poole, aged 14, son of L D Poole, a wealthy retired merchant of Lexington, McLean County, was fatally injured in a runaway accident.

Samuel Nelson, a farmer who resided near Galesburg, committed suicide the other night by hanging. No cause is assigned for the act.

Mr and Mrs Wm Schwartz and wife rejoice over the arrival of a new son on Monday last in Yantisville.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Sunday morning, Miss Oma Corley to Mr Dexter Smith. Rev Jones officiating. This young couple is well and favorably known here, and their many friends wish them a life of happiness and prosperity (Yantisville news, 22 August 1892).

A little child of Frank Andrix of Findlay, was buried here on Saturday. (Obed news, 22 August 1892)

Mrs S D Myers of Clinton, well and favorably known in Moweaqua and vicinity, died at the home of her husband on Saturday last. She was a sister of Mrs Adam Snyder of this city, who was at her bedside at the time of her death.

Elder Hiram Buck, the veteran Methodist minister, died at his home in Decatur on Sunday last, aged 74 years. The funeral, which was largely attended, occurred on Tuesday. Elder Buck was formerly presiding elder of this district, and was well known, not only here, but all over the state. In his vigorous days, Elder Buck was an eloquent minister and a great power for good.

The second death from diphtheria occurred in the family of **John W Evans** on Tuesday. Their only remaining child, a bright little boy of four years, fell before that awful disease. Funeral services were held yesterday and burial was had in the Masonic Cemetery.

#### Thursday, 1 September 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Lorenzo Dow Evans was born near Mt Sterling, Kentucky, 11 December 1892 (as shown, should be 1826), and was married to Margaret Ribelin of the same place, 26 October 1848. To this union were born 8 children, 4 of whom have preceded him to the grave, three daughters and one son. Those living are Mrs Sarah J Simpson, Mrs Geneva LaDow, John W Evans and Lorenzo D Evans. In March 1853, he moved near Greensburg, Decatur County, Indiana. He remained there until April 5<sup>th</sup>, 1865, when he was drafted and served in the 13<sup>th</sup> Indiana Regiment until the regiment was mustered out in September of the same year. In April 1871 he moved near Moweaqua, Illinois, where he remained until his death which occurred 15 August 1892, being 66 years, 8 months and 4 days old. (By Margaret A Simpson)

Born to A J Syfert and wife on Wednesday, 24 August 1892, a ten pound boy.

Dow Evans has been appointed administrator of the estate of L D Evans, deceased.

Born to Mr and Mrs E Roff, southeast, on Tuesday morning, 30 August 1892, a daughter.

Henry Wolf, one of the early and well known settlers of Prairieton township, died at his home on Sunday, 28 August 1892.

Frank Stroud and wife, and S M Adams and wife, attended the funeral of the former's father, Robert Stroud in Maroa on Sunday.

Card of thanks: We take this method of returning thanks to our friends for their kind assistance and sympathy during the illness and death of our little child. John R Miller and wife.

Robert Stroud, one of the oldest and best respected citizens of Maroa, died at his home in that city on Saturday night last, aged 69 years. He had been ailing but a short time and his death was quite sudden. The funeral occurred on Sunday after which interment was made in the Maroa Cemetery by the side of his wife whose death occurred 12 years ago. Deceased leaves an only son, Mr Frank Stroud of this city.

Jerome LaDow, an old resident of this locality, died very suddenly on Tuesday morning at his home near Moweaqua of heart disease. He had been afflicted with this disease for several years, but for a few months has been troubled with it more than usual, although he was able to be up and around. He was in town on Saturday. His wife went to wake him on Tuesday morning, and discovered that he was dead, having passed away during the night. Our item last week in regard to the death of the little child of John R Miller, stated that death was caused by diphtheria. This was wrong. Brain fever was the cause of his death. There has, as yet been no diphtheria in Moweaqua.

Columbus Thomas of Moweaqua, came to Decatur yesterday with his 17 year old son, William N Thomas and Miss Mary E Huff. All three went to the county clerk's office where a marriage license was procured after the father had given his consent and then Judge W E Nelson made Miss Huff the wife of William Thomas. (Thursday, Decatur Review)

Died of diphtheria, 11 August 1892, Charles Arnette Simpson, the youngest son of W L and Sarah Simpson. He was born in Shelby County, Illinois, 25 February 1888; his age was four years, 5 months and 17 days. (Margaret A Simpson)

Died, John William, infant son of John W and Martha E Evans, died of diphtheria, on the 15<sup>th</sup> August 1892, and was buried the next day – the first anniversary of birthday, he being born on 16 August 1891. (M. S.)

Died, the eldest son of John W and Martha E Evans of diphtheria. Everette Evans was born 19 February 1888, and died 23 August 1892 aged 4 years, 6 months, and 4 days when Jesus called him home. Interment was made in the Masonic Cemetery (Margaret A Simpson)

Died of Diphtheria – Mabel LaDow, only daughter of Jerome and Geneva LaDow, died at her home on 16 August 1892, aged three years, three months, and 27 days. Mabel was a bright, affectionate little girl and loved by all. Her parents and friends are grief stricken by her death (Margaret A Simpson)

#### Thursday, 8 September 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Born to Henry Winters and wife on Monday, 5 September 1892, a daughter.

W J Snyder on Saturday, received the sad news of the death of a nephew, M F Gwinner in Brown County, Ohio. He was kicked by a horse on Friday evening and died in less than 24 hours.

Mr and Mrs Clias Turpin's baby died Friday died of cholera infantum. Funeral services will be held today and interment will take place in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Dora Morris and James A Foster for Thursday evening, 1 September 1892, at the home of the bride in Loami

#### Thursday, 15 September 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Died at the residence of her husband in this city, Eva, beloved wife of John G Corrington, departed this life at 2 AM on Saturday, 10 September 1892. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev A C Armentrout, after which interment was made at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Eva Hoxsey was the eldest daughter of Anderson P and Maggie Hoxsey, and was born in Moweagua, in the property now occupied by Mrs Morgan, within 100 feet of where she died. She was born on 11 September 1866, and lacked one day of being 26 years of age at the time of her death. Her childhood was spent in Moweaqua, and it was here that he was married to John G Corrington on the 26<sup>th</sup> day of October 1886. Two children were the fruit of this union, Harry, aged 5 years, and a little daughter, Ramona, aged 2 years These, with the husband, are left to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother and a true and affectionate wife. Deceased had a severe spell of lung fever about two years since, which terminated in consumption, that most dreaded of diseases. Unavailing efforts were put forth to restore the loved one to health. A trip to the balmy climate of Alabama was made, but all in vain. Mrs Maggie Hoxsey, the mother, and the sisters and brother of the deceased, Dr and Mrs T L Cotherwood, grandparents, all of Shelbyville, were present and attended the funeral. Eva Corrington was a good christian lady, a member of the ME Church, kind and loving, and her loss to the family circle of friends will be deeply felt. Jerome Ladow, died of heart disease at his home five miles east of Moweaqua, Illinois, 29 August 1892. He was born near Sandusky, Ohio, 25 September 1840. At the age of 21 years, he went as a volunteer to the war. He was enrolled 24 April 1861, in Co F, 19<sup>th</sup> Regiment and discharged June 1865. He came to Illinois and was married to Miss Jane Botts, 11 September 1871. To this union was born two sons who survive him Their mother died 26 November 1878. On 12 November 1884, he was married again to Miss Genave Evans. To this union was born one daughter who preceded him to the grave thirteen days ago on 16 August 1892. He leaves a wife, two sons, an aged father, four sisters, and four brothers, to mourn his loss (M A Simpson)

Born to Samuel Heater and wife on Friday, 9 September 1892, a son.

Born to Chas Hinton and wife on Sunday, 11 September 1892, a daughter.

George P Workman is still very poorly, and there is but little hope for his recovery (Loami news, 9 September 1892)

A daughter was born in Obed to Mr and Mrs Samuel Heater on Thursday morning (Obed news, 12 September 1892)

An infant son of **S** B and Elisabeth Cole, died near Findlay, Illinois, on Friday morning of brain fever. The funeral services, conducted by a minister of Findlay, were held at Little

Flock Church Saturday, and the remains were interred in Little Flock Cemetery. (Obed news, 12 September 1892)

#### Thursday, 22 September 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A very pleasant wedding occurred on Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother. It was the marriage of Mr T D Shay to Miss Jennie Smith, both of this city. The ceremony being performed by the Rev J W Hawkins of Lincoln, Illinois. Promptly at 7 PM, the interested parties appeared before the company of invited guests, and Rev Hawkins pronounced them man and wife. The groom is one of Moweaqua's best business men, being a member of the Moweaqua Milling Co, and is recognized wherever, known as a man of ability and integrity.; He has been a resident of Moweaqua for several years, and has gained the respect and esteem of the entire community. The bride is a Moweaqua girl, having resided here all her life. She is a business-like lady and is at present, postmistress of Moweaqua

Notwithstanding the rainy and gloomy weather of Sunday, 11 September 1892, the relatives, neighbors and friends of Mrs Lola Robinson Manson met at her home in Flat Branch township to give her a surprise – it being her 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. It was a most complete surprise to her. (More notes on the occasion in the article)

Chas S Clark, son of Wm J Clark of Flat Branch township, Shelby County, and Miss Maggie Widick, daughter of Wm Widick, of Prairieton Township, Christian County, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, at the home of the bride's parents on Monday evening, 12 September 1892. Rev A Armentrout, officiated at the ceremony. Obed news, 19 September 1892: The infant son of Wm Abrams died on Thursday. Funeral services were conducted by Elder L Corley at Locust Grove Church on Friday at 2 o'clock, and the remains were interred in the Cemetery.

Jos Askins is a proud papa – a little stranger came to bless his household (Obed news, 19 September 1892)

Michael Gavin, died Monday of consumption, aged 26 years. Interment took place on Tuesday in Calvary Cemetery in Springfield. The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Bickle died last Sunday of Cholorine, and was buried at Waverly on Monday. (both entries, Loami news, 17 September 1892.)

#### Thursday, 29 September 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr C W Keiser is in receipt of a very interesting letter form L A Green, formerly of this place and now of Skelton, Kansas. 'Lou' is in good spirits. He says he has made final proof on his homestead and it is clear. Crops are very good and he and his wife are rejoicing of a three months old baby girl whom they have named Blanche E.

John G Gebhardt, 20 years old, and Miss Mary R Market were married at Carthage. The groom's uncle, Thomas L Gebhardt, was appointed his guardian a few minutes before the ceremony in order that the marriage license could be issued.

B G Campbell, a prominent citizen of Newman, while sightseeing at Bloomingdale Glens, Indiana, fell from a cliff and was fatally injured.

George W Graham, of Meredosia, one of the first settlers in northern Illinois, died at Freeport. He operated the first flouring mill in Freeport.

Born to Robert Stanberry and wife on Friday, 23 September, a daughter.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs Wm Henry, died in Moweaqua on Friday of last week. The funeral occurred on Saturday.

Born to F Small and wife on 12 September 1892, a son.

Born to Ed Daughtry and wife on 21 September 1892, a son.

Prairie Home news, 26 September 1892: Bertie Fryer, grandson of Mr and Mrs Orson Sweet, died Sunday evening at 9:15 P M after a lingering illness of five weeks. Bertie was a bright boy and although only 14 years of age, spoke of his planting his grandfather's corn, and getting a perfect check on the entire crop. He was a prompt Sunday School scholar and will be missed by all of his class. He was also a member of Mrs Perkin's music Class. This is to Mr and Mrs Sweet, a severe loss. He was buried at Prairie Home on Tuesday.

Cyrus Humphrey was born in Coshocton County, Ohio, 24 July 1822, and died at his home near Hermon, shortly after 12 o'clock Friday night, 9 September 1892. Mr Humphrey was married to Miss Henrietta Baughman in 1844, and in 1849 they moved from Ohio to Fulton County, Illinois, and located near Astoria where they continued to reside until April 1855 when they removed to the place where Mr Humphrey spent the remainder of his days on earth. To them have been born 10 children, 7 now living and three dead. The living are Amelia, now Mrs Barton, living north of Knoxville; Elisabeth, now Mrs Long of Creston, Iowa; S H of London Mills; D W of Hoisington, Kansas; William of Galesburg, Illinois; Phoeba, now Mrs Weber of Ipava, Illinois, and Henrietta, now Mrs Bell, who lives near the old home. The children named were all at the funeral, except D W of Kansas who did not arrive until Tuesday, owing to the telegram not reaching him in time. The subject of this article was one of a family of thirteen children, eight of whom survive him. In 1840, he united with the Regular Predestinarian Baptist Church and for 36 years has preached that doctrine. Mr Humphrey's death was caused by a cancer of the mouth and throat. He first noticed the trouble about three years ago, but continued to preach occasionally until less than a year ago. For several months he has not tasted solid food, being unable to swallow it and has been growing steadily weaker. His two brothers Nathan and Walter, of Shelby County, arrived about a week ago and remained with him until he passed away. The funeral services were conducted in the Baptist Church northwest of Hermon where he had so often preached, by Elder S Bolinger of Lewiston, at 1:30 Monday and his body was laid to rest in the ME Cemetery at Hermon. The funeral was the largest ever held at that place. (London Times; 16 September 1892)

#### Thursday, 6 October 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Night Policeman, A D Black of this city is in receipt of a sad piece of news from his sister, Mrs Chas Cunningham, who resides at La Plata, Missouri. William L Cunningham, a former resident of this vicinity, accompanied by his wife, drove through in a buggy to La Plata on a visit to his brother there. While driving through and near La Plata, they became thirsty, and noticing water running from a tile outlet, both drank from it. It is supposed that the water was poisonous, as soon after their arrival at La Plata, they were both taken seriously ill, and in a few days both died. The husband died on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 1892, and the wife three days later. The physicians pronounced the death was caused by poisonous water they drank from a tile outlet.

Mr Earl Yantis and Miss Nannie Thomas were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, southeast on Tuesday, 27 September 1892 at 1:30 PM by Rev B F Dugan. The groom is one of the best young farmers of the vicinity of that garden spot — Yantisville, and is possessed of the respect and esteem of the entire community. The bride is the second daughter of Mr and Mrs James Thomas, one of the best families of Obed vicinity The happy could left at once for St Louis, where they will make a short visit. Upon their return, will locate on Father Yantis' farm near Yantisville.

Card of thanks to all friends who so nobly and generously rendered assistance and sympathy during the last illness and the death of our daughter, **Bettie** and especially to the ladies of Moweaqua and vicinity who beautified her final resting place with flowers. Mr and Mrs R R Adams.

A most touching funeral occurred at Prairie Home Church on Tuesday afternoon, 27 September 1892, that of Bertie Fryor. (Note: in Prairie Home News of last week, the name was spelled 'Fryer'). He was sick with typhoid fever for some time at the home of his grandparents, Mr and Mrs Orson Sweet, but was not considered dangerous. But on Sunday, at about 1 o'clock, he grew worse and at the end of 8 brief hours, he passed into eternity. His mother arrived from her home in Missouri, just in time for the funeral, and all are heartbroken. The funeral procession, near a mile in length, accompanied the remains to Prairie Home Church where a short service was conducted by Rev W W McIntosh of Bethany, assisted by Rev O P Galloway of Prairie Home. Bertie was 13 years and 10 months of age. A bright, promising boy, kind, industrious and unassuming. He was a faithful and interested Sunday School Scholar. His Sunday School classmates carefully laid beautiful bouquets on his grave.

A remarkable family group gathered at Mrs Eliza Clapp's in Dolson Township, Clark County, Illinois, and had a photograph taken. They were the nine children of Martin Hurst and wife, whose combined ages amount to nearly 700 years. The youngest is 72 and the oldest is 83. There were 10 children in the family, but one died in infancy. The father of the family lived to be over 90.

Born to Mr and Mrs N T Skiff, on Sunday, 2 October 1892, a son.

**David T Workman** was happy, and was 'settin' 'em up' to the boys on Saturday - on account of a baby girl that just put in an appearance to his household that morning, 1 October 1892.

Mr and Mrs **Henry Jacobs**, northwest, celebrated their 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on Monday of this week. A number of invited guests partook of a delicious dinner that was served at the noon hour.

Frank Baker and Miss Bertha Teele of Waverly were married Tuesday, and left immediately for a tour through Kansas and Colorado. They will reside near Loami on their return.

Ed Harris and Miss Hattie Shelton were married on Thursday evening at the residence of George W Harbur (Loami news, 1 October 1892)

**D E Yantis** and Miss Nannie Thomas were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents on Tuesday, 27 September 1892, at noon, by Rev **Dungan**. Only a few friends were present to witness the hymeneal rites and partake of the sumptuous dinner prepared for the occasion. The happy couple left Tuesday evening for a wedding tour to St Louis, They were tendered a reception on Sunday by Mr and Mrs **Henry Yantis** of Yantisville. (Yantisville news, 3 October 1892)

A new baby boy at Ed Yantis' and Ed is smiling and happy (Yantisville news, 3 October 1892)

#### Thursday, 13 October 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Loami news, 8 October 1892: Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Jane Park and Joseph Hall of Decatur for next Wednesday morning. W L Park and wife returned Tuesday from Macomb where they were called by the death of Mrs Park's father.

#### Thursday, 20 October 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Ed C Steidley and wife are happy in the birth of a daughter on Saturday, 15 October 1892. Touching eulogies were published in the Shelbyville papers last week on the life and character of their fellow townsman, J Wm Lloyd, who died at his home in that city on 5 October 1892. Mr Lloyd was well known and respected by many of our citizens. Married at his office in Decatur on Monday, 17 October 1892, at high noon, George A Stegmayer of Shelbyville, to Miss Flora Pearl Dietz of Clinton. Justice A C Stevens officiated. The bride is a sister of Mr E Dietz of this city, and is an estimable young lady. The bridal party, accompanied by Mr and Mrs Dietz, drove up to Decatur in a carriage Monday.

On Thursday, 13 October 1892, George E Kirkman led to the altar, Miss Alma Adams, youngest daughter of Mr S M and Mrs Susan A (McLain) Adams. The occasion was the 31st anniversary of the marriage of the bride's parents, and the same officiating minister—Rev Thomas W Hynes of Bond County, Illinois, who had, on the 13th day of October 1861, performed the same ceremony for those parents. More than 60 persons came to the home of the bride to testify their interest in the young couple and to tender their congratulations and best wishes. (More in the article about their personality and the ceremony—not copied here). Guests from abroad were George P Hardy, W F Hill and wives from Decatur, J D Hill, H E Kent, J M Persinger, T N Leavitt, Jas F Harris and wives, L W Hill, Miss Francis Hill and Miss Ella Reed of Maroa, and Mr R M Wood and wife of Jackson, Missouri.

Miss Jennie Duncan, daughter of Mr and Mrs Joseph Duncan, died at the home of her parents in this city on Friday evening last, at 7 o'clock. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Sunday at 10:30 AM conducted by Rev J W Taylor, pastor of the Baptist Church, after which interment was made in the I.O.O.F. Cemetery, west. Deceased had been afflicted with that dread destroyer of mankind, consumption for a long time. Miss Laura Pratt, daughter of Mr and Mrs H A Pratt, died at the home of her parents a mile south of this city on Sunday night, 16 October 1892, of consumption. The funeral services, conducted by Rev J W Taylor, were held at the family residence on Monday forenoon The remains were interred in the Masonic Cemetery, south. Deceased had been a sufferer from pulmonary consumption for several years. A trip was made to Colorado where she remained awhile, then several months since she went to California to try to get relief. This was to no avail and on Sunday, surrounded by weeping relatives and friends, she breathed her last.

