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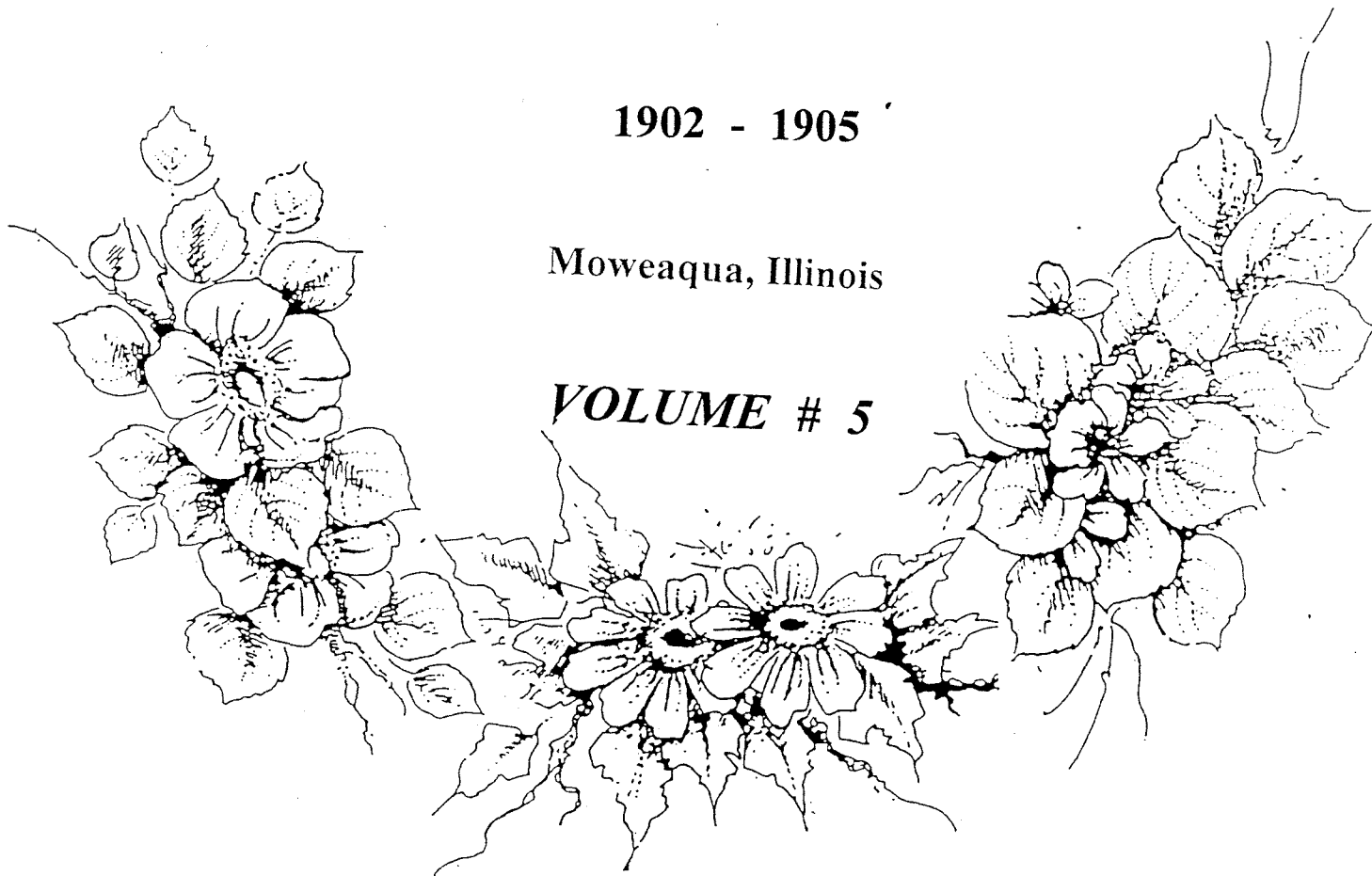
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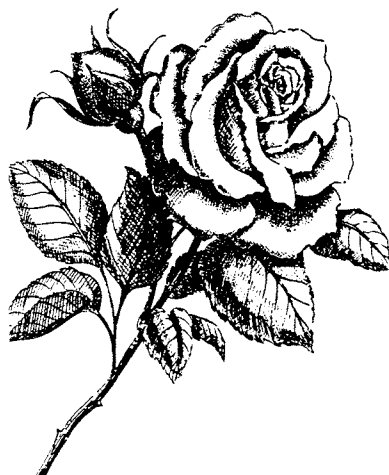
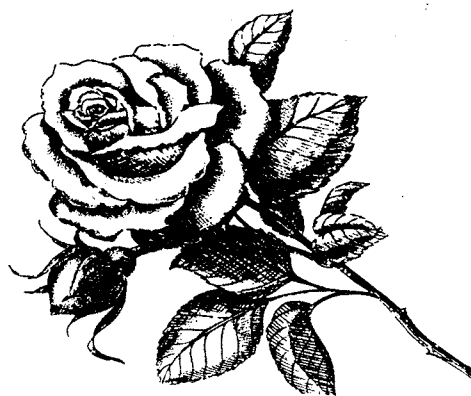
MOWEAQUA

1902 - 1905

Moweaqua, Illinois

*VOLUME # 5*







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- The \_\_\_\_\_ Family Tree -

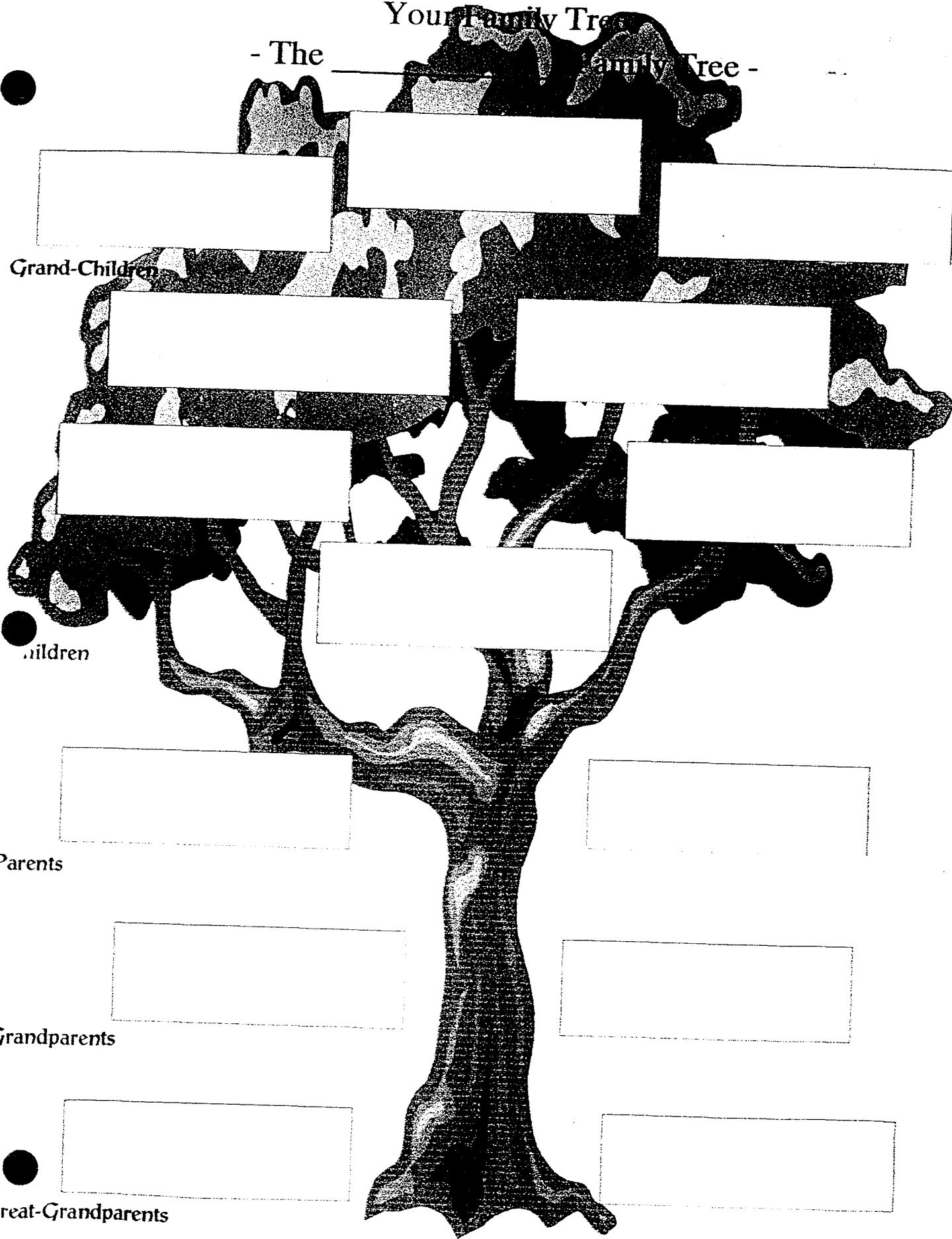
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# HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

*Moweaqua Call-Mail, Volume 5*

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## TO THE READER:

It is with great pleasure that I submit the next volume of '**Memories from Moweaqua. Volume 5**' consists of excerpts from the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* from 1902 through 1905. 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 in preserving the valuable, historical news contained in the fragile pages of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* was responsible for these extracts.

Due to the extremely fragile condition of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*, great care has been taken to extract data relating to births, marriages and deaths that were noted in the newspapers during this time. 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.

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

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

Sketches or photos of individuals have been extracted from the newspapers when found. Also included in this section are extracts of some of the local advertisers for each year as well as life styles, dress, shoes, wagons, farm equipment, washing machines, stoves, any item that I found that would aid in preserving the history of this era. These pages are not numbered or indexed.

b. Common Illnesses – Old Diseases – Modern Definitions:

Many tragic deaths were attributed to illnesses that have strange sounding names by today's standards, but which were very common during this time. Because of antibiotics and the great strides in medical advancements since this time, the cure for many of these then life-threatening diseases has been found. I have researched the most common illnesses mentioned and added a brief description to them for reference.

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

Often articles were copied from other local newspapers and included as part of the news in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* article. When this happened, I have shown reference by listing the applicable newspaper in ( ). For reference only, I have compiled a list of the most frequently quoted newspapers during this era. In some instances, these newspapers are no longer in existence. I have listed as much information as I could find

about a specific newspaper. I have listed them in alphabetical order on the 'newspaper list', and given current and historical information when known.

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

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

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

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

f. Extracts by specific year – *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

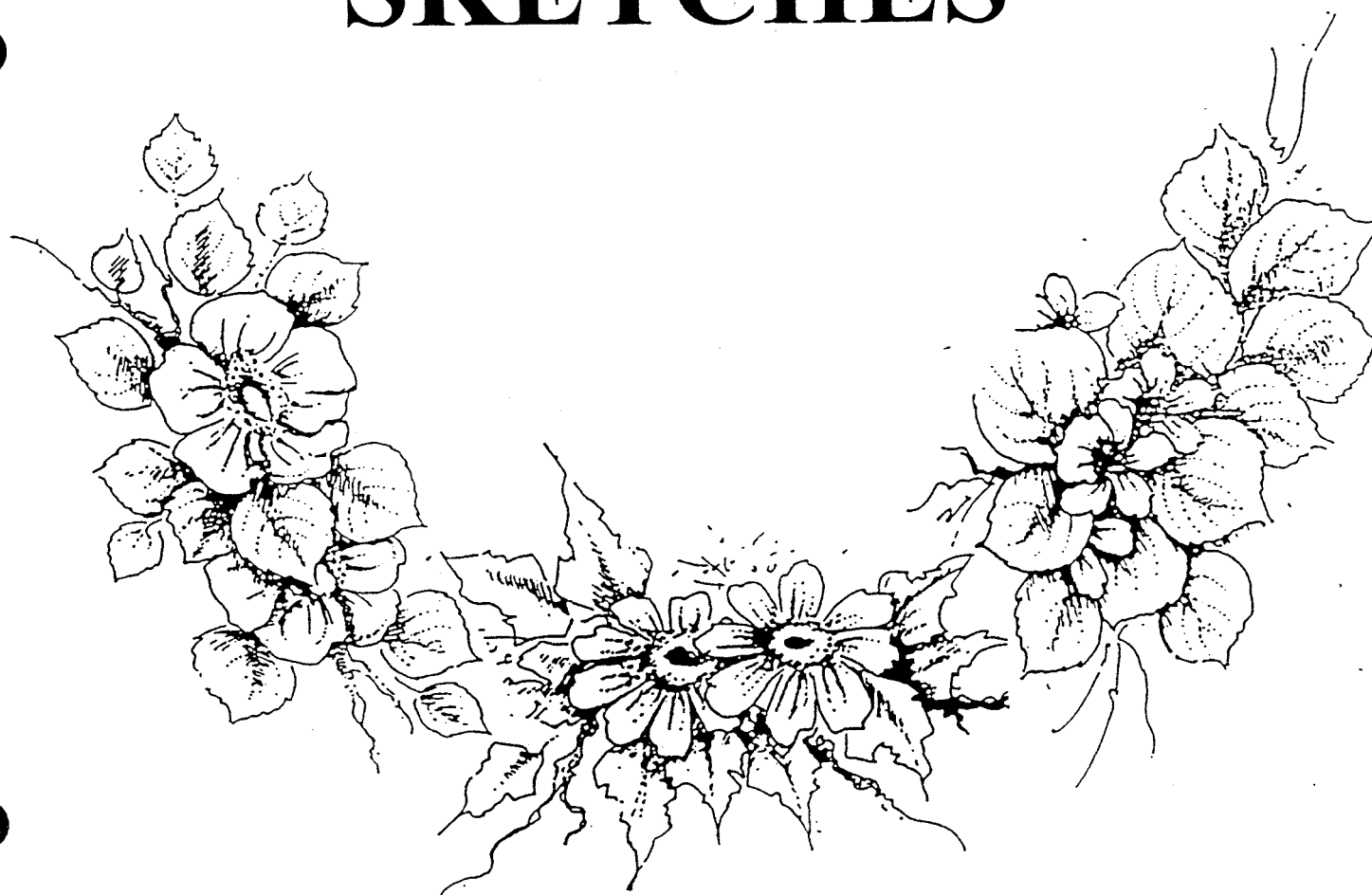
As with previous volumes, this volume includes exact calendars for each given year. The calendar may be found at the beginning of each specific year. This section contains the extracts of births, marriages, and deaths, as well as birthday celebrations, anniversary celebrations and family reunions. All entries are made in chronological order and a complete alphabetical index is found in the back of the book. For ease in using this book, I have cross-referenced any unusual spellings of names and highlighted the names in the text. Birthday celebrations and anniversary celebrations were included 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.

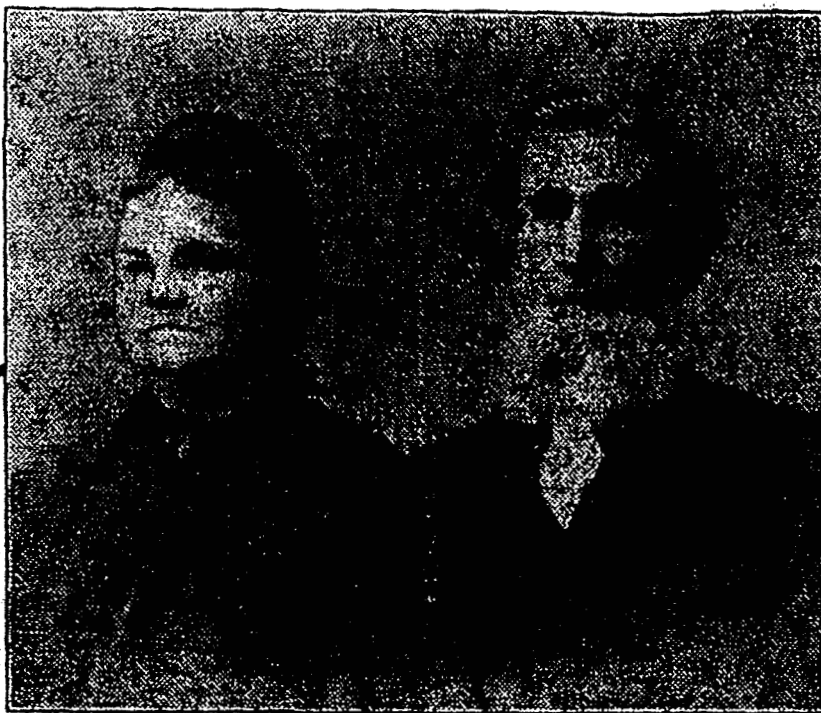
Please note that sometimes a woman's maiden name is available, as in the case of a marriage, and sometimes only her married name is given (as in the case of her death). When a woman is listed as 'Mrs. J D Doe', I could not tell if this pertained to her initials, or her husband's initials. Therefore, 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.

Interesting facts about *Memories from Moweaqua - Volume 5*: Volume 5 contains 234 pages of extracted material. That's an average of 58.5 pages of single spaced, typewritten material extracted from each year's newspaper. There are over 7,000 names of Moweaqua folks indexed and referenced! At this time, there are only 2 copies of this volume in existence as well as two computer diskettes containing the information found here. 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. Some of these volumes had pages missing or torn. There is some duplication of the extracts (i.e. A death notice may be listed on the front page and again in the township news (Obed, Prairie Home, Yantisville, etc)). I chose to leave duplicate articles in 'as found' rather than screen them and perhaps miss an article.



\* SKETCHES \*





### GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

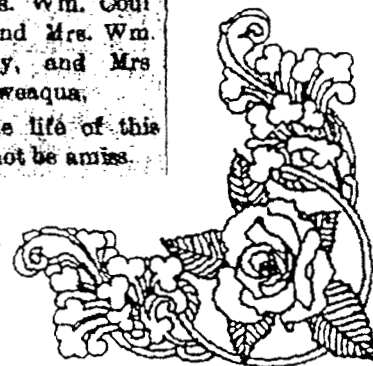
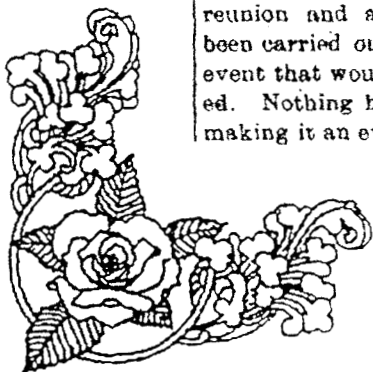
On Tuesday, October 26th, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Tankersley celebrated their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary, at their home three miles east of the city. Their eleven children, Douglas Tankersley, Mrs. Wm. Coultas, Mrs. Geo. Suppes, Mrs. Albert Andell, Wm. Tankersley, Mrs. Daniel Coultas, Mrs. Isiah Patrick, Leonard Tankersley, Lilly Tankersley, Warren Tankersley, and Vina Tankersley together with thirty grand children, all being present but three, and relatives and friends were present at this memorable gathering. The noon hour had been decided upon as the time for the family reunion and all arrangements had been carried out to make this an event that would long be remembered. Nothing had been forgotten in making it an event of merry making

received being a purse of \$55 in gold the gift of the children. The occasion was one that will be long remembered by all present. In the evening the young people were invited to spend a few hours with them and a very enjoyable time was had. Splendid refreshments being served.

Misses Dessie Coultas and Lilly Tankersley favored the guests with a number of vocal selections which were greatly enjoyed.

Those present from other places were: Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Coultas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Coultas and family, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Tankersley and family, and Mrs. Geo. Suppes, all of Moweaqua.

A short sketch of the life of this estimable couple will not be amiss.



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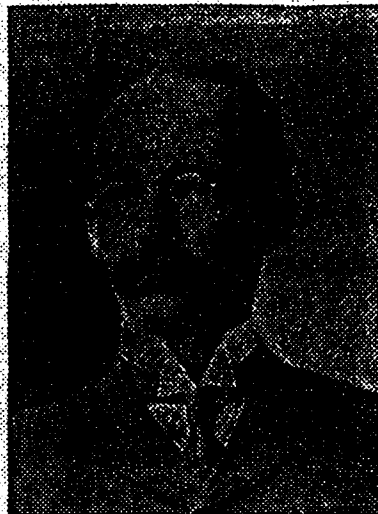
WILLIAM WHITWORTH.

OBITUARY.

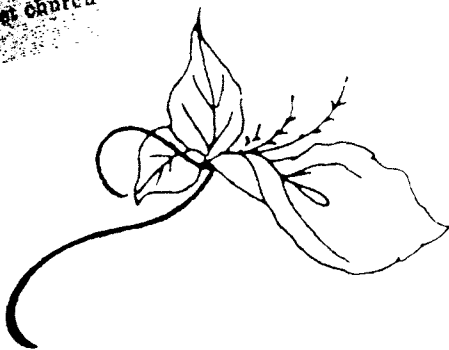
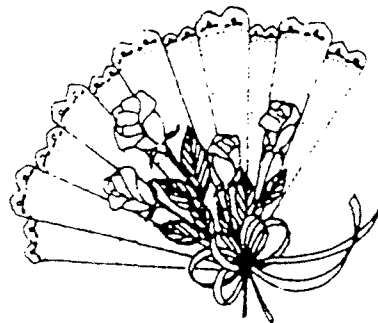
William Whitworth, the son of Abraham and Martha Whitworth was born in Perry county, Indiana, May 25, 1838. He died in his home Wednesday, December 7, 1904, after a few days of intense suffering. William was one of a family of eight children. He came from sturdy English ancestors, some of whom came to America in the early Colonial days. His father was a pioneer in Indiana.

William Whitworth came to Moweaqua Township, Illinois, in 1858. At the age of twenty he began work by the month and by industry and economy became a well to do farmer.

In 1861 Mr. Whitworth was married to Miss Sarah Lamb, who lived only four years. To this union was born Clara and Alice. In 1868 he was married to Miss Labeila Doyle. His wife, one daughter, Mrs. Alice Chance, and eleven grandchildren survive. Mrs. Landrum having passed away October 8, 1902. Mr. Whitworth was engaged in the newspaper business the last ten years of his life. He lived most of his life on the farm. He was converted by a sermon preached on the text—"The Master is risen and calleth for thee." He was a member of the Baptist church up till 1900.



REV. E. E. SHEETS.



As I promised to give you some of the views and incidents of the later part of my trip I take this opportunity to do so. The last two days we spent in the old country we were in Herefordshire, where the Hereford cattle originated, hence we may call it the originator of the best beef cattle in the world. The last night we spent at Liverpool, there we met a nephew of mine who took great interest in showing us the places of interest of that city which was quite a sight to us. The nephew I refer to is the tallest man I saw while away, he stands six feet six inches and is a fine looking fellow, he is a bachelor so we told him to come to America and we would get him a wife. We left Liverpool Saturday and was anchored at New York the following Friday so you see were not on the water long. If I ever cross again I would take the same route but I would take a slower vessel and I think I would have more pleasures on board. Probably three-fourths of all on board were American citizens that had been on a visit as I had, it was a great place to study human nature. I think all of Europe was represented on the ship except Spain, Russia and Italy. There were a great many intelligent Danes and Swedes and they were from about every state in the United States. When we landed in New York it was a great pleasure to meet Mr and Mrs. Porter's daughter and son-in-law of Mrs. Elsam's. We visited in New York with them and they showed us all the possible places of interest that we could visit in one day, even Grant's Monument and the Brooklyn bridge, then they took us to their home in Newark, New Jersey and there stayed until Tuesday morning. They have one of the most beautiful homes that I have ever visited in and certainly Mrs. Elsam has raised a daughter that knows how to have it taken care of. Mr. Porter is a royal entertainer and he left no stone unturned to make our stay a most pleasant one. They have but one child and that is a son and I think he is as nice a young man as I ever met. I invited him to Illinois to make us a visit and meet some of my nieces (I think I have as nice a lot of nieces as you will find and I told him I would like him to call me uncle.) From Newark we went to Norfolk, Va., where we arrived Tuesday night. This is a fine business city and I feel that any one cannot help but make a good investment anywhere there, the city is growing very fast and has a bright future before it. The worst drawback I see is that it needs a little more northern bustle but that will gradually come as they say the city has made more improvement the last five years than it did fifty years prior.

We spent twelve days in Virginia, part of the time with T. E. Hudson and family and the rest with Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. Where Mr. Hudson lives

is a beautiful sight on the river and they say the land is worth several thousand dollars per acre. John Walker lives about eight miles south of the city on a splendid road, you seldom look out but you see teams going or coming from the city so this helps to keep from getting lonesome.

I think that Mr. Walker's property is bound to be very valuable some time. In fact I think that is the most desirable property that I saw while there. There is a good house and barn on the farm. It is within two miles of a steamboat landing, railroad station, two schools, two churches and six stores. I am very much pleased with Mr. Walker's neighbors, they are Virginians and fine families and do all in their power to make the new comers content.

I went to see a couple of young Canadians there that had just dug four acres of sweet potatoes, they said they had them sold and they would not net one hundred dollars per acre. They tell me that Irish potatoes that are planted in February will make one hundred dollars per acre and plenty of other things there is plenty of money in. I can't see why they should not make plenty of money. I went to see one plantation of five thousand acres and if I am not mistaken they said they had two thousand acres of corn and it was as good a field of corn as I ever saw to be so much of it. After passing some distance north of Norfolk, and from there on to Portsmouth, Ohio, I think I saw the poorest country I ever saw in my life, but they say the oil and minerals there, have produced lots of wealth. I could not see any indications of such wealth from looking at the country and the people.

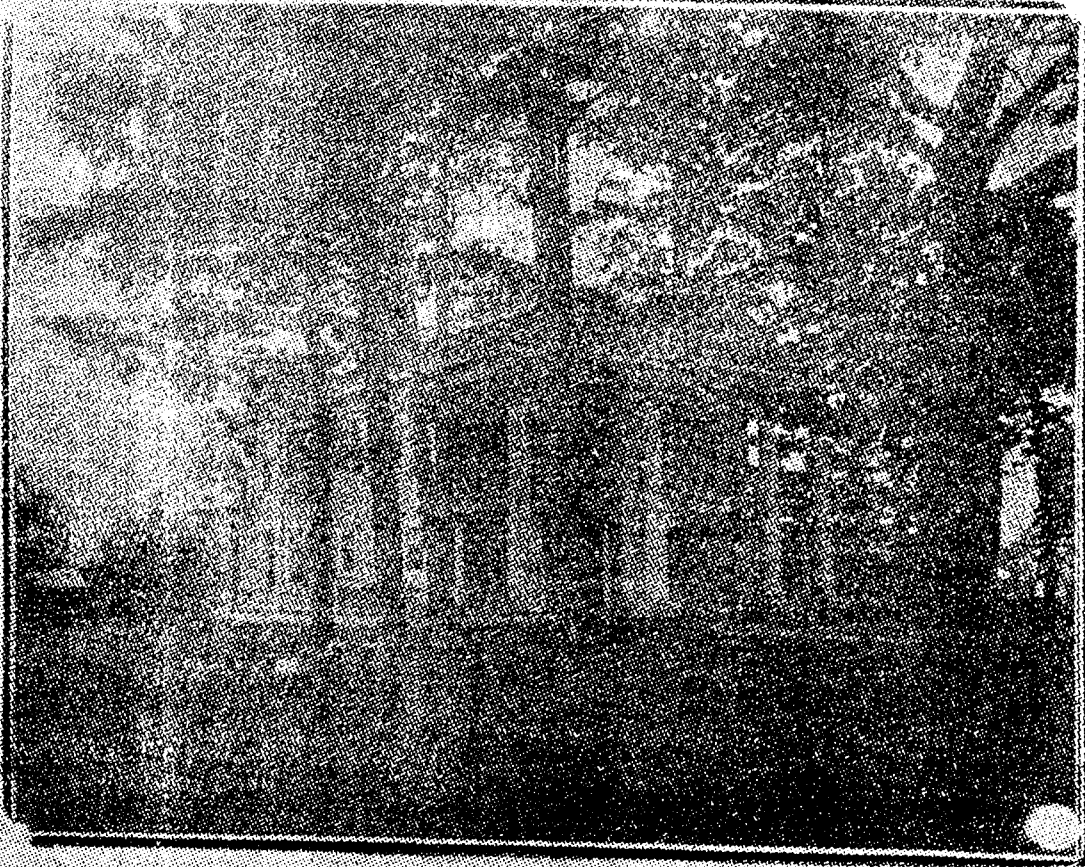
We got behind a wreck in Virginia one night, and were delayed twelve hours on the track. We ate everything in sight and wished for more. When we got to Portsmouth we were too late for dinner but the train waited while we got a little lunch so we went to a hotel the landlord said we were too late for dinner but they would prepare us a lunch which they did. I was astonished when I came to pay the bill to find it was only ten cents each. When the landlord gave me back the change from a five dollar I gave him, I ask him if he ever made a mistake, then he told me he aimed to give me back four dollars and eight cents. When we got home it was just five months since we left home and we never met a single person that did not try to add to our comfort and try to make us leave each place with a good impression in our minds.

It has been fifty four years since I came to this part of the country and every time I go away and come home, I think better of it then ever, and am also convinced that we live in the best agricultural country under the sun. The only thing I see where it could be bettered is to fix our roads and get the electric cars. Respectfully yours,

TOM C. PONTING.

Tom C. Ponting's Letter





(BY COURTESY GEOATUR REVIEW)

## THE WHEELER ADAMS RESIDENCE

Sold to be, by the Architect, the Finest in Macon or  
Christian Counties.

by furnace. It is lighted by electric  
the current being got from the  
in Moweaqua.

FINE JOB OF PAPERING.  
The house is more elegantly



W. C. Crews of Moweaqua, Ill.,  
has rented the barn on the fair  
grounds at Macon, Ill., where he  
will have in charge the great trot-  
ting bred stallion Colonel Young  
\$23 1-4. Also Tanner, a Percheron  
foal, who has made himself fam-  
ous as a sire. Mr. Crews will also  
break and train horses at the Macon  
fair grounds through the season of  
1906, commencing with March 1st.

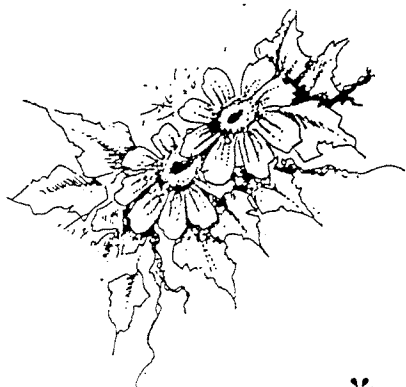
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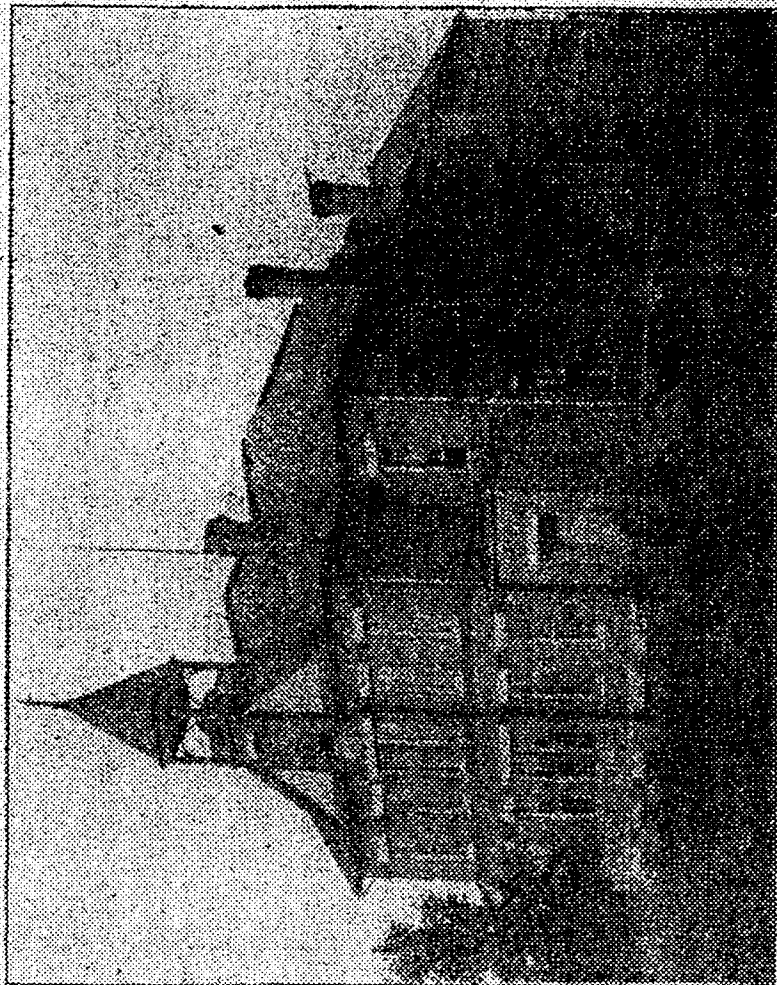
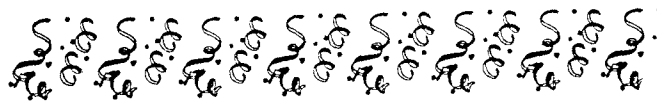
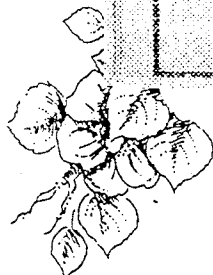
On the beautiful Sunday morning of July 16th the Almighty Scribe wrote "finis" to the long, eventful and most unique record—The pen was laid aside and the book closed, that contains the life facis of Henry Franklin Day. Just as the sun was mounting toward its zenith when



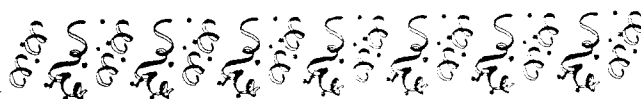
but a fourth of its journey was finished the tired and jaded spirit of Henry Day freed itself from the pain pierced body that held it captive and betook itself to the regions beyond. While Mr. Day's death was not unexpected by those who



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Moulanaqua Public School Has an Enrollment of Over 400 Students.





### A GOOD MAN GONE.

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

a, Illinois, Wednesday, July 5, 1905.

### MRS WM. WHITWORTH DEAD

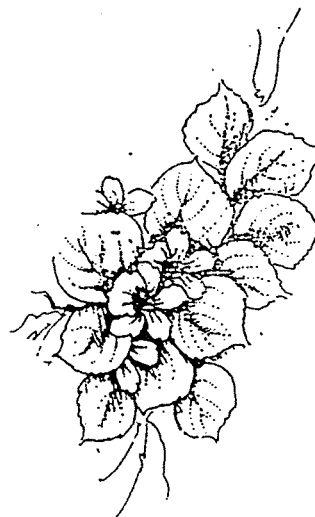
Former Editor of the Moweaqua Republican Over Which She Presided For About Ten Years.

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



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

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



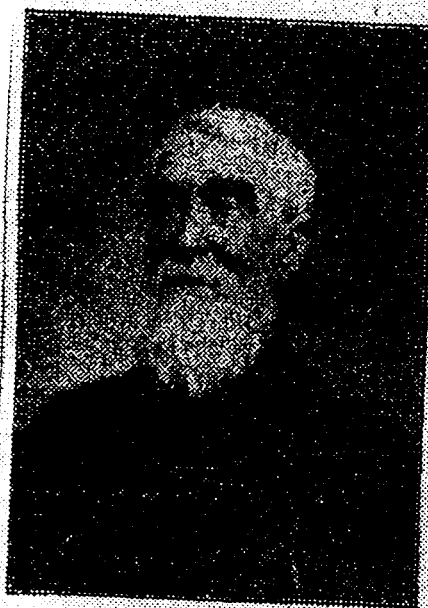
### DEATH OF REV EMIL BEAB

At One Time Pastor of Salem German M. E. Church, Southport, N. C.

Rev. E. Beab was born in Prussia, Prussia, February 11, 1841. He was married to Josephine Ludwig, March 1, 1861. He was pastor of Salem German M. E. church from 1881 to 1894. During that time he went to California on account of failing health.



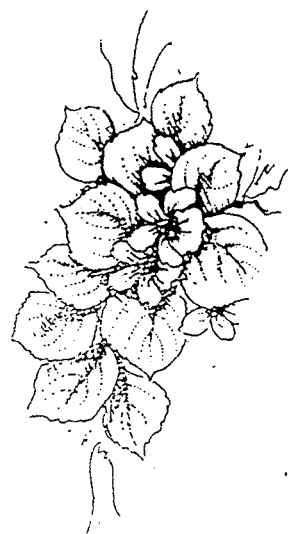
REV. EMIL BEAB



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

#### OBITUARY.

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



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# \$1 Starts a Savings Bank Account.

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## Commercial Bank

Of Moweaqua, Illinois, does a Regular Banking Business. Also has a regular . . . . .

### SAVINGS DEPARTMENT.



Manufactured by C. D. Burns & Co., New York City.

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### BY DEPOSITING \$1.00 WITH THE Commercial Bank, of Moweaqua, Illinois.

That institution loans to you one of these Home Savings Banks FREE, and issues you a Savings Bank Book with one dollar placed to your credit. You take it home and drop your coins or bills into it as you can spare them, and once every sixty days bring your bank and your bank book to the COMMERCIAL BANK, where it will be unlocked, the money counted in your presence, and the amount, whatever it may be, placed to your credit on the bank book, where it earns 3 PER CENT. INTEREST. The safe is then locked and handed back to you. Here is a chance to build character, to teach the child to save, to help the grown up to save, and show all how

### MONEY EARNS MONEY.

It is not what you earn, but what you save, that makes you independent. Call at Bank and get one of these Safes. One representative will call at your home and tell you all about it, and solicit your account.



# Quality and Cost

Are what are always considered by the purchasing public. Our line embraces

## ONLY THE BEST

at the very

## LOWEST COST

**MEATS:**  
Fresh  
and Salt.

The public patronage respectfully solicited on the above basis.

**GROCERIES:**  
Staple  
and Fancy.

### RICE & CLARK.

MOWEAQUA, ILLINOIS



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## R. E. ROBERTS & CO.

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Always on hand.

Ice Cream and Oysters in Season.

### Fresh Bread Daily.

The [nicest of] Fresh Cakes a Specialty.

Patronage of the Public Respectfully Solicited.

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# Majestic Cooking Exhibition!

We have arranged to have a man, direct from the Factory, to show our Friends and Patrons that

## The Great Majestic Range

will last longer, bake better and quicker, heat more water and do all of this in less time and with less fuel than any range made.

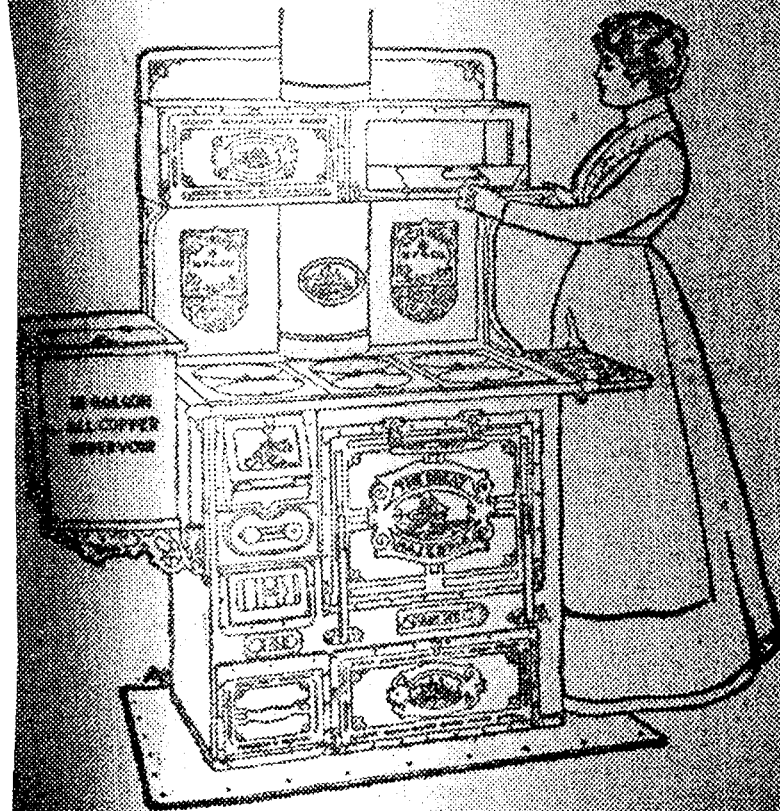
— BISCUITS BAKED IN THREE MINUTES —

and served with delicious coffee free to all who call. Be sure and come.

Handsome Set of Ware, 18 Pieces, Free

to all who buy a Majestic Range at this exhibit.

**S. M. ADAMS & SON.**



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# Special Prices

Until removal into the Odd Fellows new building, we propose to make prices that will largely

## Reduce Our Stock.

Never was a better opportunity offered than RIGHT NOW to secure Rare Bargains in Heavyweight Goods. To See is to Believe. Come and See,

**E. J. KILBORN.**

## You Want the Best?

Why, of course you do. Well I just want to remind you of our superior class of goods, the

## Quality is the Best

and the price the lowest. I can sell you a nice set of Decorated Dishes for only \$5.00

If you want to economize this year, trade with me.

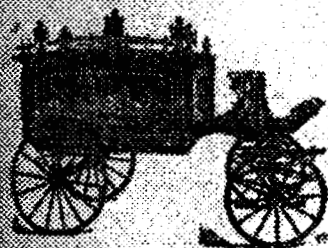
Yours truly,

**O. F. ATTEBERY**

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# R. M. STINE.

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## Undertaker

—AND—

## Funeral Director

BURIAL CASKETS, ROBES AND SLIPPERS,  
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We have purchased for the Spring Trade a full line of

## Hardware, Furniture, Cook Stoves, Steel Ranges

Wire Fencings of all kinds, Garden Tools, Screen Wire, Screen  
Doors, Window Frames, Bicycles and Bicycle Sundries.

All first-class goods at Lowest CASH Prices.



Bicycle repairing a Specialty.

## R. GREGORY & SONS



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P. H. Sample box to be seen at Adamson & Moll's.

## DR. RHODES, of Chicago.



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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 14.**

Office hours 9 a. m. to 8 p. m. Will return regularly every 28 days.

**FREE CONSULTATION** on all Chronic Diseases and weaknesses of long standing such as Weak Lungs, Bronchitis, Catarrh, Diabetes, Sick and Nervous Headaches, St. Vitus Dance, Rheumatism, Paralysis, Dropsy, Dyspepsia, Gall Stones and all Chronic diseases of the Heart, Lungs, Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bladder, Bowels, Skin, Blood and Nerves.

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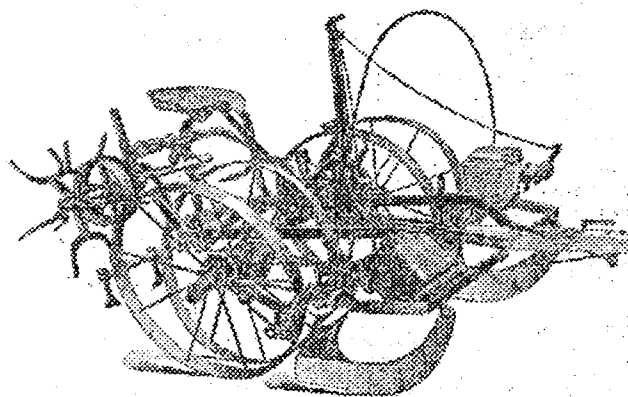
**GOITRE (Big Neck)** positively cured by a new and safe method, with no return. Young, old or middle aged suffering from Nervousness, General Debility, Loss or Falling Vitality, Varicocele, Spermatorrhoea, Atrophy or any nervous or sexual trouble resulting from indiscretion, overwork or from any cause whatever may be Cured Permanently.

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Remember the date Wednesday, May 14th, one day only. Referendum—Any bank or reliable business house in Chicago and throughout the State of Illinois.

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References:—Any bank or reliable business house in Chicago, and throughout the State of Illinois.



# WHEW!...

Guess I'd better go to KILBORN & AY-  
DELOTT'S and get me one of those

**Nobby Cool  
Flannel Suits**

and a STRAW HAT. They have nice  
Coats and Pants for from \$6 to \$20, and  
Straw Hats at all prices.

**KILBORN & AYDELOTT**

Odd Fellows New Building.

**R. E. ROBERTS & CO.**

Have opened a Spacious  
and Elegant

**Ice Cream  
Parlor.**

Ladies and children will receive prompt and  
courteous attention.

Everything neat, clean and strictly first-class. The  
patronage of the public is solicited.

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**ONLY THE BEST**  
at the very  
**LOWEST COST**

**MEATS:**  
Fresh  
and Salt.

The public patro-  
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solicited on the  
above basis.

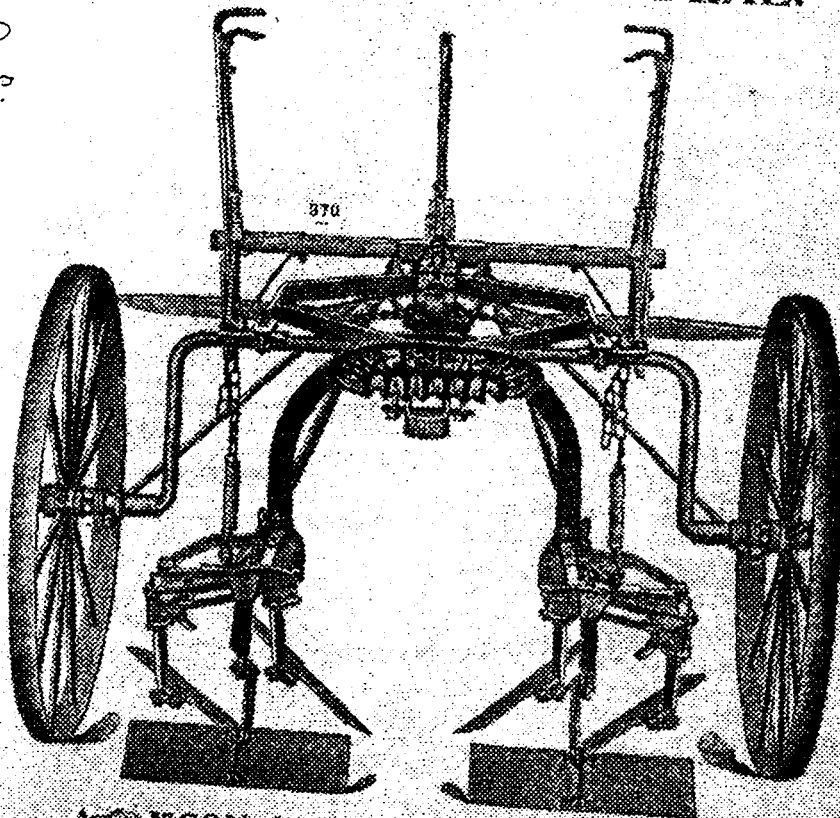
**GROCERIES**  
Staple  
and Fancy.

**RICE & CLARK.**

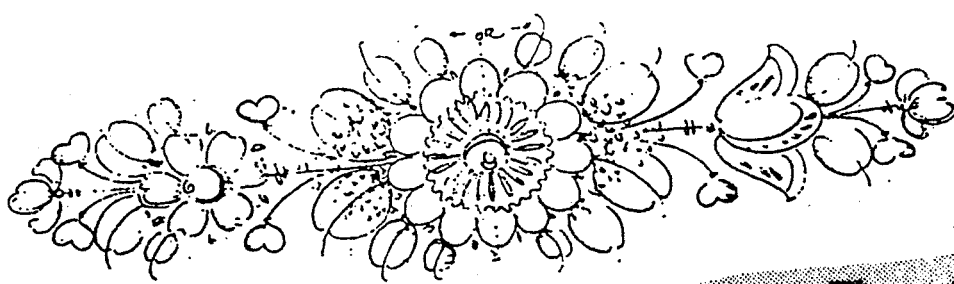
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**THE ROCK ISLAND "IDEAL."**



**JOHNSON & MOLL, Moweaqua, Illinois.**

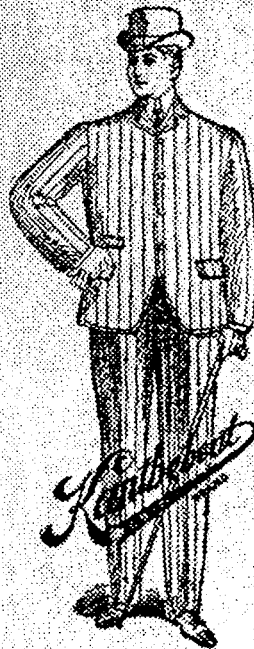


# weaqua Call-Mail.

Yours truly,

O. F. ATTEBERY

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## Our Great Stock of Men's Spring Suits.

The largest and best manufacturing tailors in America have contributed to making our line of Men's apparel for Spring the most original and exclusive in the city.

Every garment being tailored in clean, scientifically ventilated work-rooms. The styles are correct. The fabrics, which are absolutely all wool, include the newest and most fashionable weaves that will be seen this season.

A glance at our suits will immediately satisfy you that there is something distinctively better about them than the ordinary ready-to-wear.

With all these superior points, we don't ask a penny more—if as much as some stores.

Our prices begin at \$5.00

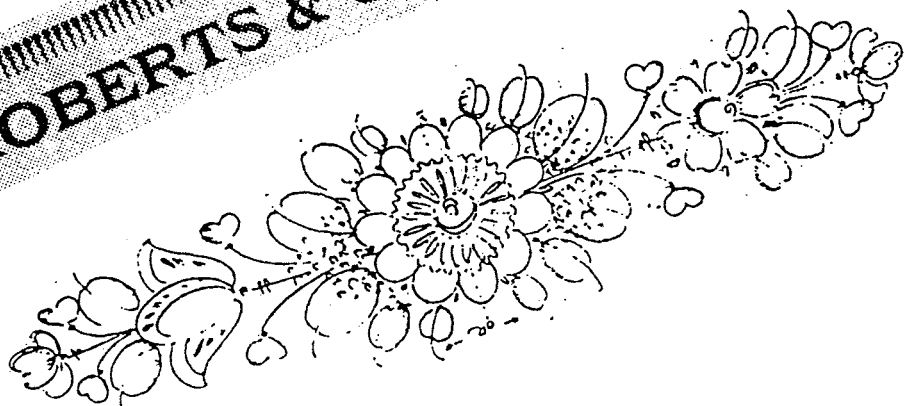
and end at \$20.00.

## KILBORN & AYDELOTT

Odd Fellows New Building.



R. E. ROBERTS & CO.



## Prices Always Right. Goods Guaranteed.

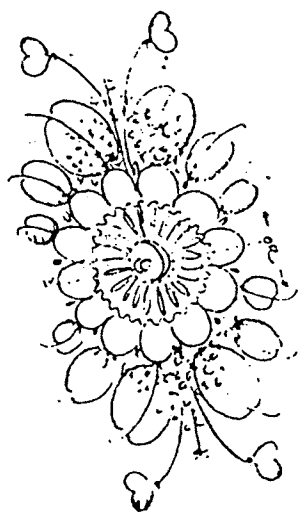
Our stock is at all times complete, and strictly up to date, consisting of Folding Beds, Bedroom Suits, Iron Beds, Combination Book Cases, Kitchen Cabinets, Morris, Willow and Upholstered Rockers, Parlor and Dining Chairs, Coat and Hat Racks, Mirrors, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Fine Hammer, Hammerless and Repeating

Shot Guns, Rifles, Hunting Coats, Leggings, Ammunition,

Superior Steel Ranges, and coal Cooks. A general line of Hardware and Tinware always on hand.

See Us For Lowest Cash Prices

### R. GREGORY & SONS.



\* 1903\*

## "The Best is None Too Good," is Our Motto.

WHEN we bought the Adler and Kuppenheimer lines of clothing we bought the best that money could buy. If you buy a suit of either of these makes, you need never fear or worry for they are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction. We have the very latest in broad-shouldered, military, four button sack and three button sack in the newest designs of worsteds, chevrets, cassimers, etc., etc. All we ask of you is that you look; the clothes are so nice, they sell themselves. We extend to you a cordial invitation to come in and look through the line; we like to show our goods.

### Kilborn & Aydelott.

 We can always save you money.



**WE ARE**



Still looking orders for future delivery on the Starling, Bement  
and Continental Cutaways.

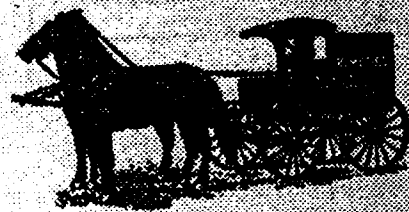
**Cassiday, Defiance & Rock Island**

and gang plows. Rock Island, Hayes and Peters planters.

our Farmers, get the best when buying.

**ADAMSON & MOLL.**

**We Are Coming!**



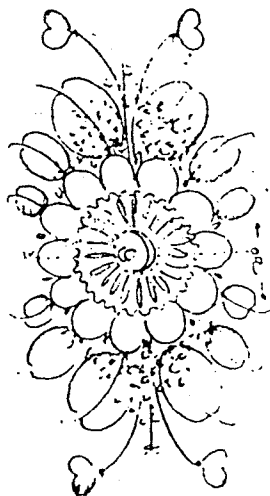
**The W. T. Rawleigh Med. Co.**

GET THE BEST.  
EVERYTHING GUARANTEED.

Rawleigh's Remedies,  
...Flavoring Extracts  
And Pure Ground Spices.

**S. T. DAVIS,**  
TOWER HILL, ILLINOIS.

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**LOOK HERE**

No hot air, but cold facts.

**FRIDAY**

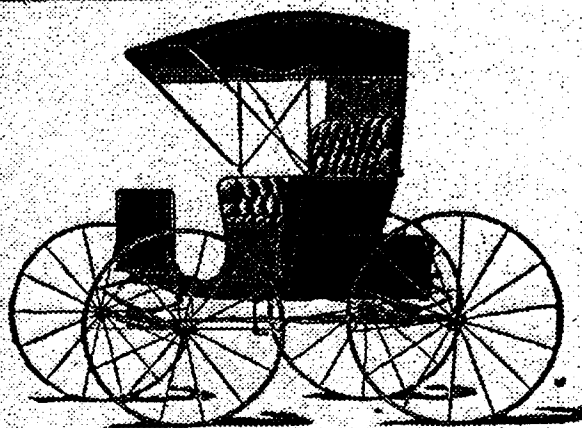
In our sale day. Our prices will sell our goods. Remnants  
that must be disposed of, regardless of cost.

Shoes, Dress Goods,  
Heavy Underwear, etc.

Don't fail to attend this sale, if you do, you are the  
loser. Yours to serve,

**J. G. CORRINGTON**

# THOSE FAMOUS



High-Grade Rubber-Tire Buggies.

CASSIDAY, DEFIANCE and ROCK ISLAND SULKIES

and gang plows. Tower surface, Davis and  
Bully Boy riding cultivators.

Farmers, get the best when buying.

'Phone No. 98.

**ADAMSON & MOLL.**



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Richardson's Embroidery Sinks

in all shades

Stamped Pillow Tops.

We have a line of Samples for Ladies Tailor  
Made Suits. Would like to have you call and  
inspect if you want something nice. FITS  
GUARANTEED.

Our stock of Dry Goods, Shoes and Groceries is complete.  
Yours to serve,

**J. G. CORRINGTON**

**Our Lines and their Qualities**  
With a word as to prices

WHAT WE HAVE

**R**

OUND OAK, Majestic, Norman and Moore steel ranges.  
Round Oak, Garland, Central, Home and several  
other makes of cooks and ranges. Builder's Hard-  
ware, Garden Tools of all kinds. Porter and Myers  
Hay Carriers and all kinds of haying tools. Screen Doors and  
Windows, Pumps and all sorts of Wooden Ware, Fancy China  
Queensware, Bedroom Suits, Book Cases, Iron Beds, Couches,  
Rockers, and a very complete line of Furniture. Our prices  
are right, too. Come and see us.

**S. M. Adams & Son**



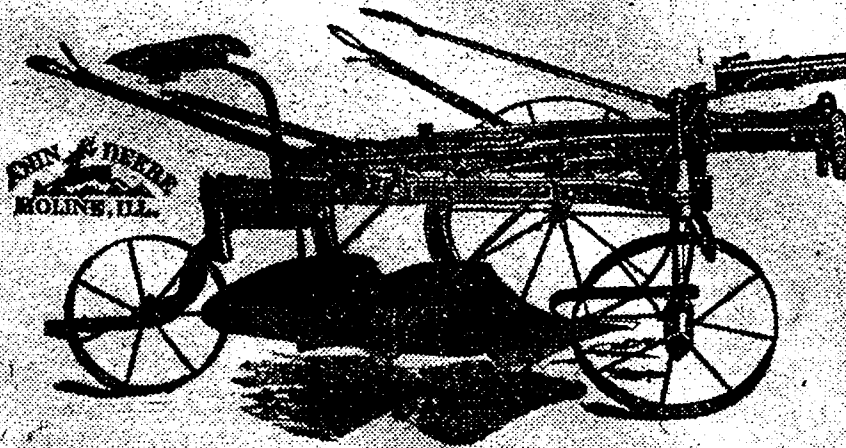
# HENRY F. DAY

CARRIES A FULL LINE OF

## Agricultural Implements

With all the latest improvements. Strictly Up-to-Date Goods. Full and complete line of the Celebrated

## John Deere Plows.



### Deere and Morgan Spading Harrows.

Deere Surface Riding Cultivators.  
Deere, Boyd, Bradley and Daisy Planters.  
Spring Tooth and Hammock Cultivators.  
Three kinds of steel Reversible Harrows.

John Deere Sulkey and Gang Plows.  
Single and Double Row Stalk Cutters.  
Bradley Walking Plows.  
Last but not least the Celebrated

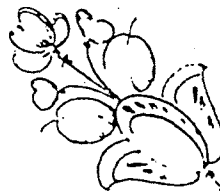
### Brown and Bettendorf Wagons

Unquestionably the Best. Call and get prices before buying.

127 PHONE NO. 82.



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### MISS LESLIE HYDE

OSTEOPATH

Will be at the residence of  
Mrs. D. F. Keller Wednes-  
days and Saturdays of each  
week.

Consultation and Examination Free.



## A Back View

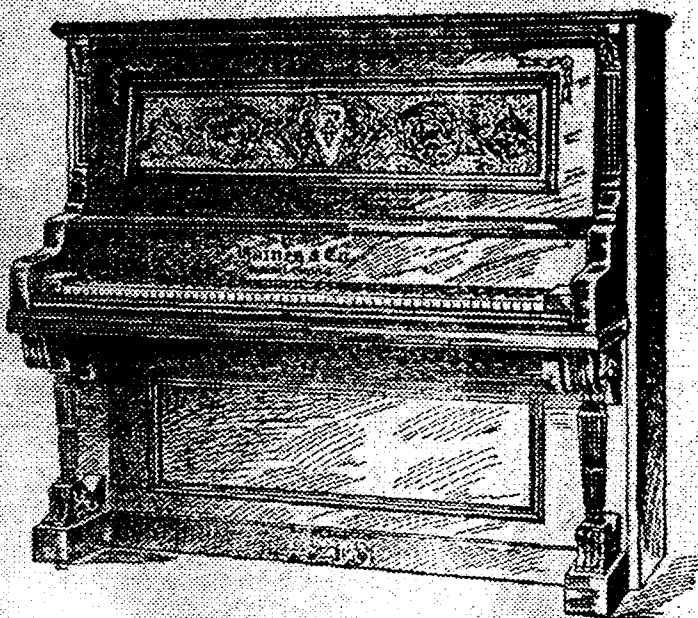
of Kuppenheimer and Adler clothes presents just as good a picture to the buyer as does a front view. Their linings, padding, etc. are just as good as the outside. Some firms show you a pretty piece of goods on the outside, but the linings and trimmings are very shoddy.

Kuppenheimer and Adler clothes are built to wear and hold their shape, and they do it. We only ask that you come in and look; the goods speak for themselves.

# KILBORN SELLS 'EM!

\* 1903 \*

CLEARING SALE  
**Pianos, Organs**  
**Sewing Machines**



We have on hand about 50 instruments which will be sold at Bargain Prices—terms that will suit any customer. We sell on the installment plan—payments by the week, month, quarter or year. Will take in old instrument as part payment on new one, also will trade for horses of all kinds, drivers preferred.

**PIANOS**

From \$175 to \$500

PIANOS AND ORGANS TO RENT. A full and complete line of Mandolins, Guitars, Violins and Banjos. Book and Sheet Music. Call and see us when in town.

**Wallace Music House**

ODELL PHONE NO. 33.

Assumption, Ill.

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**THE WISE MAN'S WAY**  
 From St. Louis to the fertile  
 agricultural districts of  
**OKLAHOMA AND INDIAN TERRITORY**

**FRISCO**  
 SYSTEM

Reduced rates, both Single and Round Trip—  
 on the first and third Tuesdays of each month.  
 Descriptive literature furnished upon application  
 to  
**PASSENGER TRAFFIC DEPARTMENT,**  
 Frisco System, St. Louis.

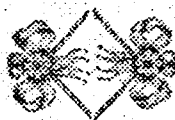


## What is the Use

Of waiting for cold weather before  
 you buy your heating stove. Beck-  
 with's genuine Round Oaks  
 are here on the floor in new and  
 splendid dress waiting to be set  
 up and fired ready for business  
 when the first cold snap comes  
 roaring along.

Call in now; we can give your  
 wants careful attention.

We also have cheap Oaks and  
 wood stoves.



**S. M. Adams  
 & Son.**



ESTABLISHED 1874.

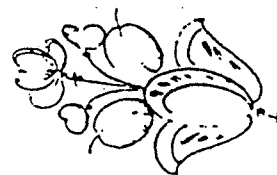
## A Convenience!

A checking-ac-  
 count with a  
 bank is a great  
 convenience;  
 not only to the  
 business and  
 professional man,  
 but to the farmer as well. More people would keep  
 such accounts if they knew just how to go about it. We gladly assist  
 those who need help in getting started.

**V. SNYDER & CO., Bankers, Mowerqua, Ill.**

V. SNYDER, Jr. KARL E. SNYDER. RALPH W. SNYDER.

**Kilborn & Aydelott.**



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# A NEW DEAL

At the Old Stand.

SEE OUR SPLENDID STOCK OF

## Dry Goods, Notions, Shoes

I make a specialty of the  
Best Grades of

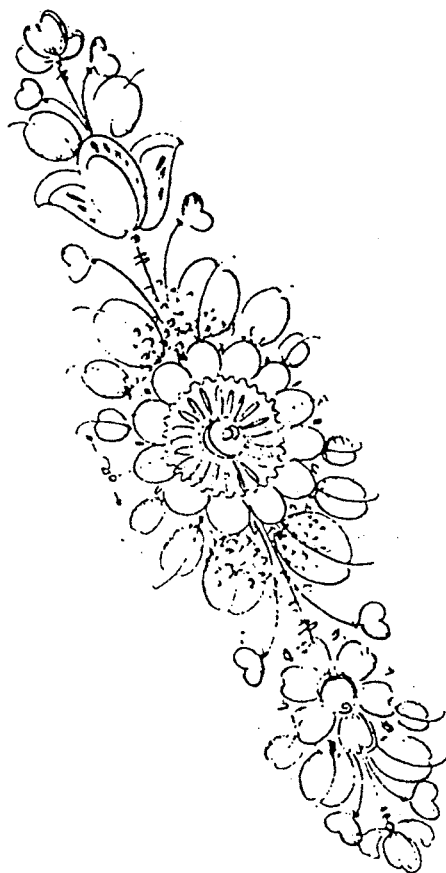
### FLOUR.