Mr and Mrs Joseph O Joy gave a party Monday evening in honor of the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday of their daughter, Alice Joy. Light refreshments were served (Loami News, 15 October 1892)

The 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the wedding of Mr and Mrs Wm J Snyder was celebrated in a happy manner at their pleasant home southeast of Moweaqua on Monday night. Mrs Wm Whitworth and Mrs E M Doyle left on Thursday for Ottowa, to attend the funeral of Mrs Whitworth's niece, Mona, daughter of George Doyle and wife. The telegram stated that another daughter of Mr Doyle was dangerously ill and not expected to live. A letter received by Mr Whitworth on Saturday from his wife, states that the little girl was burned to death. Her clothes caught fire while burning some leaves, and she died in terrible agony.

#### Thursday, 27 October 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Miss Lulu Snyder, who is a student at the Wesleyan University at Bloomington, was home last week to attend the silver wedding anniversary of her parents, Mr and Mrs W J Snyder.

Friends of A B Orange and Ed Snyder, on Tuesday of last week, treated them to a genuine surprise. That day was the 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the birth of both of these gentlemen, and their friends and neighbors (numbering about 40) gathered in the evening. A splendid supper was served and the evening pleasantly spent.

Mrs Benjamin Harrison, wife of the president of the United States, died of consumption at the White House in Washington, DC, on Tuesday about 2 AM.

Miss Laura Pratt departed this life at her father's home near Moweaqua on 16 October 1892, in her 25<sup>th</sup> year. A beloved and kind daughter, much esteemed by the young, she now lives in the land of immortality. Memorial by her pastor, J W Taylor (not copied in entirety)

Miss Jennie Duncan departed this life at her father's home in Moweaqua on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 1892. She was a consistent and honored member of the Baptist church, an affectionate daughter and a quiet, unobtrusive Christian, loved by many as a tried and true friend. Memorial by the pastor, J W Taylor (Not copied in entirety)

Mr and Mrs McBurney celebrated their silver wedding anniversary on Monday, 16 October 1892. Mrs Graybill of Shelbyville and relatives from Ohio, were there from abroad (Prairie Home news)

Loami news: Died in Chicago, 18 October 1892, of consumption, Robert D Campbell, aged 52 years. The remains were sent here for burial and funeral services were held Thursday morning in the M E Church under the auspices of Lodge No 450 of A.F.&A. Masons of which Lodge he was a member.

Mrs Wm Kost of Hookers, Ohio, came Wednesday of last week on a visit to relatives and friends here She, in company with Mrs Chas Stiner, south, made us a pleasant call on Friday. Mrs Kost is a daughter of Mr Isaac Blosser, formerly lived and was married here to Mr Wm Kost. Later they removed to Ohio and for over 20 years have resided near Hookers, in that state. She is accompanied on her visit by her son William, an intelligent young man.

Mr Garrett Broyles, father of Frank and Mansfield Broyles of this city aged 82 years, was married the 13<sup>th</sup> of October 1892 to Mrs Martha Batten, aged 69 years, an old neighbor.

#### Thursday, 3 November 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

On Wednesday of last week at the residence of Hugh A Hockaday, in Decatur, W R Sanders and Mrs Frances McKinney, both of this city, were united in marriage. They will locate in the groom's new cottage on Putnam Street, east of the park.

Mrs M Schneider, Sr is lying very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs T C Ponting, west. She has been unconscious for several days and her death is hourly expected.

'Grandma' Schneider is one of Moweaqua's earliest pioneers, and her death will be a severe blow to the community. Later: 'Grandma Schneider passed away on Tuesday night at twenty minutes before 8 o'clock. Funeral services will be held this Thursday afternoon after which interment will be made in the LO.O.F. Cemetery, west.

Miss Alice South of Kansas City, Missouri, who visited her friend, Mrs Jas Beaumont in this vicinity last summer, was united in marriage on the 26<sup>th</sup> of November 1892 to Mr Reuben Wells, a highly respected citizen of Kansas city. The happy bride is a former resident of this locality, and a daughter of Jas South who resided here several years ago. John R Craig died at his home in Shelbyville on Tuesday of last week, aged about 75 years of age.

James Ruark, an old resident of this locality, dropped dead at his home in Prairieton township on Tuesday morning. He had not been feeling well for several days, but was not seriously ill. He worked all the day before He was quite old – over 70. Mr Jos Ruark of this city is a son of the deceased.

Irene Kerr, little step-daughter of Alva Smock, died at her home, 5 miles east of Assumption, of diphtheria on 29 October 1892, aged 8 years, 5 months and 13 days. She was taken to Pana on Sunday, and funeral services were held at the home of her grandparents, Mr and Mrs Nihart, after which she was laid to rest in the Rosemond Cemetery by the side of her little brother who preceded her to a better world. Obed news: Born to Mr and Mrs Joseph Askins on 3 November 1892, a son, at the news of which the merchant and P M of Obed presumes to feel much older as he is now styled 'Grandpa'.

# Thursday, 10 November 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail: Issue missing – no extracts.

#### Thursday, 17 November 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The cards are out announcing a double wedding to take place at the residence of T J Radford at Radford, Illinois, on Wednesday, 23 November 1892, at 12 o'clock. The contracting parties are Miss Callie Radford to Henry Barnhart and Miss Mary Radford to Leslie Burch.

Mr and Mrs Walter Collins of Greene County, came to Moweaqua last week in answer to a telegram announcing the sudden death of Mr James Ruark, who was a brother to Mrs Collins. Owing to a delay in the delivery of the message, they did not arrive here until after the burial of Mr Ruark. Mr Collins is one of the prominent farmers of eastern Greene County, Illinois. He left Saturday for the vicinity of Sullivan to visit the family of Mr Isaac Hughes, a brother—in-law of Mr Collins.

The funeral of the late Mrs Margaret Schneider, wife of Michael Schneider, took place from the ME Church on Thursday afternoon, 3 November 1892, at half past 1 o'clock. Rev A C Armentrout of Cerro Gordo assisted by Rev T D Weems of Moweaqua,

conducted the services. Her grandchildren were the pallbearers. Margaret Kautz was born in the village of Ispringen, in Baden, Germany, on the 21st day of March 1811, and died 1 November 1892, aged 81 years, 7 months and 11 days. She was the daughter of Christopher Kautz and Catherine Lichtenbarger, and the fourth child in a family of five - two brothers and three sisters, the rest of whom preceded this sister to the grave. Margaret Kautz, together with her mother, one brother and sisters, emigrated to America in 1831, being then in her 18th year—the father having died in 1819, one brother having emigrated to America in 1829. The four children and the mother landed in New York after a voyage of many days on the ocean. From there they went to Baltimore and after a 10 months residence in the latter place, preceded to Cincinnati, where on 11 November 1833, the deceased was married to Michael Schneider, who also had emigrated from Germany to America at an early age. After a residence of a few months in Cincinnati, the couple moved to Lick Creek in Sangamon County, Illinois, about 12 miles southwest of Springfield, having made the journey down the Ohio and up the Mississippi and Illinois rivers by boat. Here in Sangamon county, were born to them two children. In the year 1837, they removed to what was then Shelby, but now Christian County, Illinois, just a half-mile west of Moweaqua, where they continuously resided with the exception of a few years in Moweagua, up to the death of the wife. Here were born to them six other children. Mrs Schneider was the mother of eight children: Michael, Christopher F, Margaret, William J. Valentine, Peter, Adam, and Mary C, all of whom are now living, except one - Peter having died in infancy. There survive the deceased - the aged husband, 7 children, 35 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren. Mrs Schneider united with the Methodist Episcopal Church early in life. She was attacked last winter with the dreaded disease, La Grippe, from which she never fully recovered, it having affected her heart's action and she was very near death's door, early n the summer, but rallied so as to be able to go outdoors with the support of a cane. During one of these times, she was in the act of stepping upon the porch, catching her foot under the end of the porch floor, she fell heavily upon the porch, bruising and damaging her limb to such extent that she was confined for weeks to her bed, but regained her strength sufficiently again to ride out with her husband, and on the 17<sup>th</sup> of October last, attended the silver wedding anniversary of her son, William J Snyder, where her pleasant face and cheerful words added very materially to the joyful occasion - even joining in the singing of 'Shall we Gather at the River', which was sung at her request. Being one among the few early settlers in this, her then wilderness home, she was accustomed to the hardships, privations and difficulties that attend the settling of a new country, and many weary strangers have found food and shelter under her roof. John L Gregory has a new son who arrived at their home on Friday, 11 November 1892. James H Ruark was born in Bourbon County, Kentucky, 3 April 1825, and with his parents moved to Alton, Illinois, thence to Greene County, where he was united in marriage to Rebecca Corrington, on 5 December 1844. To them were born ten children, 6 of whom are still living. In 1852 they moved to the vicinity of Moweaqua, where in January 1880, he united with the Methodist Protestant Church. On the morning of 8 November 1892, he was stricken down with heart failures and passed away. Services from the ME Church in Moweaqua, after which his remains were laid to rest to await the Resurrection of the just.

Loami news: About 50 of our oldest citizens met at the residence of **Dennis Turpin** on Friday morning and went in a body to the residence of Mr and Mrs Bripe Weir and

reminded them that they had been married just 40 years. All had their baskets well filled and an elegant dinner was spread to which all did ample justice.

A grand surprise was given to Mr and Mrs George F Rice by their children and grandchildren on last Friday evening in honor of their 26<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The affair was a complete surprise to them The children presented to Mr and Mrs Rice a beautiful set of dishes and a fine table cloth. Those present were Mr and Mrs T Knowles and family; Mr and Mrs E O Smith and family; Mr and Mrs J W Yantis and family; Mr and Mrs Charles Rice, Mr and Mrs Frank Clark, Mrs Sallie Bullard, and Mrs C C Radcliff of Decatur; Mrs Jessie Gordon from Winchester, Kentucky, Miss May McGinnis of Springfield and Miss Cora Snell of Moweaqua.

Miss Carrie McDaniel of Owensboro, Kentucky, who visited here a couple of years ago, died at her home on Monday. Deceased was a sister of Mrs L O'Connor of this city. Mrs O'Connor left for Owensboro on Tuesday.

Wesley Scribner received a letter on Tuesday morning containing the sad news of the death of his nephew, Jas N Scribner, at his home near Mount Pleasant, Tennessee, aged 73 years. Mr Scribner, formerly owned and lived on the farm near Pleak's Corner, now owned and occupied by 'Uncle Wes' Scribner, and will be remembered by other older settlers of that area.

A quiet wedding occurred at 7 o'clock on Tuesday evening at the residence of Hon D P Keller, northwest of Moweaqua, Mr G W Daughtry, of Moweaqua was united in marriage to Miss Julia Keller. Rev J F Winchell of this city performed the ceremony. The bride is the third daughter of Honorable and Mrs D P Keller and is an estimable young lady. The groom is the only son of Mr and Mrs Wm Daughtry of Moweaqua. He is a steady, industrious young man, and is presently employed as a clerk at H F Day's grocery store.

On 15<sup>th</sup> November 1892, at 5 o'clock PM at the residence of the bride's parents in Moweaqua, Illinois, by Rev T D Weems, Mr Jacob Meyers of Nicholasville, Kentucky, with Miss Clara Penn. The bride and groom parted with loved ones and friends and took the 6:00 PM train for Nicholasville, Kentucky, their future home.

#### Thursday, 24 November 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Edna Rilla Haslam, daughter of J T and Catherine Haslam, was born 12 September 1890, and departed this life 17 November 1892, aged 2 years, 2 months and 5 days. Edna was a bright, active, healthy and beautiful child, full of promise to her parents. Services were held at the home by Rev T D Weems, after which her beautiful body, borne by six beautiful girls as pall bearers was delivered to the hearse and laid to rest in a beautifully prepared grave to await the resurrection.

Mr and Mrs R A Berry, whose marriage on last Thursday night, is noted elsewhere in these columns, will locate on the Josiah Berry farm northeast of Moweaqua. It is a splendid farm.

At seven o'clock on Thursday evening, 17 November 1892, at the residence of Christopher Shroll, R A Berry and Miss Sophia Shroll were united in marriage by Rev T D Weems. A few friends besides the families of the bride and groom were present and after the congratulations, a bountiful table spread with all that heart could wish, of which all partook, after which the evening was spent sociably and pleasantly.

November 16 is an important day in the history of the Freeman family. It is the day for weddings. About all the members that are married so far have been married on that day, and it is expected that all who are yet to be married, will select that day. Mr and Mrs John Freeman of near Moweaqua, Mr and Mrs James Freeman, Mr and Mrs O F Spaulding of Champain, and Mr and Mrs John Freeman of Decatur, were all married on that day, though a few years intervened between each ceremony. This important anniversary was observed yesterday at the residence of James Freeman on North College street. All the named couples were present, except Mr and Mrs Spaulding.

C F Johnson and wife have a son born on the 6<sup>th</sup> of November 1892.

Mr Thomas McCarty and Miss Katie O'Brien of Moweaqua were united in marriage at Macon on Tuesday morning at nine o'clock. The ceremony was performed in the Catholic Church by Father Maurer. The happy couple returned to Moweaqua, near which place they will make their future home. The groom is the second son of Patrick McCarty, with whom he is engaged in manufacturing brick. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr R O'Brien, who has for many years been the Illinois Central's efficient section foreman at this point.

A China anniversary was held on 12 November 1892 at the home of Mr and Mrs Fred Gray near Willey. There were about 30 guests. (article lists presents and guests; not included in this book)

Mr Ed O'Brien, wife and baby of Jacksonville, Florida, came on Monday on a visit to attend the wedding of his sister, Miss Katie O'Brien.

Mrs Sarah A Hays of this city passed the 72<sup>nd</sup> milestone on her life's journey last Tuesday. Mr A J Hays and wife of Prairieton township prepared a nice birthday dinner and brought it to her in honor of the day.

W S Huston was in Bloomington last Saturday. He was there to attend the funeral of his niece, Mrs W B Baker of Kansas City, who had died at Canon City, Colorado, of consumption, and whose interment was made in Bloomington. Mr Huston was accompanied home by his sister, Mrs W C M Baker and her son, Mr W B Baker of Kansas City.

In Loami news, James Muncey died last Monday at the residence of Charles Harris, aged 90 years.

Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Tolly, on Sunday, 4 September 1892. Rev Holtgrieve officiating — Wm E Marts and Miss Lizzie Tolly. The bride is a daughter of R J Tolly and the groom is the son of Jos Marts, both formerly of Flat Branch township, but who are now living at Stella, Nebraska.

Gotleib Hediger of Clinton, engineer on the southbound evening passenger train, was fatally hurt in a smash up at Macon on last Thursday evening, dying from internal hemorrhage on Friday morning. A northbound freight had pushed some freight cars onto the main track and the engineer of the passenger train being unable to see the signals owing to the storm, dashed into them with the result stated above. His funeral took place at Clinton on Sunday and a special train was run free from Centralia and Champaign to Clinton for the benefit of those wishing to attend.

#### Thursday, 1 December 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

George P Workman died last Saturday night. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen and carried a \$3,000 policy and also had a policy of \$2,000 in the Franklin Life

Insurance Company. Funeral services were held on Monday morning in South Fork Church after which interment took place in the Campbell Cemetery (Loami news, 26 November 1892)

Also in Loami News, **D** J Staley wears a broad smile and it is all because a bran new girl came to his house on Saturday night.

Double wedding: at the home of the brides' parents, Thomas Radford at Radford Station, occurred on of the most pleasant double weddings it has ever been our lot to chronicle. At 12 o'clock noon, Wednesday, 23 November 1892, Miss Callie Radford and Henry Barnhart and Miss May Radford and Leslie Birch were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev D H Shanklin of this city. The brides were dressed in rose colored silk with feather trimmings. They wore yellow tea roses on the neck and in their hair, combines with smilax which formed a very pretty combination. The grooms wore the conventional black. The two happy couples left for their new homes in Decatur on the evening train.

Born to Mr H Osborne and wife, southeast, on Monday evening, 28 November 1892, a son.

Mr and Mrs Marion Jacobs of Assumption, visited in Moweaqua last week and attended the Armstrong 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

Mr A Gilliland and wife have a new daughter, which happy event occurred on Tuesday, 29 November 1892.

Born to Mr and Mrs George W Waite, east, on Sunday, 27 November 1892, a son. A daughter was born to Mr and Mrs Hugh Carsell in this city on Monday evening, 28 November 1892.

#### Thursday, 8 December 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The infant child of Mrs Sarah Workman was very ill the fore part of the week. Later: The little one died on Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The funeral occurred on Wednesday.

F T Atteberry has a little daughter which arrived on Monday, 28 November 1892.

J D Drew on Saturday received another message from his brother at Freeburg, Illinois. It stated that he had suffered another relapse and was very weak but not so low as when Mr Drew was there not long ago. His recovery is very doubtful. Later: Mr Drew received a second message on Monday staging that his brother was dead and that the funeral would occur on Tuesday. Mr Drew and wife left on the Diamond for Freeburg Tuesday.

Anise E Workman, daughter of Michael and Sarah Workman was born 9 December

1891 and departed this life 6 December 1892, aged 11 months and 27 days. Brief funeral services were held for little Anise at the home in Moweaqua on 7 December 1892 at 11 AM by Rev T D Weems.

Wm Longenbaugh and wife of Obed vicinity are happy in the birth of a baby boy on Thursday, 1 December 1892.

#### Thursday, 15 December 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At the residence of Mr Miron Curtis in this city on Wednesday, 7 December 1892, Mr Fred Curtis was united in marriage to Miss Allie Whitehouse. Rev J F Winchell pronouncing the ceremony that made them man and wife. There were but a few guests presents, the relatives and a few intimate friends.

Mr Lemuel Parker gave us the sad news that his son, Willis' little baby, whose illness had been mentioned in these columns recently had died. Willis and family reside at Napavine, Washington.

Calvin Thomas, one of the oldest pioneers in Shelby county, near Little Flock church, died on Wednesday night at 11 o'clock. He was a brother-in-law of Uncle Johny Hunt in this city. He was afflicted with dropsy and that as much as old age was said to be the cause. The funeral took place at Little Flock Church with interment in the Church Cemetery on Thursday morning at 10 o'clock. He was an old and well respected resident of this vicinity.

Mrs Rebecca A Hall, wife of Aaron Hall, died 1 December 1892, in Decatur, aged 55 years. Deceased was born and raised in Loami, and a sister to Charley and Dennis Turpin. The remains were sent here for burial and funeral services were held Saturday afternoon in the ME Church with interment taking place in Sulphur Springs Cemetery. Miss Jennie Purviner and Lee Blaten of Chicago were married Thursday morning at the residence of Smith R McGinnis, and a sumptuous wedding dinner was spread. Miss Lucy Walker and Fremont Luce were united in marriage on Thursday evening at the home of the bride in the presence of the immediate relatives of each family (Loami news, 10 December 1892)

Born to Grant Bethard and wife northeast on Monday, 5 December, a daughter. Cards are going out announcing the wedding of William H Stouffer to Miss Frances L Kraiger, to occur at the Grace Church, Decatur, on Wednesday evening, 21 December 1892. Mr Stouffer is a cousin of Mrs F W Ayers of this city.

#### Thursday, 22 December 1892 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

The first 'cry-sis' in Walter McDonald's married life arrived last Saturday evening and weighed 10 pounds. It is thought Walter will survive if he has any kind of luck. Married by Rev T D Weems at the Methodist Parsonage on Thursday, 15 December 1892, at 3:30 PM, Mr George Cox of Pickaway, and Miss Ada Bridgman of Flat Branch. From Obed news: George Cox and Miss Ada Bridgman were married on Thursday, we understand, but not able to state the place. We wish them much success.

Mrs Philip Standley is suffering with La Grippe.

George Close and Miss Effie Beck were married at the parsonage last Wednesday evening by Rev Galloway. Harvey Denton and Miss Alice Nihiser were married at Decatur on Wednesday last. (Prairie Home News, 19 December 1892)

W W Small and wife have a new daughter, which happy event occurred on Wednesday, 14 December 1892.