OUR PRICES ALWAYS RIGHT.

### GROCERIES!

Always Fresh, Clean and  
Good.

## J. G. CORRINGTON



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# ON THE BOOM!

Our January trade these few days has broken all records.

Our Customers all express themselves as greatly pleased with our goods and prices.

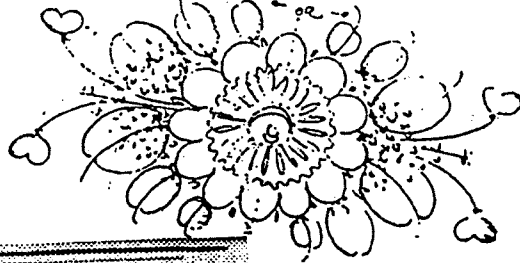
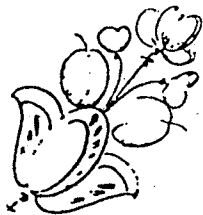
## Are You One Of Our Customers?

If not, why not?

Come in and see our elegant line of Overcoats, Suits, Pants, Caps, Hats, Shirts, Ties, Overalls, Shoes, Rubbers, Felts, etc. All good and reasonable in price.

## KILBORN & AYDELOTT





# Lest You Forget

Overcoats are getting very ripe.  
You are liable to need one most  
any time now. We have a splen-  
did stock of the celebrated . . .

**David Adler & Sons' Overcoats**  
AT VERY REASONABLE PRICES.

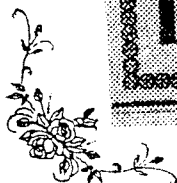
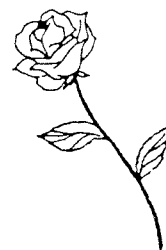


Our Boys' department is very  
strong. We just received this  
week a new shipment of suits.  
Satisfaction guaranteed.

We have them in  
the real long, the  
medium and the  
short ones, in all  
the popular shades  
and goods. The  
prices are just  
right. . . .

## Kilborn & Aydelott.

**J. G. CORRINGTON**





All the above Horses and Jack will make the season of 1903 at L. C. Winchel's Barn in Moweaqua, Illinois.

Service Fees—Lafayette \$22.80, \$15.00; Hampton, Jr., \$12.00, \$13.00; Star Wellington, \$10.00; Freimaurer 1213, \$15.00; Silver Crown, Jr., \$8.00.

Care will be taken to prevent accidents, but will not be responsible should any occur. All colts stand good for service fees until paid. Service to insure colts to stand up and such money due when met in known or more parted with, no longer leaves the country.

The public in general are cordially invited to call and inspect these horses. All of these animals have proven themselves to be No. 1 breeders. A complete pedigree of each animal may be seen at my barn.

**L. C. WINCHEL.**



# Lava Soap

THE WONDERFUL CLEANSER.

For Toilet and Bath.

LAVA SOAP combines the distinctive merits of the most desirable and bath soaps, with the special cleaning qualities needed by Mill Workers, Mechanics, Painters, Printers, and others whose work deeply ingrains dirt in the skin of the hands and face. It cleanses very quickly and thoroughly and leaves the skin soft and comfortable.

5 and 10c Cakes

Give it a trial. For sale by all dealers.

This is the Time of Year to Begin Taking

# ..ICE..

We can give you the best service and you can be sure you can get good ice all season. We have the only NORTHERN LAKE ICE in the city and we will be able to furnish ice to all parts of the city on short notice. Leave your orders at once.

## W. H. MOLL

Phone No. 94

ICE! ICE! ICE!

We are now prepared to deliver ice promptly. Pure Northern Lake Ice constantly on hand. Also home packed ice for refrigerator purposes. Contracts made for the season at reasonable prices. Call telephone No. 102.

Moweaqua Ice Company,  
J. N. THOMAS, Manager.

SWEET'S

# Heal - All

LOTION

A Safe and Positive Cure For

## Ivy Poisoning

And a Safe Antidote for PRICKLY HEAT

This preparation contains none of the poisonous metallic remedies usually prescribed, but is purely vegetable.

Price, 25c, 50c and \$1.00 per bottle.

Manufactured only by

# ORSON SWEET

And for sale by Frats & Rice, Druggists.

## Dr. A. D. Kyner,

Resident Dentist,

Patents extracting, using Hard's 20th Century Inlaying.  
All kinds of Crowns and Bridge work. Metal and Rubber Plates.

Office over

## Combs' Restaurant.

Office hours, 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1 to 5 p. m.

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## Farmers' Business

We give particular attention  
to the business of farmers.  
We cordially invite them to  
make this their banking home

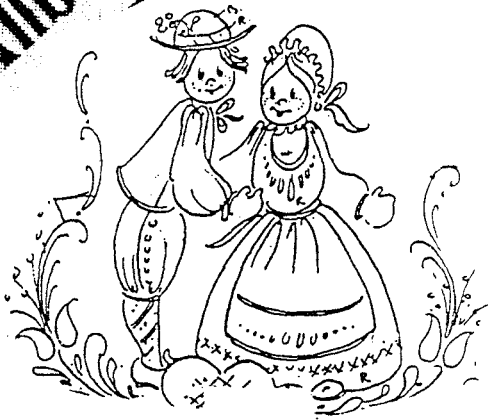


Established 1874

**V. SNYDER & CO.,**  
**Bankers.**

V. Snyder, Jr. Karl K. Snyder  
Ralph W. Snyder.

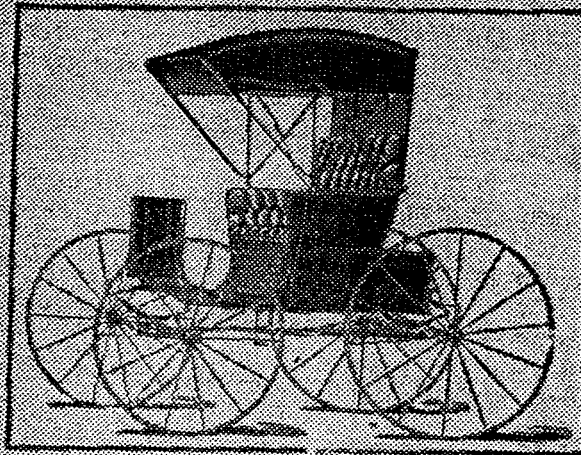
**Kilborn & Aydelott.**



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# QUALITY

COUNTS WITH US



¶ This is campaign year, and there  
will be much driving. Get one of  
these up-to-date vehicles of ours.

¶ We lead in paint, oil, hardware,  
screen doors, lawn swings, wire of  
all kinds.

## ADAMSON & MOLL

# MAXEY'S GREAT SLAUGHTER SALE CONTINUES

To draw immense crowds. The sales for the first week have exceeded our expectations by at least Five Hundred Dollars, and yet we are not satisfied. We want to increase it this week, and to accomplish this we have concluded to offer still greater inducements. These startling reductions extend to every department, but owing to limited space we quote only a few prices.

## Groceries...

Granulated Sugar, 21 lbs. for \$1.00  
Lux Soap, 8 bars for 25c  
Elephant Corn, 3 cans for 25c  
Standard Tomatoes, 3 cans for 25c  
Butcher's Lard, 8c per pound  
Good Bacon, 10c per pound

## Rubber...

Men's Extra Heavy Arctics, reduced from 1.50 to 1.20  
Men's 1 buckle Combination Felt, reduced from 2.75 to 2.00  
Men's 2 buckle Combination Felt, reduced from 3.00 to 2.50  
Women's Sandals, reduced from 50c to 35c  
Women's 2-buckle Arctics, reduced from 1.50 to 1.20  
Misses' 2-buckle Arctics, reduced from 1.40 to 1.00

All other Rubber reduced in proportion.

## Gloves...

Heavy Calf Skin Mitten, reduced from 75c to 45c  
Wind and Water Proof Mittens, reduced from 65c to 40c  
Fur Bark Mittens, reduced from 75c to 60c  
Heavy Lined Calf Skin Gloves, reduced from 1.00 to 75c  
Asbestos Horse Hide Gloves, reduced from 1.00 to 70c  
Heavy Horse Hide Gloves, reduced from 75c to 45c  
Heavy Buckskin Gloves, reduced from 1.00 to 75c  
Boy's Cat Skin Gloves, reduced from 75c to 40c.

Largest line of gloves ever carried in Mowqua. All reduced in proportion.

## Hats and Caps...

This line is unusually full and must be sold regardless of cost.

## Boots and Shoes...

The prices we are making in this department cannot fail to interest you. Come and see.

# B. M. MAXEY & COMPANY



# W. I. BROOKSHIER

(At Chapman's Old Stand)

Dealer in

Fresh, Salt  
and Smoked

# MEATS

Goods Delivered to Any Part  
of City, Free of Charge

We kill our own meat, and guarantee satisfaction.  
Come in and get acquainted: we'll treat  
you right.





# Putting Heads Together

on the meat question will bring about good results. We can learn what kind of meat you prefer, how you like it cut and how trimmed. It will enable us to serve you better.

## Meat of the Finest Grade

is received and allowed to hang just the right time. It is of delicious flavor and as tender as meat can be.

## Roasts, Steaks and Chops

are not the only things that are good. We have excellent stew meat and balls.

# VERTON H. CUTLER



# Say, Boys!

Our spring suit samples are in, and they are the nobbiest ever. Of course, it's early to buy, just yet, but you'd better come in and look. Get a line on what you want. Don't hesitate to come and look, even if you don't want to buy. They're so pretty we like to show them.

## KILBORN & AYDELOTT.

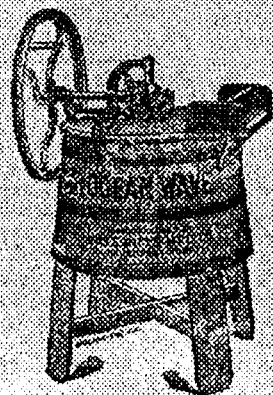


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# H. F. DAY

SELLS THE

## Ocean Wave Washer



Best on Earth for the Money.

## Agricultural Implements

CONSISTING OF

Walking Plows, Bulky Plows, Gang Plows, Round Discs, Outaway Discs, Spading Harrows, 2- and 3-section Harrows, Old Crushers, Agitator and Force Feed Seeders with grass seed attachment, Surface Cultivators, New Elk Cultivators, Deere Riding Cultivators, the New Deere No. 8 Edge Drop Corn Planters.

These implements may be seen at any time at our store. Please call and inspect the "Deere" line before making your purchases.

### H. F. DAY

# W. L. Morris

DEALER IN

## Yellow and White Pine Lumber

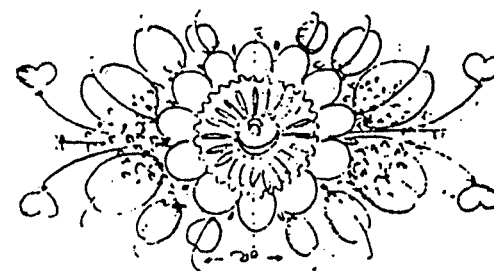
Sash and Doors.

## Red and White Cedar Shingles and Posts,

FOUNDATION ROCK, ETC.

LET US FIGURE ON YOUR LUMBER BILL.

Location: Wall Street, opposite Redman & Son's elevator.





WE HAVE ADDED A CHOICE STOCK OF

# Staple Groceries

FLOUR, SUGAR,  
COFFEE, ETC.

Our Bakery still Produces

## THE FINEST OF BREAD

Our stock was never more  
complete than it is today

L. A. COMBS & CO.



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# R. Gregory & Sons

Carry a Complete Line of Superior

## HIGH - GRADE FURNITURE

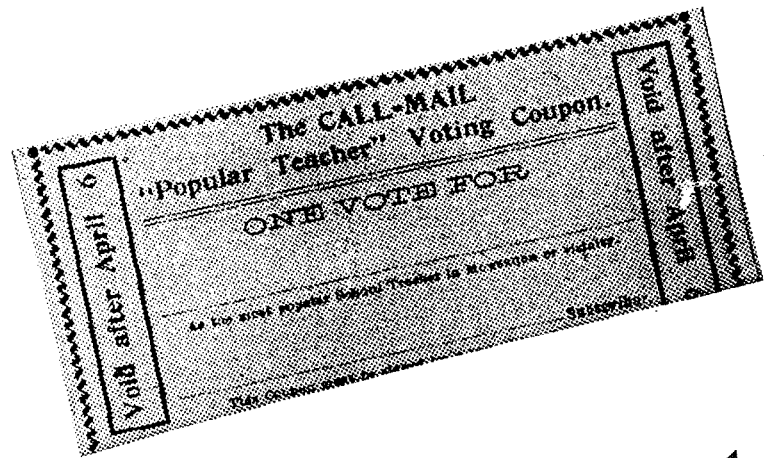
for WINTER and SPRING Trade

We solicit an inspection of these  
goods. The assortment and variety  
is complete, and the prices will sure-  
ly please you.

## R. Gregory & Sons

### Regarding the Age of Eggs.

An eastern farm paper recently published a lengthy article on how to tell the age of eggs. While the article is very interesting and the information it contains is no doubt accurate and reliable, we are of the opinion that the farmer who makes the most money out of eggs it is not very material. The only good egg is the fresh one, and the way to make the most money out of the sale of eggs is to get them into the hands of the consumer as soon as it can be done after they are laid. Guaranteed strictly fresh eggs always find ready sale, and generally at a premium any time of year.



... will know you how to bake "just such biscuits as mother used to make" with only one half the fuel now being used.

**Commencing Sept. 26, for One Week**

**Three-minute Biscuits  
and Delicious Coffee served every day FREE**

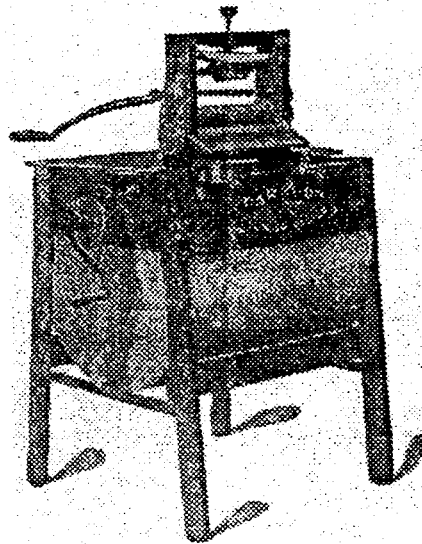
A salesman from the factory will be here to demonstrate its superior qualities.

**Free** To every purchaser of "The Malleable" Range this week only we will give absolutely **FREE** a \$7.50 set of Cooking Utensils **Free**

**BROOKS & SILVER**



WE ARE AGENTS FOR THE



**PARAGON  
WASHER**

**Best on Earth.**

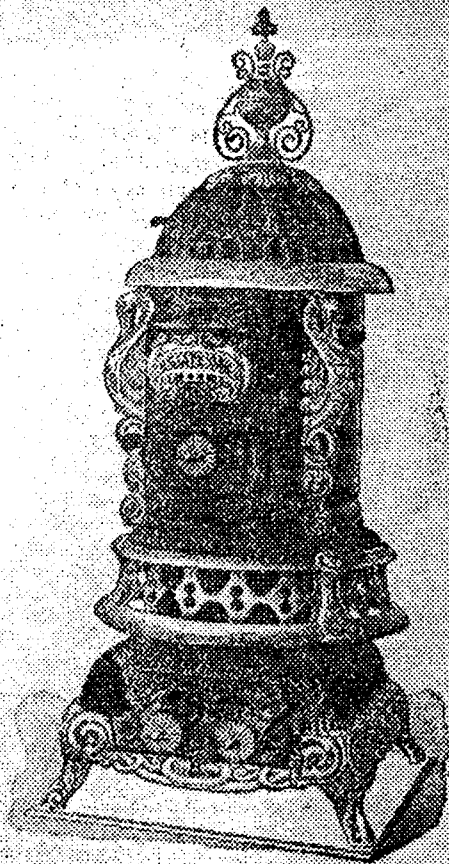
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**BROOKS & SILVER.**

# ESTATE OAK HEATERS

## CEMENT PALACE RANGES

Best  
Stoves  
Sold



Best  
Satis-  
faction  
Guaran-  
teed

These Estate Oaks need no introduction. Will keep fire 70 hours  
We have half a car of them. See them quick.

# ADAMSON & MILLER



# WHITE LILY WASHER

BEST  
ON  
EARTH



COME  
AND  
SEE

FOR SALE BY

# ADAMSON & MOLL

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ALBORN & AYDELOTT

# THE CANDLE IS BURNING!

How Long Will  
It Burn?

The 7 foot candle in our front window  
has been burning since Monday, Jan. 18.  
This candle will be burned awhile each day  
until entirely consumed.

To the person guessing nearest the  
actual total number of hours and minutes  
the candle burns, we will give a handsome

**Bartlett Drop-Head  
Sewing Machine, Value \$28  
FREE!**

To the person guessing next nearest  
the actual total number of hours and  
minutes required to consume the candle,  
will be given a

**Kitchen Cabinet  
Value \$7, FREE!**

In case of a tie, lots will be drawn.

## CONDITIONS

Every cash purchase to the amount of  
ONE DOLLAR will be entitled to one  
guess. One guess goes with each one dol-  
lar spent. These are the only conditions.

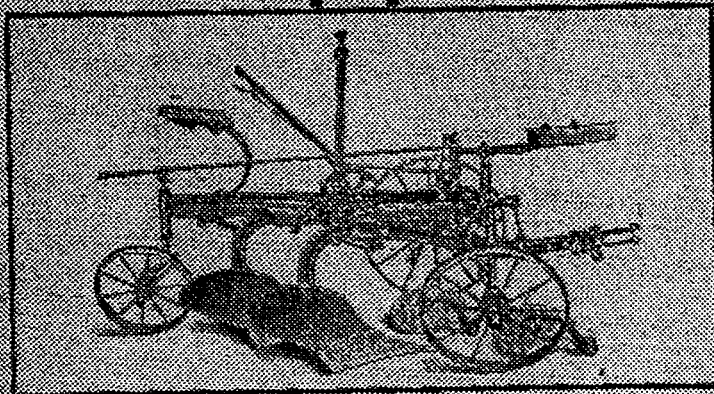
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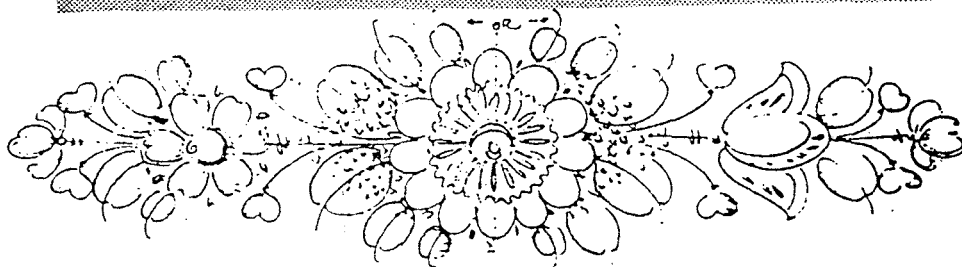
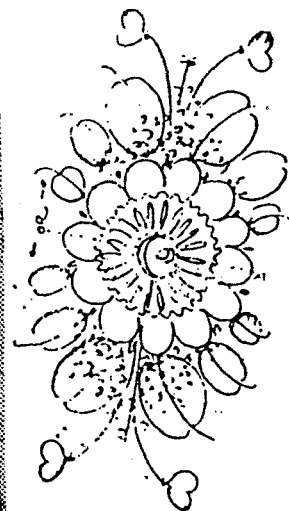


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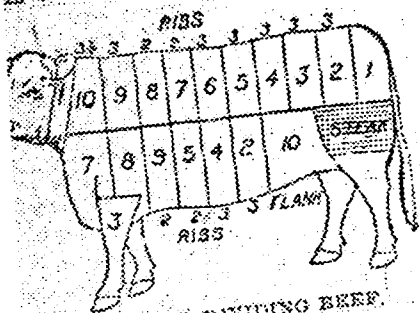


CHART FOR DIVIDING BEEF.

adapted to a given number of members  
is not the best for a ring comprising a  
different number. In a recent issue of  
the Farmers' Advocate, Canada, Mr.  
Charles Gross presented the following  
chart for a ring of 30 members:

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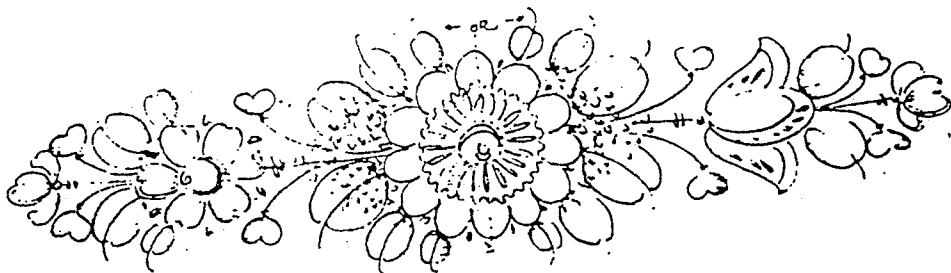
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thousand dollars  
worth of boy's, chil-  
dren's and young  
men's clothes for you  
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largest and best cloth-  
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world is sending us  
an immense line for  
that day, and you  
will have the best of  
their whole line to  
select from. ¶ Don't  
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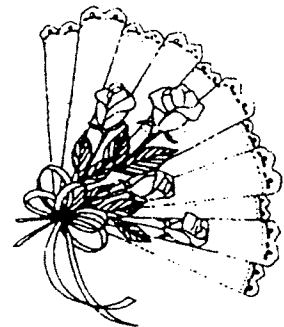
# THREE BRIDAL TOILETTES

Gowns for Bride, Bridesmaids and Matron of Honor  
Described in Detail.



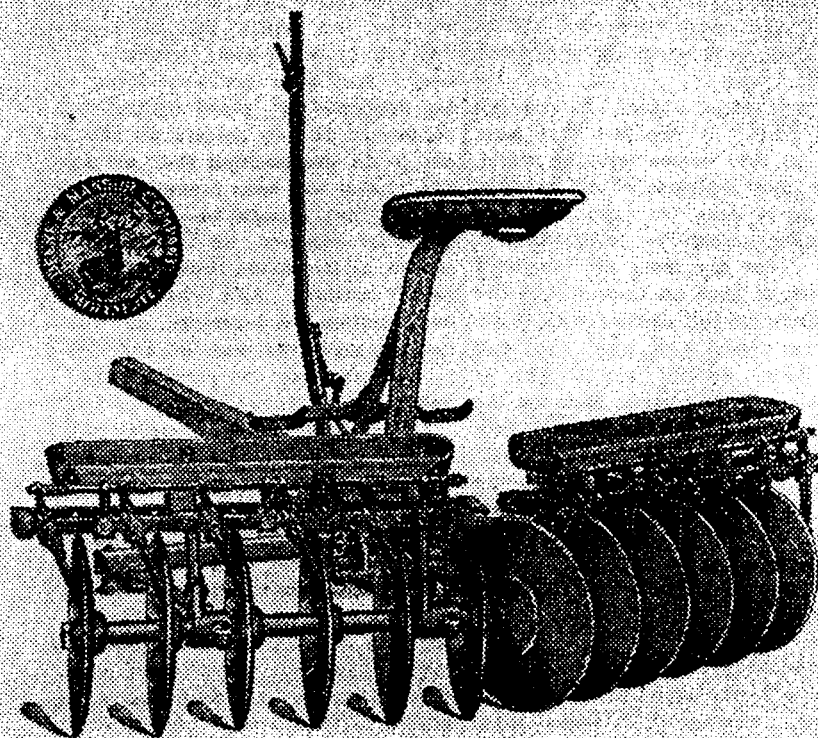
THE charming gowns here illustrated were designed for the American Dressmaker by Mme. Baker, the fashionable expert. Figure 1 is a gown of pale rose satin de chine with tucks, ruchings, flounces and puffs. Surplice waist tucked over shoulders and sleeves. Yoke of point gaze lace; embroidery in rose with fichu and puffed elbow sleeves of same. Trimming: Flounces, galons, bolers, frills and yoke of point Alencon lace. Figure 3 is a bridesmaid's toilette, of pale rose satin de chine with tucks, ruchings, flounces and puffs. Surplice waist tucked over shoulders and sleeves. Yoke of point gaze lace; embroidery in rose with

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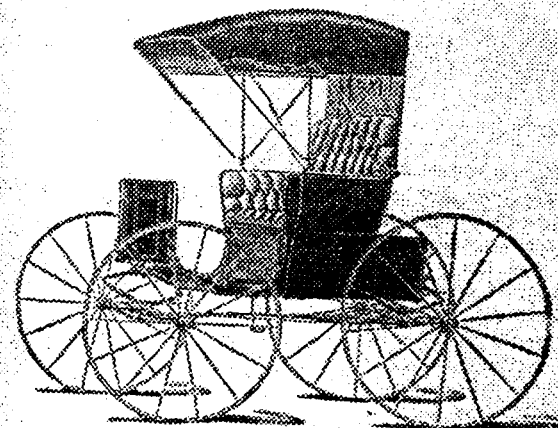


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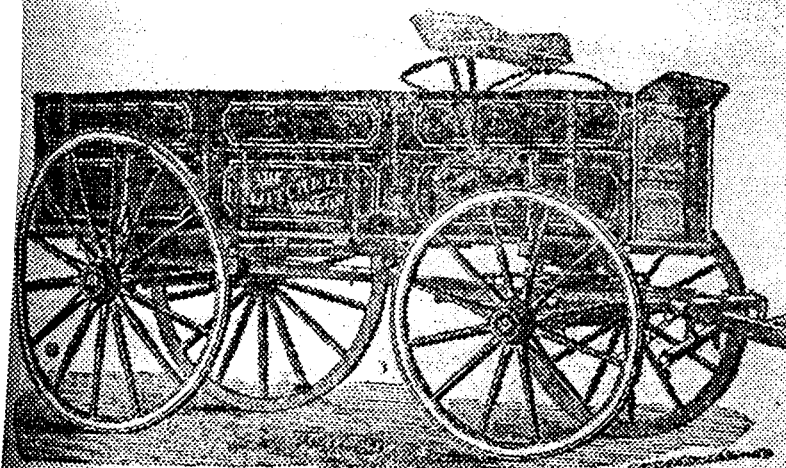
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# FASHIONS FOR AUTUMN DAYS

How to Make a Dainty Coat, a Pretty Dinner Gown and a Neat Cloth Suit.



THE garments here illustrated were designed by Mme. Baker for the American Dressmaker. Fig. 1 is a coat for fall. Gray broadcloth with shaped pieces of the same laid over bands of cloth braided in rows, with gray soutache. Fig. 2 is a dinner gown of white lousins with narrow bands of gold and silver passementerie and all-over lace under opening; insertion farms yoke; white silk stiff bows. Lace shawl for mantle. Fig. 3 is a fall suit of cadet blue cloth with redingote and plain skirt; cuffs and collar of silk stitched and outlined with darker velvet folds. Full ruffles down front of blue liberty silk. It is worth mentioning that the garments here described will be exhibited at the semi-annual display of the National Dressmaker association, which will be held Chicago from September 12 to 24 and at St. Louis from September 19 to 24.



TWO GOWNS FOR AUTUMN.

will be conspicuous the coming fall and winter as ornamental accessories to handsome toilets. Properly used on waistcoats, cuffs and girdies, they are artistic and beautiful, and there is the additional attraction to the woman who wishes exclusive styles, that while the masses may also use buttons their purses are unable to compass the really handsome fancy buttons that partake of the nature of cabochons and, consequently there is no danger of their trespassing on the exclusives' territory.

Buttons for the Directors coats are a necessity, and some very beautiful jeweled ones, as well as those in nouveau art designs artistically worked in colored metals, will be used. Rhinestones, many in flat designs, will lead these jeweled buttons.

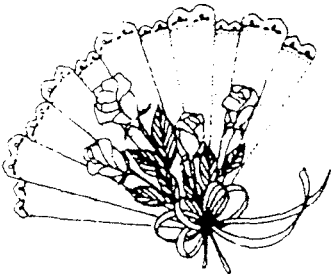
Some of the new metal buttons are so made as to closely resemble delicate embroideries on silken grounds.

New yet decidedly old-fashioned buttons like those our mothers used to wear are covered with colored silks, tufted with velvets of contrasting shades. Indeed, several of the novelties in buttons are reminiscent of the preceding generation.

Coral and turquoise cabochons set in rims of silver, gold or steel are shown, but these are not new.

As Pavu in is using Dresden buttons in the new yellowish-tinted reds and purplish blues with patterns outlined in gold, these buttons are among the latest importations. Other colors as well as those mentioned are also in evidence.

A new thing in pearl buttons is the introduction of colored centers. Crochet and braid buttons to combine with braid trimmings are quite the thing.



Fruit that is overly acid, such as cranberries, red currants, gooseberries, etc., will call for less sugar in sweetening if they are prepared in the following manner: After washing the fruit, place it in an agate kettle and cover with clear, cold water. Set the kettle over the fire and bring the contents quickly to the boiling point; pour off the water, and then set the kettle where the fruit will cook slowly in the usual way, adding only enough water to keep the fruit from burning. Add sugar sufficient to make the preserve palatable, and do not add the sugar until just before the fruit is removed from the fire, since less is required than when the sweetening is cooked with the fruit.

The juice or water that was poured off the fruit, at first, can be made very cold, sweetened with sugar and served as a drink; it may also be used in place of water or milk for the foundation of a pudding sauce, a little sugar being added and the whole thickened with corn starch or arrowroot. Apples or pears may be sliced and cooked in this fruit juice instead of using water in the usual way, and it can also be used in mincemeat, in fruit cakes or boiled puddings.

Fruit should never be placed on the front of the range and stewed like a vegetable. Its appearance is much more attractive if it is kept as entire as possible. Apples and pears should be cut into quarters or eighths, and laid in the saucepan carefully, a very little water or fruit juice added and the cover kept on the saucepan all the time they are being cooked.—What to Eat.

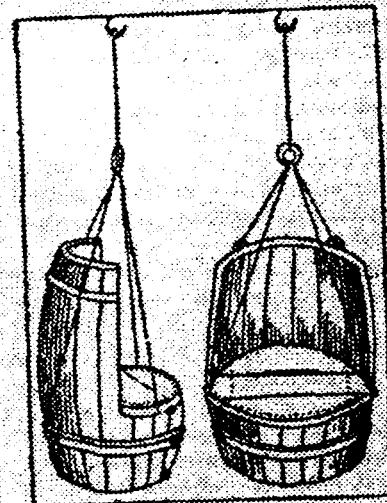


## HERE IS SOMETHING NEW.

How to Make a Barrel Swing Which Can Be Hung from the Porch of Your House.

This picture will show you how to make a barrel swing. They are novel and comfortable, and look very quaint hanging from the porch of a country house.

All you have to do, says the Detroit Free Press, is to saw away a part of



AN INGENIOUS AFFAIR.

the barrel, as the picture shows, and screw four stout screw-eyes into it

# Charming French Toilettes

**P**ARIS.—I hear from Dieppe that a good many scarlet and white and blue and white checked zephyrs are being worn. I will describe one as it was described to me. It was in a dark blue and white plaid with a line of orange running through. The skirt had five flounces, and the tailor-made blouse-bodice had a beautifully-made turned-over collar of dark blue canvas edged with orange and a deeper blue braid. It was worn over a white baptiste front, and tier with a big bow of accordion-plated deep blue chiffon. The sleeves were rather small, finished with deep, tight cuffs coming right over the wrist and round the waist was a band of dark blue suede, with just a touch of orange in front. This was worn with a three-cornered hat of dark blue chip trimmed only with a vivid orange paradise plume.

Some well-known Americans are wearing at these seaside gatherings gray harege—really a sort of nun-like costume depending for its success upon the chic of a French or American woman. There is a neatness about the American, particularly about the American en voyage, that enables her to wear with the best effect these nun-like draperies. But do not for a moment imagine that these garments are made by a cheap couturiere; they are turned out only by the cunning hand that knows how to combine the simple effect and a beautiful cut.

Among the smarter morning frocks a great deal of coarse Irish linen is used, trimmed with the favorite dentelle irlandaise; this Irish lace is, however, giving place here and there to the new

wool lace which is a fitting trimming to the rougher materials, such as hopsacks, coarse canvasses, beiges, serges, etc. And with these frocks coarse



ATTRACTIVE DINNER GOWN.  
MADE OF SATIN MESSALINE, LACE  
AND MOUSSELINE-DE-SOIE.

straw hats are worn, the brims favorably edged with velvet, turned up at the sides and pulled down on the coiffure at the back, with an enormous bow of black velvet and sometimes a bird. Rosettes of ribbon are another favorite form of trimming.

ANNETTE GIVRY.

## APPROVED WAYS OF DRESSING THE HAIR.



For the first time in this generation it is the fashion to study the contour of the head and modeling of the face and to adapt the hairdressing to bring out artistic effects. So women with individuality of mind or beauty are originating styles of coiffures, or imitating those of early periods that suit their outline.

Usually the effects striven for are simple, and almost invariably paintable—that is, with an artistic expression that would be beautiful in a picture forever, regardless of modes. The affectedly picturesque is still as bad form as it has been for several years past, when there was only one smart conventional style of hairdressing for women of all types and ages.

You may look like a Burne-Jones picture, if you want your hair to be in a fluffy knot, but you must look exactly like one.

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You may do your hair as plainly as that of the loveliest Carlo Dolci Madonna or puffed out over your ears if you are of a slender type; but you must look authentic, as though you were signed and remarque, not a French poster or German chromo.

The way to look genuine is to think out your coiffure, to select the style with the aid of the mirror, not to decide that a certain parting or puff or twist is pretty and so adorn your head without regard to its harmony with your type of beauty or plainness.

The illustration shows a number of styles of hair dressing adapted to the many different types of faces.

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# Three Handsome Tailor Suits

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A "SUNDAY BEST" GOWN.



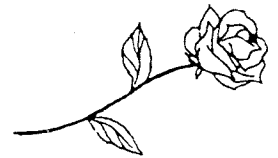
FOR A SCHOOLGIRL.



THE gowns here illustrated were designed for the American Dressmaker by Mrs. Baker and were exhibited at the fall exhibit of the National Dressmakers' association, recently held at Chicago. The first is a tailor suit of white mixed and brown etamine, with lines of brown soutache braid for finish; brown satin belt; skirt cut with panel and deep yoke in one piece, lower part circular. The second is a tailor suit of blue pongee; vest of blue and green Japanese embroidery; skirt plain and full, laid in two box plaits in front. The third is a tailor suit of gray checked suiting, edges piped and stitched with gray silk; vest of white silk, braided with red and gold; skirt in four gores and plaited panels.



# MILLINERY MODES of PARIS



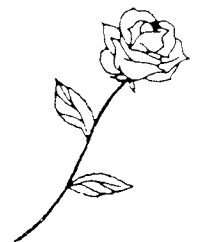
**P**ARIS.—Dear to the heart of every woman of fashion is the variety in new hats and parasols, the majority of which are very becoming. There are hat shapes and high ones, shapes worn over the face, others tilted back the long, the narrow, the wide, the square, and the round, in fact, every possible shape, every known color, all periods of history, and fantastic modern ideas, are all represented on the head. Our elegantes can wear almost

which fabric also forms thick cushions round many of the crowns of hats. Sometimes these fruit crowns are rather hard, and a little heavy. I must say I like the scarf-like drapery of lace to soften the trim.

Fancy crinolines are used, trimmed with ruffles of tiny pink roses and green leaves.

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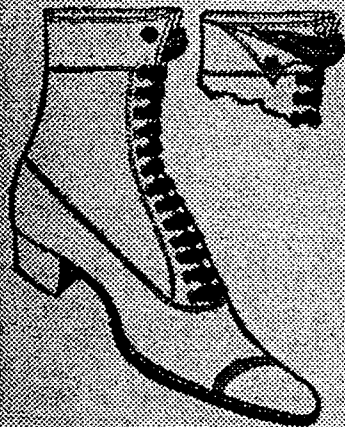
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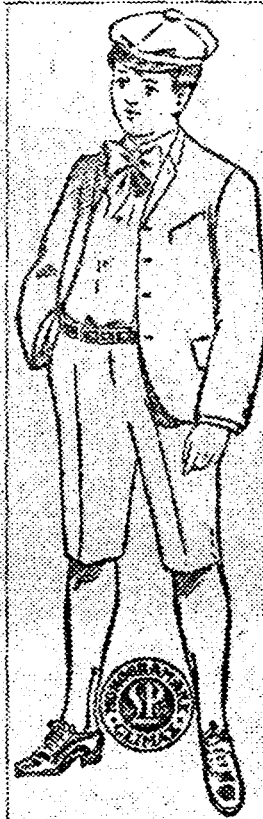
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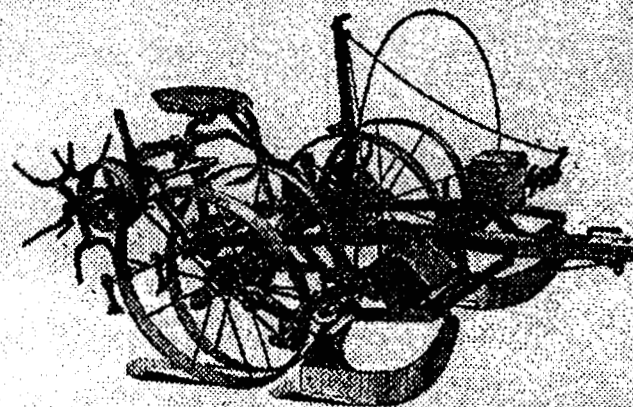
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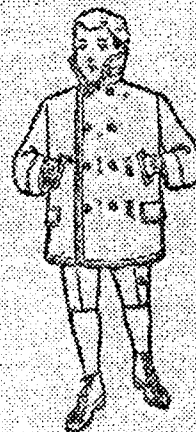
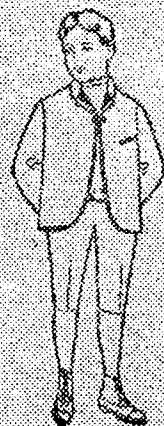
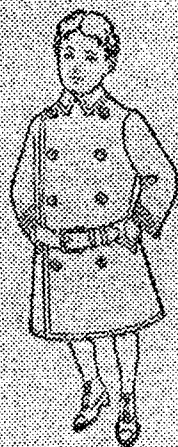
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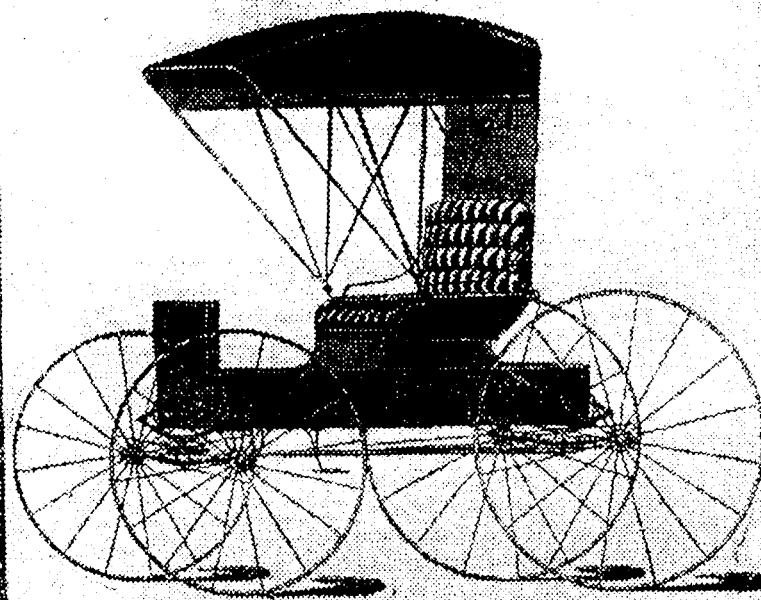
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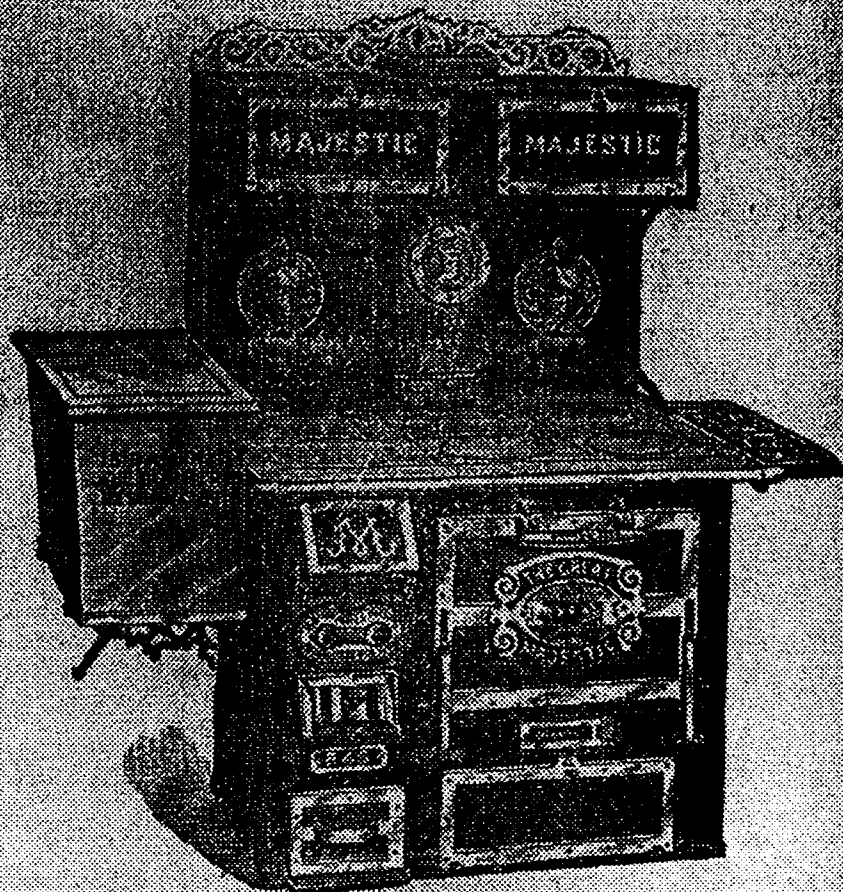
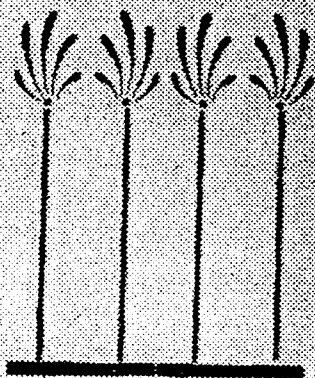
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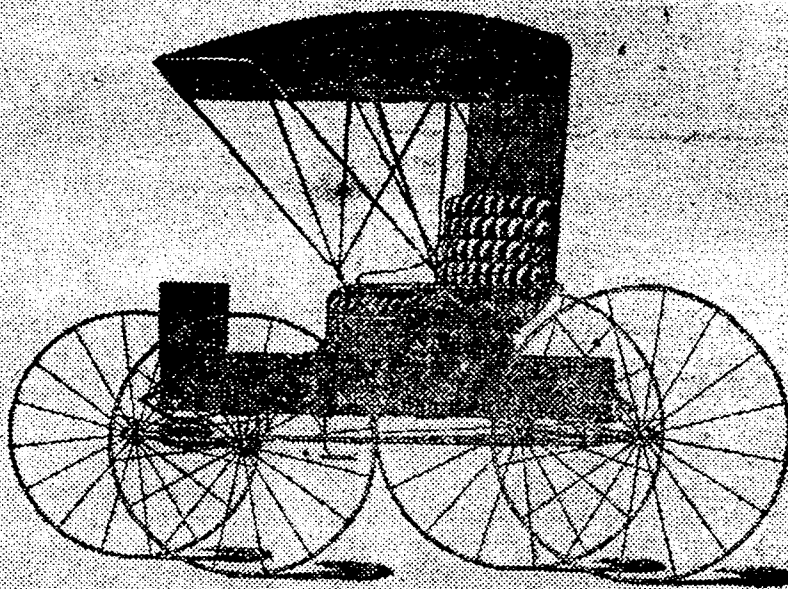
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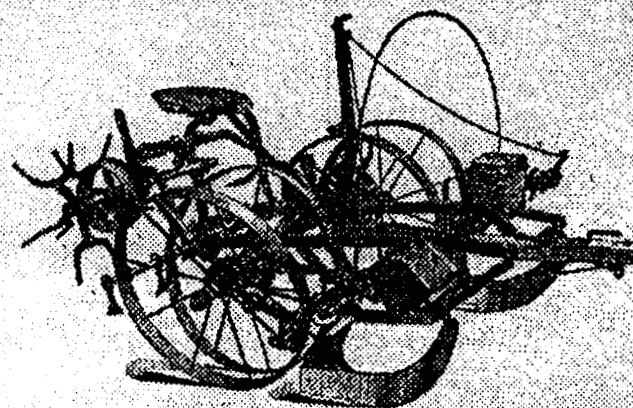
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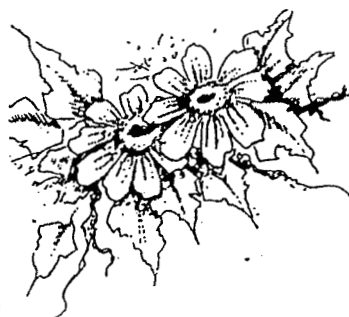
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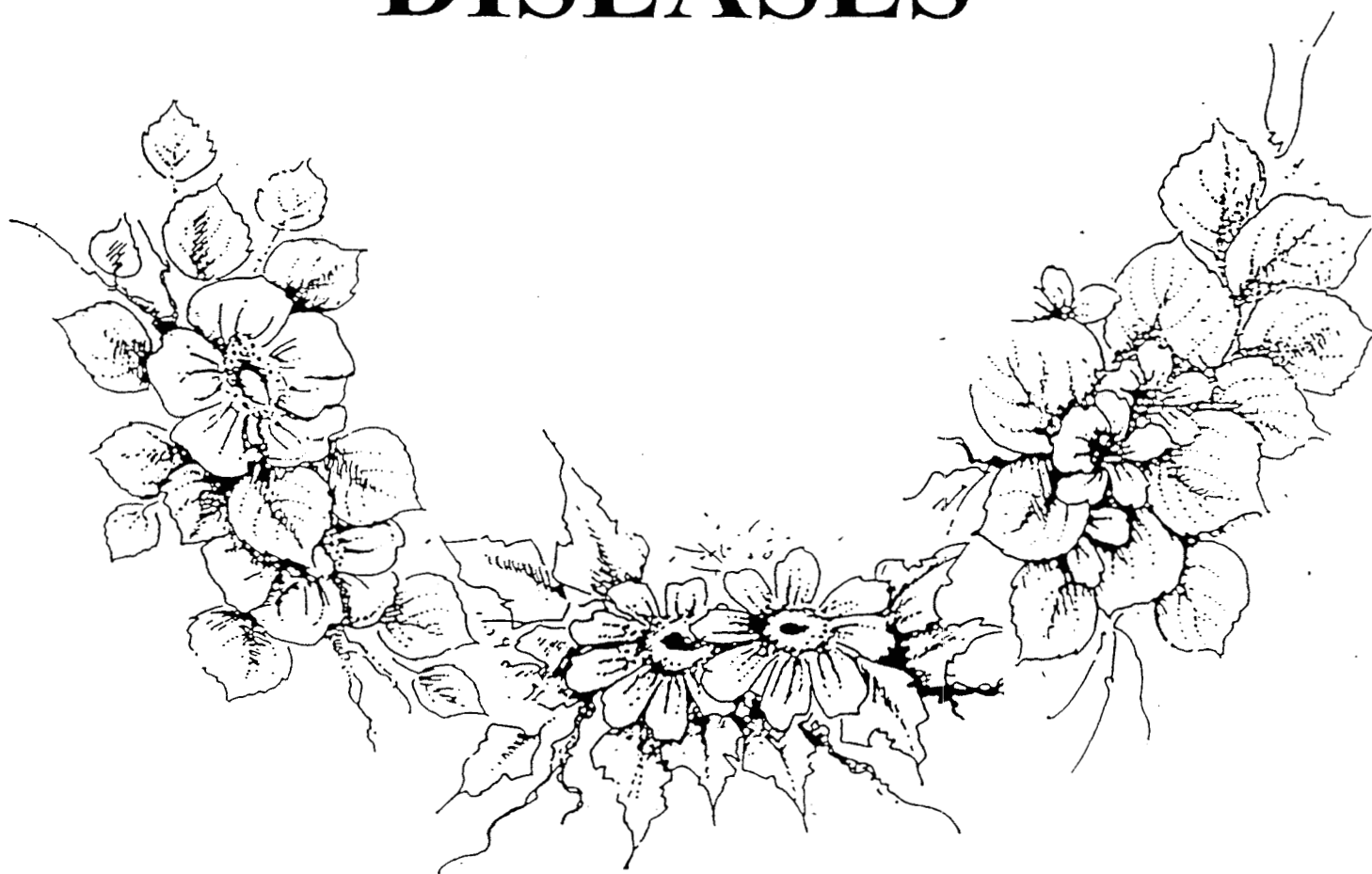
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# \* DISEASES \*



## COMMON ILLNESSES

### Old Disease Names and Their Modern Definitions

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Catarrhal Fever:** See *Catarrh*

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

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

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

**Croup:** Congested cough.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Falling sickness:** Epilepsy

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



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

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

**Hydrophobia:** *See Rabies*

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

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

**Lung fever:** *See Pneumonia*

**Lung Sickness:** *See Tuberculosis*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tetanus** – See Lockjaw

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

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

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



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## Newspapers Mentioned in the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Edinburg Herald* – Christian County, Edinburg, Illinois. 1888

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

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

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

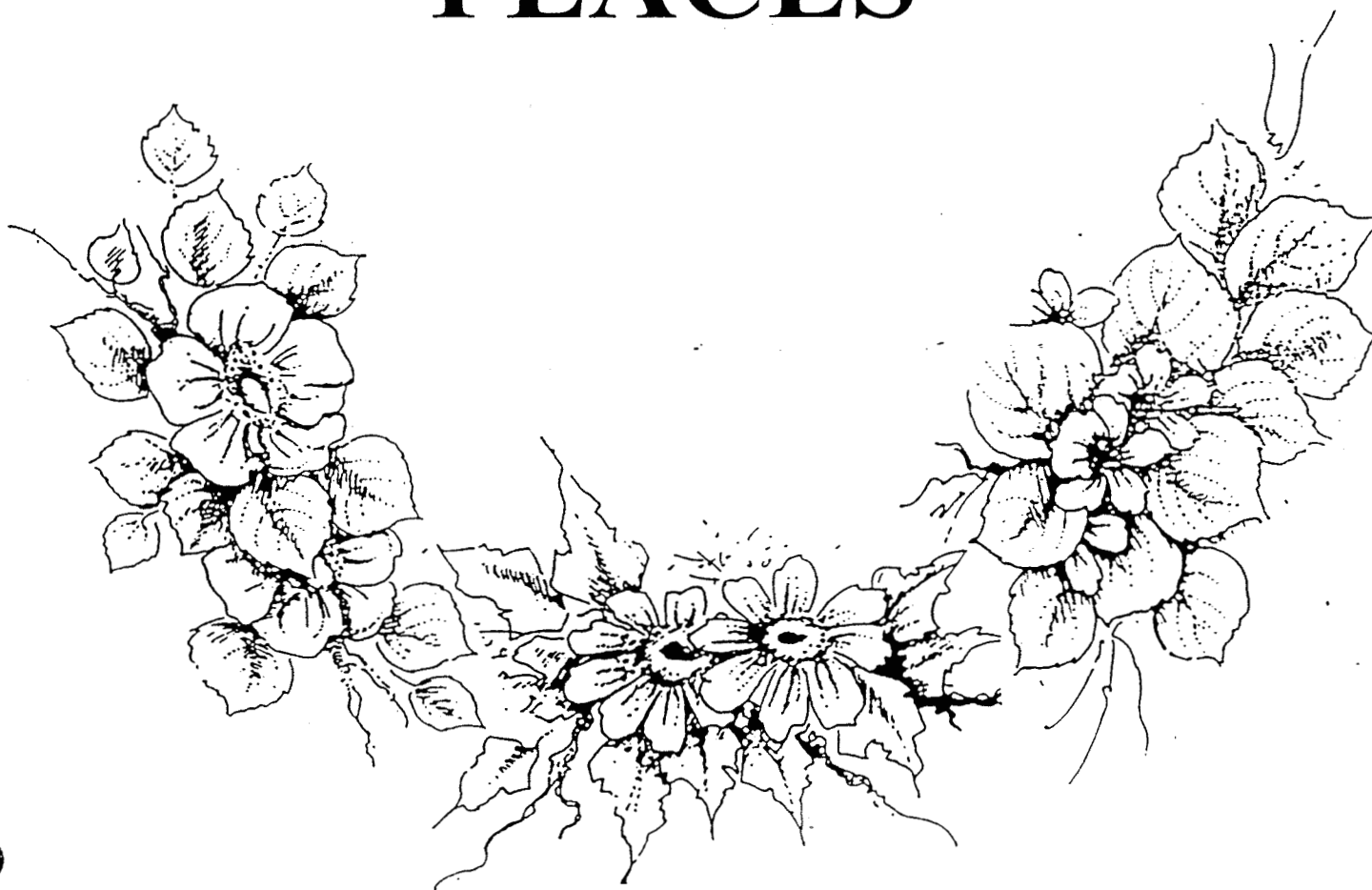
*The Stewardson Clipper* – Shelby County, Stewardson, Illinois. Short lived newspaper in Stewardson.

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





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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Charter Oak** - not found

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

**Cove** – not found

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Duvall Station** – Shelby County. *See Duvall*

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

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



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

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

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

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

**Fame** - Couldn't find Fame

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Round Grove** - Shelby County.

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

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

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

**Shelbyville Township** - Shelby County. Named for the city, Shelbyville

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

**Sigel Township** - Shelby County. Named for the town Sigel

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

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

**Stonington Township** - Christian County. Named for the village 'Stonington'.

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

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

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

**Todd's Point** - Shelby County, Todd's Point Township. See Site #6 on Shelby County Map B. Not shown on Reference #5.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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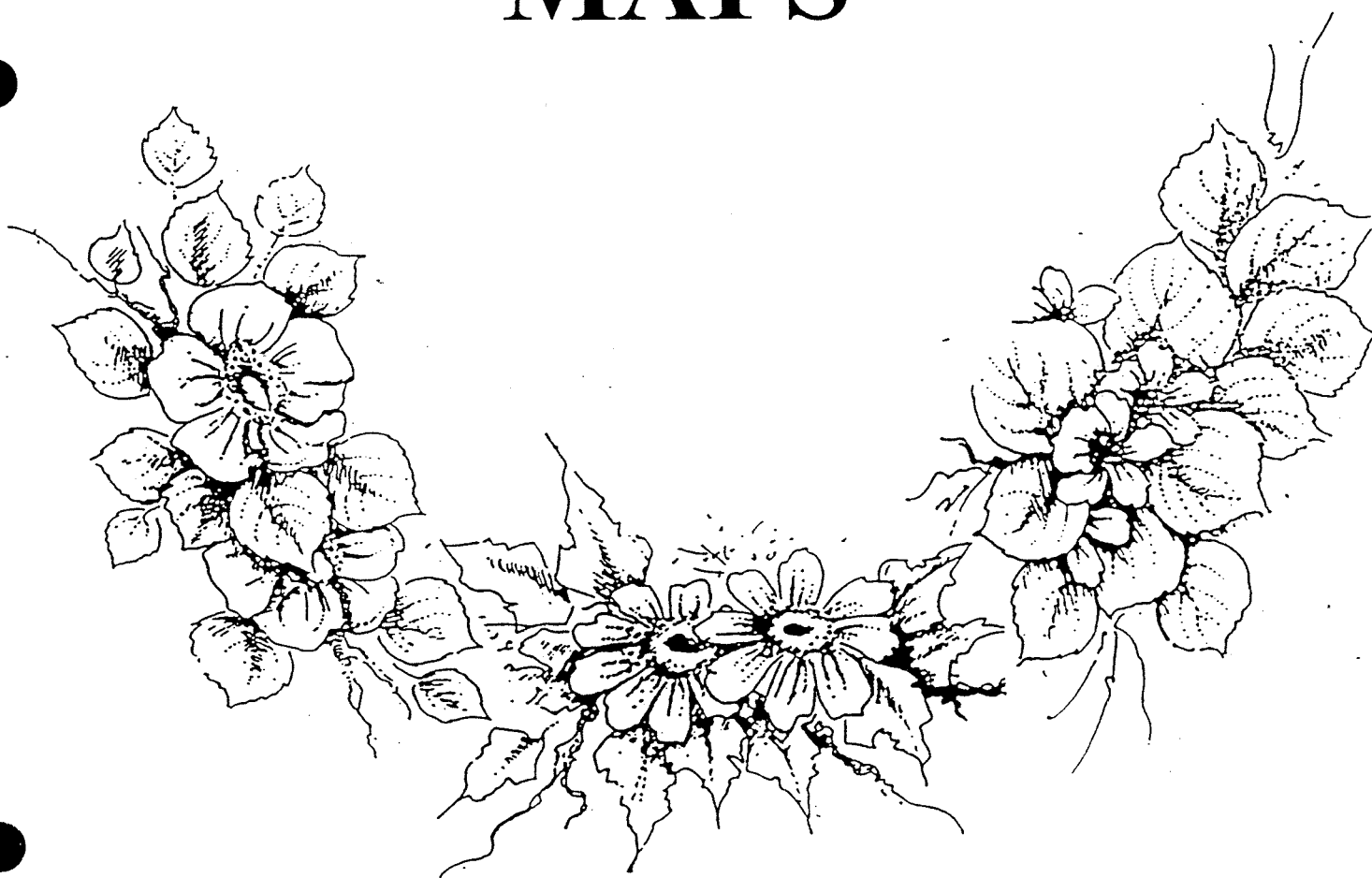
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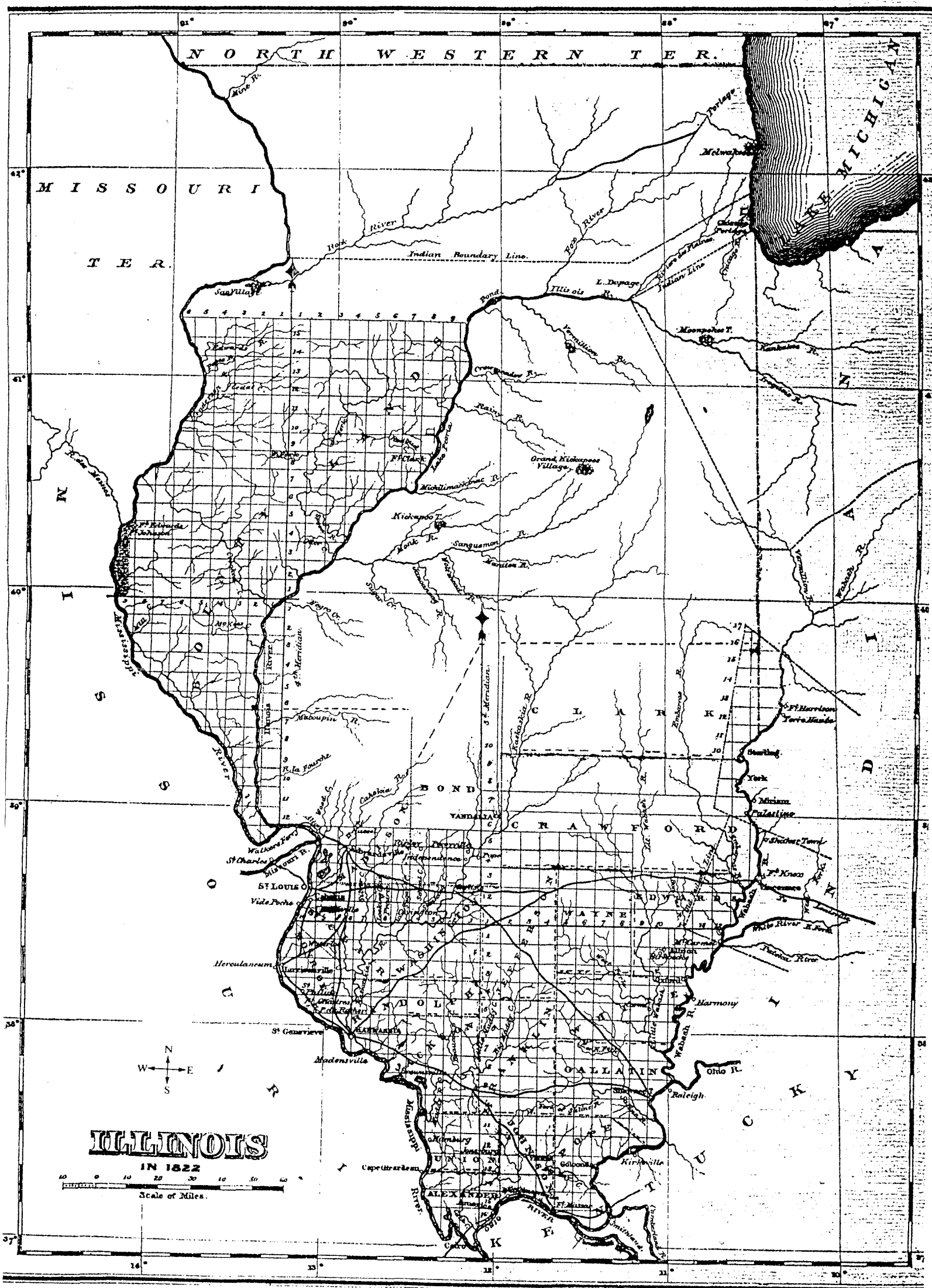
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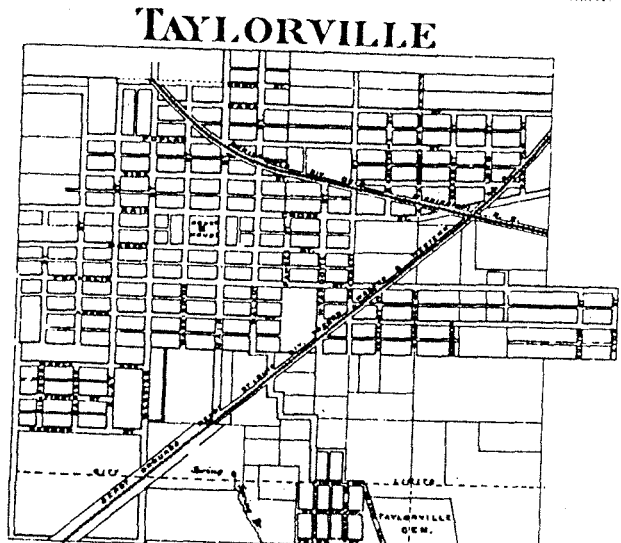
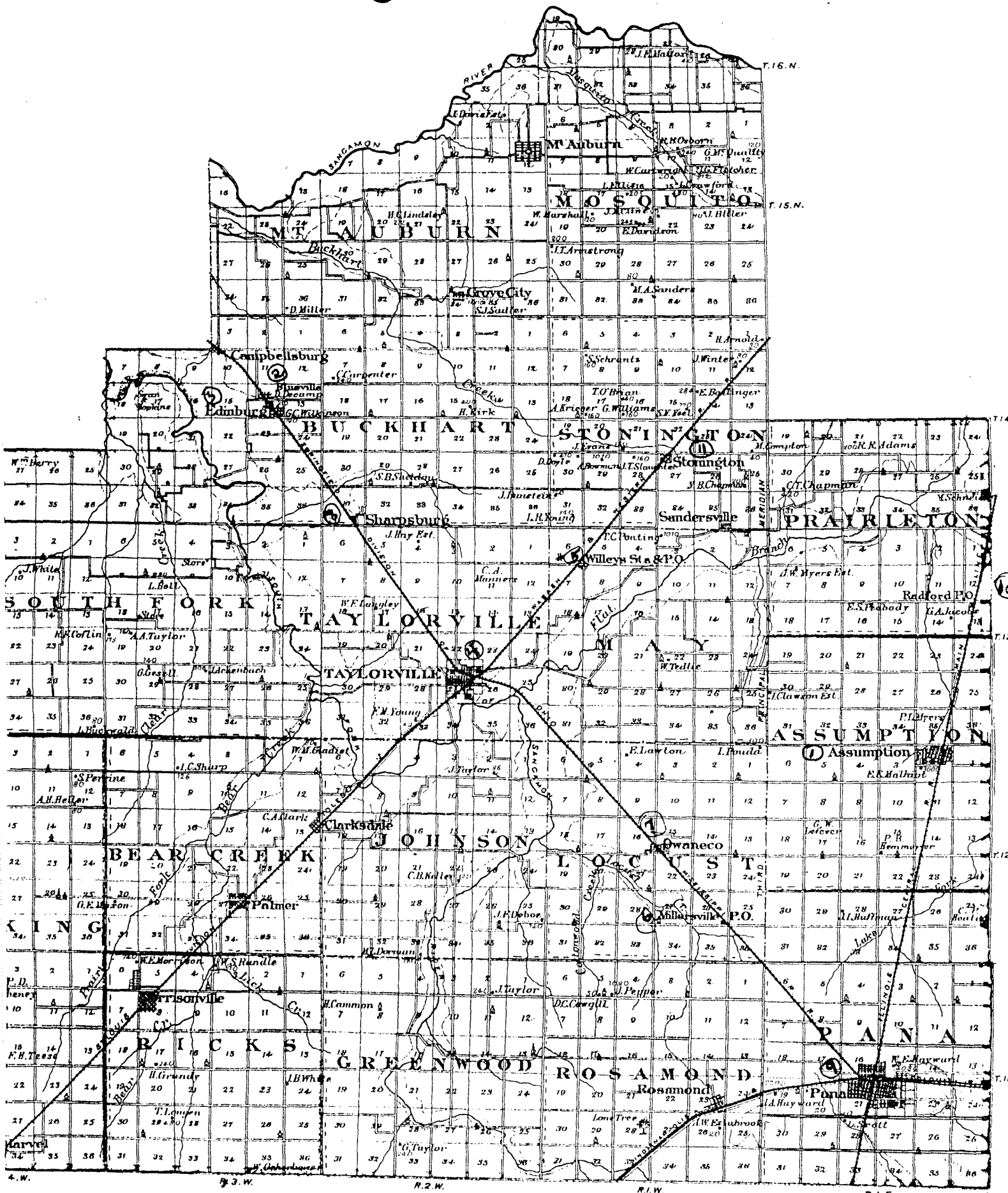