Loton Thomas of Hanon, Missouri, and his sister, Mrs Jos Marts, of Stella, Nebraska, were at the bedside of their father, Calvin Thomas, but left for their home on Saturday. Mr Thomas died the following Wednesday.

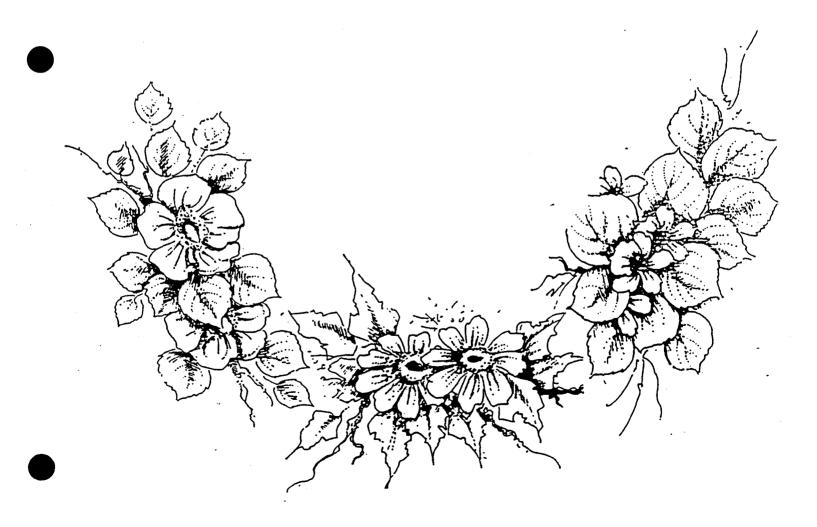
#### Thursday, 29 December 1892 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On 21 December 1892, O B Nicholds and Miss Norah Bilyeu were united in marriage at Taylorville by W W Weeden.

Married in Decatur on Wednesday, 21 December 1892, James Carwile to Miss Elizabeth Hudson, both of this city.



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#### Thursday, 5 January 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

George Hemer attended the Dow-Rittger's wedding last Sunday at the bride's parents at Pleak's Corner. (Loami News)

Married at the residence of Mrs A M Green by Rev Palmer, on Monday, 26 December 1892, Mr Whiston of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, to Miss Lena Pelton. O Barber and Miss Ida Farmbes were married at Bethany, on 28 December 1892, at the parsonage by Rev Palmer. (Prairie Home News, 2 January 1893)

On 22 Dec 1892, there was quite an enjoyable time at the residence of R C Grimes near Radford. About 40 neighbors and friends came in and surprised his mother, Mrs Barding, being her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. A sumptuous dinner was served to which all did ample justice. She received many nice presents.

Lewis J Moss and Alice R Workman were united in marriage at the home of the bride in Christian County on 28 December 1892, by the Rev J W Taylor.

Born on 1 January 1893 to Wm Scrogin and wife, a daughter.

Born to Hugh Green and wife on 28 December 1892, a little boy.

The infant child of **David Bissonnette** and wife died of lung fever on Sunday. The funeral service occurred in Assumption on Monday; interment being in the Catholic Cemetery there.

#### Thursday, 12 January 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Charles Pope and wife have a daughter born to them on Saturday, 7 January 1893. Aaron B Rutherford and Lucinda Cothern of Moweaqua were married in Decatur on Monday.

Married at the residence of William M Smith, 554 West Main Street, last night, was Henry Moll of Moweaqua and Miss Ethel Smith. The house had been tastily decorated with pinks, hyacinths and smilax. At 8:15 o'clock, the bride and groom marched under the arch.; Rev W H Penhallegon pronounced the words which bound the young people together for life. Parents of the bride removed from Moweaqua to Decatur about 2 months ago. The groom is well known in Decatur and was, at one time, a clerk in the Arcade. For the present, Mr and Mrs Moll will reside at 554 West Main Street. (Article lists design of the bridal gown, attendees and the gifts, details of the reception which were not copied in this book).

In Long Grove News: Lorenzo, little son of Chas Pope and wife died on 8 January 1893, aged 1 year, 11 months and 2 days.

Born on 7 January 1893, to Mr and Mrs Chas Pope of Long Grove, a new little daughter. Married at Pleak's Corner on 1 January 1893, Mr James H Dow of Pickaway, and Miss Virginia E Rittgers of Flat Branch.

#### Thursday, 19 January 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Married at the ME Church in this city on Sunday, 1 January 1893, Mr Albert Snart and Miss Nettie Bacon, both of this place. Rev Hogan officiating. Mr Snart is one of our rustling young farmers living west of town, who came here to get a home and, in spite of

the discouragement's of the past, he has stood by his homestead, and now that prosperity beams upon the tiller of the soil, he completes his home by marriage to the daughter of Mr T H Bacon, Miss Nettie Bacon. In his choice of a mate and companion, he has done wisely. (Gove City, Kansas, *Gazette*). (Note: Mr Theo H Bacon and family were formerly residents of Moweaqua and have relatives and many friends here.) Ex-President Hays died on Tuesday night at Fremont, Ohio.

S C Polk and wife, southeast, have a new little daughter who arrived on Saturday, 14 January 1893.

S A Middleton, of Moweaqua, and Miss Leona Gilman of Macon, were married at Macon on Tuesday. They arrived here yesterday and will make their home in Moweaqua. Mr W T Tankersley and Miss Tillie Suppes were married in Decatur on Thursday of last week. Messrs. Daniel Coultas and George Suppes, with their wives, and Mrs W M Coultas, were present at the wedding. After the ceremony, Mr J D Coultas and family accompanied the bride and groom to Winchester, Illinois, where an infair supper was given on Friday evening.

#### Thursday, 26 January 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to Wash Carwile and wife on Sunday, 22 January 1893, a little son.

Mrs T C Marquel of Cordova, Nebraska, a daughter of Mr G F Rice of this city, died at her home on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. She leaves a husband, 4 children and many friends to mourn her loss.

Miss **Debbie Thomas**, daughter of Rev and Mrs **Jos Thomas** of this city, had a very special surprise. It was a party in honor of Miss Debbie's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday and was attended by her young friends. Refreshments were served and a jolly time was had by those in attendance.

Mrs G F Rice left Monday for Stanton, Indiana. She was called to the bedside of her mother, who is dangerously ill. *Later*: Word has been received that Mrs Rice's mother died on Tuesday.

At Judge Nelson's office in Decatur, on Tuesday, 17 January 1893, Mr Wm Sanner and Miss Annie Otta were united in marriage. At high noon, the ceremony was solemnized before friends and relatives of the groom and bride. On their return to the bride's home in the evening, a grand supper was held. They will spend their honeymoon visiting friends and relatives at Bunker Hill. They will live on the groom's farm, 6 miles east and one mile north of Moweaqua. On Tuesday night of last week, quite a number of young folks gathered at the home of Mr August Otta to greet the happy wedded couple, Wm Sanner and Miss Anna Otta who were married in Decatur that day.

The marriage of Roberta Elson Henry, a niece of Col J M and Mrs Clokey and Wallace Stewart, a prosperous merchant of Assumption, was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents at Assumption yesterday evening. There were 8 attendants. Mr and Mrs Wallace will at once go to housekeeping in their new cottage.

In Will County, Illinois, there were seven deaths in the family of Nicholas Yunker in one week, their being a funeral for every day in the week.

## Thursday, 2 February 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs Dr J S King received a telegram this morning from Mrs Dr Buck at Spokane Falls, stating that her niece, Mrs Lulu Weems died at her home in that city this morning at

3 o'clock. She leaves two children, a son and daughter, aged respectively 12 and 14 years. Mrs Weems has been in poor health for a long time and has been very low for several weeks. She was married in Decatur to Dr Weems. They went, where they have made their home most of the time. Dr Weems died in August 1892 at Spokane Falls, where they had lived about 4 years. Mrs Weems was well known in Decatur, having made her home with Dr and Mrs Buck. Her maiden name was Lulu Lowe. Mrs Buck arrived at her bedside the day before Christmas and has since been with her. (Decatur Bulletin)

Born to Mr Ed Wempen and wife on Friday, 20 January 1893, a daughter.

Born to Wm W Portwood and wife on Friday, 7 January 1893, a son.

Born to Albert Tate and wife on Friday, 27 January 1893, a ten pound daughter.

Andrew Armstrong, a well known stockman died at his home in Aetna Township, Logan County, on 22 January 1893, at age 61 years.

Mr Arthur J Hebbard was united in marriage yesterday at Viroqua, Wisconsin, to Miss Addie Tate, of that city. The groom is a nephew of Mr E O Smith of this city, formerly resided northwest of Moweaqua, and has many friends in this area. Mr Hebbard is a practicing dentist and is located at Washburn, Wisconsin. (Note: Spelling variation in same article: Hebbard; Hibbard)

James G Blaine, one of the brightest statesmen of the world ever knew, died on Friday last at 11 AM. Had he lived until Tuesday, he would have been 60 years old.

#### Thursday, 9 February 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr Jacob Rettig, for many years, a resident of this city, died Thursday morning of paralysis. He had been ailing for some time and was taken worse a couple of weeks ago, finally succumbed to the inevitable. Funeral services were held in the Presbyterian church in this city on Friday at 2 PM, conducted by Rev J W Taylor, pastor of the Baptist Church. His remains were laid to rest in the Odd Fellow's Cemetery. Jacob Rettig was born near Heidelburg, Germany, on 26 September 1822, and died in Moweaqua Illinois, on 2 February 1893, aged 70 years, 4 months and 7 days. He was the eldest of a family of 5 children, he having two brothers and two sisters. One sister preceded him to the better land and one sister, and two brothers are left to mourn his death. He came to this country with his parents in 1839 at the age of 16, and settled in Crawford County, Ohio, where he continued to live until 1868, when he moved to the vicinity of Moweaqua, Illinois, which has ever since been his home. He was married in 1852 to Rachel Heinman, who still lives to mourn his loss. A family of seven children, 3 sons and 4 daughters, were born to them and all are still living, except the eldest child, a daughter, who died when quite young. He was brought up in the Lutheran church and confirmed as a member of the same at the age of 15 years.

**Jerusha Black**, aged 99, died at Oakland the other day. She was the mother of 28 children. Seven sons served in the Civil War.

James William Boyle Howard, commonly known as Pholon Howard, one of the best known newspaper men in Illinois, died at Danville on the 1st of February 1893, of heart failure. His death was unexpected. He was born in Rising Sun, Indiana, in 1833. He leaves a widow and seven children.

Born at Champain, Illinois, on Tuesday night, 31 January 1893, to Charles Pease and wife, a daughter.

#### Thursday, 17 February 1893 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Born to Abe Beard and wife on Wednesday, 8 February, a son.

Born to Sherman Rutherford and wife on Thursday, 9 February 1893, a son.

Mr David Bilyeu, west, is happy in the birth of a daughter, presented him by his good wife on Wednesday of last week.

The little friends of **Edith Ayers**, enjoyed themselves hugely at her birthday party given last Saturday. It was in honor of her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday. Popcorn, candy and other goodies tickled the sweet tooth of the guests.

B F Bramblett, who resided northwest of Moweaqua since his birth, last week, with his bride, moved to Blue Mound where they will reside.

Rev P McConnell of Oconee, aged 70 years and an old resident, was killed instantly recently by a kick on the head from his horse which he had gone to the barn to feed. Loami news: Mrs Lucy Davis died on Wednesday at the residence of her son, Ira, aged 76 years. Funeral services were held on Thursday at Lick Creek Chapel, conducted by W P Clark of Waverly. Burial in the Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

In Obed news, Mr Henry Andrix and Miss Daisy C Brinker were bound in connubial relations on Wednesday last, at 5 PM. Elder Corley said the words. (Obed news, 13 February 1893)

#### Thursday, 23 February 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs A H Johnson died at the home of her husband in this city on Thursday morning last, of spinal trouble. She had been afflicted for several months, and finally nature gave way to the fell destroyer. The funeral occurred at the M E Church on Friday at 10 AM, conducted by Rev T D Weems, after which interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Sarah E Lockhart was born in Iowa, 15 August 1856, and died 16 February 1893, in Moweaqua, Illinois,. She was married to A H Johnson at Raymond, Illinois, on 3 Oct 1875. She was the mother of 5 children, two having died, Edith, Edna, Beatrice and their father survive. Sister Johnson was converted and united with the M E Church in February 1877 and remained a faithful member. She was not born to an estate or wealth in this life, yet she was an heir of the King in the land of Rest and Glory.

Daniel E Nall of Donnellson, Illinois, was in Moweaqua on Thursday, attending the funeral of his daughter, Mrs A J Hayes.

Mr Archie Tuttle and wife of Decatur, were in Moweaqua on Friday, attending the funeral of the latter's sister, Mrs A H Johnson.

Mrs S Worsham and daughter of near Assumption, were in the city Monday to attend the funeral of the former's mother, Mrs Lura Smith.

Death of Christopher P Miller. W C Miller of the Commercial Bank in this city received a message announcing the sudden death of his father, Christopher P Miller, at his home near Brunswick in this county. He left at once for that place. Funeral services were held at the Antioch church on Sunday last, after which the remains were placed in the grave to await the dawning of a brighter day. Mr Miller's death was very sudden. He retired the night of 16 February, apparently as well and hearty as he ever was, and passed away during the night, being found dead in the morning. Christopher P Miller, was born in Germany in 1803, and died 17 February 1893, lacking about 5 months of being 90 years of age. In 1804, the family immigrated to America and settled in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Here the child grew to manhood. At the age of 18, he determined to push west in search of

Carpenter who bore him two children, one of whom, Ezra M, of Assumption is still living. In 1834 his wife died, and in 1836, Mr Miller married again. His second wife was a Miss Catherine Spear. A happy married life was theirs until 1869 when death entered their lives, and he was again alone. Seven children were the fruits of this marriage, six of whom are yet living. The sons are H M, near Brunswick and W C of Moweaqua, the daughters are Mrs Amanda Yantis of Yantisville, Mrs Mary Ann Weakley of Pickaway Township, Mrs Eliza Jane Townsend of Flat Branch and Mrs Henrietta Bickner of Assumption. Mr Miller came to Illinois in 1839 and located in Shelbyville, where he remained a year, then moved to the farm near Brunswick, on which he resided continuously until his death. He was careful and industrious and at his death, he possessed 281 acres of fine farming land. During his long life he was the soul of home and integrity, and none know him but in honor and respect.

Died at the home of her husband, A J Hays, a mile south of Moweagua on Tuesday, 14 February 1893, Mrs Ella Hays, aged 20 years and 7 months. The funeral occurred at the family residence on Thursday, after which the remains were deposited in the Hays graveyard, southwest. Deceased had been sick but a short time, but that terrible disease. consumption, had marked her for his own. She leaves a husband and two little children to mourn her passing. Mary Ellen Nall was born 27 July 1872, died 14 February 1893, aged 20 years, 6 months and 17 days. She was married to William Henry Jones on 5 Jan 1887, who departed this life on 3 March 1889. There were born to them, two children, the first a boy, Hezekiah Jones, born 16 October 1887. The second, a girl, which died in infancy, a short time after the death of her husband. In 1891, a daughter, Ethel was born to them. She leaves this child in the care of her mother in-law, her husband, and Hezekiah, who is in the care of her father, also her father, D E Nall, one brother, C E Nall, and a host of relatives to mourn her loss. She professed religion and was united with the C P church at this place at the age of 13. After the death of her first husband, and she had gone to Moweaqua to live, and before she was married to A J Hayes, she united with the Salvation Army. On the day she died, she called her husband and an number of friends to her bedside, and told them that she was going to die before midnight and requested all of them to meet her in Heaven. Her father and little son arrived at her bedside about two hours before she passed away. In a space of time, she changed abode from near Donnellson, to Moweaqua, where shortly after she was united in marriage to A J Hays on 26 November 1890. She was conscious and talked to the last. Her mind was perfectly at rest, and just 20 minutes before twelve, she asked her father, and took her arms from around his neck, turned over on her back, and as it were – went to sleep without a struggle. (By her brother, C E Nall)

The remains of the late Mrs **Simon Spear** were brought to Moweaqua yesterday for burial. She resided here about 25 years.

Mr and Mrs Wheeler Adams, east, celebrated the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their wedding on Tuesday of this week. Many guests were present both from home and abroad, and an elegant time was enjoyed.

Mr C C Smith of this city, was united in marriage on Thursday evening of last week to Miss Eva Smith of Canton, Illinois. The ceremony being performed in Pana by Rev Foxworthy of that city. The happy couple came to Moweaqua where they will reside, making their home in the pleasant little cottage just south of the Butter and Cheese factory.

The bride is a handsome young lady and stands high is social circles. The groom is an efficient operator at the Moweaqua Butter and Cheese Factory.

Card of thanks: I wish in this manner to extend thanks to my friends who so kindly assisted me during the last illness of my wife. A H Johnson.

Mrs Elisabeth Kohr died at her home in Dundee, Ohio, on Tuesday morning. She was a sister of Nathan and Walter Humphrey, east, who received the news by telegram. Deceased leaves one daughter who lives in Iowa.

Last Friday afternoon, Fred Gause, a man who works at the Central Hospital for the insane at Jacksonville, was sent to clean off the roof. After he had worked for some time, he slipped on the tin, was precipitated to the ground, and killed instantly. He had been married only a few weeks.

Mrs Lura Smith died at her home in this city on Sunday morning, aged 68 years. The death was very sudden, and Mrs Smith had apparently been in better health for several weeks. Services held at the Baptist church in this city on Monday afternoon.

#### Thursday, 2 March 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Laru H Smith was born in Mullenburg County, Kentucky, 4 March 1827, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 19 February 1893. She has been a sufferer from La Grippe for the past year, but was improved so much that she was able to be about the house. On Saturday night she retired feeling better than usual, and late Sunday morning, when the rest of the household were astir, they were startled to find Death had left their mother, cold and lifeless. A look of sweet and peaceful rest had settled on her face, and not a trace of suffering was there. Funeral was conducted by Rev J W Taylor at 2 o'clock on Monday afternoon. She was placed by the side of her husband in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. The Moweaqua Council No 18, Royal Templars of Temperance, of which she was a member, presented a beautiful wreath composed of tube roses and calla lilies. She leaves 6 daughters and 26 grandchildren to mourn her loss. She was one of the oldest settlers of our town, coming here about 35 years ago. She united with the Baptist Church years ago and lived a consistent Christian life to the last.

We congratulate **Thos M Morgan** of Paris, Illinois, on the birth of a daughter, last week. Miss **Estella Morgan** left on Friday for Paris, Illinois, where she visited the family of her brother, **T M Morgan** and wife.

Mr and Mrs Len Cazalett of Assumption, attended the 10<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Wheeler Adams and wife, east, on Tuesday of last week.

News has been received here of the marriage of Miss Effie Keiser, at Kansas City, Missouri, to R F Hayhurst, of the same place, on 11 Jan 1893. The bride is a niece of George M Keiser, of this city, and has frequently visited here.

In Prairie Home news (Dated 27 February 1893), Mr Wm Robinson's little daughter, Bessie, was buried on Tuesday, 21 February 1893. Mr John Simmons and bride arrived here on Thursday. Judging from the noise of bells, pans, and pistols on Friday evening, they were given a hearty welcome to Prairie Home.

In Allenboro, Chas McCarthy is all smiles – his wife presented him with a 10-pound boy. Born to H C Miller and wife on Wednesday 22 February 1893, a son.

Born to Chas McCarthy and wife on Monday, 27 February 1893, a son.

Mr and Mrs Elias Snell, M Snyder Jr, and Mrs S Miller attended the J O Milstead funeral in Decatur on Tuesday.

Nathan and Walter Humphrey arrived home Tuesday morning from Ohio, whither they were called by the sad news of their sister's death.

In Obed, a little stranger came to bless the household of Millard Cutler and wife last week.