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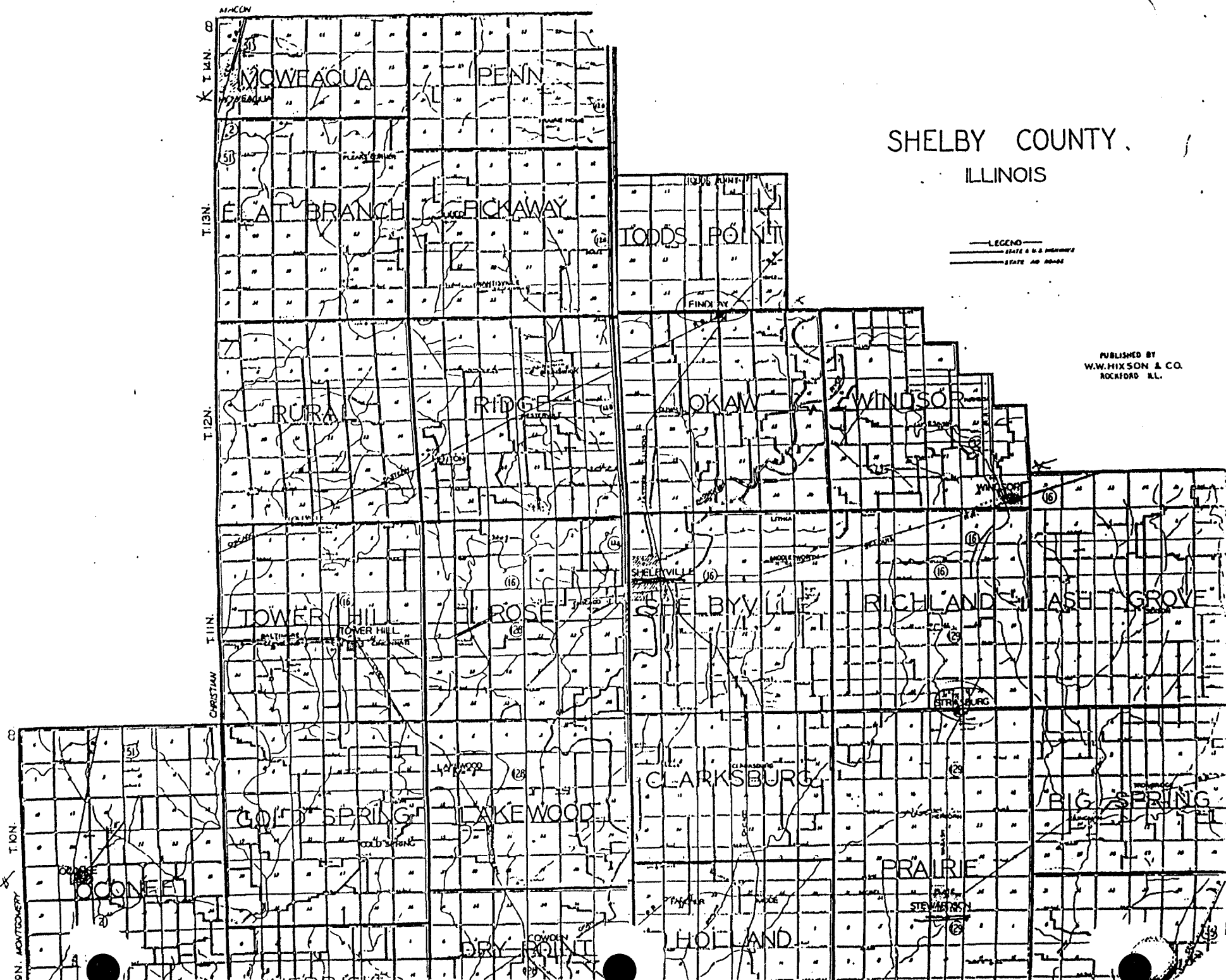
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  3. Edinburgh
  4. Taylorville
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  10. Radford
  11. Stonington



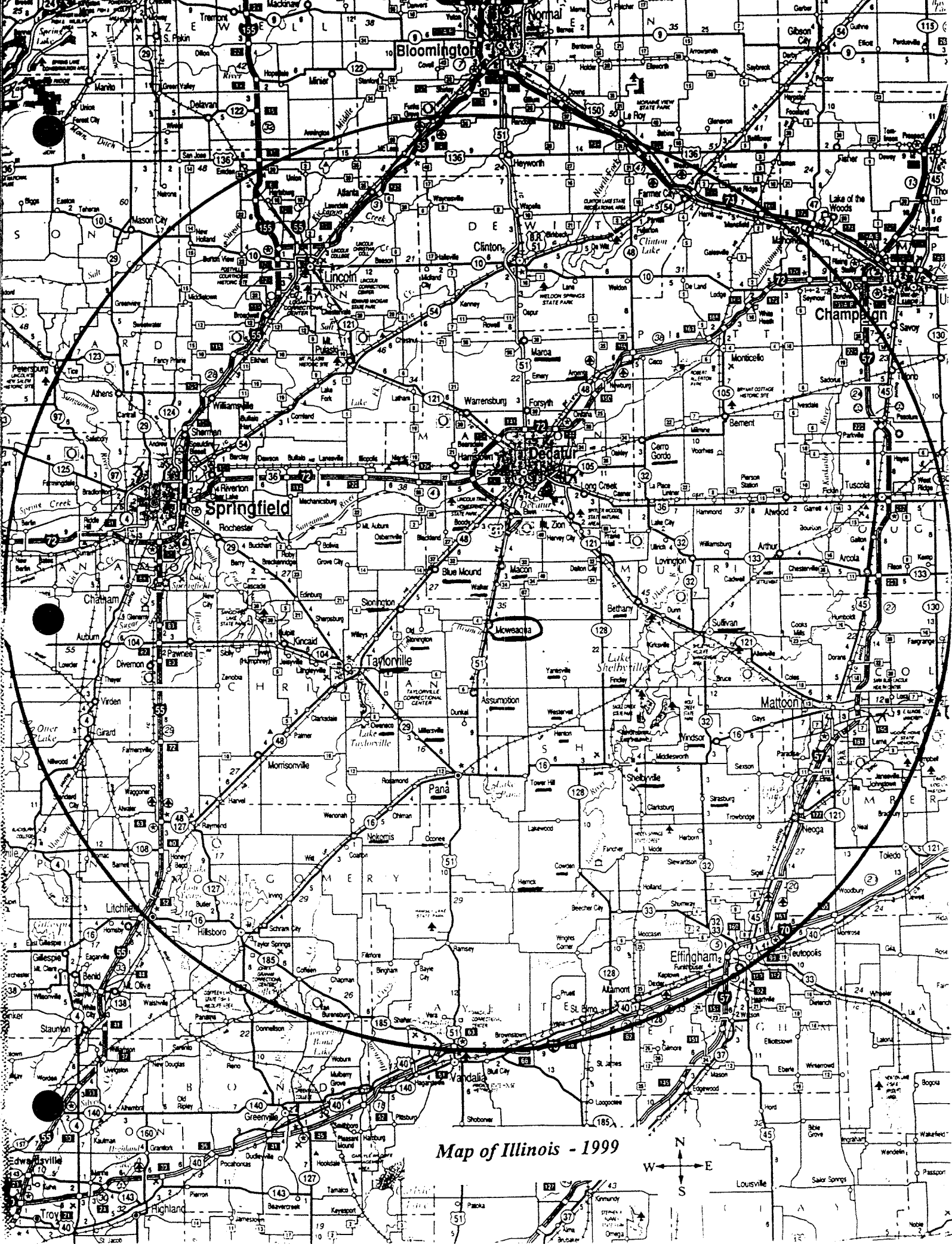
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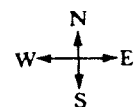


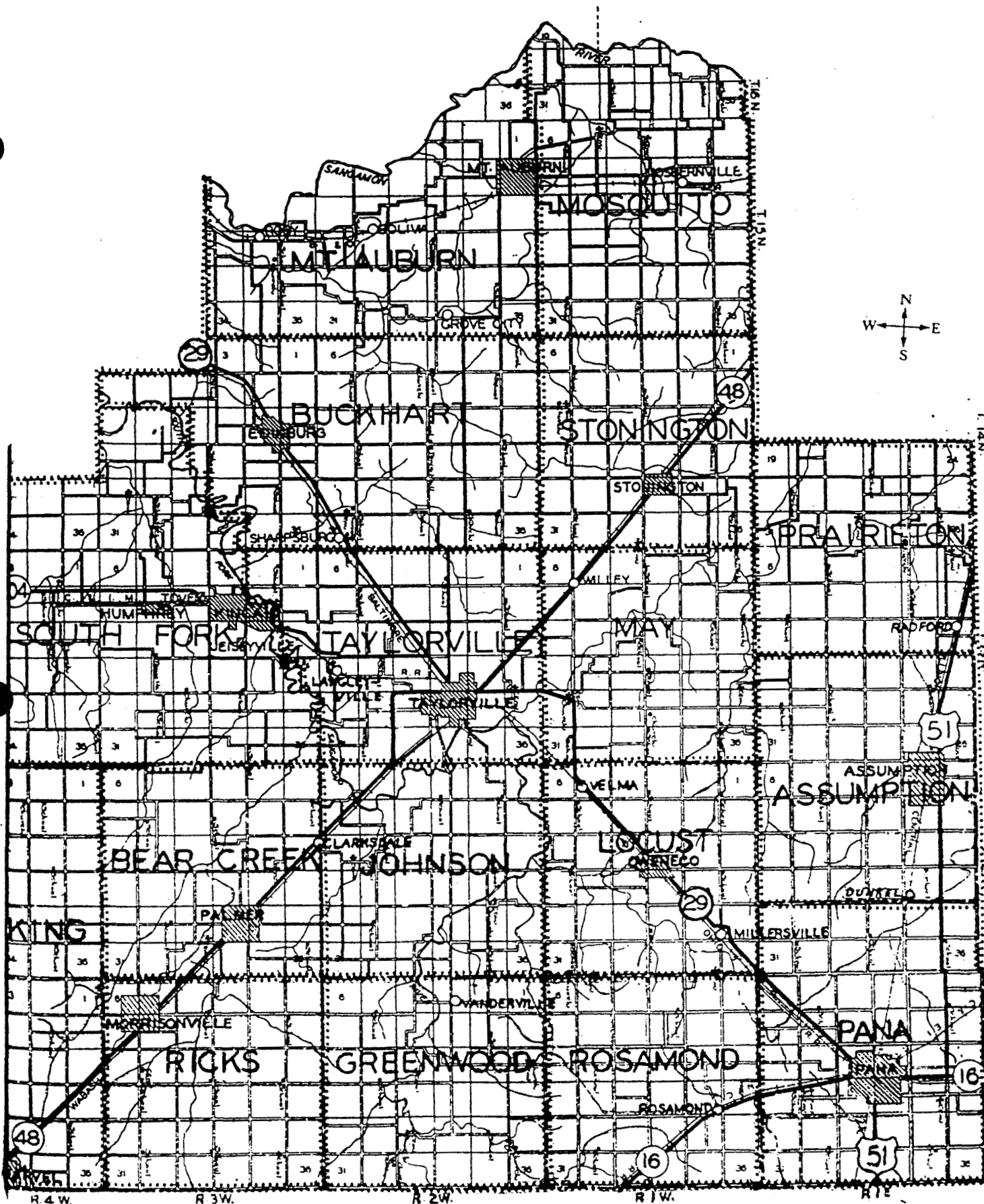


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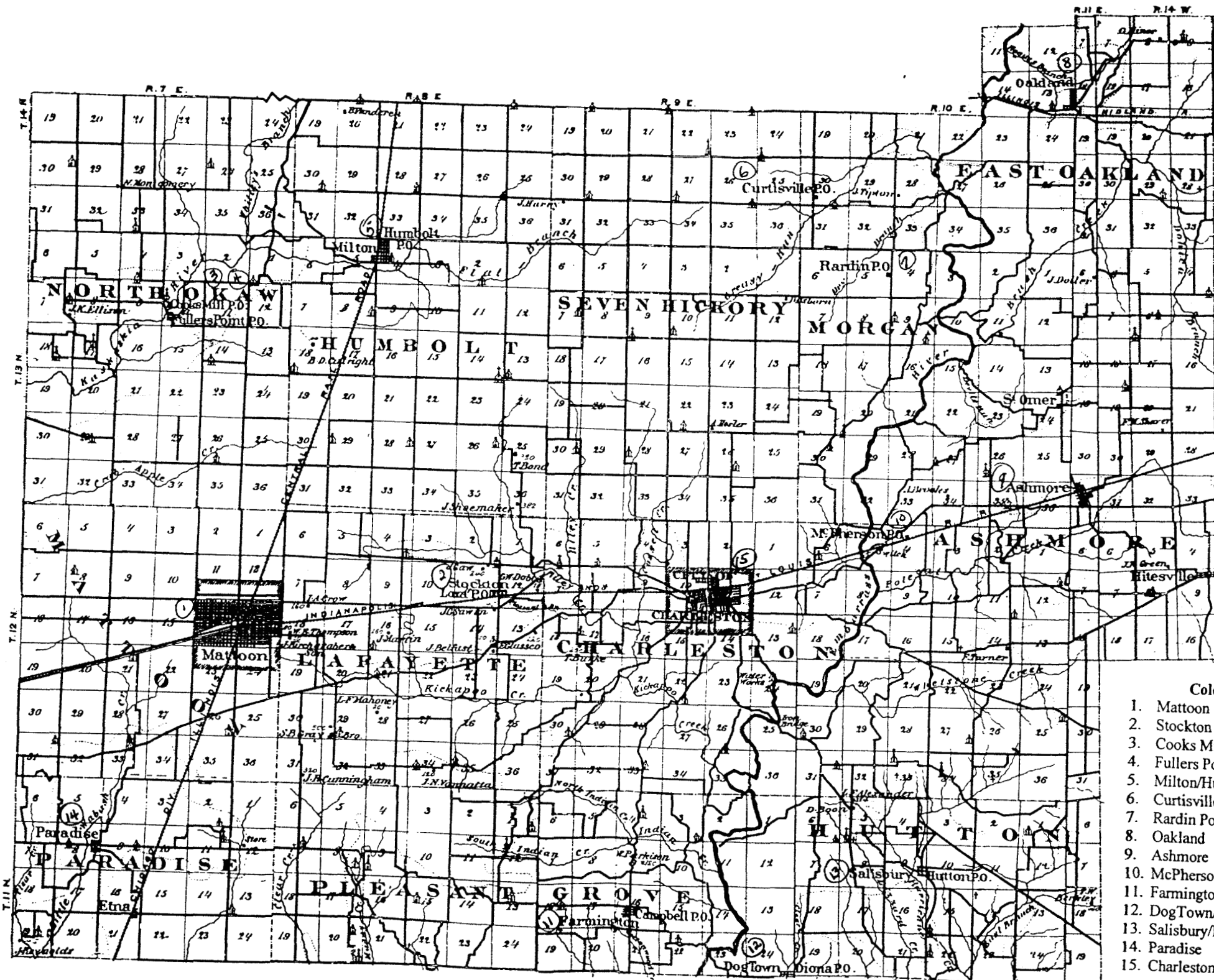


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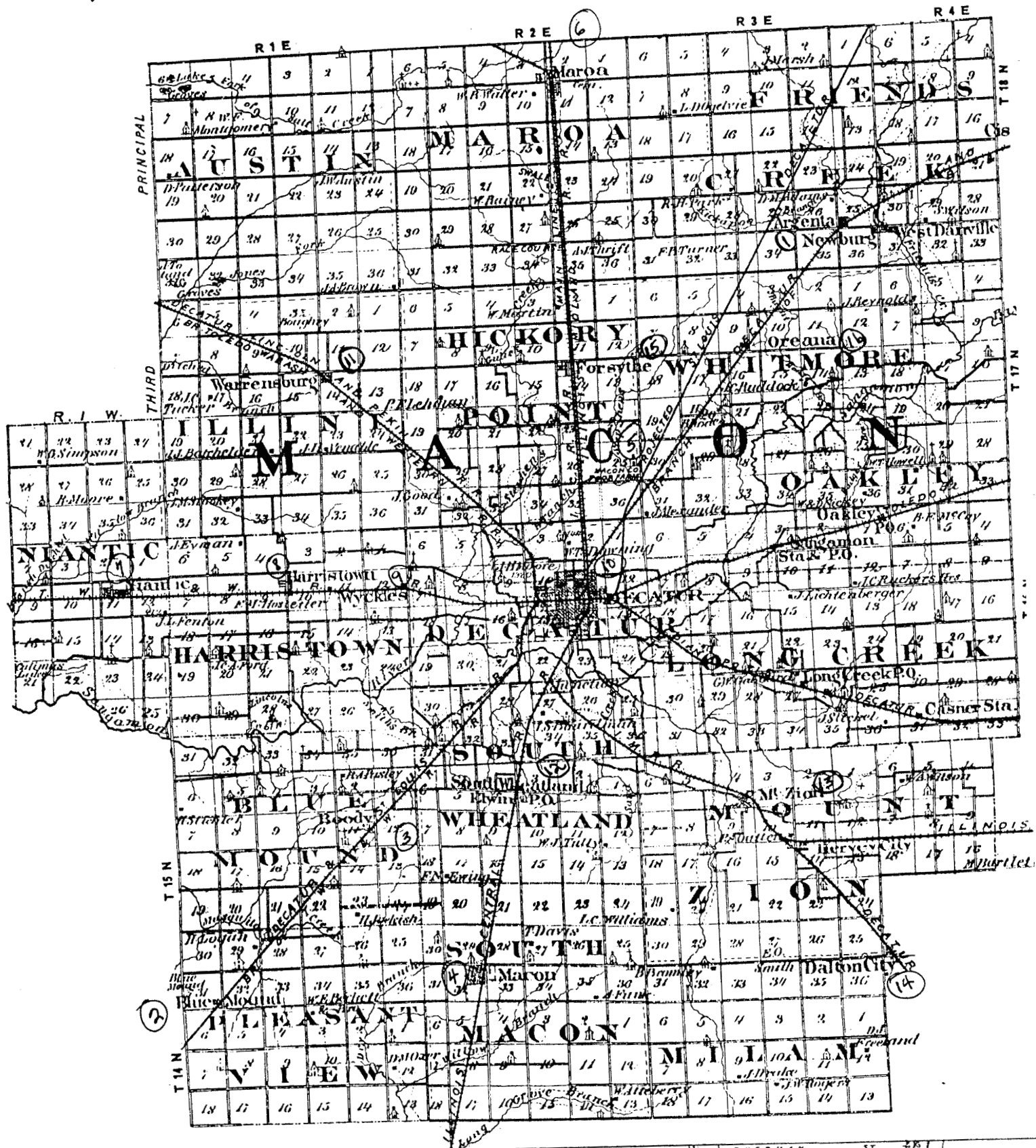
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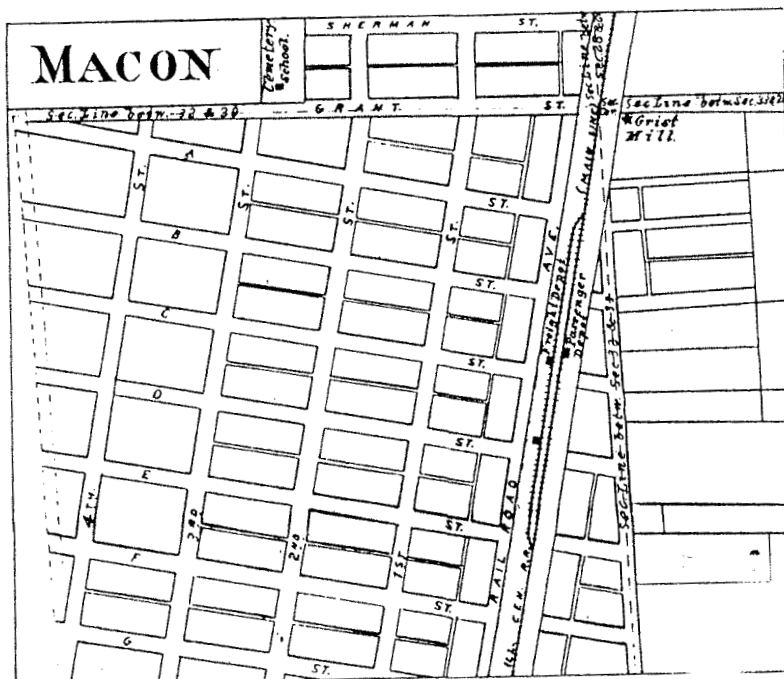
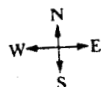
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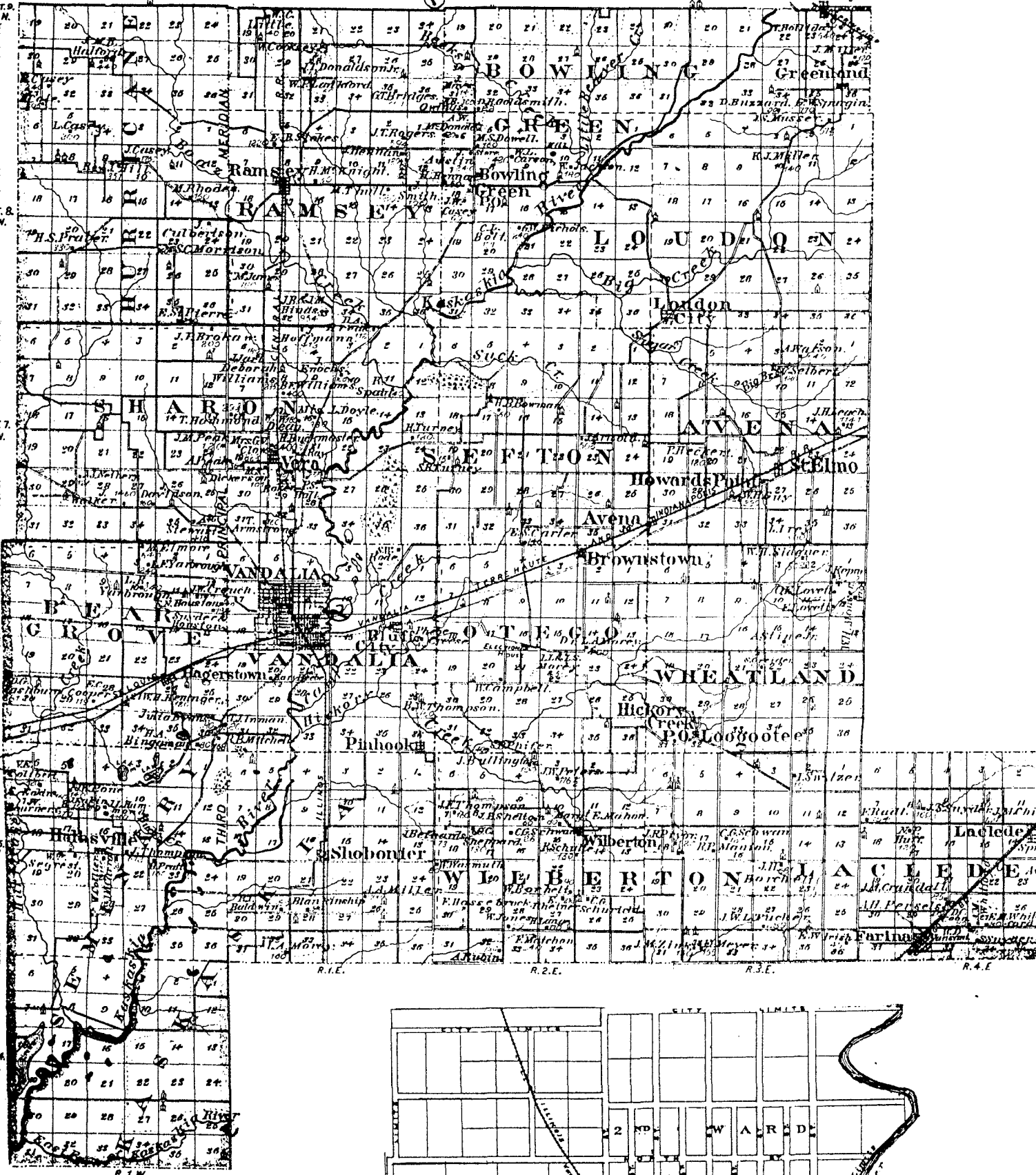


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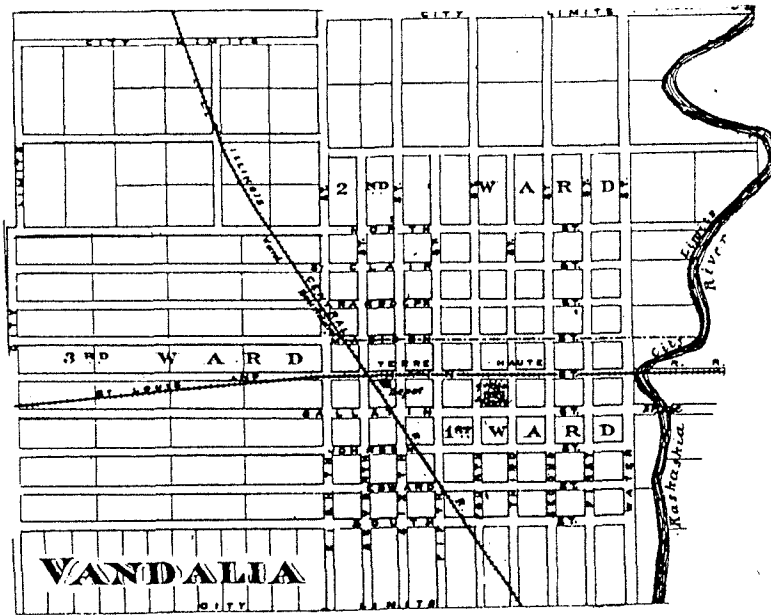
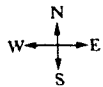
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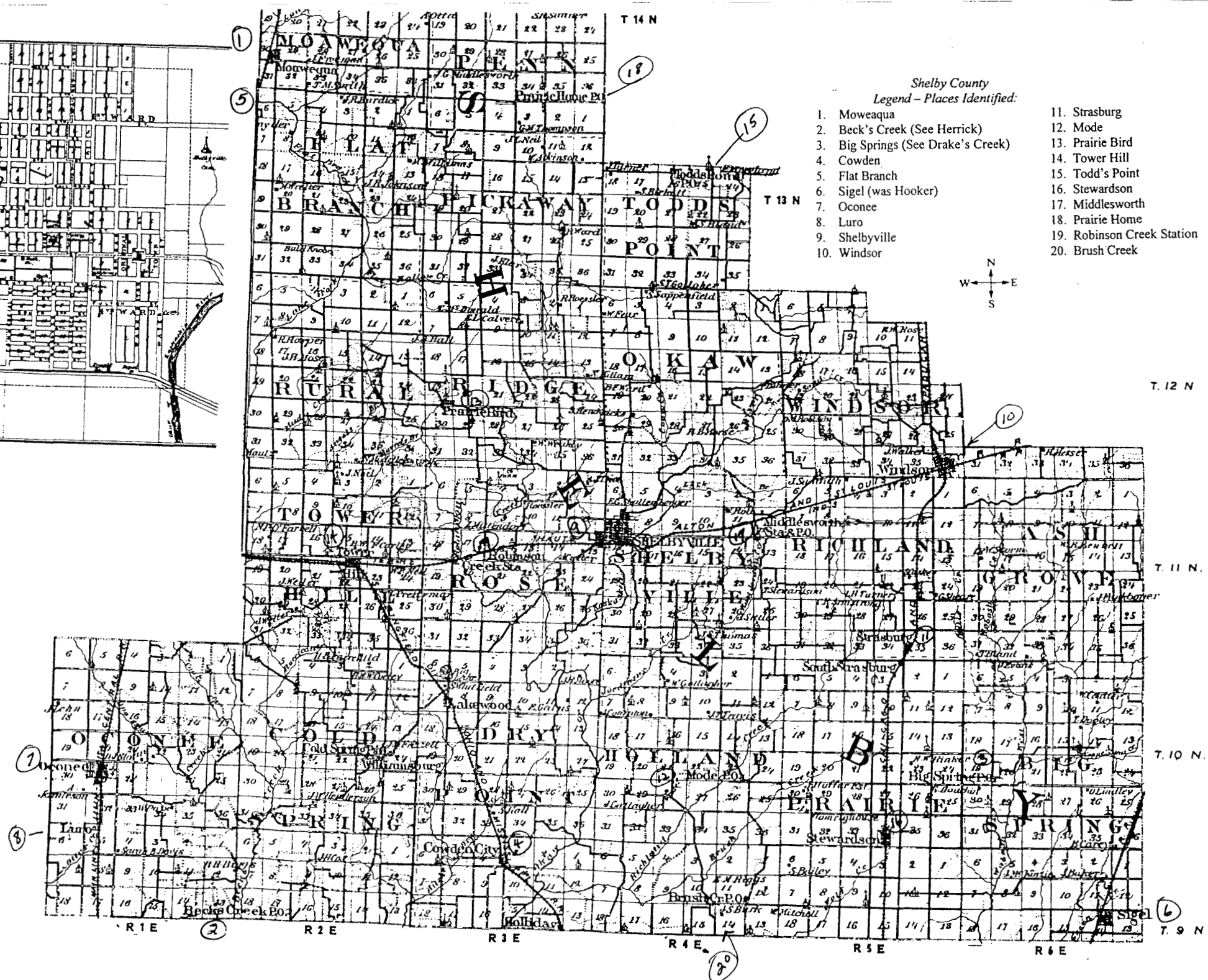
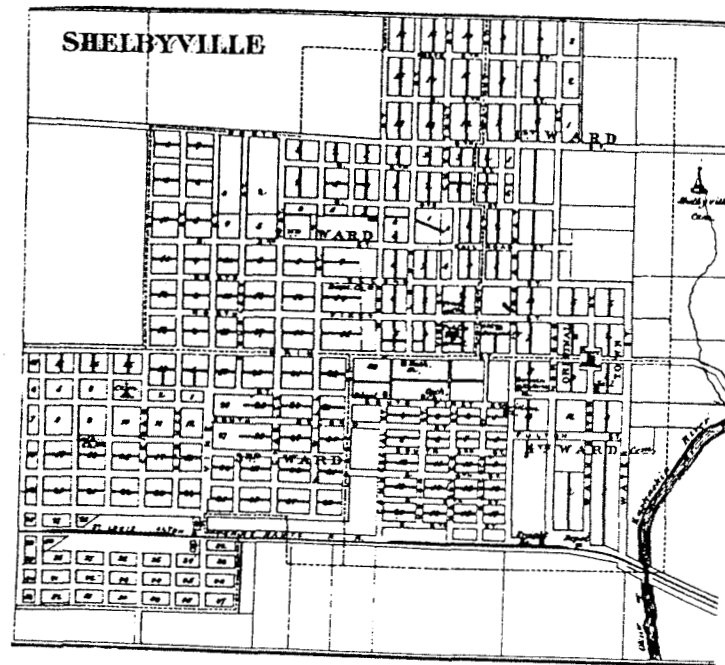
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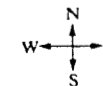


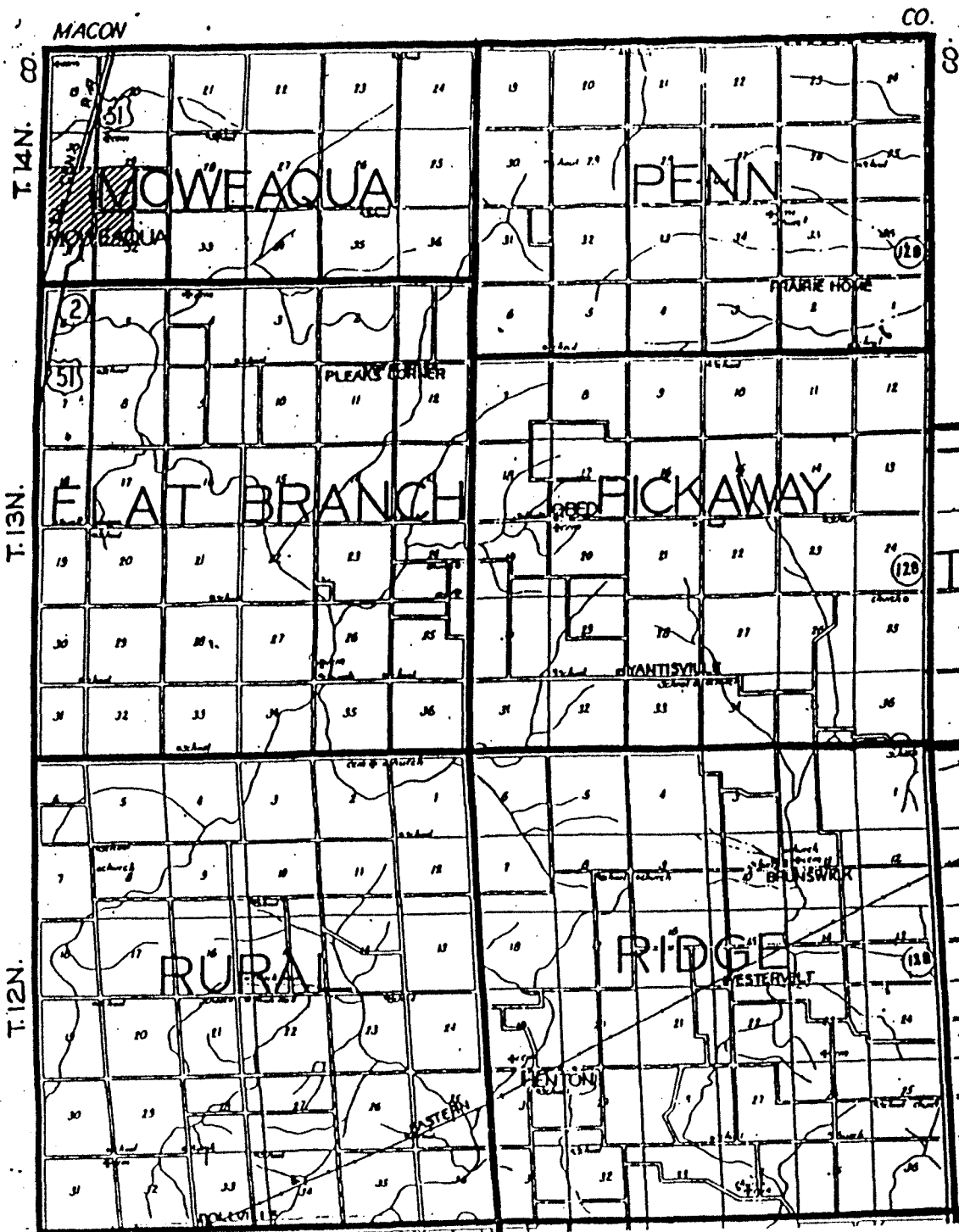




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2. Beck's Creek (See Herrick)
3. Big Springs (See Drake's Creek)
4. Cowden
5. Flat Branch
6. Sigel (was Hooker)
7. Oconee
8. Luro
9. Shelbyville
10. Windsor
11. Strasburg
12. Mode
13. Prairie Bird
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16. Stewardson
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18. Prairie Home
19. Robinson Creek Station
20. Brush Creek

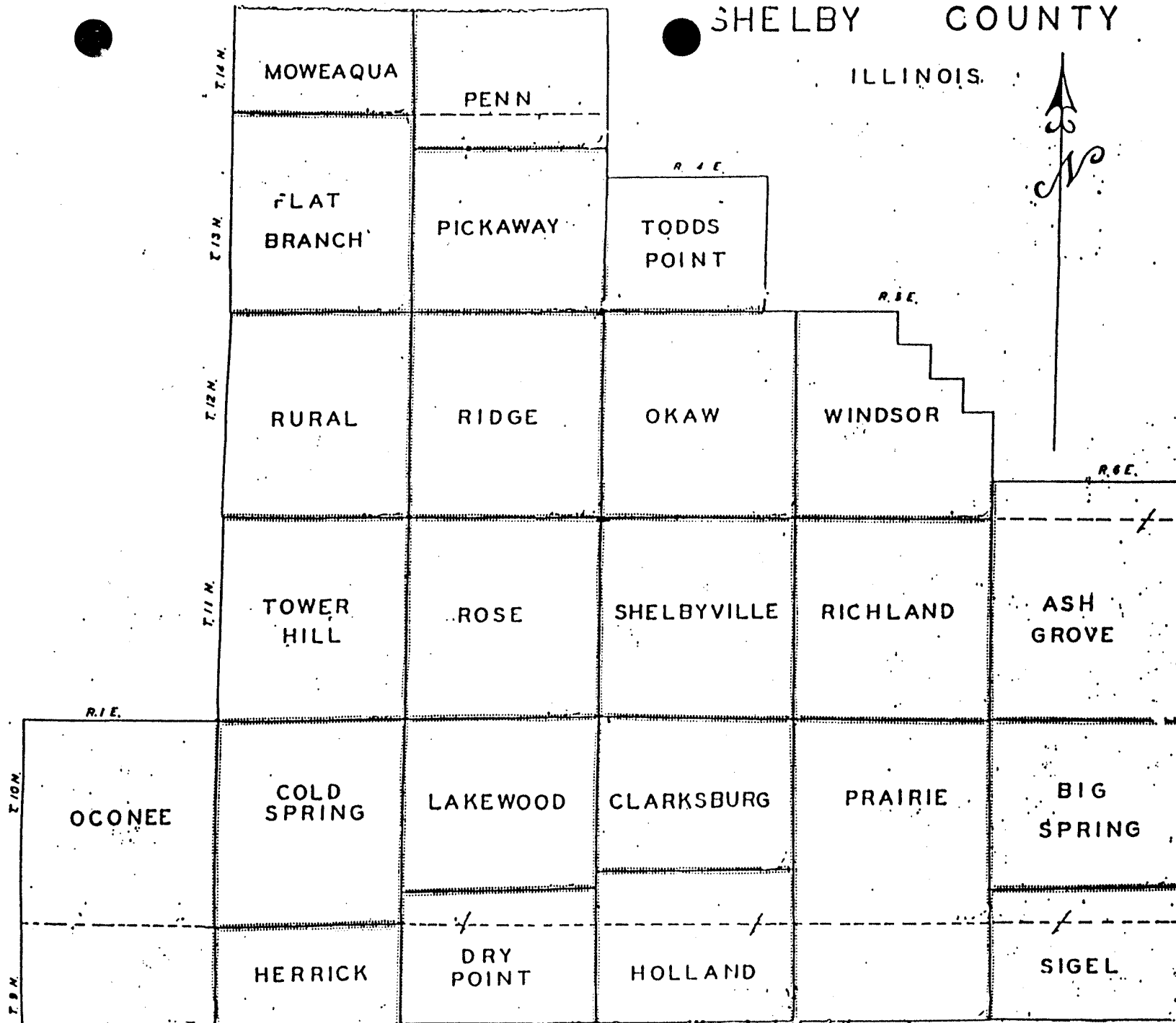




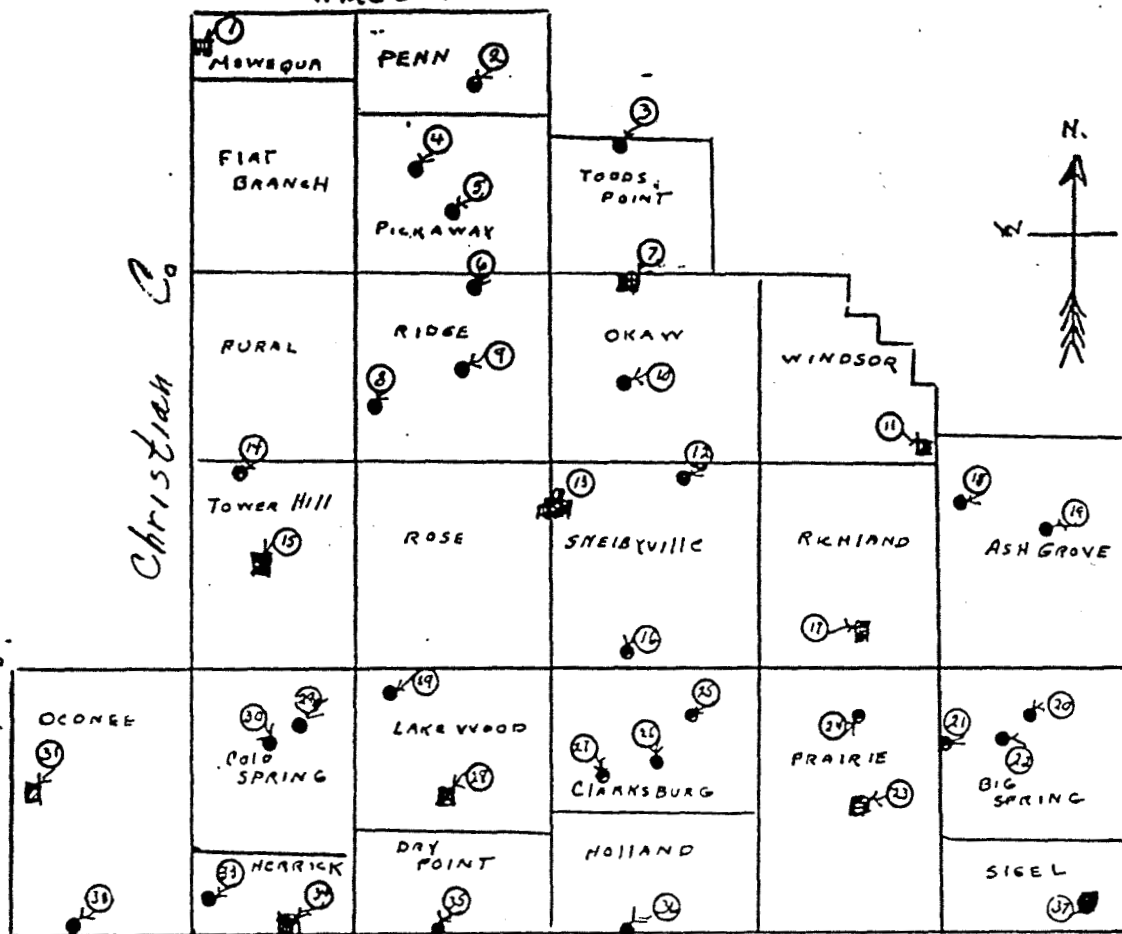
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| 5. Yantisville*            | 24. Herbon          |
| 6. Brunswick*              | 25. Old Mode*       |
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| 11. Windsor                | 29a. Cold Spring*   |
| 12. Middlesworth           | 30. Williamsburg*   |
| 13. Shelbyville            | 31. Oconee          |
| 14. Dollville              | 32. Hanson Station* |
| 15. Tower Hill             | 33. Beck's Creek*   |
| 16. Clarksburg             | 34. Herrick         |
| 17. Strasburg              | 35. Holliday        |
| 18. Cochrans Grove*        | 36. Holland*        |
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## MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA

### VOLUME 5

Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*, 1902 - 1905

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Wednesday, 1 January 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W F Corrington** on 31 December 1901, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **I N Corrington, Jr.** at Decatur, 29 December 1901, a boy.

(Note: Due to the fragile condition of the newspaper, some of the following article was missing. As much of the article as possible was extracted.) The *Call-Mail* briefly noted the fact last week that **James E Beard** had been called to Tamaroa by the serious illness of his brother, **William Beard**. Mr. and Mrs. **Beard** left Tuesday morning, but William passed way before they arrived. ....Mr. and Mrs. **Beard** are expected home on...it is said that Mr. **Beard's**..... with them.

The last will and testament of the late **D P Keller** of Moweaqua, was filed for probate in the County court on Thursday. It disposes of personal property to the amount of \$30,000 and real estate valued at \$45,000. The widow, **Rebecca M Keller** is named as executrix and to her, all the property is left during her life. At her death it is to be equally shared by the five children of the deceased: **Grace Hight, Walter S Keller, Ada D Bartlett, Augustine R Keller**, and **Julia Daughtry**. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

**J E Longenbaugh** bought the residence property formerly owned and occupied by the late **Dave Eakin** of Moweaqua. Consideration to the estate was \$900.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Jacobs** on 29 December 1901, a daughter.

Sunday evening, 22 December 1901, at Decatur, Miss **Rosa May Kirk**, daughter of **G W Kirk** of this city, and Mr. **Burt Jackson** were united in marriage. We understand that they will make their home in Leesburg, Ohio.

The marriage of Mr. **Elmer Blanchard** and Miss **Pearl Gardner** was solemnized at the Palace Hotel in Stonington on Christmas Eve. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. **Artz**, of the M E Church in the presence of about thirty invited guests. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

On Wednesday evening, 25 December 1901, at six o'clock at the home of the bride's parents near Leon, Iowa, occurred the marriage of **William C Campbell** and Miss **Emma M Virden**. Rev. **Ilsey**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Leon, Iowa, officiated. Only a few of the most intimate friends being present. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Virden**, who formerly resided a few miles southeast of Moweaqua. They moved to Leon, Iowa, a little over a year ago, and she will be remembered by many of our young people, have been raised to womanhood in our County. The groom is a young man who resides on a farm near Leon, Iowa, where he was reared among a host of friends, and is at present employed in teaching school. Mr. and Mrs. **Campbell** will reside on a farm near Leon, of which they will take possession on 1 March 1902.

**Lige Hamilton** of Ohio is visiting his mother, Mrs. **Rebecca Swartz** in Obed, the first time in fourteen years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Jordan** on 30 December 1901, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Longenbaugh**, 29 December 1901, a boy.

Sunday afternoon at the residence of **Albert Taite**, in this city, Rev. **Joseph Thomas** united in marriage **John Fortner** and Miss **Clara Burrows** of Cowden.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Steve Potsick** on 23 December 1901, a son.  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley**, 24 December 1901, a daughter.  
Tuesday evening, 24 December 1901, at the residence of Esq. **J Benson Simpson**, Miss **Gertrude Hays** and Mr. **B R Adams** were united in marriage, the genial esquire officiating.

**Wednesday, 8 January 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Wednesday morning, 1 January 1902, at an early hour, old Uncle **Jim Portwood** died at the home of **Thomas Stringer**, west. He had been quite ill for several months, gradually declining. He was in the sixty-sixth year of his age. The funeral took place Thursday and the interment was at the Tolly Cemetery, near Pleak.

At an early hour Friday morning, **Ezekiel Prescott, Jr.**, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Prescott**, aged about 12 months, died rather suddenly, the child not having been at all sick. The family physician considers it heart disease. The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon from the family residence north of town. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating, and the interment was in the Odd Fellows cemetery on the west side.

The infant child of Mrs. **Harley Jones**, aged 11 days, died on Thursday morning of erysipelas and was buried on Friday. The mother, Mrs. **Jones** is now lying critically ill with the same disease.

Uncle **Dan Moll**, having reached the allotted mile post in life's journey, the event was duly observed Thursday by the gathering of his children and their connections to enjoy a magnificent birthday dinner and to wish Uncle **Dan** numberless future years and birthdays over and beyond the allotted seventy. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Moll** and daughter, **Andrew Bates** and wife, **Ed Weakley** and family of Brunswick, **J O Weakly** and family of Yantisville; **Cyrus Weakly** and family of Lakewood, **W H Moll** and children (Mrs. **W H Moll** being quite sick), **John Moll** and family, Mrs. **George Moll** and Aunt **Lizzie Polk**.

At Galena, Mr. and Mrs. **J G Baker** celebrated their golden wedding having been married in London, England, 50 years ago. Some of those who attended the wedding a half century ago, were present. Friends from Chicago, Madison and England, were at the celebration.

**John F Kellar**, aged 80 years, the wealthiest resident of Holland township, and Mrs. **Sarah Canfield**, aged 63, were to have been married recently. When they came before the minister, they decided they were too old. Mr. **Kellar** gave Mrs. **Canfield** \$1,000 cash, and they parted as good friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Ogle** on 1 January 1902, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Drake** of Pleasant View on New Year's Eve, 31 December 1901, a daughter.

The remains of **James Portwood, Sr.** were brought from Moweaqua to the Tolly Cemetery for interment last Thursday. (Pleak news)

Mrs. **A Cazalet** of Assumption, died in that city on Tuesday morning, 31 December 1901, at 2 o'clock, aged 74 years. Funeral services were held on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. Mrs. **Cazalet** had been a resident of Assumption for 30 years and was

highly respected and esteemed. She is survived by her husband and two children, both married.

**Wednesday, 15 January 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Mrs. **Mary E Jones, nee Hinton**, died at her home in this city on Wednesday, 8 January 1901 of puerperal septicaemia, aged 20 years, 6 months, and 4 days. The death was a peculiarly sad one. The remains were taken to Cowden Thursday for interment.

**George Hitchcock**, a miner in the employ of the Penwell mine at Pana, was instantly killed about one o'clock Thursday afternoon, by a rock falling on him and crushing his skull. He was about 35 years of age, and is survived by a wife and children. Mrs.

**Hitchcock** is certainly unlucky in choosing husbands. Her first husband was run over and killed by a train at Pana. (*Assumption Gazette*)

Miss **Estella Vandeventer** was surprised by a birthday party hosted by her parents on Thursday at their home, that day being her birthday. Games were played, music furnished and refreshments served.

**Jacob Hoy** and Miss **Jessie Shaw** were united in marriage on 1 January 1902 at Mt Vernon. The young couple arrived at the groom's home on 6 January 1902.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Sanner** on Sunday, 12 January 1902, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E O Bacon** on Monday, 13 January 1902, a daughter.

**Chas Sweet** and Mrs. **Elizabeth Birley**, both of Niantic, were married at 10 o'clock Saturday morning, 11 January 1902, by Justice **O W Smith** at his office in Decatur. The groom is a miner and the couple will reside in Niantic. (*Decatur Review*)

**Wednesday, 22 January 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Mrs. **Hanna Sprinkle** of Assumption, was granted a divorce from her husband, **Simon J Sprinkle**, by Judge **Dwight** on Monday. The divorce was the result of an agreement. **Sprinkle** paying his wife \$5,000 alimony; she charged him with extreme and repeated cruelty. (*Assumption Gazette*)

The real estate of **James Moran**, deceased, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder on Saturday, 8 February 1902, in front of the post office at Assumption, Illinois, by **John Moran**, executor. Sale consists of rich farm lands, 3 miles northeast of Assumption, and 20 acres partly within the corporate limits of Assumption.

**J E Longenbaugh**, administrator of the estate of **W W Longenbaugh**, deceased, filed in Shelby County, a notice of final settlement, scheduled for 10 February 1902 in front of the Shelby County courthouse.

A postal card received from **J M Portwood** at Argenta says that, "Mother **Portwood** died on 13 January 1902 and was buried on 14 January from the Christian Church of that city."

**Marion W Cargill** was born in Pike County, Illinois, on 25 July 1842. She lived in Pike County until 1868. In 1862 she was married to **Henry Wilson** who enlisted in the U S Army and served about two years. He died in St Louis. To them was born one child, who died when about one year old. She was married to **Ogden Cox** in 1867 and moved to Nebraska in 1868. **Cox** died in Nebraska in 1893. To them was born one child, who survives here. She worked in the Soldiers Home for four years. After leaving the home, she moved to Mt Vernon, Illinois, living there about a year, then coming to Moweaqua where she has resided since, dying on 17 January 1902, at the home of her cousin, Mrs. **L**

**Parker.** Funeral was held Saturday afternoon, Rev. **Rogers** officiating, and interment in the Masonic Cemetery.

**Jacob Galster** of Rural Township and Miss **Edith Smith**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Cal Smith** of West Ridge township were united in marriage on Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents. We were not informed about the clergy present. (Yantisville news)

**Harvey Pope's** friends surprised him Saturday night, it being his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. The evening was spent in games and music. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bridgman**, Misses **Daisy Welty**, **Mollie** and **Lottie Townsend**, **Daisy**, **Nannie** and **Sadie Pope** and Messrs **Rex Townsend**, **Sam Cole**, **Ross Jordon**, **Chas Hill** and **Merin Welty**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Milo Shride** on Thursday, 16 January 1902, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hartman**, Sunday, 19 January 1902, a son.

**Wednesday, 29 January 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Mrs. **Elias Denton** died on Monday at her home near Pleak. The funeral services and burial took place yesterday.

Born at the residence of **U T Plyler** to Mr. and Mrs. **Lee Richhart** on 22 January 1902, a girl.

Mr. **Sidney Johnson**, manager of the Johnson rice farm near Houston, formerly in the same business at Crowley, Louisiana, last year, has just returned from a trip to his old home, bringing back a bright and beautiful bride. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few relatives, New Year's Day at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Chas M Pogue**. The bride, Miss **Myrtle Pogue** and her parents, moved from Obed, Illinois, to Louisiana three years ago. Mr. **Johnson** is a good honest young man and has made many friends during his few months sojourn among them. (*Houston Post, Houston, Texas*)

**Walter Lash's** of Yantisville have a new addition to their family, a baby boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sherman Weatherhold**, Saturday, 25 January 1902, a son.

Mrs. **Malinda Jacobs** tells us that she had an old mule to die, 37 years of age. Mrs. **Jacobs** says that this venerable heirloom helped her raise her entire family, and her death came to them all with sincere regret. She was a family friend as well as a good, loyal provider for the family.

**Wednesday, 5 February 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

One of the most diabolical, deliberate and malicious crimes that was ever perpetrated in the state of Illinois, was committed in this city Saturday afternoon shortly after three o'clock when **Wes E Hawley** shot and instantly killed Policeman **Ben Martin**. The story is a brief one. Warrants for the arrest of **Hawley** had been executed in Esq. **Donnel's** court Friday evening and given to **Martin** to serve. The warrants charged him with selling liquor without license. **Martin** went to **Hawley** and read the warrant. **Harley** did not come into court, **Martin** went again into **Hawley's** restaurant with instructions to bring **Hawley** into court. **Hawley** again declined to go when **Martin** stepped behind the counter toward **Hawley**. **Hawley** then picked up a shot gun and fired both barrels at **Martin**, one or both of which struck him in the head, killing him almost instantly. Dr **Sparling** was summoned and found **Martin** lying behind the counter dying. **Hawley** went at once to the Bell telephone state, consulted a lawyer, and was then arrested. He was taken to Pana on the afternoon train by **W L Morris**, **O F Atteberry** and **Roy Stine**, and

there turned over to Sheriff **Miner** and a deputy, and taken to Shelbyville. **Martin's** body was placed on a door and carried to his home in the north part of town, and the coroner at once summoned. When the full meaning of this frightful affair gradually dawned upon the people, the excitement was great and many persons said it was well that **Hawley** was at once taken out of town or he would never have lived to see daylight. The only cause assigned for the horrible deed was that **Hawley** already had suits pending in the Circuit Court against him for the same offense, and was much incensed against the village authorities for prosecuting him. He openly threatened what he would do if **Martin** tried to arrest him. He simply made his threat good in killing **Martin**. The shot was not only fired at Martin, but at the law, at the Justice's court, and at the people of the state of Illinois. Witnesses who testified were **Wm O Workman, Lee Polk, J G Corrington, Mat Larson, Edward Slaughter, John Prescott, Wm Scroggin** and **Dr Sparling**.

The funeral of policeman **Martin** held Monday afternoon was both impressive and imposing. Never was there such an outpouring of people and such interest manifested. The remains were escorted from his residence to the Christian tabernacle by the mayor, members of the city council and city officials, the Fraternal Army of America, in which he carried \$1,000 insurance, and a delegation of the Federation of Labor. Services were participated in by all the ministers in town. Rev. **Crank** preached the sermon, though it was a union service. **Ben Martin** was a good man, a faithful and efficient officer, an enemy of no man, a loving and devoted husband. He sacrificed his life in the discharge of his sworn duty and in upholding the law. Pallbearers were **M H Miller, Jerry Campbell, George E Kirkman, David Adamson, J W Palmer** and **Joseph Beaumont**, all members of the Fraternal Army. **Benjamin Augustus Martin**, the subject of this sketch, was born near Lima, Putman County, Ohio, 4 October 1860. He met his death at the hands of an assassin on 1 February 1902, making him, at the time of his death, 41 years, 3 months, 26 days old. He was united in marriage with Miss **Lucy Ellen Fortner** on 18 May 1882 in Sullivan, Moultrie County, Illinois. He with his wife moved to Moweaqua, their present home in the fall of 1886. Brother Martin united with the Christian Church at Bethany, Illinois, in 1883, under the ministry of Elder **Hallman**. His Church membership still remains at Bethany. Brother **Martin** had served his fellow citizens in the office of City Marshall about 8 months, and at the time he met his death was engaged in the fulfillment of the duties of his office. He met his death in a conscientious effort to serve the people of the village of Moweaqua and a true servant of the people. He leaves a wife, one brother in St Joseph, Missouri, and seven sisters living in Illinois, two of them in Peoria, two in Shelbyville, one in Bethany, one in Sullivan and one in Moweaqua. The deceased was a member of the Fraternal Army of American.

*Testimony:* **William O Workman** testified. Was in **Hawley's** restaurant on 1 February 1902 between 3 and four o'clock. **Martin** came in and asked **Hawley** to go with him down to the office. **Hawley** said he wouldn't go – had not business there. **Martin** said if he wouldn't go he would have to come and get him. **Martin** went behind the counter when **Hawley** picked up a shotgun and quickly fired twice. **Martin** fell to the floor behind the counter. **Hawley** set the gun down and said nothing.

**Lee Polk**, who worked for **Hawley** testified – First time **Martin** came in he read a paper to **Hawley**; heard no conversation between **Martin** and **Hawley**. Was present when **Martin** came in a second time; **Martin** told **Hawley** that he came after him; wanted him to

go to the office; Hawley said 'he didn't have to' and **Martin** said, "I'll have to come after you." and stepped behind the counter toward **Hawley** when Hawley took the gun and fired twice. **Martin** fell the second shot. Don't know how long he lived. Never heard Hawley make any threats against Martin at any time. At time of shooting I was standing behind the counter nearly between **Martin** and **Hawley**, a little near to Hawley; distance between them was 15 to 18 feet.

**J G Corrington** testified that the shotgun used was his; identified by No. 311434.

**Hawley** had borrowed it for hunting and trap shooting, and had used it about a month.

**Mat Larson** testified that he was in Hawley's restaurant between 3 and 4 o'clock Saturday afternoon when Martin entered. He told Hawley he had come for him. Hawley said, "I'm not going". Martin said, "You better come go along with me." Hawley said, "I don't have to". Martin said, "If you don't want to go, I have to get you." Martin started behind the counter at the north end, and as soon as he got behind the counter, Hawley shot with shot gun. I said to Hawley 'What the devil are you doing?' Hawley said, "The D---- can't come around when I'm here. " I was sitting at the counter half way between Hawley and Martin waiting for lunch. Didn't see Martin fall, but saw body on the floor.

**Ed Slaughter**, who has worked two years of Hawley, testified: Saw Martin come in the first time, had paper; read it to Hawley. Second time, Martin came in I was in the rear room, heard both shots fired but wasn't where I could see anything. Pulled the curtain aside, saw Martin lying on the floor, but did not go to him. Never heard Hawley make any threats.

**John Prescott** testified. Know **Hawley** and **Martin**. Was in Hawley's restaurant first time about 12 o'clock, 1 February 1902, was in again about 3 o'clock. Hawley said a warrant had been read to him, but if Martin came to take him, would kill the d---. When I told him not to do so, he repeated the same language. Did not see Hawley put shells in the gun, was not there when shooting took place.

**Dr Sparling** testified he was called to Hawley's restaurant to attend to **Ben Martin**.

**Hawley** and **Polk** were behind the counter; asked Hawley when he had been doing to Ben Martin, he said, "I shot him - I won't allow any man to come and take me from behind my counter." I asked where Ben Martin was. Hawley said, "Down behind the counter where I shot him". Martin was not then dead, but dying. Started to take Martin out the back door when Hawley said, "No you don't, you will take him out the way he came in." We took him out the front door.