Mr N M Crawford was called to Springfield, Ohio, on Tuesday night of last week by a telegram announcing the death of his brother, J C Crawford and his son. It seems that the two parties were crossing the Railroad track in a buggy and were struck by a passenger train, killing the two occupants as well as the horse.

A week ago last Friday, **J O Milstead**, who had charge of the elevator at Shellabarger's mill, accidentally caught his hand in the elevator and received a frightful injury. Almost immediately afterwards, he was taken very sick and the injured hand resisted all medication. He gradually grew worse and on Saturday, blood poisoning and lockjaw set in, and caused his death at 5:30 Sunday morning at his home, corner of Jasper and Condit streets. He was aged 38 year, and leaves a wife and six children.; The deceased was a member of the Easterly Camp No. 1626, M W of A and was insured for \$2,000 in favor of his wife. Funeral will take place tomorrow at 5 o'clock from Grace M E Church. He resided in this city several years ago and is well known here. (Monday's Decatur *Republican*)

#### Thursday, 9 March 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Peter Nicol, the venerable father of John and Joseph Nicol in this city, died at the home of his son, Joseph, on Saturday, 4 March 1893, at 10 minutes past noon. His death was presumably caused by old age – he being past 73 years. The remains, on Monday morning, accompanied by mourning relatives and friends, were taken to Macon where interment was made in the Catholic Cemetery. Deceased was born in Germany in 1820. He had been in this country about 8 years. He leaves 2 sons and three daughters to mourn his loss.

Born to W A Steidley and wife on Friday, 3 March 1893, a son.

Born to Jos Ruark and wife on Tuesday, 28 February 1893, a daughter.

W S Huston, the genial landlord of the Palace Hotel, has a new son, born on Thursday, 2 March 1893.

In Loami news – Miss Alice Weir died on 25 February 1893 of consumption. She was 26 years of age.

Charley Workman, aged 24 years died Tuesday at the home of his brother, Stephen Workman of near Loami.

Born to J W McIntyre and wife on Saturday, 25 February 1893, a son.

Born to Guthrie Bridgeman and wife on Friday, 3 March 18893, a daughter

Robert Chapman, aged about 21 years of age, died on Saturday last at the home of his father on the old 'Squire Brown' farm, near Stonington.

Mrs J M Workman, southeast, returned from the bedside of her brother, Jerry Campbell at Loami, Illinois, whose life is despaired of.

James A Webb and Miss Eva Waggoner were united in marriage on Thursday, 2 March 1893, by Esquire J H Donnel, at his residence in the city.

#### Thursday, 16 March 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr E M Snell and wife of Assumption have a new daughter born to them on Sunday, 5 March 1893.

A little son of T U Fox, a wealthy farmer living near Jacksonville, went out to the barn, and failing to return, search was made, and his dead body was found in a horse stall. He had been kicked to death by a pet colt.

Emanuel Defrates, one of the oldest men in Morgan county, died the other day. He was 93 years old and originally from Portugal, but had lived in Illinois for nearly 50 years. Mrs Mary Rees, a pioneer resident of Jo Daviess County, died at Elizabeth a few days ago at the good age of 81 years.

Mrs Mary Gollagher, the venerable mother-in-law of Dr J W Godfrey, died at the home of the latter on Thursday night of last week, after an illness of several weeks. She was quite an aged lady and long a resident of this county. A short funeral service, conducted by Rev Weems was held at the residence on Friday, after which the remains were taken to Shelbyville for burial.

A Delaney of Assumption was found dead in a field last week. He was a stepfather of John McGrath, northeast.

N Francis received a telegram yesterday informing him of the death of his brother, Joseph Francis, at Morrisonville, Tuesday. Mr Francis left yesterday at noon for Edinburg, Indiana, where the burial will take place today.

Peter Bilyeu and Miss Minnie Martin of this locality, were united in marriage last week by Justice Hammer at his office in Decatur.

Word was received in Obed yesterday that Mrs William Yantis, nee Hunter, formerly of Yantisville, but now of Decatur, is dead. The interment will take place at Decatur today. She leaves a husband and two bright eyed little girls to mourn for her and immeasurable friends for none knew her but to love her

Levi Casev died after months of illness, requiring the constant care of attendants. He passed away yesterday afternoon. He had been in failing health for 3 years and although suffering from no disease, the effect of old age caused a gradual sapping of his strength. He lived in Pana, Illinois, and we do not believe that there is an old citizen in Pana who does not know Mr Casey. Born near Greenville, Illinois, Bond County, on the 23rd of July 1817, while Illinois was still a territory, and dying on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of March 1893. He had lived to the ripe old age of 75 years, 7 months and 13 days. Practically all his live he had been passed in the various parts of Central Illinois He had been married over 53 years, having been married on 26 November 1840. He was the father of five children, all living and present here today, and well known to most of our citizens. His wife survives him. Mr Casey moved here from Moweaqua in 1865 and kept a hotel adjoining the Maxfield House for several years, but was burned out. He afterwards carried the mail between the depot and post office at the time when we were allowed a mail agent. Since that position was abolished, Mr Casey had engaged in no business or occupation, living quietly at home and strolling up town when the weather was pleasant. In politics, he was an ardent Democrat, quiet in his ways, probably one of the greatest students of the Bible in the city. Not given to argument or forcing his opinions upon anyone, he was thoroughly convenant with the contents of that greatest of all books. In the death of Mr Casey, this city has lost one of its landmarks. He had seen it grown from a straggling village to the present size and importance. By his death, a good man has been taken from us. (Pana Gazette)

Levi Casey was born near what is now known as the town of Greenville in Bond County. Illinois, on 23 July 1817, Illinois, then being a territory and departed this eventful and peaceful life, the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 1893, thus being the age of 75 years, 7 months and 13 days. He was married on 26 November 1840 to the bereaved companion who survives him, and for over 52 years, they have lived happily and pleasantly together, the union being severed by his demise. To the joining of these two lives was given in birth, 5 children: Samuel and James Casey of Moweaqua, Mrs F M Malone of Miles City, Montana, Mrs Chas Conrad of Tower Hill, and George Casey of Pana, all of whom were in attendance at the last sad rights today. He resided in various portions of the state until the year 1865 when he then removed to Pana, and has here resided ever since. For many years he was landlord of a hotel which was located near the Maxfield House, but the building was destroyed by fire and he then accepted the position of mail carrier, conveying the mail from the depot to the post office and retained this position until the office was abolished, since which time, he has lived a quiet and unpretentious life, a way of making friends and retaining their friendship. The remains were conveyed to the train this morning and taken to Moweaqua from whence the funeral obsequies occurred and interment was made in a cemetery eight miles east of that town. (Pana Palladium, 8 March 1893)

#### Thursday, 23 March 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to John Bridgeman and wife on Thursday, 16 March 1893

Born to Elihu Manly and wife, south of town, on Saturday, 18 March 1893, a little son. Born to Thos M Jeter and wife on Sunday, 19 March 1893, a 10 pound daughter. About 7 o'clock on Saturday evening last, the wife of Henry A Peabody, a grocer in the city of Taylorville, committed suicide by shooting herself through the head with a revolver at her home. She had been in poor health for some time and had frequently expressed a desire to die. Her husband, fearing something desperate on her part, a few weeks ago left orders at different drug stores not to sell his wife any poisonous drugs. She was an estimable lady and had hosts of friends. She leaves a husband and one son. Tuesday morning was ushered in as calm and beautiful as a spring Mayday, but not according to expectation, as the evening before was dull and forbidding. The people of Moweaqua assembled at 9 AM in the Presbyterian Church to find it handsomely decorated for a wedding service. An elaborate display of house plants with flowers in profusion greeted every one present. Benton Corzine of Assumption lead Miss Emma Rettig, of this city, in this beautiful hymeneal altar, and heard Rev J W Thompson pronounce them one. Miss Emma is well known as a business lady in our town for years. Mr Corzine is to be congratulated as a fortunate son. They went to their farm four miles northwest of Assumption where they will reside. Rice and good wishes were thrown after them as they took departure.

Oak Branch news: **Edmund Bilyeu** and Miss **Mary Maloney** were married on Wednesday evening, 15 March 1893, at the residence of the groom's sister, Mrs **T F Barnett;** Esq. **John Skiff** officiating A fine wedding supper was served, and a very pleasant evening enjoyed by the guests. After a few days visit with relatives in Springfield, the happy couple will locate on a farm for the coming season. Thursday, 9 March 1893, being Mrs **Thos Steidley's** 36<sup>th</sup> birthday, her friends took the opportunity to make the occasion pleasant for her by giving her a surprise in the form of a nice supper and a handsome rocking chair.

Aunt Mary Gollagher, died Thursday evening, 9 March 1893, at the home of her son-in-law in Moweaqua, after a long and painful illness. 'Aunt Mary' was known by almost every man, woman and child in this section of the county, having been a continuous resident of Holland Township, Shelby County, since 1839. Mrs Gollagher was a venable mother, a Methodist, and whose delight it was to use her name for the advancement of the cause which was so dear to her heart; she had a peculiar love for the missionary cause and gave largely of the means God gave her to carry his gospel to those who sit in darkness. She leaves two living children, Mrs Capt W F Turney of this city, and Simon G Gollagher, of Fancher, her other children and husband having preceded her to the better land. Interment was made at cemetery near Fancher on Saturday. (Shelbyville Leader)

#### Thursday, 30 March 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr and Mrs **D H** Pool have a new son who arrived on Friday, 24 March 1893. A 12 year old daughter of William Beck of Prairie Home, died on Saturday with typhoid fever. The funeral took place on Sunday. A son is quite sick with the same disease (*Decatur Review*).

Mrs M Bach, who was formerly a resident of Moweaqua and removed to Clinton some two years ago, was here last week on a visit to friends. Her husband having died on 21 December last (1892), she was left alone and is now making her home with her son, Ed Bach, at Clinton.

Saturday afternoon, Vertie and Willie Kuhn, celebrated their 9<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> birthdays by a reception to their little playmates at the home of their parents, Mr and Mrs Charles Kuhn From 2 to 6 o'clock PM, the little ones had a jolly good time. Refreshments were served. The Shelbyville Democrat says that Mr Daniel Bales died on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of March 1893, aged 85 years. Mr Bales was formerly a resident of this vicinity and was well and favorably known here. He was buried at the Antioch Cemetery.

Mrs E M Snell died at the home of her husband in Assumption on Saturday, 25 March 1893, in the 23<sup>rd</sup> year of her age and was buried in the Odd Fellows cemetery at Moweaqua on Sunday evening, 26 March 1893.

Lucilla Proctor was born in Owen County, Kentucky, on 4 July 1870. She came with her parents to Illinois in April 1892 (1892 was year stated). On September 2<sup>nd</sup> 1890 she was joined in wedlock with E M Snell of this city.; She leaves a disconsolate husband, an infant child and hosts of friends here to mourn with her relatives over her death. Mrs Snell was the beloved daughter of Mr and Mrs J W Proctor of this city. She, with her husband, located in Assumption soon after their marriage, at which place she gave up her life. The bereaved husband, parents, brothers and sisters have the sympathy of the Call-Mail. Prairie Home news: Bessie, the youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs W M Beck, died of typhoid fever on Friday, 24 March 1893, aged 8 years and 6 months. The child was supposed to be getting better, but blood poison set in and she only lasted a short time. Rev J F Winchell of Moweaqua preached the funeral sermon. The day was very cold, and the roads almost impassable, yet, despite all this, a large concourse of sympathizing friends followed the remains to her last resting place. (Prairie Home notes, 28 March 1893)

#### Friday, 6 April 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**John Dodrick**, aged 60, of Effingham, Illinois, and Mrs M Hauck, aged 40, of Xenia, Illinois, were married after a courtship of two or three days.

Mrs Isabella Munsey of near Loami, aged 93 years, died last Sunday at the residence of Charles Harris. (Loami news, 1 April 1893.)

Born to Mr and Mrs Charles E Frazee on Thursday, 27 March 1893, a little girl.

Isaac Blosser, an old and respected citizen of this vicinity, died at his home south of Moweaqua, Tuesday evening, and was buried yesterday at the Hays cemetery.

Miss Ada Fothergill of Shelbyville died at the home of her parents in that city last Friday. The funeral, which was held on Sunday, was attended by Mrs Thomas Smith, Miss Lida Brickey, and W J Clark of this city, who are all relatives of the deceased.

Mrs J W Johnson, living about two miles east of town, died early on Wednesday morning. Funeral will be from the M E Church at 2 o'clock on Thursday.

#### Friday, 14 April 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born to C F Osborne and wife on Sunday, 9 April 1893, a son.

Loami news: Jerry Campbell, died on Wednesday, after a very long and painful illness, at age 53 years. Funeral services were held at the residence on Thursday afternoon, after which the remains were taken charge of by Modern Woodman, of which the deceased was a member and laid to rest in the family cemetery. (Loami news, 8 April 1893) Miss Susan Foster and Lewis Crabtree of Winchester, were married Tuesday evening at the home of the bride. Mr and Mrs Crabtree left Wednesday for Winchester where they will make their future home. (Loami news, 8 April 1893)

Mary M Bennett was born in the state of Ohio, on 16 December 1839. She came to Macon County, Illinois, in 1856, and professed faith in Christ and united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Macon County in the year 1858. She was united in marriage with Jacob Johnson in 1860, with whom she lived, sharing his labors, joys, sorrows, successes for 33 years. Unto them were born one son and four daughters, who, with their father, survive her and were present to lay the dearest member of the family in the silent city of the dead. The funeral took place form the M E Church, Moweaqua, on 6 April 1893, at 2 PM, Thursday last. Rev T D Weems officiated, after which her remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. Death came on 5 April 1893, at 7 AM, she fell asleep in Jesus, aged 54 years.

Henry Bridgeman, living south east left Saturday, for Jacksonville in response to a telegram stating his mother was very low. *Later*. Mrs Bridgman died Sunday morning at 5:30 AM.

Mr G W Shaffer received a telegram Tuesday afternoon conveying intelligence of the death of his sister, Miss Carrie Ervine of Bushnell, Illinois. Mr Shaffer and wife left at once for Bushnell.

Mrs J W Stanberry, south, returned last week from Terre Haute, Indiana, where she attended the bedside of her mother, who died on Tuesday, 28 March 1893. The deceased, Mrs L B Wolfe, was aged 48 years and had been an intense sufferer for three months past.

#### Friday, 21 April 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr and Mrs G W Shaffer returned from Bushnell on Friday, last, where they had been attending the funeral of Mr. Shaffer's sister, Mrs Carrie Ervine.

Uncle **John Hunt** of Assumption died the 13<sup>th</sup> inst., at age 71 years, after a painful illness of many weeks. He was much beloved in that community and had resided there for many years.

H C Foster and Miss Letha Evans of Auburn, were married Wednesday afternoon in the parlor of the St Nicholas at Springfield. (Loami news, 15 April 1893).

#### Friday, 28 April 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

John M Thornton who was elected City Attorney of Shelbyville at the last election, was found dead sitting in his office chair last Saturday morning, pipe in hand, and the papers in a law case before him. He was a nephew of Judge Anthony Thornton and Thomas M Thornton of that city, both prominent politicians. The deceased was a young attorney of considerable promise. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death from paralysis of the heart

Word was received at this office Saturday morning that Mrs Wesley Scribner, an old and respected resident of Pleak's Corner had died of cancer. The deceased leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

Little Glen Corrington celebrated his 5<sup>th</sup> birthday last Friday by giving a party for his playmates.

Mrs Lydia Bowed died Monday, aged 71 years. Funeral services were held on Tuesday at Lick Creek Chapel and burial took place in the cemetery adjoining the church.

The infant child of C L Park of Waverly, was buried on Tuesday in Sulphur Springs Cemetery.

Pleak's Corner: Mrs **Wesley Scribner** is dead. She died Friday last, and was buried in the Locust Grove cemetery, Saturday evening. Mrs **Scribner** was well liked and respected by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and four children to mourn her loss. We sympathize with the bereaved family.

#### Friday, 5 May 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The infant child of **Sam Goodwin**, east, died Thursday evening last at the age of six months, and was buried at Prairie Home, Friday.

Married at the residence of the bride's father on Sunday, 30 April 1893, Mr William Skift to Miss Mary Patric, both of this city, Esquire Prescott officiating.

Married last Sunday evening at 6 o'clock, at the home of the bride, in the south part of the city, Miss Minnie Stanley and Mr Emanuel McCarty were united in marriage by Esquire Prescott.

On the evening of 25 April 1893, at the home of A C Traughber in Mount Zion, Mr O W Barnett of Blue Lick Springs, Kentucky, was married to Miss Mattie Hughes, of Snow Hill, Kentucky, but who has made her home in this state for over a year. Miss Hughes is an accomplished young lady and is well known in this city. Mr and Mrs Barnett took the evening train for Kansas City where they will visit for about 3 weeks, then they will go to Blue Lick, and will reside on a farm in that vicinity.

Charlie Harris, aged 57 years, was found lying dead in the public highway last Saturday evening, about a half mile west of the village of Loami. He had been drinking heavily for several days and his death is supposed to be the result of heart failure superinduced by excessive drinking.

Mr and Mrs Sam Goodwin's baby boy that had been sick for some time, died on Thursday and was buried at Prairie Home on Friday morning.

#### Friday, 12 May 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Little Maybell Beaumont entertained 22 of her little friends at her home on Saturday, 6 May 1893, from 2 until half past five in honor of her 9<sup>th</sup> birthday.

#### Friday, 19 May 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Double wedding held Tuesday evening last at the residence of the brides' parents, Mr and Mrs Eli Howard at Assumption when their daughters, Miss Jennie and Miss Grace Howard were married. The first couple to accept the solemn vows was Ralph E Walker and Miss Jennie Howard. He is a school teacher. The other couple was Jesse M Beeman and Miss Grace Howard. Mr Beeman is a popular druggist in Assumption. On Wednesday evening a reception was tendered the newly wedded couples at the residence of Chas Beeman in Assumption, and tonight they will enjoy the hospitality of H A Walker, south of town. Both couples will reside in Assumption where the grooms have just built lovely homes for their brides.

Obed news – Born to S G Cole and wife on the 7<sup>th</sup> inst., a son.

The funeral of Levi Casey will be preached on the third Sunday in May (the 21<sup>st</sup>) at the old Baptist Church, six miles southeast by Rev Ben Mahon.

Miss Ella Scribner, daughter of R and Mary Scribner died of lung trouble, Monday, the 15<sup>th</sup> inst., in the 18<sup>th</sup> year of her age, after an illness of six weeks. She was buried in Long Grove Cemetery on Wednesday, being followed to her last resting place by many sympathetic friends.

#### Friday, 26 May 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Rev Ben Mahon of Avina, preached the funeral of Levi Casey, Sunday last, at Pleak's Corner Baptist Church, to the largest congregation that is said to have ever gathered in that house of worship. He was the guest of Neal Tolly while in this city.

Born on Sunday Morning, 21 May 1893, to Mr and Mrs T D Shay, a boy.

Geo Dodd wears a broad smile and it is all because a new boy arrived at the house on Sunday. Mother and son are doing well. (Loami news)

Miss Mollie Awbrey celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> birthday last Sunday in the midst of a large assemblage of friends.

Marriage license was issued in Decatur last week for Lafayette Goodwin and Annie Scribner, both of Moweaqua.

Born to Will Moss and wife, Sunday evening, 21 May 1893, a little son.

#### Friday, 2 June 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Born on 26 May 1893, to Mr and Mrs J W Evans, a little girl.

A darling little baby girl arrived at the home of Dr and Mrs E C Pelton last week. Born to Mr and Mrs Jas B Howse, on Friday night, 26 May 1893, a fine boy. Father extremely happy, mother and baby doing nicely.

Cards are out announcing the approaching wedding of Mr H S Unruh to Miss Florence L Keiser, which event will be celebrated at the residence of the bride's parents in this city on 8 June 1893. He is a prosperous fruit commission merchant in the south, whose permanent home is Philadelphia, while Miss Keiser is the highly esteemed daughter of George M Keiser of this city.