**Wm Scroggin** testified that he went into Hawley's restaurant just after the shooting; had a brief talk with Hawley, asked him what all the trouble was. Hawley said, "Martin came in here after me. I wouldn't go. He started around the counter after me and I shot him. I wouldn't let any living man come in and take me out of my place of business."

Esq. **J H Donnel**, police magistrate, testified that he issued the warrant for the arrest of **W E Hawley**, 31 January 1902, in the evening and gave it to Martin to serve.

Mayor **Ralph Ayars** and **John Clark** testified that **Ben Martin** was a duly appointed and confirmed village constable and as such, it was his duty to execute writs and warrants.

*Verdict of the jury:* We find that he came to his death by a gun shot wound, caused by one of two shots fired from a shot gun in the hands of one **W E Hawley** with murderous intent and malice aforethought, about 3:30 o'clock PM on Saturday, 1 February 1902, at the restaurant of the said **W E Hawley**, in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, and we



recommend that the said **W E Hawley** be held without bail to await the action of the grand jury, and that we further find that the said **Benjamin A Martin** came to his death while in the faithful performance of his duties as an officer of the law.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Funk** of near Obed, 30 January 1902, a daughter.

Little Miss **Chrissie Cameron**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **David Cameron** pleasantly observed her eleventh birthday Saturday afternoon by giving a party in honor of the event to a number of her young friends and playmates. Nice refreshments were served and the little hostess was the recipient of a number of pretty presents.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eber Weakley** on 1 February 1902, a girl.

Wednesday, 22 January 1902, at 7 PM occurred the marriage of Mr. **George Norton** and Miss **Bertha Dean** at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. **Charles Munson**, eight miles northeast of Osceola, Iowa. At the appointed hour the bridal party entered the room, and after a brief ceremony, the pair were pronounced husband and wife by Rev. **Porter** of Osceola, Iowa. After receiving congratulations they retired to the dining room to an excellent supper to which all did ample justice. The bride was gowned in white organdy, the groom in traditional black. Attendees were Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Munson**, Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Norton**, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Bond**, Mr. and Mrs. **H W Canblin**, Mr. and Mrs. **C S Johnson**, Miss **Nora Norton**, Miss **Maud Johnson**, and Messrs **Lloyd Norton**, **Ira Short** and **Edgar Gordon**.

Mr. **Fowler, W A Arnold's** hired man, died of pneumonia on Friday and was buried at Long Grove cemetery on Saturday. He was sick only three days and leaves a family. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harve Whitsett**, on 2 February 1902, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 12 February 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Miss **Ethel Rhodes**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Hillory Rhodes** and Dr **H J Parker**, a prominent physician of Clayton, Illinois, were united in marriage at 3 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon at the elegant home of the bride's parents south of Lovington. Elder **Sharples**, pastor of the Christian church, performed the ceremony in the presence of members of the family only. Immediately following the ceremony, dinner was served. The bride is a handsome and accomplished young lady, a graduate of Lovington high school. During the past two or three years she has engaged in the millinery business at Moweaqua but recently disposed of her business. As stated above, the groom is a practicing physician and a prominent citizen of his town. The happy couple left Wednesday evening via the Wabash for Clayton where they will reside. The *Reporter* joins with the bride's host of Lovington friends in extending congratulations. (*Lovington Reporter*)

**Oda May Casey**, beloved daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jas V Casey** was born 18 July 1880, and departed this life on 5 February 1902, aged 21 years, 6 months, and 17 days. At about the age of 9 years she was stricken with scarlet fever from which she never recovered. She has been a constant sufferer all her life. She leaves a father, mother, two brothers and two sisters, and a host of relatives and friends who feel the loss very deeply. The funeral was held at her home, conducted by Rev. **Joseph Thomas**, after which she was taken to the Masonic graveyard and laid to rest.

A particularly sad death occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J B Workman**, west of town Thursday, when after a brief, but very severe illness, their little daughter, **Bessie**

**Workman**, aged 4 years, 6 months and 3 days, succumbed to a combination of those dreaded diseases, scarlet fever and diphtheria. Another little girl, was very ill at the same time, but we are told that she is much improved. The funeral of little **Bessie** took place on Saturday and was private. The family have the warmest sympathy of numerous friends. *Later.* We have since learned that two other children in the family are very ill with the same malady.

**Elmer Sprinkle** was given a span of mules lately by his father. **Elmer** and somebody will locate on the **Sprinkle** farm in Rural. The somebody else will be his bride.

Widow **Polk** and her family will leave for Springfield on Wednesday from Fame.

**Walter Winter** will move into the home the Widow vacates.

**Elza Gordon's** young friends gave him a surprise party Monday at Pleasant View, it being his 19<sup>th</sup> birthday. He will till the soil for **Ben Smart** this coming season.

Born to Mrs. **Wm Lux** on Monday, 10 February 1902, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Elliott** on 7 February 1902, a daughter.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Elder **J R Golden**, former pastor of the Christian Church here, to Miss **Eva Grant** of Ronneby, Minnesota. The wedding occurred on 26 January 1902. Elder **Golden** is now located at Walnut, Illinois.

The sale of **James Moran** estate took place in front of the Illinois Sate Bank at Assumption on Saturday. The 20-acres near town were bought by Col **Wm Reading** at \$125 per acre. The homestead in Shelby County, composed of 144 acres, was bought by **John Moran** and bought for \$76.10 per acre. The house and lot in the east part of town were also bought by **John Moran**, and the price paid was \$1,225. (*Assumption Gazette*)

**Wednesday, 19 February 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J H Pinkston**, near Pleak, Illinois, their eldest daughter, Miss **Ollie E** to Mr. **S Claude Smith** of St Elmo, Illinois, at high noon on Sunday, 16 February 1902. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. **I W Longenbach** of the U B Church at Downs, Illinois, in the presence of about seventy guests. Immediately after the ceremony the couple received congratulations of those present, after which dinner was served. The fortunate couple were the recipients of many very handsome presents. Mr. and Mrs. **Smith** will move soon to St Elmo, Illinois, where they will locate on a farm.

Thursday evening a pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J Harve Moore**, their charming daughter, Miss **Jesse Moore**, being united in marriage to Mr. **Kenneth Polk**, the Rev. **J F VanEvers**, pastor of the Fame church, officiating. Only about 20 relatives and friends were present. The young couple expect to make their home with the bride's parents at present.

Again has the angel of death visited the home of **J B Workman** and taken another of his little girls, **Amie Workman**, age about seven years, with that dreadful combination of diseases, scarlet fever and diphtheria. The child died on Sunday and was buried on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. **Workman** have the warmest sympathy of the entire community in their terrible affliction.

**Joseph Matin**, residing two miles east of Pana, gave out the information that he was one of several heirs to a vast estate amounting to \$16,000,000 for whom the Bank of England advertised some time ago. **Matin** has notified **Joseph H Choate**, ambassador at the court

of St James, stating that complete records have been found proving that he is an heir and entitled to the share of the estate. His portion is over \$1,000,000.

**Joseph E Hinkle**, wife murderer to be executed at Peoria on Friday. The gallows on which **Joseph E Hinckle**, the wife murderer, will expiate his crime on Friday, was exhibited in the streets here today. Hundreds of citizens, the larger number of whom were young children, inspected the gallows. **Hinckle** is bearing up strong and says he will meet his death unflinchingly.

**Fred A Hill**, the teacher of Charter Oak School, died at the home of **I C Jones**, west, Saturday of typhoid fever after a very severe illness. His remains were sent Monday to Chenango Lake, New York. Mr. **Jones** accompanying them to Decatur.

**A L Stivison** came down from Decatur on Saturday to be present at the marriage of **S C Smith** and **Ollie Pinkston**.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Sinnard** of Fame. (*No date given, Fame news*)  
Married at Fame – **Kenneth Polk** and Miss **Jessie G Moore**. (*No date given, Fame news*)

Died Wednesday morning at about 9 o'clock at Fame, Mrs. **Joseph McGrath**. Mr. and Mrs. **Haverfield** of Assumption are keeping house for **Jos McGrath** for the present.

**Lilly Belle McGrath**, wife of **Joseph McGrath**, died of tuberculosis 12 February 1902, and was laid to rest in the Bethany cemetery on Thursday afternoon. Rev. **J F**

**VanEvers**, Pastor of the Fame Church under whose ministry she and her husband were led to Christ during her recent illness, conducted the services, preaching from Rev. 14:13. A quartette from the Fame Church rendering appropriate music. Mrs. **McGrath** was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Jaynes** and was born on 11 June 1874, and she was married on

10 December 1893 to **Joseph McGrath**. Two little girls were born to them, **Flossie**, aged 7 years, and **Alma**, aged 5 years. These, with the husband, father, mother, three brothers and three sisters, besides a host of friends remain to mourn her loss. Mrs. **McGrath** was a loving wife, a devoted mother and a good neighbor. That she lived in the hearts of the people was manifest by the tender, loving care bestowed upon her during her illness. We commend the sorrowing husband with his two little girls to her Savior, who though recently found, became a source of great comfort and peace to her during her intense suffering.

**Absalom Fear** died of pneumonia at his home in Assumption on Friday. He was buried on Monday, a large number going down from this city to attend the funeral.

**E O Sprinkle** and Miss **Demie Bechtel**, a happy young couple from Flat Branch township, were united in the holy bonds of wedlock by 'Squire **Wilhelm** Thursday morning in the office of **W O Wallace** during his absence in St Louis. Coroner **Horn** being the best man. (*Shelbyville Union*)

#### Wednesday, 26 February 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

*Five Violent deaths!* The killing of **Levi Tolly** by an Illinois Central train at Moweaqua makes five violent deaths that persons have met in that city in the past year! First a brakeman was killed in the early spring, by being run over by a train. **John Cairns** was thrown from a car a few weeks later and killed. **H F Hempel** committed suicide by shooting; Lawman **Martin** was killed by **Hawley** a few weeks ago, and this last, all

within the space of ten months. Verily Moweaqua citizens have begun to think the town is blacklisted on the book of fates. (*Shelbyville Union*).

**Killed!** Uncle **Levi Tolly** meets death on the Illinois Central right-of-way! Wednesday afternoon, 19 February 1902, shortly after two o'clock, our little city experienced another sad shock, the news spreading rapidly that Uncle **Levi Tolly** had been struck and instantly killed by the north bound passenger train, due in this city at 2:23 P.M. From the evidence adduced at the coroner's inquest and from other sources, it would appear that Mr. **Tolly** was walking north between the west track and the main track near Walker & Snell's elevator. At that time, a freight train was on the west track and the passenger train was coming north, behind Mr. **Tolly** on the main track. The latter train being behind him, he did not see it. When the train was about 200 feet distant, Mr. **Tolly** was observed to step over close to the main track, and despite the repeated whistling and bell ringing, and the shouting warnings of the freight train brakeman, the fireman on the passenger engine, also **S R Mitchell** and others, he remained too close to the main track, and was struck in the back by the outer end of the cross-beam on the engine pilot. He fell forward, striking violently on his head, producing a concussion of the brain, and dying in a few moments. He was not run over by the train, neither was he badly mangled, only one leg being broken, and his head bruised. It was thought that the violence with which his head struck the ground caused his almost instant death. He was removed at once to his home in the south part of town. Coroner **Horn** was summoned from Shelbyville. The coroner empanelled a jury Thursday morning consisting of **J H Donnel, J G Corrington, F D Pratz, James Sheppard, Adam Snyder** and **A R Keller** and spooned a number of witnesses, including railroad employees.

**C C Dewey**, engineer, residence: Clinton, Illinois, testified: Was running Engine No 329, Train No 120, 19 February 1902, coming north into Moweaqua at about ten miles an hour. **Tolly** was about 200 feet ahead of the train when I first saw him; was clear of main track; when I got closer, he seemed to get nearer the main track. I whistled danger signal eight or ten times and also applied air brakes. He got near enough outside the rail for cross beam of the pilot to strike him. I did not see him struck, being on opposite side of the engine, I released the air brakes and pulled up to the depot.

**R Porterfield**, fireman of Engine No 329 testified: Coming into Moweaqua noticed him about 200 or 300 feet ahead of the train, walking alongside the track going north; on right hand side of track, far enough away to clear the train; whistled for crossing before I saw the man. He moved toward the main track and engineer gave alarm whistle. I shouted to man to get out of the way, as did also **John Bennett**, a brakeman on the freight train along side, but he paid no attention. He was not on the track, but near enough to be struck by the pilot beam, which threw him forward and he fell on his head and rolled over. I told the engineer we had struck him. The bell was ringing continuously until we stopped at depot. Was running about ten miles an hour.

The funeral was held from the family residence on Friday afternoon, Rev. **B Smock** of Assumption officiating. A large number of sorrowing and sympathetic friends were present. At the conclusion of the services, the remains were laid to rest in the north cemetery. Pallbearers were **J Everet Corrington, W Ed Corrington, C F Gaskill, James T Duncan, E O Smith** and **O L Scribner**. **Levi Tolly** was a good man; he was a kind father, and a loving and devoted husband. He was quiet, unobtrusive gentleman of the old school. A man liked by everyone and a good citizen. **Levi P Tolly** was born on

2 November 1828, and departed this life on 19 February 1902, aged 73 years, 3 months and 17 days. **Levi Tolly** was united in marriage with **Nancy Vermillion** in 1860. To this union was born four children, three of this number preceded him to the spirit world, all dying in infancy. He leaves an afflicted wife and one daughter, Mrs. **Mare E Richhart**, five grandchildren, one brother, Mr. **Isaac Tolly** of Michigan and a host of sympathizing friends and relatives to mourn their loss. The funeral occurred from the family residence, conducted by Elder **B Smock**, assisted by Elders **Stevenson** and **Thomas**. The relatives were all present except one grandson, **Lew Richhart** of Louisiana. The funeral was well attended. The deceased was not connected with any religious body, the reasons unknown, but during the last few years of his life, he expressed his willingness to depart this life. A few days before his death he said to the family, "I am ready at the Master's call". After the services the body was laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery to await the resurrection. Peace to his sleeping dust.

**Wesley Hawley** was charged with willful murder of Policeman **Ben Martin** by the court. Mr. **Hawley** appeared in open court and when the court asked him whether he had an attorney, he surprised many by saying that he had not been able to hire counsel. It was generally understood that **O C Leforgee** of Decatur and the firm of Thornton & Ragan of this city had been retained, but this seems to be a mistake. Although he was not appointed, **E A Richardson** was asked by the court to consult with the defendant and ascertain his ability to get counsel. The case is a serious one. Mr. **Hawley** has no money and no friends—that has been investigated thoroughly—and it is the duty of the court, when such a case occurs, to select some member of the bar to do the work. This has to be done without money and without price. Attorney **E A Richardson** will not get a penny for his services, but as a member of the bar, accepted the appointment. Judge **Farmer** remarked that it was a serious case and that every man was entitled to a fair and vigorous defense. Mr. **Richardson** said that he would do the very best he could. Mr. **Hawley** was brought out of jail this morning and was notified of the appointment of Mr. **Richardson**. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Cundiff** on 23 February 1902, a daughter.

**Isaac S Tolly** of Hillsdale, Michigan, a brother of **Levi Tolly**, was here at the funeral. After a severe illness covering a period of about two months, **Mary A Snyder**, aged 48 years, 1 month and six days died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Valentine Snyder, Sr.** on Thursday of last week. Her affliction was an internal disease. The funeral services were held at the family residence on Saturday morning. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating, in the presence of a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends. The interment was in the Snyder cemetery. **Mary Ann Snyder** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 27 January 1854, and died at her home near Moweaqua on 20 February 1902, aged 48 years and 24 days. She leaves a father, mother, three brothers, and three sisters and many relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was a sweet and gentle character, a devoted daughter.

Wednesday, 5 March 1902, at high noon at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**, south of town, will occur the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Ida Fieker** to Mr. **Fred Pistorius** of Boody, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **I T Baird**, 18 February 1902, a son.

A pleasant surprise was planned by Mrs. **P P Ludwig** and children for Mr. **P P Ludwig** in honor of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on Thursday, 20 February 1902. Old friends and neighbors gathered in and a most enjoyable day was spent which will long be remembered. The

family presented him with a handsome reclining chair. Those invited were Mr. and Mrs. **W J Snyder**, Mr. and Mrs. **G Winter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Suppes**, Mr. and Mrs. **Rahler**, Mr. and Mrs. **V Winter**, Mr. and Mrs. **Hoewing**, Mr. and Mrs. **Burk**, Mr. and Mrs. **Fieker**, Mr. and Mrs. **Heitmeyer**, Rev. **Theodore Ludwig** and wife from Beardstown; Rev. **A F Ludwig** and wife from Nokomis; Rev. **W P Ludwig** and family from Victor, Iowa, **P G Ludwig** and family, Miss **Anna Fieker**, **Rachel Heitmeyer**, **Amelia**, **Emma**, **Otto**, and **Edwin Ludwig** and **H Brink**.

**Wm Hill** of Obed attended the funeral of his brother-in-law, **Levi Tolly** in Moweaqua on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatly** celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Chas Mauzy** attended the 70<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of **Robert Radford** on Sunday in Assumption.

Rev **Van Evers** was called to Assumption to officiate at the funeral of **Wm R Cochran**, a Chicago policeman, last Thursday.

#### **Wednesday, 5 March 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

After a brief illness lasting less than a week, the venerable Grandma **Mary Coulter** quietly passed into the infinite world beyond at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **R M Stine** in this city, at one o'clock on Sunday. The dear old lady had been gradually failing in health for more than a year, and at the time of her death, she was over eighty years of age. She was a sweet and gentle character, bearing her afflictions cheerfully and was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends. The funeral services occurred yesterday afternoon from the M E Church in the presence of a large number of loving and sympathetic fiends. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. The remains were laid to rest in the west cemetery. **Mary Stine** was born on 11 September 1821 in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, and died 2 March 1902 in Moweaqua, Illinois, aged 80 years, 5 months and 21 days. In 1839 she was united in marriage with **Samuel Coulter** who preceded her to the better world in 1882. To them was born eight children, six of whom are still living, **John** of Tyrone, Pennsylvania, **George** of Assumption, Illinois, **Cyrus** of Ryde, Pennsylvania; Mrs. **Ella Graham** of Newton-Hamilton, Pennsylvania; Mrs. **Tillie A Stine** of this city, and **David R Coulter** of Prairie Home, Illinois. Two children, **William** and **Rebecca** have gone on before. In 1877 she with her family moved to Moweaqua, Illinois, which place has since been her home. Yet while a young girl she united with the Church and her entire life has been that of a faithful Christian. For about 15 years she and her youngest daughter, **Rebecca**, lived by themselves, and those who knew them, know how devoted to each other they were. Since **Rebecca's** death in June 1899, nearly three years ago, she has resided with her daughter, Mrs. **Stine**, at whose home she passed away. Her life has been a long and active one. Her aim was ever to serve her family and friends faithfully and do all in her power to make others comfortable and happy. For nearly a year she has been much afflicted and confined almost entirely to her home. She knew the end was drawing near and she longed for death to come, feeling that to live was Christ, but to die would be gain.

Tuesday afternoon of last week, a fatal accident occurred near Pleak, resulting in the almost instant death of **Isaac Pinkston**, the bright young son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Pinkston**. **Isaac** with his brother, **Homer**, were getting out mill logs, and in falling a



tree, a portion of it lodged in another tree, swerving it greatly from its natural course. Both boys ran to escape injury. **Homer** clearing himself, but **Isaac** was caught and frightfully injured internally, death resulting with great suffering about two hours after the accident. The coroner was summoned from Shelbyville, and a jury brought in a verdict in accordance with the foregoing facts. **Isaac Pinkston** was an exceptionally fine young man. He is spoken of as one of those particularly bright and capable characters, always cheerful and willing, ever ready to undertake a task, or assume a duty. He was greatly beloved by a large circle of friends, and his untimely death was a sad and severe blow to the family.

**Isaac Wesley Pinkston**, son of **John** and **Mary E Pinkston**, was born 6 October 1884, and died at the home of his parents near Pleak, Illinois, 25 February 1902, aged 17 years, 4 months and 19 days. His demise is mourned by father, mother, seven brothers, two sisters, two aged grandfathers, and a host of relatives and friends. Isaac was a kind, loving, industrious and obedient son, and the place he occupied in the home has been rendered lonely. The funeral occurred Thursday from the Little Flock church. Rev. **George Carter** conducting the services after which interment was made in the Little Flock cemetery.

**James Thomas** was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, on 24 August 1834, and died on 26 February 1902, aged 67 years, 6 months and two days. He was united in marriage with **Malvina Casey**, 26 May 1859. To this union were born eight children, four died in infancy, one at the age of 21 years. Three, **Wm. R Thomas**, Mrs. **Mary Isabel Foltz**, and Mrs. **Clara Alice Bridgman** live to comfort and mourn their aged mother in the departure of a faithful husband, and a kind and loving father. He was converted at about the age of 20 years, and after a few years of study, prayer and meditation, he united with Little Flock Baptist Church under the ministry of Elder **Newton Coffey**. Later he was ordained deacon, which duties he faithfully discharged until his Heavenly father said, "It is enough, come up higher". The services were conducted at Little Flock Church by Elder **M C Jones**, on 28 February 1902. After the services the body was laid to rest in Little Flock cemetery to await the resurrection. Two nephews, Messrs. **James Johnson** and **James A Johnson** of Farmersburg, Indiana, were present. The pallbearers were Messrs. **Joseph Reed**, **James Weir**, **George Yantis**, **A J Foltz**, **Henry Yantis** and **H G Jordan**.

Mrs. **George Rice** and Mrs. **Edna Pratz** were called to Shattuc, Clinton County, last week by the illness and final death of young **Harry Yantis**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Yantis**. Cause of death was appendicitis.

Subscriptions are being received for the monument to be erected to the memory of the late **Ben Martin**. The Moweaqua village policeman was murdered in February 1902 while attempting to bring **Wesley Hawley** in. Policeman **Ben Martin** is a martyr, dying in the defense of the village of Moweaqua. This is purely a public recognition of a principal for which **Martin** sacrificed his life. Every citizen of Moweaqua should consider it a privilege to subscribe to such a cause.

Mrs. **Wm. Syfert** of Yantisville was called to Shattuc, Illinois, on Thursday to attend the funeral of a little nephew, the oldest son of **John W Yantis, Jr.**

**Melcher's** hearse from Findlay passed through Yantisville on Friday for the **Thomas** funeral.

**James Thomas** died on Wednesday, 26 February 1902. He was aged 67 years, 6 months and two days. (Obed news)

Miss **Edith L Fieker** and **Fred Pistorious** will be united in marriage at the home of the bride on Wednesday, 5 March 1902.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Osborn** on 2 March 1902, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Clipstone**, 1 March 1902, a daughter.

**Wednesday, 12 March 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

At high noon on Wednesday, 5 March 1902, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Fieker**, occurred the marriage of their daughter, **Edith L Fieker** to **Ferdinand H Pistorious**. The wedding march was beautifully executed by Mrs. **Theo Ludwig** of Beardstown, Illinois, a sister of the bride, during the rendition of which the bridal party slowly marched in to the room, and took their place under a beautifully arranged and decorated arch. The ceremony was performed by the Revs **Theo Ludwig**, **Eng. Weiffenbach**, **Theo Brink** and **W F Elger**. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**, and by her loving and kind disposition has formed a host of friends who will regret to see her leave. She was attired in a handsome dress of white organdie and carried a beautiful bouquet of bridal roses. The groom was dressed in the conventional black, and is a prosperous young farmer of Boody, Illinois. About 85 guests were present. The couple received many beautiful and useful present. The bride and groom will return with Rev. and Mrs. **Theo Ludwig** to Beardstown for a short visit, and then return and be at home on the groom's farm near Boody.

**Wm. F Deike**, a brother-in-law of Dr **Sparling**, died at Fernwood near Chicago on Wednesday of last week. He had been in failing health for several months, and at the time of his decease, he was 52 years of age. Mr. **Deike** was well-known here, he and his wife, who is Dr **Sparling's** sister, having frequently visited Moweaqua. He was born in Westfield, Germany, and leaves a wife, father, mother, three sisters and three brothers. The remains were brought to this city on Friday and interred in the I. O. O. F. cemetery, west of town.

Mrs. **W M Beck** was pleasantly surprised Saturday, it being her birthday. About eleven o'clock her neighbors and friends gathered in with baskets of eatables, and an elegant dinner was spread to which all did justice. The afternoon was pleasantly spent in conversation. Her birthday is March 8<sup>th</sup>. Grandma **Beck**, **Edgar** and **Zetta Beck** were in attendance, about 40 guests in all.

We regret to say the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Hallaman** near this place, died Sunday about \_\_\_ o'clock AM of scarlet fever and was buried in the afternoon in the cemetery at this place. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen**, Thursday, 6 March 1902, a son.

Died early Sunday morning, little **Lena Halliman**, age about 3 years, of scarlet fever.

She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Halliman** who live on **Henry Otta's** farm, northeast. The child was buried on Sunday afternoon.

**J I Hulett** of Findlay wears a smile as broad as the mouth on one of the tile manufactured in his tilery because of the arrival at this house of the 'most charming young lady' of Okaw township. And **J I** says -she has come to stay. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

**Reu L Garis** is dead. His spirit took its flight at 1:30 Monday afternoon. For the past few days his death was almost hourly expected so that it came not as a surprise. The

immediate cause of death was heart failure, and a complication of troubles that have preyed upon him for some time. He has been failing for several months, and those who know him best were convinced that death was not far distant. He came down town to his office every day until the early part of last week, though several times he had to be taken home. (*Shelbyville Daily Union*)

**Wednesday, 19 March 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Monday, 10 March 1902, at the residence of Mrs. **McCalvery**, 337 W Madison, Chicago, the Rev. **C M Chase**, a Methodist minister officiating, Mr. **A F Mehan** of Mason, Michigan, and Miss **Lydia Weakly** of this city were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Mehan** made a brief visit here with the bride's mother, Mrs. **Tilmon Weakly** and family, returning Thursday to their Michigan home. The groom is a clothing merchant of Mason, Michigan, and a very pleasant and affable gentleman. The bride is one of Moweaqua's sweetest and prettiest girls, who bears the high esteem and good will of a legion of friends.

Mrs. **Ben Martin**, widow of Policeman **Martin**, received a check for \$1,000 due on the life of her late husband from the local post Fraternal Army of America.

The venerable **E M Doyle** died Monday afternoon at his residence east of town. He had been gradually failing for months and his final demise was not unexpected, being the natural result of general debility and very old age. Mr. **Doyle** was born in Logan County, Kentucky, and came to Illinois in 1863. At the time of his death, he was in the 86<sup>th</sup> year of his age. He leaves a wife, several children, and a large estate. The funeral services were held this Wednesday morning at ten o'clock from the M E Church. Rev. **Stevenson** officiating. The remains were interred in the west cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm. Keith** on 10 March 1902, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Bergen** on 3 March 1902, a daughter.

Death, the wily one, stole silently into the bedchamber of **Adam Dannenbarger** at an early hour on Tuesday morning and snuffed out the flickering candle of life while the faithful wife of the old gentleman lay by his side, all unconscious of the ghostly visitation. For a number of months, Mr. **Dannenbarger** had been in failing health and for the past six weeks, had been very seriously ill though had felt some better, and on Sunday had gone out for a short walk. Monday evening he retired at five minutes of 8, apparently no worse than he had been for a few days. At 2 o'clock he was awake and in response to a question from his wife, he said he wanted nothing. At 4 o'clock, Mrs. **Dannenbarger** again spoke to her husband, but failing to get a response, and noting the absence of his heavy breathing, struck a light and made the horrifying discovery that the spirit had taken its flight. (*Shelbyville Leader*). *The deceased was a relative of the Moll families in this city and vicinity.*

Last Thursday being the seventy-fifth birthday of Mrs. **Sarah Stump**, the annual family reunion was held. **Bud Sims**, the Obed photographer, was present in the afternoon and took Mrs. **Stump's** picture. (Obed news)

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen** will regret to learn that their sweet little baby boy was so happily made welcome into the world, but a few days since, died Monday night about 10 o'clock. The funeral was held yesterday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Florkowski** on 13 March 1902, a girl.

Word was received here last week that Mrs. **Charles Palmer** of Troy, Indiana, mother of **W J Palmer** of this place, was not expected to live but a few hours. Mr. **Palmer** started immediately for there and arrived in time to be with her only a few hours before her death. Mr. **Palmer's** family received a letter from him on Tuesday saying that she died Saturday of last week at 5 o'clock PM and was buried on Monday.

**Wednesday, 26 March 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**James S Weakly** of Obed, died at the home of **John Moll** in Moweaqua, Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1902, at 11:10 o'clock AM. Mr. **Weakly** was born 14 April 1853 and lived in Shelby County about all his life. He was married to **Rosa Pinkston** on 17 January 1878, and to this union were born eleven children. Two have preceded the father to the other world. Four brothers and one sister with the grief stricken companion and nine children are left to mourn. Mr. **Weakly**, with his wife, went to Moweaqua on business just eleven days before he died. He took sick immediately on his arrival, and from the first his demise seemed certain. All hoped he would be spared to return home, but this he was not permitted to do. He, with his wife, united with the United Brethren Church at Locust Grove, under the labors of Rev. **Stevenson** though at this time he was not satisfied with his experience. He told his weeping friends he was not afraid to die. Mr. **Weakly** has lived on a farm of **Daniel Moss** for 22 years, and during all these years, they never had an unpleasant disagreement. He was an agreeable neighbor and a friend to all. In his death the community has lost an esteemed neighbor and citizen. Mr. **Weakly** was also serving as a road commissioner in which capacity he showed business ability and much interest in the affairs of the office. He carried insurance in the M. W. A. in the amount of \$2,000. The funeral occurred at the First U B Church of Obed on Monday at 2:00 o'clock PM, **O E Clapp**, the pastor, assisted by Rev. **Carter**, officiated at the services. **E M Doyle** came of Irish and English parentage, his grandparents emigrating from the north of Ireland to America in 1750, locating in Virginia, afterwards moving to Tennessee, and from there to Kentucky. He was the fourth in a family of nine children and was born near Russville, Logan County, Kentucky, on 17 September 1815. His chance for an education was very limited, from working every day to assist in supporting the family, he usually spent his evenings in trying to learn what he could. In those days, if a boy could read, write, and spell, he was considered fairly educated. In the year 1831, he came to Illinois, locating at Vandalia, where he made his home several years with an older brother, where he became acquainted with **Abraham Lincoln**, and with whom he chopped wood and split rails. He was afterward employed as a stage driver, his routes being between St Louis, Marine, and east of Edwardsville, and on the Carlinville, St Louis and Edwardsville line, which business he followed for about four years. On 27 May 1836, he was united in marriage with **Mary Dickens** of Wilson County, Tennessee, and they located in Madison County and began farming. To them were born ten children. She died on 1 May 1895 and he was again married to **Helen M Brewer**, and to them were born seven children, three of whom with seven of his first children survive him. He united with the Presbyterian Church when quite a young man, and after coming to Illinois, he united with the M E Church, which has since been his Church home. He came to Shelby County in March 1863, and purchased the farm where he lived until his death and amassed considerable property.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nick Nalbach** on 19 March 1902, a son.

**Cy Weakly** was over from Lakewood last week, called here by the serious illness of **James Weakley** who later died.

Died, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Will Coultas**, which was born on 21 March 1902, died yesterday, 25 March 1902. Brief burial services were held by Rev. **W F Stevenson**. Our sympathies to the bereaved family.

**Adison Snyder** and Mrs. **Agnes Stoneburner** were united in marriage at Decatur on Sunday. Both are well-known here.

The ever-moving angel of death has again entered the home of **J B Workman**, taking another of their precious children from their midst. This is the third little one in two months. It seems hard that the parents should be deprived of their little ones, who are so young, but the Omnipotent One knows best. They must look up to him in their sorrow and rest content that their little ones are in a better land. The sympathy of the entire community and Prairieton is extended to the bereaved family.