Word was received here this week of the marriage of Prof J A Reed to Miss Lillie Williams which occurred last week at Cowden, the present home of the professor and his bride. A host of friends here wish them much happiness. They made a bridal tour of the World's Fair.

Mr and Mrs James Cochran have a new little boy born 26 May 1893.

Henry Byram of Flat Branch Township, died Monday, 29 May 1893, at the age of 45 years old.

Lizzie Bates died Thursday night at age 40 years – Loami News.

Died at her home in Rome, Illinois, on 27 April 1893, Mrs Anna Simpson of La Grippe. She had been a great sufferer for about a year when death relieved her. She leaves six children, one brother, one sister, and many friends to mourn her loss. She was the daughter of William and Anna Nicholson and was born at Diffiel, Yorkshire, England, on 22 May 1814, and was at the time of her death, 78 years, 11 months, 5 days old. She married Laban Simpson of Driffiel, Yorkshire, England. (Diffiel and Driffiel; Spelled two different ways in the same article) The couple was married on 27 March 1836, and to this union was born 12 children, 7 boys and 5 girls. The children are namely, James Simpson, Leona Grove, Indian Territory, William Simpson, Moweaqua, Illinois, Thomas, Frederick, George, and Anna, all alive and in Jefferson County, Illinois, and Richard's wereabouts is unknown. The rest died in infancy. Anna Simpson with her husband, came to Toronto, Canada, in the year 1867, from there they moved to Fayette Co, Illinois, in 1863 (years as given; times do not track). Her husband died in 1867, and she moved with the children in 1874 to Jefferson County, Illinois, where she resided until the time of her death. She joined the Church of England when she was 18 years old in the year 1832, she lived a constant faithful christian life until her death. She was a good wife and mother. Rev Cunningham officiated at the services. She was entered into the Hope Well Cemetery to await the Resurrection morn.

Died on Monday, 15 May 1893, at 12:00 AM, Mrs Sara E Bacon, aged 43 years, 6 months. The funeral services were held at the M E Church in this city and friends to a large number gathered to pay their last respects to the departed. The remains were buried in the cemetery south of town. Deceased was the wife of Mr T H Bacon, living just west of town and was well known to everyone, having lived here since 1886. She left 4 children, one being married and a father, Mrs John W Smith of Moweaqua being one of the sisters surviving (Gove City, Kansas Gazette)

#### Friday, 9 June 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Married at the ME parsonage on Sunday evening by Rev T D Weems, Benjamin F Pontius and Eliza J Brickey, both of this city. The ceremony performed in the presence of only a few relatives. Mrs Scotham of Winfield, Kansas, a sister of Mr Pontius being among them. The groom is a highly esteemed attorney of Moweaqua, who enjoys the confidence and respect of this community. Mr and Mrs Pontius will visit the World's Fair this week, after which they will return to this city, which is to be their future home. Henry Byram, whose death was mentioned in these columns last week, was about 55 years of age, and a highly esteemed resident of Flat Branch. Pleak's Corner news: Mr Henry Byram died on 29 May 1893, at the home of Mrs M Bryam, and was laid to rest in Little Flock Cemetery on the 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Mr Byram was an old resident of this place, and was respected by all. He leaves one son and one daughter.

The personal property of Charley Harris, deceased, was sold at public sale on Thursday and the prices were fair – Loami news.

Will Stivison of Pleak's Corner is smiling around on account of a bouncing boy which arrived at his home on Saturday. Both mother and child are doing nicely.

On 28 May 1893, at about 10 o'clock, people began to assemble at the residence of Mr Wm Sims until about 50 people were present, for the purpose of surprising Mrs Sims, it being her 33<sup>rd</sup> birthday. It took three tables to hold the good things.

Cards have been received in this city announcing the marriage of Miss Mary Louisa Freeman to Augustus Warren Wilmeth, on Thursday evening, the 22<sup>nd</sup> inst. in the First Baptist Church of Decatur, Illinois. Miss Freeman is the daughter of James Freeman, who for many years is an esteemed resident of this community.

Master **Dale G Combs** celebrated his fourth birthday at the residence of his parents, Mr and Mrs **A J Combs**, on 30 May 1893, and entertained a number of friends from 2:30 until 6 o'clock PM. The afternoon was spent playing, and then the children were invited to partake of ice cream and cake.

The many friends of Miss Rose Gregory took occasion to surprise her last Saturday evening, it being her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. A nice supper was served and a good time was enjoyed by all.

#### Friday, 16 June 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

On the evening of June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1893, at half past eight, at the residence of Mr G M Keiser, and in the presence of a few relatives, the marriage of Miss Florence L Keiser and Mr Harry S Unruh took place. Mr Unruh is a prosperous young businessman of Philadelphia. The Rev R R Coon of Chicago officiated at the ceremony. Attendants were Mr H E Travis as best man, and Mrs H E Travis, sister of the bride, who served as the maid of honor. The young couple left on the 14<sup>th</sup> inst for an extended trip through the south and California, after which they will be at home to their many friends in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (Article gives details of the wedding party attire, reception and decorations, as well as the attendees and their gifts for the newlyweds). Master T Edwin Smith of Taylorville, celebrated his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday at the residence of his grandmother, Mrs S R Bacon on 10 Jun 1893, and entertained a number of his friends from 2:30 until 6:30 PM. The afternoon was spent in play until 5:20 PM when they were invited to partake of ice cream, cake, and bananas.

Margaret Jennie Day Winchell, wife of Rev John F Winchell, died in this city on 11 Jun, 1893, of heart failure. She had been an invalid for more than two years, which finally resulted in gangrene and death. She was married to Elder Winchell on 7 February 1864 at the age of 19 years. She united with Hanging Rock Baptist Church, Kentucky, where her husband was afterward ordained to the ministry. They moved to Indiana, in 1884, thence to Illinois in 1888. Sister Winchell joined Little Flock Baptist Church and on removal to this city, joined the Moweaqua Baptist Church. She was actively engaged in Christian work and enterprises as long as health permitted. She was the mother of 8 children, seven of whom are living. The four oldest are followers of the Nazerine Teacher. Her remains were interred in the Little Flock Cemetery to await the resurrection morn.

On the evening of 31 May 1893, Miss Carrie Ney and Henry Walters were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's father, F Ney, at Lake Arthur, Louisiana. The young lady has a large circle of warm friends in this vicinity.

J V D Stout, one of the oldest settlers of Morgan County, died the other day. At one time, he was prominent in the greenback party.

Thomas H Shepherd, president of the Lumbermen's association, died in Chicago the other day. He was aged 49 years.

J V Vandemark, an old settler of Winnebago County, going there in pioneer days, died a few days ago. He was 80 years of age.

A H Wallwork died in Kankakee. He settled there in 1855 and was for years, well known in business. He was born in London, and aged 90 years at the time of his death.

Philip Pack, an early resident of Rockford, fell from a wagon a few days ago, which resulted in his back being broken. He died in a short time.

Mrs Henry Field, widow of the Chicago capitalist, was married at Chicago the other day to Thomas Nelson Page, the author.

#### Friday, 23 June 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss Lucy Snyder celebrated her 12<sup>th</sup> birthday at the residence of her father on 16 June 1893, and entertained a number of her friends from 7:30 until 10:30 PM. Games were played and music was provided. At 8:45, the guests were invited to partake of strawberries, cake and candies. She received quite a number of beautiful and valuable presents. (Also lists attendees)

The many friends in this city of Miss Grace Henning, of Vandalia, will be pleased to learn of her marriage to Mr G A Kurtz, of that city last week. The Vandalia Union had this article: The wedding of Miss Grace Lee Henning and Mr George A Kurtz was solemnized on Monday evening at 9 o'clock by Rev H W Todd at the Presbyterian manse. It was a very quiet affair. Miss Emma Fitzgerald and Dr F L Rice, close friends, being the only witnesses. After the ceremony, the happy couple took the Diamond Special for Chicago, where they will remain 10 days or two weeks enjoying the World Fair attractions, after which they will return, and be at home in the new residence now being arranged for them. The groom is a popular businessman, a member of the firm of T N Pitkin and Co, and enjoys the warm esteem and confidence of all who know him.

Master **George Kirker** celebrated his 9<sup>th</sup> birthday by entertaining a number of his friends Wednesday afternoon.

Mr and Mrs Everett Corrington are rejoicing in the advent of a sweet little baby girl who arrived last Friday.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Mr Josiah Berry's on Tuesday, 20 Jun 1893, in honor of Miss Nellie's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. Present were Misses Lottie Boysell, Margaret Snyder, Jennie McKay, Claire Morton, Ellen Aydelott, and Bertha Richhart. Refreshments were served at 10:30 consisting of ice cream, cake and iced tea. The guests departed at 11 o'clock, wishing Miss Nellie many happy returns of the day.

#### Friday, 30 June 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Twenty-two years ago, Moses Mallory and Jane Donnell were united in marriage, and last Thursday, all that was mortal of Jane Mallory was laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery. The deceased was a daughter of Squire Jesse Donnell, of this city, and at the

time of her death was 35 years of age. Four years ago, the family removed to Jacksonville, for the purpose of educating their only child, May, twelve years old, who is deaf and dumb, at the state institution. After an illness of 18 months, she quietly passed away at her home in Jacksonville. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and four sisters, who have the consoling sympathy of a host of friends in mourning her loss. The funeral services were conducted by Revs **Thomas** and **Smock**.

Mrs H F Day returned home, accompanied by her daughters, Misses Kittie and Bessie. She has been quite feeble for several weeks, however, once home Mr Day is wearing his pleasantest smile, not only for the return of his estimable wife, but because word was received from Assumption that Mr and Mrs Frank Homrighous were the happy parents of a lovely little baby girl.

Frank G McColm of Forestburg, South Dakota, son of D McColm, east, was married several days since to Miss Julia Lutz, of Blue Earth City, Minnesota. After a few weeks of recreative travel, the couple will visit their parents, and then will make their future home in Forestburg, where Frank is station agent and telegraph operator. The groom has many friends in this vicinity.

Quite a crowd of young folks took occasion to surprise Miss Ollie Steidley last Saturday night in honor of her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Last Friday afternoon, about 5 o'clock, the startling intelligence reached the city that William Adams, Sr had been killed. Various rumors were rife upon the streets, and in response to a harried call, Dr W F Buck responded by going to the scene of the accident. The rumor proved correct. Mr Adams had started to town with a wagonload of hogs followed by his hired man who was driving another load. Just as he was driving down the hill, not more than 60 yards from the house, his feet slipped from the dashboard of the wagon, and falling beneath the front of the wagon, the wheels passed over the center of his body, smashing his ribs, back and intrells, producing almost instant death. The team behind was compelled to quickly turn aside to avoid running over the prostrate body. The body was carried to the house but life was extinct. The team driven by Mr Adams ran away, as soon as left without a driver, but did no damage. The affair was purely accidental, and no blame could possibly be attached in any direction. George W Adams, Sr, was the third child of Wellington Adams, and was born at the old homestead where he died, in 1838. Four brothers and one sister survive him, Isom Adams, Joseph Adams, Richardson Adams, John Adams, and Mrs Martha Bramblette. He also leaves a wife and four children to mourn his loss: Charlie Adams, Wm Adams, Mrs W P Beaumont, and Mrs Sidney Dedman. He was a man much beloved and respected by his neighbors and all who knew him. To eulogize the life and character of Wm Adams, would be briefly to tell the story of working, and winning, of honesty, truthfulness, and highest regard for everything that was right. A lifelong citizen, friend and neighbor, truly may be said the he lived while he lived and in his death the entire community will sustain a loss. Services were held at the house Sunday morning last, where the Rev T M Griffith officiated to the largest concourse of people ever seen at a funeral in this vicinity. The remains were laid in the Adams family cemetery, near the residence.

**Charles Pogue** and wife of Obed have a 10-pound new son, born on the 21<sup>st</sup> inst. The remains of Mrs **Mallory** of Jacksonville were interred in Little Flock cemetery on Friday (Obed news)

Patrick Galvin, formerly shift boss at the mine here, lost his life at Vandalia last Saturday by falling to the bottom of the coal shaft where he was employed.

#### Friday, 7 July 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

H E Travis received word of the drowning last week in the Spoon River of Elzie B Fleming, a prominent member of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, KP.

#### Friday, 14 July 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Anna, daughter of Charles and Lizzie Wickline was born in Macon Co, Illinois, on 12 Dec 1887 and departed this life on 5 July 1893, at 7:30 o'clock AM, aged 6 year, 6 mo and 23 days. All that could be done and her parents saw her struggling in the cold river of death, in the anguish of their hearts, said we can not let her go, but Jesus said, let her come, for of such is the kingdom of Heaven. She is now where harps are ringing.

L H Keller died on 3 July 1893 in Windsor, Illinois. Mr Keller was 72 years old, and was well and favorably known by many in this vicinity.

Born to Mr and Mrs W O Jeter on Friday, 8 Jul 1893, a son.

Born to Mr and Mrs Peters on Tuesday, 11 July 1893, a girl. Mrs Peters is the daughter of M W Warren of Allenboro.

Mary, the infant child of Mr and Mrs H C Tanner, about 13 months of age, died last Sunday night of cholera mobus, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at Macon, last Tuesday. Early in the spring, Mrs Tanner experienced a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism and the nursing child, at that time strong and healthy, began to feel the effects of its mother's ailment, and from which indigestion resulted, it never recovered.

#### Friday, 21 July 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Memorial – Mary E Tanner was born 28 March 1892, and died on 10 July 1893, aged 1 year 3 mo, 13 days. (*Poem followed by card of thanks*). Submitted by N C Tanner Mr and Mrs J P Aydelott have a new little baby boy, who entered the household this morning.

Rev and Mrs Pinkney returned from Ohio last week to Obed. They were at the bedside of the latters mother who died on July 5, 1893.

Mr and Mrs William Doody have a new little girl born to them on Tuesday, 18 July 1893.

#### Friday, 28 July 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss Lena Snyder celebrated her 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on Saturday, 22 Jul 1893, at the residence of her parents, Mr and Mrs M Snyder. Refreshments consisted of ice cream, cake and popcorn. In attendance were: Misses Mable Beaumont, Edith Ayars, Jessie Stine, Lucile Houston, Louise Hudson, Alta Adams, Edna McClelland, Stella Osborne, Lena and Lucy Snyder, and Ollie Brown. Messrs Everette McClelland, Mike Adams, Charlie Casey, Blaine Snyder, Willie and Paul Kautz, Arthur Mitchel, Geo Kirker, Earl Stroud, and Elsworth Gilliland. They returned to their homes at 9 o'clock. Thursday morning, the early northbound train carried Miss Lucretia Morris and Josh Hudson, both of this city, to Decatur where they were quietly married. The little child of William Virden died last Friday evening at the home of her parents in this city, and was buried in the Tolly graveyard, 8 miles east, on Saturday afternoon.

V Snyder Jr and Mrs Olive Adams, executors of the estate of the late Geo W Adams deceased, have completed the task of appraising the personality of the estate, which they find to be worth about \$5,000. Mr Adams was recently killed when a wagonload of hogs he was taking to market ran over him after he accidentally fell out of the wagon. His sale will be held 24 August 1893, and will consist of horses, cattle, hogs, corn in field, oats, hay, wheat, farming implements, household and kitchen furniture.

A bouncing farmer boy appeared at the home of Mr and Mrs C S Clark last Saturday morning.

Sarah E Henry, was born in Noble County, Ohio, 18 September 1859, and departed this life 18 July 1893. She was united with the Church of God in 1877, and was married to **Jacob Thomas**, on 28 August 1881. She is a daughter of William Henry, an old settler of Shelby County, and leaves a husband, one child, father, mother, 5 brothers, 3 sisters and a host of friends to mourn her departure. The funeral was held at Findlay on Wednesday, 19 July 1893; remains entered in the Antioc Cemetery.

#### Friday, 4 August 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday of last week, at the residence of the bride's father, Albert Elmers, near Prairie Home, Adelbert Pelton and Miss Mary Elmers were united in marriage by Rev Palmer of Bethany.

William Humphrey, brother of Esquire Humphrey of this city, died at his home near Virden, on 22 July 1893, at the age of 70 years of cancer. For nearly 40 years he has been a resident of Macoupin County, and in that time, had surrounded himself with a host of true friends and neighbors who will cherish his memory. He leaves 8 children, also two brothers and four sisters. Services were held at the Virden Church with Rev Kendrick of Alton, officiating. The remains were laid to rest in Auburn Cemetery, Sangamon County. He had been an honest and sincere member of the church for 52 years, and his life was one of faithful service. Mrs Sweezey, a sister of the deceased, returned home with her brother, Nathan Humphrey on Thursday of last week.

Mrs James Miller had the pleasure of taking a birthday dinner with her mother, Mrs John Robinson, Sunday at Prairie Home. May Mrs Robinson live to enjoy many more birthdays.

Born to Mrs Wooters, daughter of H Benning, on Monday, 31 July 1893, a little boy. Thursday evening, 4 August 1893, at the residence of the bride's father, near Findlay, occurred the wedding of William Melcher and Miss Myrtle Shanks, the Rev B F Dungan, of the U B Church officiating.

Geo LaDow, an old and respected citizen of Chester, Ohio, arose about nine o'clock Friday morning, dressed himself, and was going out to breakfast when he dropped dead in the middle of the floor. He was about 79 years old. (A poem written on the death of Geo LaDow who died 14 July 1893, at Chester, Ohio, is part of the article, not copied here). Submitted by Mrs Genave LaDow.

Mr Harry C Boyington and Miss Mate Messick were united in marriage on the evening of 22 July 1893, in Bloomington, Illinois. Mr Boyington is a business man of Bloomington, and favorably known by many people there, while Miss Messick is the daughter of Mr and Mrs Messick of this city and has many friends who wish the newly mated couple a happy life.

Friday, 11 August 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sunday afternoon last, at the residence of the bride's parents southeast, Samuel Pritchard and Miss Mamie Harris were united in marriage, the Rev T M Griffith of this city officiating. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few relatives and friends being present. Mr. Pritchard is a well known and highly esteemed school teacher in this county, and the bride, is a young lady of many estimable qualities, who is highly esteemed in this vicinity. May their sunshine of life and prosperity be both long and bright. Born to Mr and Mrs Frank West on Thursday, 2 August 1893, a little girl. Born to Mr and Mrs Ed Jacobs, on Monday, 31 July 1893, a boy and a girl. May the twins grow in unity of love and respect for their estimable parents. Born to Mr and Mrs H R Edwards on Saturday, 5 August 1893, a little girl.

Friday, 18 August 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sunday morning last, the news reached the city of the accident resulting in instant death, to young Dennis Hyde, the 16 year old son of Ira Hyde, one of our most prominent and respected citizen, living about 5 miles southeast of here. It seems that Dennis and his younger brother, Leon, where engaged in hitching a partly broken colt to a road cart. Leon was in the rear, while Dennis stood in the front of the colt, with a halter above his nose. Giving a sudden twitch, the colt reared forward, and as Dennis turned and dodged, the fore foot of the colt struck him in the back of the head, slightly fracturing his skull, and breaking his neck. Death resulted instantly. Monday afternoon the funeral services were held under the supervision of Director Stine. The Rev Jolin Winchell officiating at the funeral services. The remains were laid to rest in Prairie Home Cemetery. Mrs. Elizabeth Corwin Wilson, wife of Deacon A F Wilson, died in Moweagua on 16 August 1893, at 1:30 P M. She had been a great sufferer from cancer. It was twice removed, but the effects were in the system and dually, the physical body gave way leaving it a mere skeleton before death. Sister Wilson was born in Lebanon, Ohio, on 19 December 1830. She was married on 22 September 1852, lived in Jacksonville for twenty years after marriage. They moved to Emporia, Kansas, and lived there for four years, thence to Moweaqua where she lived and died. She united with the Baptist Church in Jacksonville in 1835. Her profession was maintained to the end and she declared an abiding faith in Jesus on her dying pillow. She took great pride in flowers and good work. The services were held on Thursday afternoon at five o'clock; Rev T M Griffith of the Baptist Church officiated. Remains were conveyed to Jacksonville for interment. Maple Grove news: Dennis Hyde, son of I B Hyde, while helping his father and brother to hitch a colt to a cart was struck by the horse and almost instantly killed. Monday morning at 9 o'clock, his friends gathered at Mr Hyde's house, and one hour later, they proceeded to the Prairie Home cemetery where the remains were quitely laid to rest. Obed news: Born on the 9<sup>th</sup> of August 1893, to Charles Hall and wife, a little daughter. Born to Fletch Shride and wife of Obed, a son.

Prairie Home news: **Sam J Pritchard** and Miss **Mamie Harris**, were married at the bride's residence west of here, last Sunday. They will go to Chicago where Mr Pritchard has a paying position.

Prairie Home news – 16 August 1893. On Sunday Morning, 13 August 1893, **Dennis Hyde**, third son of **I B** and **Savannah Hyde**, was instantly killed by a pony that he and his older brother were hitching to a cart. The pony was standing comparatively still, when all

at once it reared up and hit the boy, that was holding it, on the back of the neck, breaking his neck. Death was almost instantaneously.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs Levi Bryson died Wednesday night and was buried in the Tolly Cemetery yesterday.

Thursday afternoon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs George Story, located 10 miles southeast, occurred the wedding of Miss Clara Story to Wesley Fribley. The affair was very quiet, only a few of the relatives being present.

#### Friday, 25 August 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs A F Wilson died Wednesday at her home in Moweaqua, aged 63 years. Her death was the result of general debility. She leaves a husband and four children and two stepdaughters. The children are Mrs Patchen, of Carlinville, Miss Anna Wilson of Carlinville, Mrs Houck of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, and Wilbur Wilson of Moweaqua. The stepdaughters are Mrs James Freeman of this city and Mrs John Freeman of Moweaqua, Illinois. (Herald-Dispatch)

Card of thanks for all friends for their many acts of kindness' during the protracted illness of Mrs E C Wilson. Signed: A F Wilson and family.

Obed news: **Commodore**, son of **David Drake**, east, died Sunday of typhoid fever. The funeral sites were held at Union by Elder **L Corley** on Monday at 10 AM. The remains entered in the Antioch cemetery. He was 21 years of age.

Mr Arthur Abraham, formerly a resident of this Township (Obed) died at his home in Assumption of lung trouble on 21<sup>st</sup> inst. He leaves a wife and one daughter and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his demise. The interment took place at Bethany church in Flat Branch Township on Tuesday at 2 PM.

Mrs Susan McCray celebrated her 71<sup>st</sup> birthday last Saturday in the midst of a large number of her friends and relatives at Loami.

Mr and Mrs **J Harvey Scribner** welcomed a lovely little baby girl to their home last week. An infant child of Mr and Mrs **Sidney Dedman** of Decatur, was brought here Tuesday and interred in the Odd Fellows Cemetery, Moweaqua.

Born to J B and Sadie Haffey, Wednesday morning, 23 August 1893, at their home in Bloomington, Illinois, a little boy.

#### Friday, 1 September 1893 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Tuesday evening at 5:30 o'clock, the marriage of Mrs Lewis Whitehead and Miss Anna McDonald was solemnized at the Baptist church in the presence of a large number of friends. The Rev T M Griffith officiating. The affair has been an open secret among those intimate with the bride and groom, and the happy culmination of Tuesday was fully anticipated. Mr A J Combs gallantly escorted Miss McDonald, and Mrs Combs graciously performing a like service for the groom. Miss McDonald has for a long time been a valued employee of Gregory, Combs and Co. Being deprived of her parents early in life, her home has been made with her sister, Mrs Charlie Snell, and of all Moweaqua's fair daughters, is it is safe to say that no one will be more regretfully missed from the charmed circle of loving friends than Mrs Whitehead. The groom is from Perry County, Indiana, a most estimable gentleman, who during his stay in Moweaqua, has created a decidedly favorable impression. Mr and Mrs Whitehead will make their future home in

Perry County, Indiana, where Mr Whitehead has an excellent position awaiting him in the public school

The infant child of **Joseph Cameron** died in Assumption on Sunday, and was brought here for burial on Monday.

Word reached us last Thursday afternoon while the press was running off our weekly addition of the sudden demise of William Stivison who had been ill but a very short time. He was highly esteemed by all who knew him, an honored and upright neighbor. The funeral services were conducted by Rev Levi Corley of the Baptist church last Friday, and the remains were interred at Locust Grove. A wife and two children remain to mourn his loss.

Obed news: Wm Stivison died at his home on Thursday last after a few days illness, aged 42 years, 8 months and 5 days. The funeral services were conducted by Elder Levi Corley at Locust Grove Church, on Friday at 11:00 AM and the remains laid to rest in the cemetery at the same place. He leaves a wife and two very small children and a host of relatives and friends.

**Delta W Fuller** and Miss **Alice Stanley** were quietly married on Sunday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents. Rev **C S Medbury** officiated (Loami news) Mrs **Asa Bowman**, residing west of Stonington, died Tuesday after a protracted illness. Mr **Bowman** is now seriously ill with but slight hopes of his recovery. Brooks and Curtis have been working on an elegant home for them but have been compelled to temporarily suspended.

At the home of Mrs M Workman, southwest on the evening of 29 August 1893, at five o'clock, in the presence of about 30 invited guests, Mr Aaron Shrader and Miss Olive Workman were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Squire J T Skiff. After wishing them a long and prosperous life, the guests repaired to the dining room where a bountiful supper was spread. The table stood groaning under the many good eatables of which they all partook. The evening was spent in games and social conversation until a late hour, when all retired wishing the newly married couple a life of unalloyed prosperity.

#### Friday, 8 September 1893 issue, Moweagua Call-Mail:

Charlie Casey celebrated his 7<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday evening last, by giving a very pleasant party to a number of his young friends who in return recriprocated with numerous nice parties. Refreshments were served and a good time enjoyed by the children. Those present were Beulah Bartlette, Maude Pontius, Lucile Huston, Mary Cash Birdie Kuhn, Ora Tolly, Lizzie Cash, Willie Kuhn, Johnny Haslam, Earl Stroud, Ernest Huston, Fred Cash, Arthur Ruark, Ross Richhart, and Willie Miller.

Mrs Dr. Asa Bowman died on Saturday, 26 August 1893, at her residence near Stonington, aged about 75 years. The deceased spent 50 years of her life as a wife, and was noted for her kind disposition and noble qualities of mind and heart, and her death is a severe blow to her aged husband, who is in very feeble health. She was buried at Old Stonington on Monday last, the Rev Metcalf officiating. She leaves a husband and only son to mourn her loss. (*Taylorville Journal*)

Joseph and James Duncan were at Whitehall, last Tuesday in attendance at the funeral of their uncle, Thomas Duncan.

#### Friday, 15 September 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After several weeks of patient suffering, Capt A C Campbell peacefully expired at his residence Sunday morning, 10 September 1893, at 8 o'clock. His death did not come as a surprise, but rather as a terrible shock to the beloved family and relatives, and to the hundreds of friends. He was a character possessed of great individuality, strong and firm in his convictions, a loving parent, a noble husband and a steadfast friend. A C Campbell was born on Lick Creek, in Sangamon County, this State, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July 1819. He was the third child born of white parents in Sangamon County, and was supposed to be up to the time of his death, the oldest white man living, who was born in that county. He was of Scotch origin, of which he always took pride in telling. He was raised on Lick Creek, and was the oldest of six children. On 3 August 1838, he married Polly Foster, who was a native of Kentucky. After his marriage, he went to farming on Lick Creek. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of June 1846, he enlisted in Co D, Fourth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, for service in the war with Mexico. He had enlisted as a private, was elected as a lieutenant, and the captain dying at Tampico, he was left in command of the company, which position he retained until the expiration of his term of enlistment. He farmed in Sangamon county until 1851, then moved to Shelby county in the present Flat Branch Township. He volunteered during the war of the rebellion, October 1861, he entered the services as Captain of Co E, Thirtysecond Regiment III Vol. He was mustered out in February 1865. The death of his first wife, Polly, took place on the 9<sup>th</sup> of January 1858. On the 17<sup>th</sup> of June 1859, he married Jennie Hurt, a native of Ohio, who survives him. He leaves four children living: Mrs Elzira Clark, Mrs Sarah Segar, Leonard Campbell, and John Campbell. Two are dead, George Campbell and Alfred Campbell. He had always been a member of the Democratic party. In 1880, he received the democratic nomination for member of the legislature and was elected by a large majority. He was connected with the Moweaqua Lodge 180, A.F. & A. M. of Moweaqua. The funeral services took place at the family residence at two o'clock, Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the Masons, Rev A C Armentrout officiating, and the remains were interred at the city cemetery. The general arrangements were in the hands of Director Stine, and the casket was probably the handsomest and most costly ever brought to Moweagua. The pallbearers were B F Bramlette, W S Huston, A Warren, B F Ribelin, J D Drew, D N McCluskey, and J W McClure. John Campbell, of Spokane, Washington, was here in attendance at the funeral of his father, Capt Campbell.

Charles Clark Sr died last Thursday near Fame after a short illness.

Mrs Minnie Harbur, wife of Peter Harbur, died Saturday morning of consumption, aged 18 years. Funeral services were held Sunday in the Christian Church. (Loami News) Mrs William McBride, one of the oldest residents of Jacksonville, died a few days ago. Mrs McBride had reached her 81<sup>st</sup> year.

**Scott Heddy**, a carpenter, died from injuries received by falling from a church belfry at Tower Hill, a few miles west of Shelbyville.

Mr and Mrs R E Wetzel have a new little boy born to them on 8 September 1893.

#### Friday, 22 September 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Dr Buck, our esteemed and respected doctor has met death's sickle. His life was one of public enterprise. He was first and foremost in everything that tended to the material welfare of this community. He lived while he lived, a noble, generous life. A hearty

greeting, a cordial grasp of the hand, and one felt that he knew Dr Buck, and to know him was to love him. He was quick to respond in time of dire suffering, and by his magic skill, in surgery and metaphysics, many a life has been saved and many a gladdened heart has bestowed its blessing. It were but mockery to eulogize a character so sublimely noble. The history of Moweaqua is inseparably associated with Dr Buck, and now that the Divine Creator has severed the bonds that have bound him to us, a vacancy has been created that is impossible to fill save with years of service in the labor of man's humanity to man. Thursday night, last 14 September 1893, at 11:45 o'clock, Dr W P Buck quietly passed away at his home in this city, in the 56th year of his age. Wilbur P Buck, M D, the youngest son of Lemuel Buck was born at Peru, New York, on 16 August 1837. He came to Marengo, Illinois, in 1860. In 1862 he enlisted in the Army, and served his country through all that great conflict for liberty, the flag and the union, to the end of the war. He was a true, heroic and useful man, and much beloved by the comrades of the 95th Ill Vol Inft. He was promoted to the office of Assist. Surgeon of the 8th Ill Vol Vet Inft. and served three years and eight months. He was discharged 4 May 1866, as Surgeon of the 8<sup>th</sup> Ill Vol Inft by General Orders No 85, discharging the volunteer forces in the US Services He was mustered into J V Clements Post No 363, G. A. R., on 30 January 1884. Dr Buck, came to Moweaqua, Illinois, in October 1866, where he entered upon the practice of medicine. He has been called to almost all the homes, more or less, in this community in the 27 years of his practice, and perhaps it is true, that no physician and surgeon ever ministered in kindness and sympathy to the afflicted more than Dr. Buck. As a citizen, he was loyal and true to the interest of the community, and specially his own town and neighbors. He enjoyed the confidence of the people, as the large number of people present at the funeral attested. Dr Buck was married to Miss Camilla A Washington, in Marshall, Texas, on 11 March 1866. From this union there were four children: Lemuel F; Addie M and Wilbur P, and a son who died in infancy. The Dr. greatly loved his family; his greatest conflict was in the thought of leaving them. He was also greatly concerned for his aged mother-in-law, in his own language, 'may the Lord bless and keep her.". As to his religious life, he was converted while young, and lived a happy life for many years, but like many others, amid life's cares and conflicts, he fell back and lost his religious compact. Some months before his late sickness, he was greatly concerned about his spiritual condition, and spoke of his religious failure as the great mistake of his life, and shed tears of sorrow because of his spiritual condition. When taken sick, he seemed to have a premonition of his coming death and sought the Lord and found the Chief desire of his heart—he evidence of his acceptance with God. In his own words, he said, "I am trusting the Lord and he accepts me, and now I would like to live to serve the Lord." He died in great peace on 14 September 1893, at 11:45 PM, aged 56 years and 28 days. His funeral took place from the M E Church on 17 September 1893, at 2 PM. After the services at the church, his remains were laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery by the Grand Army of the Republic and the Knights of Honor. The living brothers and sisters of the deceased are as follows: Dr H A Buck and sister, Jennie Leavitt, of Buck Hollow, Vermont; Orson and Willard Buck of Saranac, New York, and Burt Buck of Sandy Hill, New York. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon last from the M E Church and the assembly was by far, the largest ever seen in Moweaqua. The visiting comrades of 8<sup>th</sup> Ills Vol Inft which was Dr Buck's regiment were: Dr C N Dennison, Argenta, Illinois, Capt George S Durfee, Decatur, Illinois; Surgeon A S Baytor, Decatur, Illinois; and other comrades being present were: W W Shockey, Decatur, Illinois; Capt W E Bingham, Decatur, Illinois, Major Williams, Decatur, Illinois. Dr W P Buck left a very fair estate, and \$3,000 life insurance. His wife, Camilla Buck was appointed his executor. The Leader, is very sorry indeed to hear of the death of Capt A C Campbell of Moweaqua, which occurred at half past eight o'clock, Sunday morning, after an illness of about two months of heart trouble and other complications. The Capt was well known throughout the county, and was well liked by every one. He was a prominent Democratic politician and represented this county in the legislature about 12 years ago, and made an efficient and popular official. He was an ex-soldier, having served with honor and distinction in two wars (Mexican and the war of the Union). He was about 74 years old and had lived in this county for 40 years or more, coming here from Sangamon County in an early day. He leaves a widow, who has the heartfelt sympathy of a host of friends in her sad bereavement, and four children, all grown, and doing for themselves, vis: Mrs E T Seger of Decatur, Mrs J W Clark of Moweaqua, J P Campbell of Spokane Falls, Washington, and Leonard Campbell of Fort Scott, Kansas. The funeral took place Tuesday under the auspices of the Masonic order of which he had been an active and beloved member for many years. In his death, the beloved companion loses a dear and faithful husband, his children an affectionate father, the democratic party one of the brightest and most useful members, and the county one of its best and most honored citizens. (Shelby Leader)

Blue Mound news: A ten pound dishwasher came to stay at the home of Mr and Mrs John Kester on Thursday. (Baby girl)

Born to Mr and Mrs Ed Bramblett of Blue Mound on Thursday, a boy of the usual weight. Mother and son are doing well under the treatment of Dr Porter.

Little Maud, daughter of J H and M E Pinkston died very suddenly at the home of her parents, north of here, on Thursday last. She was sick only a few days with spinal trouble when she was called away. Her age was 6 years and 6 months. Little Maude was a bright child and a fit type of all that was sweet and beautiful in this life, and to say that her parents will miss her, is but feebly expressing it. Our sympathy is extended to the family in their bereavement. The funeral services were conducted by Rev Dungan and the remains laid to rest in the Little Flock cemetery, Friday.

In Allenboro news: A very pleasant party was given Miss **Daisie Goodwin** last Saturday night, in honor of her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. Until 11 o'clock the evening was spent in plays and games, after which each did ample justice to ice cream, cake, and watermelon. (List of attendees given, not reprinted here)

Yantisville news: Born to Mr and Mrs Wm Rawlings, 11 September 1893, a little daughter. Dr Smith in attendance.

Charles W Clark died at 8 o'clock on Tuesday morning, 5 September 1893, at his home near Assumption, of cholera morbus. Charles W Clark was born in Madison County, 26 January 1838. He moved to Macon County in 1863 where he was united in marriage to Nancy A Blankinship in 1866. Six children were the fruit of this union, who with his wife survive him. They are: Mrs Jos H Clark, of Kiona, Washington, Mrs Effie Lamb of Assumption, Illinois, Mrs Judith Stanberry of Moweaqua, Illinois; Hester, Martin, and Washie Clark, who reside with their mother. He moved to Christian Co, Illinois, in

1887 with his family. He united with the Christian church at Niantic in 1868, and has since then, lived a faithful and devoted christian, and his soul now rests in heaven. His remains were interred in the Assumption cemetery.

Card of thanks for kindness' shown to the family during the illness and following the death of our beloved husband and father. Signed: Mrs C W Clark and family.

Little Maude Pinkston, daughter of John Pinkston of Pleak's corner, died last Thursday, and was buried Friday morning at Little Flock Cemetery. The child was loved by all who knew her and on different occasions, when entertainments were given at the U B Church, Maude would display her elocutionary ability without the least sign of embarrassment. Her death was a terrible shock to her family as well as to the community.

## Friday, 29 September 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Amile Strehlow, an old resident of Kankakee, committed suicide by hanging. Sickness and financial troubles caused the act.

Born to Mr and Mrs Oscar Frazee on Tuesday, 19 September 1893, a little girl. After an illness of three weeks, Isaac G Holt, publisher of the *Breeze* at Tower Hill, died of typhoid fever. His widow and son, Charley, are still very sick with that dreaded illness. The marriage of Miss Ella Solliday to Thomas E Gragg, at Stonington, was solemnized Tuesday evening of last week at the Reform Church. The ceremony was performed by Rev D L Frantz and witnessed by the relatives and many friends. After the ceremony they went to the home of the bride's mother where an elegant feast was served.

Mr Thomas Tackleson and Miss Rose Bolin, both of near Moweaqua, were married at the Lutheran parsonage in this city last week. Rev A R Height officiating. (Macon Record) Loami news: Mr Joseph Dodd and Miss Minnie Awbrey were married Tuesday afternoon at the residence of the bride's parents. Mr Willis Kinney and Miss Ellen Beaver of Springfield, were married Wednesday at the home of the bride.

Obed news: Charles Andrix and wife have a new little girl who was born to them on Tuesday.

Mr John Traughber and Miss Nannie Blair were married on Wednesday evening by Rev J W Strawn (Blue Mound news).\

The infant girl of Mr and Mrs Everette Corrington died Wednesday night after a lingering illness of several weeks. The family have the sympathy of a host of friends in their affliction.

#### Friday, 6 October 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday, at high noon, in the presence of a few relatives, Rev T D Weems, impressively pronounced the mystic words which joined in holy wedlock, Thomas E Hudson and Wilhelmina Nottbrook. The ceremony took place at 'Brookside' farm, the home of the bride's mother, Mrs W Nottbrook, about a mile south of the city. Lizzie Snyder, a niece of the bride, was flower girl, followed by Misses Anita Snyder and Fannie Hudson, the former a niece of the bride, and the latter, a sister of the groom. Then came the bride and groom. (Description of their attire, the dinner and the decorations of the home described; not copied in this book). It would seem almost sacrilege to eulogize the bride. The people of our city are familiar with her many estimable qualities. A noble earnest woman, a sincere and devout Christian, she has won and held the love and esteem of the thousands who now wish her a wedded life of happiness. The groom is an honest,

hardworking, practical man, he has ever given to his father the best efforts of his young life in making a worldwide reputation for the Woodland Stock Farm, and his success has been his reward. The newly wedded couple took the southbound I C Train for St Louis and New Orleans for a brief tour through the "Land of flowers'. They will be at home to their friends at 'Brookside' farm after 1 November.

Last Wednesday at high noon, at the residence of Samuel Peabody, the Rev Bidkoff of Stonington, married Chas M Brooks and Miss Grace Burnham. They were united in marriage in the presence of a few relatives. On the following day, at the residence of the bride's father, Steven Brooks, and Miss Anna Adams accepted the holy vows of matrimony. The Brooks brothers are well known in this community where they have so long resided, as honest, hard working and capable young men. Misses Burcham and Adams are two estimable young ladies who will make the boys sincere and earnest wives. Born to Mr and Mrs George Daughtry, on Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> 1893, a boy. May he wax manly and strong, that in after years, he may prove an honor and blessing to his estimable parents.

The obit of Grandpa Yantis will be found in the Obed letter this week. Again death has visited our community and called to the saint's rest, that beloved and honored friend, **Daniel Yantis**, who was one of the oldest settlers in Pickaway Township, Illinois, having obtained his fine farm of 240 acres of the government in 1853. He had a neat home and all the modern improvements which makes a house pleasant, but now he has been called from that home to one not made with hands, Eternal in the Heavens. For the past six weeks he has suffered greatly, but bore all that with great simplicity, and was conscious to the last. During the sickness, he took but little nourishment, yet had great strength until a few days before he died. When death claimed him, he passed away like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams. Our subject who was ascended the sunlit-heights, was born in Frederick County, Maryland, on 15 September 1811, died at his home in Shelby County, Illinois, on 30 September 1893, at 5:35 o'clock AM, aged 82 years and 15 days. When four years of age, he emigrated with his father, Henry Yantis, to Pickaway County, Ohio. In 1833, he was married to Elizabeth Longenbaugh of Ohio, who departed this life 16 February 1880, after having lived with her husband 57 years. (Note: As copied, but the time is only 47 years, not 57 years.) Fifteen children blessed this union, nine of whom are living, six of them being present during his sickness. The funeral cortege was over a mile in length as it wended its way to the Little Flock cemetery where the body was laid to rest amid the lamentations of friends and relatives. It is estimated that over one thousand people paid honor to his memory. The funeral took place at Little Flock Church on Sunday, at 2 o'clock PM. Rev Gillmore, of the First M E Church of Shelbyville, conducted the rites in an exquisite and impressive manner. The obsequies were in charge of Jackson Lodge No 53, A.F. and A. M. of Shelbyville, of which he was a member. They were assisted by the Assumption and Findlay lodges. The ceremonies at the grave by the fraternity were very pathetic, as they marched around the grave paying the last tribute of respect to one of their honored members. (Poem follows; not copied here). Obed news: Ellen Killam, nee Yantis, of Howard, Kansas, came in on last Monday, too late for her father's funeral. Born to Samuel Longenbaugh and wife on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September 1893, a little son in Obed.

Mrs Rena Bassett died at her home in Mobile, Alabama, last Tuesday after a brief illness, and her remains were brought here by her husband, H D Bassett, Thursday for interment. She was the daughter of Mrs Eliza Thompson of Prairie Home, and was well known and highly esteemed by all who knew her.

## Friday, 13 October 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday evening last, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Saul Yantis, southeast, Charlie Bridgeman and Miss Cora Yantis were united in marriage. The wedding was a very quiet affair, only a few relatives of the contacting parties being present. The young couple are well and favorably known and their numerous friends wish them the largest measure of prosperity. They will temporarily reside at the home of Charlie's father, Henry Bridgeman.

Mrs J G Holt is now at the helm of the *Tower Hill Breeze*, since the demise of her husband, and we are glad to see that she is not only getting out an excellent paper, but is receiving substantial advertising patronage. Mr Holt died recently.

Born to Mr and Mrs John B Jackson of near Prairie Home lat week, a little girl. The elegant 'At Home' cards of the **Hudson-Notbrook** (Note: Spelling variation in this newspaper – Nottbrook and Notbrook) nuptials were the produce of the Call-Mail press. The infant boy, age two months of Mr and Mrs James Beaumont, died Sunday last, and was tenderly laid to rest in the Odd Fellows Cemetery on Monday afternoon.

Charles Brooks and Grace Burnham were married on 4 October 1893, at the residence of Samuel Peabody at high noon, by Rev J J Midkiff. Many beautiful presents were received. After the marriage, an elegant dinner was served.

Mr and Mrs **David Story** are the proud parents of a fine baby girl born last week in Yantisville.

Mr Charlie Bridgeman and Miss Cora Yantis were married at the bride's home on Thursday evening (Yantisville news)

Mr Tom Gleeson's baby died on Friday and was taken to Taylorville for interment. Mr and Mrs John Gleeson of Nebraska came back to be at the funeral of the former's father, who was buried at Taylorville on Wednesday. (Blue Mound news) Loami news: Mr William Staley and Miss Hattie Baker were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride. Rev E A Hamilton of Waverly officiated. Obed news: Married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Sol Yantis, southeast, on Thursday evening, Mr Charles Bridgman and Miss Cora Yantis. Rev Dungan officiated.

Mr Samuel Arbuckle, a farmer near Towanda, McLean County, and his family met with a bad accident the other day. Mr Arbuckle and family were on their way to church at night, in a lumber wagon, when the team became frightened at a dog, and whirling around, turned the vehicle upside down and the family fell underneath. Mrs Arbuckle was so badly injured she will probably die, and her 2 month's old babe was killed instantly.

Florence, the 5 year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Allen Brown, wealthy farmers near Holder, McLean County, fell from a wagon loaded with sand, a wheel crushing her skull.

## Thursday, 19 October 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The remains of **Wm McBurney** who died at Endicott, Nebraska, last week, arrived here Saturday, and through Funeral Director **Stine**, were transferred at once to Prairie Home to

the home of his father, **Wm McBurney**, **Sr**. The deceased was a most excellent young man, a school teacher of more than ordinary merit, and his death comes as a severe blow to his estimable parents.

Dr L F Buck of Moweaqua, was in the city today en route to the World's Fair. On Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, he will be united in marriage to Miss Sadie A Cottrell at Sycamore, Illinois (Decatur Republican).

Miss Mollie Smith, 25 years old, daughter of Joseph Smith of Bethany, was the victim of a tragic death. She had not palate and had never been able to talk. Her father recently took her to Chicago for treatment and one day she boarded the wrong street car and got lost. Not being able to talk, the police thought her insane, and she was locked up overnight. The fright made her crazy. Her mother brought her home two weeks ago but she never regained her reason. Her death was a peculiarly sad one.

On Tuesday, 10 October 1893, a surprise dinner was given Mrs **Daniel Coultas**, it being her 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Mrs **Beckie Housh** and **Mrs Laura Wolf** planned the surprise, and about 10 o'clock, people began to assemble, until about 50 were present, bringing with them baskets, pans and buckets full of good things to eat, it taking two tables to hold the eatables to which all did ample justice and enjoyed themselves hugely. About five o'clock they all returned to their homes.

Prairie Home news: The remains of Willie McBurney were buried at the cemetery on Saturday, 14 October 1893. William, the second son of Mr and Mrs McBurney was engaged in teaching in Endicott, Nebraska, when he was taken with typhoid fever. He was known here as a very upright, intelligent, and Christian young man and seemed to make friends wherever he went, and had very bright prospects to become a useful man. Married on Thursday, Mr Charles H Teany of Winchester, to Miss Mollie Walton of this place (Blue Mound). They left for Winchester on Friday where they will reside. Mrs Wm Longenbaugh was given a pleasant surprise on last Friday by her friends in Obed. The occasion being her birthday.

Born on Thursday, 13 October 1893, to Mr and Mrs Joseph Bantner, a fine boy. On 3 October, 1893, the wires bore to Mrs C E Thompson, the sad news of the death of her daughter, Rena. It was a terrible shock for she had been sick but a short time. Her remains were brought here 5 October 1893, by her husband, Dr H D Bassett, and entered in Prairie Home cemetery. Deceased was born in Prairie Home on 10 November 1864, on the farm on which her mother now lives, and died in home in Mobile, Alabama, on 3 October 1893. She was married on 10 November 1891, to H D Bassett of Mobile, Alabama, formerly of this place. Her pleasant smile and affectionate way, won for her, a host of friends who deeply loved and respected her. Her trustful, happy christian life made her a universal favorite. She was an exemplary follower of the meek and lowly Nazerene, and died as she lived, thrusting in Him for eternal life. A husband, little infant, mother, sister and four brothers sustain the great loss, and we deeply sympathize with them. Word was received here Thursday morning of the death of Mrs Jacob Weakley of Obed. She has been a patient sufferer for many weeks, and her death was not entirely unexpected, though profoundly regretted. The sympathy of a large circle of friends is extended to the family.

# Thursday, 26 October 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A telegram was received Wednesday evening by E C Steidley, announcing the death of Andrew Jackson Steidley, his aged father, whose residence for the past several months has been Lake Arthur, Louisiana. He left here the middle of last April with W A Steidley and family, but never had good health while in the south. It is impossible to learn any of the particulars of his death at this writing. The remains will be brought here for interment and will probably arrive on Friday. Uncle Jack as he was familiarly called, had been a resident of Moweaqua for 30 years, and was 64 years of age at the time of his death. Miss Mary Howse, daughter of Ned Howse, east, died Tuesday afternoon, aged 18 years. She was buried at Little Flock cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

After a prolonged illness of many weeks, Mrs Malinda Northcutt peacefully passed away at the home of her mother, Mrs Martha Jacobs, west of Moweaqua. Rev Strawn conducted the services last Sunday. She leaves a husband and child and many relatives, and friends here to mourn her loss.

Mrs James Northcutt died on Friday of consumption, at the home of her mother, Mrs Jacobs of Blue Mound. The funeral was conducted on Sunday by Rev Strawn of this place. She leaves a husband, a child, and many friends who mourn her loss.

Obed news: The funeral of Mrs **Jacob Weakley** took place at Locust Grove on Thursday last, Rev **B Smock** officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the presence of a vast concourse of friends. A husband and two children are left to mourn her loss. They will make their home with his mother for the present.

Sudden and strikingly sad news were received by Mr Wm McBurney last week calling him to the bedside of his son, Willie, who was dangerously ill in Endicott, Nebraska. He went, but it was too late for ere he started, Willie was at peace with God. On Friday morning, Mrs McBurney received a second telegram stating his death. His corpse, with father and sister, reached Moweaqua Saturday, and in the afternoon, was laid to rest in Prairie Home Cemetery. His sister, Minnie, who was attending college in Lincoln, Nebraska, was with him at the time of his death. William L McBurney was born 16 August 1873, at Prairie Home, Illinois, and died on 11 October 1893, at Endicott, Nebraska. He was a favorite among his school mates here, and still held their friendship and respect. He spent one year in college at Dixon, Illinois. While there, he was awakened to his true state and felt the need of a Savior. He sought him and found pardon of all his sins, and claimed Jesus as his Savior. He joined the Presbyterian church at that place. In 1892, he went to Lincoln, Nebraska, where last spring he finished a classical course with great honors. Being succeedingly bright and quick in his studies, very energetic and his accommodating and friendly way, gained for him, many true friends, and gave him a position which very few at his age are capable of holding. He was principal of the high school at Endicott, was much appreciated and held in highest esteem in the vicinity in which he labored. He is survived by mother, father, sisters and brothers. Estate of Alfred C Campbell, deceased, late of the county of Shelby, in Illinois, has appointed V Snyder, Jr, Executor.

Mrs Dr Buck, Miss Addie and Wilbur are at Sycamore today to witness the marriage of young Dr Lem Buck to Miss Cottrell. The doctor will bring his new bride to Moweaqua in the near future.

# Thursday, 2 November 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The remains of Andrew J Steidley arrived in this city last Saturday morning accompanied by his son, William A Steidley, from Lake Arthur, Louisiana. It was Uncle Jack's last request that he be laid peacefully to rest beside his wife in Moweaqua cemetery. The funeral services were held on Saturday afternoon in the M E Church, Rev H C Turner officiating, assisted by the Rev T M Griffith of the Baptist Church. Sweetly sympathetic were the words, 'Nearer by God to Thee', so tenderly rendered by a choral trio, consisting of HF Day and his daughters, Misses Birdie and Edna. Pall Bearers were Jas H Elsum, Josiah Berry, Neal Tolly, F Snell, G M Keiser, and Samuel Riley. Uncle Jack Steidley was a strong character. His convictions were firm, his ideas of right and wrong were clear and concise. For 30 years he was a citizen of Moweagua, and during that time made many warm friends. A J Steidley was born in Frederick Co, Virginia, on 23 December 1829. When in his fifth year, he emigrated to what was then the new country of Illinois and settled in Macoupin. His early life was spent in that part of the state, where he farmed or taught school. In 1852, he was united in marriage to Nancy E Jayne, daughter of Judge Jayne, of Carlinville, Illinois, who died 26 Feb 1881. Five children were born to them, one dying in infancy. In 1864, he came to Moweaqua where he has since resided with the exception of a few months until last April when he went to southwestern Louisiana with his son, Will, he and his friends fondly hoping that a change of climate might benefit his failing health. For a time he seemed to fail, but after a few months, he began to improve and seemed to be gaining in health, until within a few hours of his death. He remarked to a friend on Friday, a week ago, that he felt better than he had for years. On Tuesday evening he was taken sick, and died at 123:30 the following day. He leaves three sons and a daughter, Thomas, a farmer resides near Shelbyville, Illinois; Edward is a mason and lives at Moweaqua; William A is editor of the Lake Arthur, Louisiana, Herald, and Emma, his only daughter is a school teacher in Shelbyville.

Again death has visited the home of Mr and Mrs Ned Howse, and called away their beloved daughter, Mary, who was born in Shelby County, Illinois, 20 November 1876, and died 24 October 1893, aged 17 years, 11 months and 4 days. Mary was the light and joy of their home, and all who knew her will know what a trial it was to give up to the tomb, one they loved so well. She will be missed by all of her friends for she was a favorite among them. She leaves a father, mother, two sister, and four brothers, besides other relatives that will miss her more than words can tell. Typhoid fever was the cause of her death. She was laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery on Wednesday morning, beside a little brother that died 4 years ago.

After a brief illness of only two weeks, Miller Price, died at the home of his parents, Mr and Mrs Wm Price in this city, of typhoid fever, last Tuesday. The funeral was held yesterday afternoon and the remains were interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Friends and relatives to the number of nearly 100 gathered at the home of Mr and Mrs N L Cottrell, Thursday evening on the occasion of the marriage of their daughter, Sadie A Cottrell, to Dr Lemuel F Buck. The ceremony was performed at 5:30 o'clock. The wedding party entered the front parlor to the music of the wedding march being played by Miss Alberta Hills, and were preceded by two pretty little children, a nephew and niece of the bride, children of Mrs Sabin and Mrs Marshall. Mr Elroy Dimon and Miss Anna Cottrell were groomsmen and bridesmaid. Rev Dr H D Hunter of the Congregational

Church and Rev D H Gillbray, of the Baptist church, officiated. Mid showers of rice and everything else that betokens well wishes, Dr and Mrs Buck departed to take the 8:30 PM train. They will be in Chicago several days, and at Quincy, Illinois, about a week, after which they will make their home in Assumption, Illinois, where the groom has established a successful practice. One room was completely filled with presents; it is seldom that presents in such number and which so fortunately combine the beautiful and useful are given upon the occasion of a wedding. Dr Buck, whom many of the guests had not before had the pleasure of meeting created a most favorable impression and made many friends. The bride, who was born and grew to womanhood here, has been one of the most popular and useful members of the Sycamore society, and active in all good works. She will be much missed. We had hoped Dr and Mrs Buck would take up their residence in Moweaqua, but it appears what we shall lose will be Assumption's gain. (Article includes more info on decorations, attire, attendees, and ceremony; not copied here. A very interesting and impressive wedding)

## Thursday, 9 November 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Isaac Miller Price was born in Ash Grove Township, this county, on 5 April 1872, and died in Moweaqua on 31 October 1893, aged 21 years, 6 months and 26 days. In the death of Miller Price, his parents lose a dutiful and affectionate son, his brothers and sisters a loving companion, and his acquaintances a true friend. His death is all the more deplorable for the fact of his being cut off in the first flush of manhood with bright hopes and high aspirations in view and an upright and honorable life in the past. It is known that Miller had many friends, and few, if any enemies, and his last words were to the effect that he was 'going home' was assurance enough that he was prepared for his eternal home. The funeral services were conducted at the residence on Wednesday by Rev Thos Giffith, the remains being interred in the Odd Fellows cemetery, and followed to the last resting place by many of the sympathizing friends and relatives.

Death has come and taken from our midst, a sister whom we all loved. Mrs Malinda Jacobs was born in Christian county, Illinois, on 17 July 1861, united with the Christian Church at the age of 17, and remained a christian to the last. On 15 May 1888, she was married to James A Northcutt, and to this union was born one daughter. The last two years of her life were spent in Colorado. She was taken sick the 8<sup>th</sup> of last May and died 21 October 1893, at 2 o'clock in the morning of abscess on the liver. She was a constant sufferer from the first, and never mourned but patiently awaited God's time. She often said, "I am not afraid to die'. She leaves a mother, five brothers and a sister, a husband, daughter, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her untimely death. She was an affectionate daughter and sister, and a true and loving wife. She always had a smile and kind words for everyone. The funeral services were held at her mother's residence two miles northwest of Moweaqua at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon, 22 October 1893. Rev Strawn of Blue Mound officiated. After which the remains were laid to rest in Jacobs cemetery.

Adam Roth, aged 40 years, a well known farmer who lived near Mascoutah, Illinois, fell 50 feet from a pecan tree and died from his injuries.

# Thursday, 16 November 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At an early hour last Friday morning, news reached the city that Patrick McCarty was dead. At first the report was hardly accredited, nevertheless, the sad tidings were fully confirmed a few hours later. The trouble appears to be a combination of kidney and heart disease which with a man of his age, 65 years, produces quick and fatal results, he having been ill but a brief period. Patrick McCarty was a man whom everybody liked. For years he had been a successful brickmaker and had resided about a mile north of town. Being throughout his life a constant and zealous Catholic, his remains were conveyed to Macon on Saturday morning, and the last sad funeral rites were held in the Catholic Church, Father Mora officiating. At the family home, one mile north of Moweaqua, Illinois, on Friday, 10 November 1893, at 3:30 o'clock, Patrick McCarty died of kidney and heart trouble after a short illness. He was a native of Blackwater County, Westford, Ireland, and was born on 17 March of 1824, aged 65 years, 7 months and three days. At the age of 19 years, he was married to Miss Catherine McCarty, and lived three years in their native home. They emigrated to this country in 1848, lived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, three years, and moved from there to Mifflin County in 1851, where they resided 18 years. On 9 June 1896, they came to Moweaqua, Illinois, where they lived for one year then bought the farm where he lived until his death. His occupation was the manufacturing and sale of brick, which business he conducted successfully, and through economical industry, he amassed an estate of which the net value would amount to about ten thousand dollars. Politically, he was firm in his convictions and life long Democrat. In his religious views, he was a Roman Catholic, in which faith he lived and died a true and devoted believer, under the auspices of which church the funeral services were conducted by Father Mora. The remains laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at Macon. Deceased was the father of ten children, six of whom with his companion have preceded him to the Spirit world. The living are Mathew, Thomas, Joseph, and Jennie, and two grandchildren. In his death, they will lose a kind and affectionate father, the community will lose a good, peaceful citizen, an honest man, who will be missed by many friends.

Mrs Sarah Morse died at Oconee, aged 77. She was the wife of John Morse, who was killed by members of the Klingman band during the war. Two of whom were hanged in the Illinois Central Depot to Oconee by a mob of citizens.

Mrs Sarah A Truesdell, wife of Judge B H Truesdell of Amboy, Lee County, dropped dead from heart disease the other morning.'

Odin, Illinois, has found two skeletal remains of bodies apparently tied down and placed in a pond last week. An investigation is underway for the suspected bodies of **Alexander McClelland** and his son, **Oscar McClelland**, who disappeared from view in

1881, according to his three sons, **John A, Oliver J,** and **Otto McClelland** (Hand drawn sketches of both Alexander McClelland and Oscar McClelland and the method used in tying down the bodies. Also testimony of John A McClelland, eldest son of the missing squire (not copied in this book. Interesting article.).

Born to Mr and Mrs **Tankersly**, a fine boy. **Wm Tankersly** shucked and cribbed 118 bushels, 20 pounds, of corn last Thursday. He must be shucking on the strength of his fine new boy.

Correction: In the obituary notice published last week, the types made us say 'Mrs' for 'Miss' Malinda Jacobs. The article is readily understood by those knowing that Mrs

Malinda Jacobs is enjoying good health, while the deceased referred to was her daughter, Miss Malinda Jacobs-Northcutt.

Wm Harvell (colored) was married last week to a young lady (colored) in Decatur. They will live on Capt Cutler's farm next year near Prairie Home.

Blue Mound news: Mr Deckhart was called to Stonington on Sunday to the bedside of his father who has since died.

Yantisville news: Old Mr Wheeler who lives one mile south of Ridge church was found dead last Thursday evening. He had started to feed, and not returning, the family began to search for him and found him near the fence, just in the act of picking up fodder to throw over to the calves. The funeral was held at the house on Friday evening at 2 o'clock. Rev Corley assisted by Rev Park officiating, after which the remains were sent to Ohio for burial. H C Cartright, son-in-law, of the deceased, accompanied the remains. Mr Dennis Hayer and Miss Lydia Stanton were married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Ben Stanton, Justice Jones Officiating (Loami News)

# Thursday, 23 November 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Last Thursday was the Freeman wedding anniversary.; Four different weddings of Freeman's were solemnized on that day. The first was that of Mr and Mrs John Freeman, of Moweaqua, who were married 34 years ago. Next came Mr and Mrs James Freeman who were married 28 years ago. Mr and Mrs Oscar F Spaulding, of Champaign, were married 8 years ago, and Mr and Mrs John Freeman of Decatur were married 2 years ago. All were at the residence of James Freeman last night together with children, and besides these there, were Ben S Freeman, of Boston; Ben Shutleff of Revere, Massachusetts; Mrs Dr Roe of Chicago; Mr and Mrs Gus Wilmeth, and Miss Ethel Dimock of Decatur. A big dinner was served at 6 o'clock. After that the evening was passed agreeable. The Freeman quartet furnished good music. (Decatur Review).

Blue Mound news: Mr and Mrs Frank Bramblett's little child died on Tuesday of lung fever and was buried on Wednesday in the Adams Cemetery.

Loami news: Mr Emerson Wright and Miss Mollie Bates were quietly married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr and Mrs Israel Bates, to miles west of the village. Rev J M Johnson of Petersburg officiated.

The Call-Mail received the following clipping taken from a southwestern Iowa paper, knowing that hundred's of the Call-Mail and Mr and Mrs J E Hyde's friends will be pleased to hear that they are again surrounded with a bevy of friends. About 50 friends of John E Hyde called on him Tuesday evening, on 7 November 1893, and helped him celebrate his 48<sup>th</sup> birthday. Mr Hyde has not lived among the people of the Blue Grass Region long, but has already a host of friends who wish him long life and prosperity. Mr Hyde was presented an easy chair and other fine presents marking the occasion of his birth. (List of attendees; not printed in this book).

Dr W J Huff was married to Mrs Anna Avery at a hotel in St Louis, Missouri, on 15 November 1893. It will be remembered that Mrs Avery was granted a divorce from her husband, Allen D Avery, one month ago in Shelby County Court.

Mrs W A Armstrong, wife of the *Macon Leader*, died Sunday last of typhoid fever. She was a lady highly esteemed by a large circle of friends in Macon, and in her death, Mr Armstrong has the sincere sympathy of many friends.

At 10:00 o'clock, yesterday morning, at the residence of his son, T D Shay, in Decatur, Julius Shay, aged about 80 years, died of general debility. The remains arrived here this morning and the funeral services were held in the ME Church about noon, and the remains will be interred in Prairie Home cemetery. The deceased was highly esteemed in this vicinity.

## Thursday, 30 November 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Julius Shay was born in Sussex County, New Jersey, on 29 March 1813, and came to Illinois in the year 1837. He was converted and professed faith in Jesus Christ at a camp meeting held by the Methodists in Fulton County, Illinois, on 30 September 1839, and for 67 years has been laboring to prepare himself for a home in Heaven. Father Shay has been a life long Methodist of the original type. He loved the church and all the means of Grace and rejoiced in Jesus. His last month was not only great suffering, but peace. He died in great peace at his son's home in Decatur, Illinois, on 22 November 1893 at 3:39 PM, leaving two sons, James and Dyer, and three daughters, Arminda, Emma, and Mattie. Rev T D Weems of Decatur, was down Thursday to officiate at the funeral of old father Shay.

Mary Lucrecia, wife of Charles D Stump, died on 26 November 1893, at 12 o'clock AM. Mary was aged 26 years, 6 months and 26 days, and died at her home southeast. Mrs Stump had been sick for several weeks, and was an intense sufferer till death claimed her a victim. She leaves her companion, two little daughters, one little boy, and a father, and many other friends and relatives to mourn her loss. She had in previous life, been a member of the M E Church and her loved ones have hope in her death. The funeral was preached at the Locust Grove Church on Monday, 27 November 1893, by Elder L Corley. The remains were interred in the cemetery at that place. A large number from Moweaqua attended the services.

The south bound train last Saturday evening carried two passengers on the front end of the baggage car, one of them a young man by the name of **John Ward**, son of **M O Ward** of Pana, who was well known here, and who had been working in the coal shaft at Decatur; the other party being unknown. They got on the train at Decatur, expecting to ride to Pana, where young Ward's people reside. When the train arrived at Hay's crossing, about a mile and a half sough of town, Ward, in some unaccountable manner, fell from the train, struck the fence at the culvert crossing On arrival of the train at Pana, the companion related the accident, and the news was immediately wired back here. The 8:18 train from the south brought him back to town in a dying condition, and he died shortly after reaching here. His father came up on the Diamond Special from Pana on Saturday night, and the remains were conveyed to Pana Sunday afternoon, where a corner's inquest was held and a verdict given in accordance with the foregoing facts.

Wednesday at high noon at the residence of Esq Nathan Humphrey, uncle of the bride, and the Esquire himself officiating Miss Eva Humphrey and Mr Frank Smith were united in marriage. The wedding was wholly informal and only the family and immediate relatives were present. The bride is a most estimable young lady with a large circle of friends, while Frank is the honest and honored engineer at the mill.

The infant child of Mr and Mrs **David Humphrey** died Saturday morning, and the funeral services were held Sunday from the Baptist Church. Rev T M Griffith preached the funeral sermon and Misses Aileen Day, Birdie Curtis, Margaret Snyder and Grace

Coffman were the pall bearers. The remains of the little darling were quietly laid to rest in the Odd Fellow's cemetery.

Oak Branch news: **Peter Bilyeu** is blest with a 10 pound girl, who has come to wash dishes for her board.

Obed news: Mrs C D Stump passed from this life to life eternal on Sunday, after a few weeks illness, aged 26 years, 6 months, and 26 days. The funeral services were held from Locust Grove Church on Monday at 3 PM conducted by Elder L Corley, and the remains were interred in the cemetery at that place. She leaves a husband, three children, a father and a host of friends to mourn her demise.

Loami news: Mrs W P Campbell died Friday morning, aged 49 years. Funeral services were held Sunday at South Fork Church and the burial took place in the Campbell cemetery. She leaves a husband, two daughters, and a son to mourn her untimely departure.

Yantisville news: JR Hazen and wife got mud-bound while in Arcola last week, and Mrs Hazen was compelled to return via Findlay on the train. They went over to attend the marriage of Miss Anna Hazen to Mr Wm Holland which took place at 8 o'clock Sunday eve, at the bride's home. Rev L L Hazen officiating. Only the families of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends were present.

The mayor of Galens has received information that **Nicholas Lute** of San Francisco, California, died recently and left a fortune of \$1,500,000 to a sister who resided in Galena, Illinois, up to within a few years ago. No one in Galena seems to know her present abiding place.

Rev Dr **Brown**, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church at Macomb, died suddenly the other night. For 24 years he was editor of the *Cumberland Presbyterian* and afterwards became editor of the *Observer* published at St Louis, He was about 63 years old.

Fred L Buck, state game and fish warden, residing at Elgin, killed his wife, and surrendered to the officers. Domestic trouble was the cause.

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs John A Jackman of Bloomington, was celebrated a few days since by a family reunion and reception.

Rev G P Waldo, formerly for many years an Episcopal clergyman, died at Springfield at the advanced age of 92 years.

Friday morning, 24 November 1893, at 6 o'clock, **James B Howse**, for many years a resident of this place, quietly passed away at his home in the east end of town, surrounded by his family and relatives. His trouble seemed to be a complication of diseases, and at no time was he seriously ill until just before his death. He was a man well known and with many friends in this vicinity, was a deputy sheriff of this county, and a member of the I. O. O. F. The funeral services were preached by Rev *Corley* at the Baptist church, assisted by the local pastor, **T M Griffith**, last Sunday morning. The funeral being held under the auspices of the Odd Fellow's Lodge and remains were laid to rest in their cemetery.

### Thursday, 7 December 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**David Hightower** of Alto Pass went rabbit hunting. He was loading his gun when the weapon was discharged, the load entering his side and inflicting a wound from which he will die.

Thomas S Humphreys, who up to three years ago, was one of the best known and wealthiest citizens of Springfield, died at Jacksonville, Florida.

At Danville, Illinois, Victor Nygen, aged 14, shot his brother John Nygen, with a Flobert rifle. John died. Victor says he did not know the rifle was loaded.

Correction: It was 'Grandpa' Nathan Humphrey that performed the marriage ceremony for Mr and Mrs Frank Smith, not "uncle' as was stated in last week's paper. Uncle Tom Smith tendered a reception Thanksgiving afternoon to his son and wife – Mr and Mrs Frank Smith, which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed.

James B Howse was born 2 January 1857 and died 24 November 1893, aged 36 years, 10 months and 22 days. His father, mother, two brothers, two sisters, and one child preceded him to the Spirit world. A companion, three little sons, one daughter, four sisters, many relatives and a host of friends mourn the loss of the deceased. The deceased made a profession of religion the evening he died and was willing to die. He requested all to meet him in Heaven. He was a genial, large hearted companion, and was respected by all who knew him.

Blue Mound news: Mrs S A Rankin, Mrs A S Clements, and Mrs Ed Robison attended the funeral of Mrs Taylor Clements last Thursday.

**James Desper** received a telegram Friday announcing the death of his mother at Springfield (Loami news)

## Thursday, 14 December 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

For the past six or seven weeks, our physicians have been kept fairly busy in assisting the infant life and light into the world, though just a present there seems to be a dirth in this direction. The following list of births is given by Drs Godfrey and Sparling.

- 29 October 1893 Mr and Mrs Wm Scroggin, a little girl
- 3 November 1893 Mr and Mrs Jos Thomas, a boy
- 5 November 1893 Mr and Mrs Bartlette a little girl
- 6 November 1893 Mr and Mrs **Thomas Stringer** a boy
- 8 November 1893 Mr and Mrs Alex Matthews a girl
- 9 November 1893 Mr and Mrs Peter Bilyeu, a girl
- 13 November 1893 Mr and Mrs S W Rockwell a girl
- 17 November 1893 Mr and Mrs William Donaldson, a girl
- 18 November 1893 Mr and Mrs **Thomas McCarty** a boy
- 20 November 1893 Mr and Mrs John Hammil, a girl
- 24 November 1893 Mr and Mrs John Pinkston, a boy

Walter Humphrey returned from Petersburg Tuesday, where he had been in attendance at the funeral of his brother-in-law, Abraham Golden. I R McKay, another brother-in-law, has not returned yet.

Old Stonington news: Mrs A Briggs of Stonington was the guest of her mother, Grandma Sanders, last Friday. Grandma Sanders is in her 90<sup>th</sup> year and is well and hearty.

Blue Mound news: Earl, son of Carter Stone, died at his home in Decatur on

3 December 1893 of La Grippe, and was brought here to be buried in the Waltz cemetery.

Born to Mr and Mrs Copeland of Blue Mound, on Tuesday, a little daughter.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs D J Staley of Loami died on Friday of pneumonia.

Mr Eli Kelley and Miss Jennie Huggins were married Thursday in Springfield by Judge G W Murray (Loami news)

W W Anderson, president of the First National Bank of Taylorville, died Tuesday, after a brief illness.

Mr and Mrs Wm Adams, Jr who were called from their southern home by the death of G W Adams, will return about Christmas to Hiwassee, Florida.

### Thursday, 21 December 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mr James A Combs and Miss Myra Sampson, were married on Thursday last, at Hardy, Nebraska. Mr Combs is a brother of A J Combs of this city, and has many friends and relatives here who extend congratulations. The newly wedded couple will reside at Burchard, Nebraska, where Mr Combs is engaged in agricultural implement business. At Quincy, the other night, Bartholomew Widmaer went to put a cat down the cellar, missed his footing and fell into a cistern, sustaining fatal injuries.

Edward Graff of Chicago, a young man, 20 years of age, died at Rockford the other day as the result of having his feet frozen two weeks before while on his way from Winnebago to Rockford.

Miss Gracia M Black, daughter of Representative J C Black of Illinois, and Rev Frank B Vrooman of Worcester, Massachusetts, were married in Washington.

Obed news: **Benjamin Dow**, formerly of Flat Branch, but the past few years a resident of Pickaway Township, died at his home northeast on Thursday last. He has been ailing for several years and his death has been expected for some time. The funeral services were held at Little Flock on Saturday at 11 AM, conducted by Elder **L Corley**, and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery.

Sunday, being Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh's** 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday, his children and grandchildren planned to give him a surprise. All of his children save one were present.

Mrs Frank Stillmand departed this life on last Wednesday after a brief illness. She was buried on Thursday in Stonington. She leaves a husband and ten children and many friends to mourn her loss (Blue Mound news)

Mrs Bankson was called to the bedside of her mother in Decatur last week. Her mother has since died, and the funeral took place on Sunday (Blue Mound news)

Loami news: Mr and Mrs Wm VanDorn celebrated the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their marriage on Saturday in the presence of a large assembly of friends and relatives.

Miss Barbara McDivott and Mr William Fisher were married Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents. (Loami news)

Mrs **B A Allison** passed away quietly on 15 December 1893 in Prairieton. The funeral services were conducted by Rev **Midkiff**.

Pleasant Ridge news: Mrs Ben Allison died last Friday of typhoid fever, and the remains were interred in the Bilyeu cemetery.

A surprise party was given at John Evans' home near Obed, last Thursday, the occasion being Mrs Evan's 42<sup>nd</sup> birthday. It was considered by all quite an enjoyable affair. Those present were Mr and Mrs John Jackson, Mr and Mrs Noble, Mr and Mrs Marmon, Capt Cutler, Mr and Mrs Sims, Mrs Smith, Miss Florence Cutler, Misses Rosie Sims, Judie Lyons, Clara Marmon and Estal Sims.

Born to Mr and Mrs Alfred Ney, on Sunday, 17 December 1893, a girl.

Mr and Mrs Harvey Radford have a new little girl, born Sunday, 17 December 1893.

Mr and Mrs **Frank Hempel** have a new daughter born on Wednesday, 20 December 1893. Born to Mr and Mrs **James B Riley** on Friday, 15 December 1893, a girl.

# Thursday, 28 December 1893 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Yesterday, 27 December 1893, at 11:30 AM, James H Elsum breathed his last. He had been ailing for several weeks, but the condition was not considered serious. Friday last, he was taken quite sick and grew rapidly worse until on Tuesday night. Dr Chatsworth was called from Decatur into consultation Wednesday morning, and pronounced him dying. His death was painless, and seemed but a transition. He was a man greatly beloved by all who knew him and at the time of his death, occupied the responsible position of Village Clerk, secretary of the Odd Fellows, Knights of Honor, Order of Tonti, and Knights of Pythias lodges, which various offices he filled most competently and satisfactorily. At the time of his death, Mr Elsum was 64 years of age. The funeral services will be held from the Methodist Church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The golden wedding of Mr and Mrs **John Imboden**, residents of Decatur since 1855, each 76 years of age, celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary a few days ago.

Dr Charles K Sawyer died at his home in Jacksonville, aged 72; Joseph Franks, who lived 2 miles north of Jacksonville, died at the age of 98; Rev S G Miner of Bloomington, died, aged 85 years.

A double wedding took place at Bloomington the other morning. The parties were Ralph Barber and Miss Matilda Schneider and Julius Schuasten and Miss Ida Schneider. The brides are daughters of Chas C Schneider, cashier of the First National Bank of Normal.

There will be a lively contest over the will of the late **Honora Lorden** who died at Rockford recently at the age of 92. She bequeathed \$100 each to two grandsons, \$1 to her son **Michael**, and the balance of her estate to her grand-daughter, **Hannah Gorman**. The son thinks a single \$1 is too small share of the estate and will contest the will, alleging that his mother was mentally incapable of disposing of her property. The will was made 30 August 1892.

Mrs Brunetta Barklay died Sunday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs H J Conover near Loami. She was 85.

Santa brought a fine present to Mr and Mrs John Yantis in Obed – on 24 December 1893, a daughter.

Mr and Mrs **Jno Sims** of Obed were tendered a fine wedding anniversary and birthday dinner on Christmas Day.

Born to Mr and Mrs Walter McCray on 23 December 1893, a little girl.

Mrs Will Brooks, a sister of Oscar Frazee, died at Decatur on Sunday night. The remains were brought to Macon on Monday.

Miss Gertrude Adams, daughter of Richard Adams, is still alive, but very low. Her recovery seems hopeless at this time.

On Wednesday evening, at the residence of the bride's father, Walter Humphrey, occurred the marriage of his daughter, Miss Clara Humphrey to Elifolate Harper. Rev T M Griffith officiated. They will reside with Mr Harper until next spring.

Estate of James B Howse, deceased, late of County of Shelby, dated 14 Dec 1893.

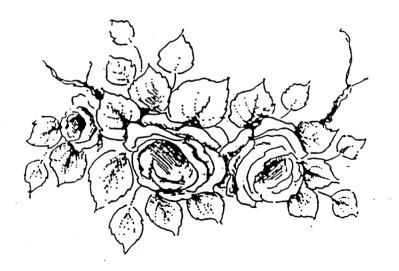
James T Kirkman received the sad intelligence of his mother's death, Mrs Maria Kirkman at Winchester, Illinois, last Tuesday. Charlie left to be present at the funeral last Tuesday night. Mrs Maria Kirkman, only sister, of J R Gorin of this city, died Christmas night at her home at Winchester, Scott County, Illinois, at the advanced age of

84 years. Mr Gorin will be unable to attend the funeral, owing to the illness of his wife. Mrs Kirkman leaves two daughters and a son, James Kirkman, who resides at Moweaqua, Illinois. Her husband died many years ago. Mr Gorin now has but one brother living, Gladden Gorin, nearly 80 years of age, who resides in Kansas. (Decatur Republican)

Last Tuesday, Squire Nathan Humphrey received a telegram announcing the death of his sister, Mrs Susan Sweezy at Lovington, Illinois. Mrs Sweezy was 76 years of age, and an estimable old lady, highly respected by all who knew her. Mrs Nathan Humphrey and Walter Humphrey left Wednesday morning to be present at the funeral.

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