Owing to the funeral of Mrs. **Wes Hoy** on Thursday, the F. A. order failed to have a meeting. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Weakly** on 20 March 1902, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew F Mehan** (*Nee* Miss **Lydia Weakly** of Moweaqua, Illinois) arrived in the city on the 5:33 train last Friday evening. They were met by a large concourse of our people and the K. O. T. band. In the evening a reception was extended to them by Hon and Mrs. **Lawton T Hemans** at their residence on south Lansing St, which was attended by a large number of invited citizens. (*Mason Democrat, Mason, Michigan*)

#### Wednesday, 2 April 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Mrs. **M Snyder, Jr.** was the recipient of a most delightful surprise Wednesday of last week, it being her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday. She was induced to go to the country and was then unexpectedly called home, only to find a legion of **Snyder's** and other connections in possession of the house, and a bountiful dinner spread. To add to the pleasure of the occasion, Mr. **Christopher Snyder** dropped in from Kansas, just in time to participate in the surprise. It has been about three years since his last visit home.

**Raymond Snyder** and Miss **Bonnie Culver** were married at 10 o'clock Thursday forenoon by Rev. **S H Boyer**, pastor of the First Baptist Church at his residence on West Wood street. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **E R Culver**, 752 North Church Street. The groom is employed at **Greider's** café, and is the son on Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Snyder** of Moweaqua, Illinois. The wedding was considerable of a surprise to the parents of the bride who knew nothing of the arrangements till after the ceremony was performed. The couple went at once to the home of the bride's parents after the ceremony. (*Decatur Review*)

Mrs. **Martha A Carroll**, wife of **James Carroll** of Mulberry Grove, Illinois, died at the residence of her son, **John Carroll**, 6 miles northwest of Assumption on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, of a complication of heart disease and pneumonia, aged 67 years. Mrs. **Carroll** came here some time ago to nurse her son, **Emery Carroll**, who was ill with pneumonia. After her son's recovery, the mother was taken ill with the dread disease. The funeral took place at Mulberry Grove on Thursday. (*Assumption Gazette*).

**Martha Ann Elam Carroll** was born in Tennessee on 11 August 1834, and departed this life on 26 March 1902, aged 67 years, 6 months, and 15 days. She was married to **J M**

**Carroll** on 30 August 1850. To this union were born thirteen children, nine boys and four girls, four having preceded her to the spirit world, two boys and two girls. Nine still survive her, two girls and seven boys. She had come to be with her sick boy near Assumption when she was suddenly taken ill with lung fever and heart trouble, and lived only a week. She leaves her sorrowing husband and nine children, viz: Mrs. **Sarah E Gage**, **John D Carroll**, **Mary Nixon**, **James A Carroll**, **Alonzo S Carroll**, **Charles L Carroll**, **Edward E Carroll**, **Emery M Carroll**, and **Fred R Carroll**, and one sister, and many friends and neighbors to mourn her death. The funeral services were held in the Christian Church at Mulberry Grove, Bond County, Illinois, conducted by Elder **A H Harrell** in the presence of a large and sympathetic audience. She, with her husband, united with the Christian Church in the fall of 1877, lived a devoted life, and was loved and respected by all who knew her. Peace be to thy rest and love to thy memory.

**Ed Murphy** was called to Macon on Monday on account of the death of his brother. Dr **Ozee** and wife were called to Allenville to attend the funeral of their daughter, **Pearl**. Several from this vicinity (Pleasant View) attended the birthday surprise on Mrs. **Martin Thomas** on Saturday last. About ninety or thereabouts in number responded to the invitations. It was a complete surprise as Mrs. **Thomas** knew nothing of it until ten o'clock when a dozen or more vehicles drove up at once and began to call to her for an early dinner.

Last Wednesday being the fifty-fifth anniversary of the birth of **Ella Snyder**, her children decided to give her a surprise dinner, and excellently did they carry out their plans. At noon when Mrs. **Snyder** returned from a visit in the County with her daughter, she was greeted by a home full of relatives and friends as well as a table weighted down by those things which satisfy the taste of the Epicurean. The afternoon was spent in social conversation and the rendition of several beautiful instrumental solos. The pleasure of the occasion was enhanced by the unexpected arrival of **C F Snyder** of Kansas. Present were: Rev. **Stevenson** and wife and son, Mr. and Mrs. **Gilliland**, Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Snyder**, Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder**, Mrs. **Austin**, Mrs. **Sam Miller**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Smart**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson**, Mr. **C F Snyder**, and **Lulu** and **Mabel Snyder**. The occasion also celebrated Mrs. **Ida Smart's** twenty-fifty birthday. The friends departed wishing Mrs. **Snyder** and Mrs. **Smart** many more golden milestones on life's rugged pathway.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hines** on 1 April 1902, a daughter.

*An Iowa Romance.* A story that is good enough for the writer of fiction to make a book. One of the most remarkable characters in the whole southwest recently applied to the Linn County clerk at Cedar Rapids for a license to wed. The record shows: "**William Tate** of Henrietta, Texas, 74 years; **Eliza C Ellis** of Chicago, Illinois, aged 48 years". The groom formerly resided in Delaware County, Iowa, as did the bride, but they did not care to be married in that community because of the remarks that were liable to be passed concerning the disparity of their ages, so they went to Marion, told no one except the official authorized to tie the knot, and then started south to Texas where they will make their home. **William Tate** is a Scotchman, tall, hale, hearty and active. His step is as firm and his eye as clear as when he was 60. He located in Texas a number of years ago, when each man was a law unto himself and the pistol the peace officer. Mr. **Tate** located on large ranch, stocked it and started to acquire a fortune in the comparatively easy manner that fortunes were made in those days. All was not smooth sailing, however, for



the cattle men whose plans he had interfered with by cutting into the range, became ugly and menaced him repeatedly. One day the climax was reached. In trying to defend their property against the attack of a band of murderous outlaws and cowboys, **Tate** and his son, a young man inheriting his father's stature and courage, were engaged in a pitched battle. When the smoke cleared away, **Tate** was in undisputed possession of the ground, but close by lay the body of his son, pierced with the bullet of an assassin. The father knew who had fired the shot. He made a vow before Heaven that he would revenge his son's death if it took a lifetime. The simple funeral obsequies over, the grief racked parent took the trail. Day after day passed. At times, there seemed to be no hope that he would overtake the murderer. Ten, twenty, thirty days rolled away, but they found the old man still on the trail, his eye strained in the direction that he knew the outlaw had taken. On the 32<sup>nd</sup> day, there was a meeting. All had been planned during those hours on the hot, dusty trail, and the attack was made and conducted exactly as the ranchman had hoped. By a quick manipulation of the lasso, the noose was sent whirling over the murderer's head. As the well trained horse settled back on his haunches, the noose lessened in size and when it settled swiftly over the shoulders of the doomed man, it required but a slight touch to bring it tight. Bound hand and foot, the murderer was placed on his own horse and started for the **Tate** ranch. What transpired and what was said on that long trip, no one but old Man **Tate** will ever know. It is known, however, that at the end of the journey, almost on the spot where the killing of **Tate** had taken place, there was another death, and old man **Tate** erected the gallows and acted as executioner. He had no one to assist him and none dared offer any interference. He was meeting out the penalty of the law. Not even a stick marks the spot where the body lies buried. The years have sped by. The courageous old frontiersman has prospered but he was lonely. On a horse selling trip to Iowa, he met the woman who now bears his name, and a few months later, he returned to claim her as his bride. Law and order now reign in Texas. Nothing will probably ever occur to mar the happiness of this singular mated couple in their comfortable home for those who have met **William Tate** say that they would not care to engage in a duel with him, even in his advanced years. (*Cedar Rapids Gazette, Cedar Rapids, Iowa*)

**Wednesday, 9 April 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

A special telegram from Pana, Illinois, under date of 4 April 1902, states: "**Hattie M Hays** of Prairieton Township, Christian County, was divorced and married on Friday. That morning she was granted a decree of divorce from her husband, **George Hays** on a statutory charge. The two children were given to the mother. The same afternoon, she married **Elmer Jacobs** and held the divorce certificate in one hand and the marriage certificate in the other while Judge **Kaup** pronounced the ceremonies."

The estate of the late **E M Doyle** who died recently has been filed for probate. **Ralph Ayars**, the banker, was appointed administrator of the estate, which is valued at about \$22,500, real and personal.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Tolly** on 3 April 1902, a son.

**Wednesday, 16 April 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L C Whitehead**, 5 April 1902, a daughter.

Quite a jolly crowd of young people gathered at the beautiful home of Mrs. **Harriet Merrimen** to remind **Roy Merriman** of his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. It being well planned to get Roy away to town, and when he returned his many friends were awaiting his return and to remind him that it was Wednesday, 9 April 1902 – or his birthday. The evening was spent in games, music and social conversation. Present were Misses **May Primmer, Alta Jacobs, Luella Housh, Amy Burgener, May Wolf, Ida Casey, Nellie Housh, Pearl Standley, Dollie Webb, Lulu and Mora Merriman**, and Messrs. **Allie Burgener, C E Hart, Gid Housh, A F Pinkston, Ben Standley, Irvan Primmer, A J Steidley, Amos and Harlo Burgener, Ruby Osborn, Art Scheller, Claud Burgener, Earl Housh, Charlie Scheller, Oscar Osborn, Charlie Casey** and Mr. and Mrs. **M T Smart**.

**Wednesday, 23 April 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Sunday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Elias Snell** in this city, Rev. **J B Rogers** officiating, Mr. **Thomas Adams** and Miss **Bessie Tanner** were united in marriage. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Adams**, west, and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **H C Tanner** of this city.

One day last week, **James Long** and Miss **Corda Brown** were married in Decatur. They will make their home in Springfield where **Jim** is in the employ of the C & A Railroad.

**P B Housh** was appointed administrator of the estate of **Sarah Denton**, deceased.

Deceased was a resident of Flat Branch, and her estate includes some personal property, and her share of the estate of **Elias Denton**, deceased, amounting to \$737.85.

*(Shelbyville Union)*

Mr. **Nines**, living on the **Deering** farm east of Yantisville, buried their only daughter, a baby of two years, on Tuesday. Our sympathies.

The *Call-Mail* is in receipt of several copies of the *Ireton, Iowa Clipper*, from our old friend, **Andrew Adams**, which papers contain a graphic account of the trial and acquittal of **W F Reynolds** for murder.

**Wednesday, 30 April 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

The late Col **James Laughlin's** will, filed for probate, makes the eldest son, **P P Laughlin** executor. Executor's bond is \$20,000. The will divides the estate, about \$13,000, between the widow and five of the heirs, several of the heirs having had their portion some time ago. *(Shelbyville Union)*

Dr **Sparling** who represents the Royal Templars of Temperance, a fraternal insurance organization, received checks to the amount of \$2,700, the beneficiaries being Mrs.

**Nannie Washington, Mrs. Gertrude Washington** and Mrs. **George Glenn** of Macon.

A very sad and fatal accident occurred at the home of **Millard Cutler**, north of Obed at a late hour Thursday afternoon. It seems that an infant son, age probably one year was left alone for a few moments in the house, and the little fellow, in some manner, got hold of the lamp in an incubator and turned it over. The oil spread over the child's clothing and then took fire. A young brother, hearing his cries, tried to put out the flames, but without success, though he burned his hands badly in the effort. Before assistance came, the child was burned beyond recovery and died in great agony. Mr. and Mrs. **Cutler** has the sincere sympathy of a host of friends in their sore affliction. Services were held Friday morning from Little Flock church. *Card of Thanks:* We desire to express our heartfelt thanks to all of those who so kindly aided us in our hour of saddest affliction caused by

the horrible accident resulting in the death of our sweet little darling son, our baby. May God bless you for your kindness. *Signed:* Mr. and Mrs. **M F Cutler** and children. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C W Rice** on Saturday, 26 April 1902, a daughter.

Mrs. **D P Keller** attended the funeral of Col **Laughlin** at Shelbyville last week. The deceased was an old and valued friend of Mrs. **Keller**. **James Laughlin** was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, on 23 February 1821, died at 9:45 AM on Tuesday, 22 April 1902 after an illness of six weeks, aged 81 years, 1 months and 29 days. He was married to **Martha Clark** in 1843. His wife died, leaving two daughters, **Cornelia** and **Mary**. He married the second time to **Henrietta Murphy** in 1847. To this union came seven children, two dying young. Mrs. **Cornelia McBurney** died a few years ago. She leaves wife and sons, **P P Laughlin** of Decatur and **Harry Laughlin** of Firth, Nebraska, also daughters Mrs. **Mary Braden** of Findlay, Mrs. **Alice Milliken** of Crowley, Louisiana, Mrs. **Etta Graybill**, and Miss **Clara Laughlin** of Shelbyville. United with the Presbyterian Church at the age of 18 he was always prominent in the Church life where he lived. He led a company in the civil war as captain and was promoted to a colonelcy. Went to California in 1850 to join the gold diggings, was elected to the Illinois General Assembly in 1890, and was one of the 'Famous 101' who assisted to elect General **Palmer** to the United States Senate. Col **Laughlin** was a man of remarkable force of character of unwavering decision and of unswervable purpose. All his children were here at the time of his death and all attended his funeral. The funeral was held at 2:30 o'clock PM, Wednesday, 23 April 1902, from the Presbyterian church. Rev. **B W Tyler** of the Presbyterian Church officiated, assisted by Rev. **Clark** of Pana. Pallbearers were **John Stewart** and **Harris Baird** of Prairie Home and Dr **Theo Thompson**, **H A Thom**, **J W Powers** and **H M Scarborough** of this city. The ministers were assisted by the Presbyterian Church choir's singing of 'Rock of Ages' and 'My Faith Looks up to Thee'. The body was interred in Glenwood Cemetery, Decatur. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

**John H Sikes**, for 14 years assistant grand secretary of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, was promoted Friday afternoon to the position of grand secretary to take the place made vacant by the death of **J R Miller**. **J W Yantis** of Shelbyville state grand master, was in charge of the installation of the new secretary.

Dr **M R Doyle** of East St Louis, and mother and sister of Moweaqua, were here Thursday on business connected with the estate of the late **Ewing M Doyle**. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Rev **E J Durham**, formerly M E Church pastor of Moweaqua, was a witness Thursday in the probate court in the contest of the will of the late **Ewing M Doyle**. (*Shelbyville Union*)

In spite of the rain Friday night, quite a large crowd gathered at the home of **C Hoewing** as it was his son, **George Hoewing's** 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Casey**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wes Zeitz**, Misses **Florence Higginbotham**, **Emma Shorb**, of Decatur; **Lydia Winter**, **Dessie Coultas**, **Sadie** and **Emma Armstrong**, **Nora** and **Pearl Kirk**, **Allie** and **Vadie Edwards**, **Anna** and **Clara Hoewing**, Messrs **Lloyd Jenkins**, **Ray** and **Archie Kirk**, **Elmer Higginbotham**, **Dan Sollars**, **Walter McDonald**, **Ira** and **Ebner McGinley**, **John Shorb** of Decatur; **Edward Roberts** of Moweaqua; **George Winter Jr.**, **W Mose**, **George**, **Charley** and **Frank Hoewing**.

**Floyd Cutler**, the nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Millard Cutler** of Obed, pulled the lamp off the incubator and was fatally burned. He lived but a few hours, dying about ten o'clock Thursday night. He was severely burned. Funeral and interment at Little

Flock on Friday, Elder **Levi Corley** officiating. The family have the sympathy of the entire community.

**J H Baird** presented his wife with a new buggy on the 17<sup>th</sup>, it being her birthday.

Mrs. **James Garman** gave a birthday dinner in honor of her husband's birthday.

**David A Hoy, elderly citizen, dies.** **David A Hoy** was born 31 March 1808 in Clear Mount County, Ohio. His childhood days were spent on a farm two miles from Lithopolis, Ohio. In 1838 he was married to his widowed brother's wife, who preceded him several years to the spirit world. He moved to Shelby County, Illinois, in 1858 and has resided on a farm ever since. He departed this life on 23 April 1902 at his son's home, being at the time of his death, 94 years and 22 days of age. He has been a member of the Methodist Church nearly all his life and at the time of his death, he belonged to the class at St Mary's. He leaves seven sons, one step-son and three daughters besides thirty-seven grandchildren. The funeral was preached at Little Flock cemetery by Rev. **O E Clapp**, and the remains were laid away in the cemetery near by.

Mrs. **Sam'l Sampson** died last night (Monday) at 7:15 o'clock. Funeral at Fame Church on Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Interment to take place in Springfield. The Lord comfort the bereaved ones. (Fame news)

Mrs. **Sam'l Sampson** died Monday evening at her home south of town, and the remains will be taken to Springfield today for interment.

A Dayton, Kentucky, widow and a Hopkinsville man met today for the first time after having been married over the long distance telephone. The telephone charges for the service were \$23. The contracting parties were Mrs. **Gertrude Gallagher**, a young widow of Dayton, and **Theodore Cohen**, a merchant of Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The bride, accompanied by her father, a sister, and many guests, entered a store at Dayton, Kentucky, and requested the use of the telephone. The party took seats around the telephone and the Reverend **R D Harding** took the receiver and asked for Hopkinsville, Kentucky. The bridegroom answered. The minister propounded the usual questions unto the bride and bridegroom. The ceremony occupied 15 minutes.

#### Wednesday, 7 May 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Sunday, 4 May 1902, at two o'clock in Decatur, Illinois, the Rev. **F W Burnham**, officiating, Miss **Stella Craven**, formerly of this city, and Mr. **G E Stocks** of Dalton City, were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **David Craven**, and the groom is said to be a prosperous young farmer. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. **Stocks** drove at once to their home on the groom's farm.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Reedy** on 2 May 1902, twins – a boy and a girl.

The party given on Saturday evening, 29 April 1902, at the home of **J W Protsman** in honor of his daughter, **Laura Protsman's** fifteenth birthday, was a success. Music and games were the features of the evening and at ten o'clock refreshments were served consisting of ice cream and cake. (*List of attendees, not copied here*)

**Martha Belle Sampson, nee Holverson**, died at her home, 3 miles south of Moweaqua on Monday, 28 April 1902, after a lingering illness with that dread disease, consumption, aged 37 years, 11 months and 18 days. She was married to **Sam Sampson** on March 2, 1893, and moved to the home in which she died. To this union there were born three children, **Clara, Charley and Mabel Sampson**. Mrs. **Sampson** gave her heart to Christ in her early young days and united with the Grace Lutheran Church at Springfield in

which faith she continued steadfast until the end. Funeral services were held at Fame Church the pastor preaching from *John 10:25* by her request. A large number of friends gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to their departed friend and neighbor. At the close of the service, the friends accompanied the remains to Radford, where they took the noon train for Springfield, where the body was interred to await the resurrection morn. **Lida Ludwig** went as far as Clinton with Mr. **Sampson** last Wednesday, assisting him with the children.

**Wednesday, 14 May 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**Death of Dr J W Godfrey.** At 10:35 Saturday night, 10 May 1902, Dr **J W Godfrey** passed in to the infinite world. His illness had been brief but very severe. His malady a complication of diseases that baffled the skill of the very best available medical aid. Almost from the first hour of his illness, his suffering was intense. Dr **Godfrey** was a good man – a truly noble character. He was a man of exceedingly strong will power. With him, right was right and he couldn't compromise for a moment a question of honesty or veracity. As Mayor of Moweaqua and a member of the Board of Education, he was a model public official and rendered excellent public service. He carried a \$2,000 insurance policy with the Moweaqua Camp No. 313, M. W. A. and of the Royal Circle, carrying a \$2,000 insurance and \$2,000 insurance in the Aetna Life of New York. Services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Methodist Church and the concourse of sympathetic friends assembled to do homage to the memory of the deceased. Remains were escorted from the residence to the church. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiated. At the conclusion of the services at the church, the remains were laid to rest in the west cemetery. Dr. **John W Godfrey**, son of **James** and **Sarah Godfrey** was born in Warren County, Illinois, 9 February 1850, and died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 10 May 1902, aged 52 years, 3 months and 1 day. He grew up on a farm with his parents and entered college at twenty-one years of age. He began the practice of medicine in Indiana, from whence after two years, he moved to Moweaqua in 1881, where he has since resided. All of his life has been spent in Illinois except the two years in Indiana. Dr **Godfrey** was twice married, the first to **Amanda Gollagher** on 30 August 1877, and who died 6 May 1886. Two children being born to this union, **Roscoe** and **Maude Godfrey**. On 3 May 1888, he was married to **Mary E Johnson**, who survives him. Two children were born to them, **Blanche Godfrey** (dying in 1899) and **Grace Godfrey**, age 8 years. His venerable mother, Mrs. **Sarah Godfrey** and brother **Joseph Godfrey**, both of Ellison, Illinois, survive him and were present at the funeral. Dr **Godfrey** was religiously inclined from his youth, and was converted and joined the U B Church at the age of 18 years. He united with the M E Church on coming to Moweaqua, and was loyal to his Christian profession and died a Christian's death.

Mr. and Mrs. **Pearl Klar** celebrated their wooden wedding on Monday evening, 12 May 1902.

Miss **Winnie Matthias** is cooking for **Sam Heiter** while he sings lullaby to the new boarder who recently arrived at Obed.

Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen** and Miss **Marie Wempen** attended the funeral of Dr **Pyatt** in Bethany on Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. **J E Hill**, prominent in Lincoln society and business circles has secured a divorce from her husband, **James E Hill** in the Sangamon circuit court. By the provision of the

decree, Mr. **Hill** is to receive \$150 a month during the life of Mrs. Hill, providing he leaves Lincoln forever, unless called back by business necessity or legal process.

(*Shelbyville Union*)

**John Lamb** was driving to Decatur last week and had his buggy damaged to some extent by a team running into it. Fortunately neither Mr. **Lamb** or his wife were injured.

Mrs. **Lemuel Parker** continues critically ill.

Some time last Wednesday at Widow **Travis** was going through an alley in the northern part of the city, driving her cow to the pasture, she dropped an envelope containing \$560. Later in the day, as **Samuel Winters** was passing through the same alley, he picked up the money and returned it to the owner. She was indeed in great luck in having an honest man pick up her lost money and return it to her. (*Pana Palladium*)

Wednesday, 21 May 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

**Effie**, the thirteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **R Osborn**, south, died yesterday morning about ten o'clock. She had been ill only about a month.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Tolly** on 15 May 1902, a boy.

This Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **R Gregory**, their charming daughter, Miss **Maude Gregory** will be united in marriage to Mr. **Edward Easley**, Rev. **Jo B Rogers** performing the ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party and guests will enjoy a lovely supper. The newly married couple will go at once to housekeeping in the **Bays** property which has been prettily furnished throughout for their reception.

The party given at **Jacob Bilyeu's** Thursday night in honor of his 37<sup>th</sup> birthday was well attended and all seemed to enjoy themselves, especially at the table. It was a complete surprise to **Jake**. (*Prairieton news*)

Wonder why **James Tolly** wears such a broad smile? Well, it's just because he has a big boy at his house. (*Round Grove news*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn** went to Buena to attend the wedding of Miss **Lou Zietz** and Mr. **Wade**, a deputy sheriff of Shelbyville.

A number of relatives and friends assembled at **S B Cole's** Sunday to remind Mrs. **Cole** that it was her birthday. A jolly time is reported. (*Obed news*)

The funerals of Mrs. **S A Bryson** and Miss **Bertha Gordon** were preached by the Reverend **Ben Mahon** at the Baptist Church on Sunday. Mrs. **Ashcraft** of Pana attended the Church at Pleak on Sunday. (*Pleak news*)

Wednesday, 28 May 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Cards have been issued announcing the wedding of Mr. **Ralph Ayars** and Miss **Mabel C Snyder**, the ceremony taking place at the M E Church on Thursday evening, 12 June 1902, at eight o'clock. There will be no reception as the bride and groom will leave on the night train for a wedding tour.

Wednesday, 21 May 1902, in Decatur, Judge **Hammer** officiating at his office in the courthouse, **John H Wyckoff** and Miss **Catherine Jackson** were united in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Jackson**, east and a most excellent young lady. The groom has been known here for years as an upright and industrious farmer.

**A L Adams** and **George Kirkman** were called to Maroa on Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Hill**, a sister of **S M Adams**.



Wednesday, 4 June 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

After a lingering illness covering a period of several weeks, Grandma **Parker**, the beloved wife of **Lemuel Parker**, passed away on Wednesday morning of last week. The direct result of her death being paralysis. The funeral was held on Thursday from the M E Church. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating and interment was at the Masonic cemetery southeast of town. The venerable and beloved husband and the children have the warmest sympathy of a host of friends in their hour of sorrow. **Cena A Parker**, wife of **Lemuel Parker** was born on 2 December 1834 in Cayuga County, New York, and died 28 May 1902, near Moweaqua, Illinois. When three years old she moved to Pike County, Illinois, with her parents. She was married to **Lemuel Parker** on 12 December 1855 at her parents' home in Pike County. In April 1856, they moved to their home near Moweaqua where they have since resided. To this union were born seven children, **Willis F**, **Clara J**, **Charles M** (infant daughter) **Lewis L**, **Lydia A**, and **Susannah**. Four of them have preceded her to the Heavenly home. The oldest son, **Willis**, was absent from the funeral, living in Chehalis, Washington, **Charles L** and **Lydia** were present. There are nine living grandchildren, also her nephew, **Aubrey Parker**, she has raised. She leaves four brothers and one sister, only one brother being present. **Cena A Parker** joined the M E Church about 29 years ago under the pasturage of Rev. **Holloway** to which she has lived a consistent Christian. She was a loving and devoted companion and mother. She was always busy about her home and was a wonderful lover of flowers. She has been a great sufferer all her life.

Mrs. **Josiah McNeal's** mother fell from the top of the stairs on Tuesday evening, injuring herself very severely. She died Saturday from the injuries. (Prairieton news)

Mr. and Mrs. **John Smock** are the happy parents of a 10½ pound baby boy born on Monday.

Wednesday, 11 June 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Arthur Booker**, the jockey who was born and raised here, died Sunday afternoon at a hospital in New York from injuries received in a race. **Booker** was thrown on Memorial Day at the Gravesend track. He was astride a 2-year-old colt, *Red Knight*, when the youngster stumbled and the boy was thrown with great force on the ground. While prostrate another colt fell over him and his skull was fractured. He never regained consciousness from the moment he was injured to the time of his death, ten days ago. His brother, **Tom Booker**, from Martinsville, Indiana, was with him when he died, and it is the opinion of relatives that Arthur's remains will be brought here for interment in the family lot where his parents are buried.

This Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. Miss **Deborah B Harris** of this city and Mr. **Wilbur W Dawson** of Decatur will be united in marriage. The bride is a most affable young lady, and has for several years, been an efficient clerk with J T Haslam & Co. The groom is a traveling salesman for the Decatur Bakery Company and is held in high esteem by all who know him. After the ceremony the newly married couple will leave on the 2:23 train for Decatur, where a pretty home awaits them.

Mr. **Ralph Ayars** and Miss **Mabel C Snyder** will be married at eight o'clock tomorrow evening at the M E Church. They will leave on the night train for Chicago and the east.

**S B Cole** passed another milestone in life Wednesday and to remind him of this fact a few of his relatives planned a surprise dinner for him. Not only was he surprised, but the entire family. Our road boss Mr. **Carrol** and Mr. **Jones** of Henton were among the number.

**Life Harper's** friends surprised him on Friday evening, it being his birthday. (Prairie Home news). (*Allenboro news gives the list of attendees, not copied in this book.*) Mrs. **Harper** planned the surprise which was complete. The evening was spent in games and social chat. Refreshments were served which did credit to Mrs. **Harper's** culinary art. All departed at a late hour feeling that it was good to be there.

Mr. **Will Reed** and Miss **Mary Houser** were married on 1 June in Dalton City. (Prairie Home news)

A party was given at **Douglas Traughber's** Saturday night in honor of Mrs.

**Traughber's** birthday. She was presented with a nice stand table by those who attended. Grandma **Robnett** was buried at the Bilyeu cemetery on Sunday. (Prairieton news)

Mrs. **Prude Spence**, a sister of **F P Snell**, died yesterday morning and will be buried today from Bethany church.

Died at the home of **T J Hammil**, southeast, at an early hour on Friday morning, **Ralph Hammil**, the infant son of **Clarence Hammil**, age about two years, the disease being spinal meningitis. The funeral services were held at eight o'clock on Saturday morning from the family residence. Rev. **McCracken** officiated at the services; the interment of the little one was beside his mother, in the cemetery near Findlay. **Clarence** and the **Hammil** family have the warmest sympathy of a host of friends in their hour of sorrow.

At Windsor last week, **Harry Alonzo Harvey**, fifteen year old son of **Galen Harvey**, while trying to jump on Big Four Local Freight No. 54 fell beneath the wheels and received injuries from which he died in a few hours. The young fellow's leg was ground to pieces and the shock with other injuries caused his death. **Charley Pfeiffer** and **Harvey** got on the train at Shelbyville. They rode to Windsor, got off, and when the train started again, tried to get back on, with the frightful results above. It was indeed a pitiful sight. The lad was frail and delicate and unable to stand such a shock, partly, as the doctor said, because of the fact that he was addicted to the cigarette habit.

#### Wednesday, 18 June 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

This Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Rahler**, southeast, their daughter, Miss **Anna Rahler** and Mr. **Clyde Pool**, formerly of this city will be united in marriage. Only a few immediate relatives will be present at the wedding. **Clyde** is one of Moweaqua's practical and industrious young men and is now in the store of **J P Aydelott** in Assumption. The young people will go at once to housekeeping in a pretty home in that city which the groom has prepared for the reception of his bride.

Miss **Emma Cartwright** the noted lady evangelist who held a series of stirring, successful meetings at the M E Church in this city two years ago, was united in marriage on Wednesday, 4 June 1902, at Youngstown, Ohio, to Rev. **N W Stroup**, pastor of the Euclid Avenue M E Church at Cleveland. Mr. and Mrs. **Stroup** sailed for England last Sunday to remain during the summer months.

Thursday evening at the M E Church in the presence of an audience limited only by the seating capacity of the sanctuary, Mr. **Ralph Ayars** and Miss **Mabel C Snyder** were

united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The arrangements of the affair were complete in every detail. The decorations were exquisite. (*description of the Church and decorations, not copied here*) Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiated. Music was executed by Miss **Pearl Snyder**. The best man was **E F Snyder**, groomsmen were Messrs **Everett Ponting** and **Wm R Snyder**, maid of honor Miss **Lulu Snyder** and bridesmaids Misses **Ada Matheny** and **Minnie Elsum**. Masters **Clark Snyder** and **Haldon Ayars** strewed flowers along the pathway of the bride, little Miss **Helen Day** came next, bearing the mystic golden circle that for ages has been used to bind in holy unison the happy hearts and lovers true. The bride followed, gowned in an elegant costume of white satin, leaning upon the arm of her father, **W J Snyder**. The ceremony was brief but impressive. A brief prayer followed after which the bridal party retired from the church. Prior to the dismissal of the large audience the orchestra favored those present with several charmingly executed selections. Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Ayars** are two of Moweaqua's best known and most popular young people. The groom is president of the banking house of **Ayars Brothers**, a young man possessing the respect and confidence of the entire community. The bride is one of those lovable and lovely characters whose friends are innumerable. A greater part of the life work of both has been in and for the Methodist Church and Sunday school. The newly married couple left Thursday night for Chicago and east, the time of their return being as yet indefinite. They will be at home to their numerous friends in this city after 23 July 1902.

Mrs. **Alice Wilde**, a sister of **John Greaves** and Mrs. **Tolson** died at her home in Peoria early Sunday morning. The funeral occurred yesterday at Macon. Mrs. **Maggie Tolson** and **William Tolson** attended from here.

Miss **Jane Marts** was given a great big birthday dinner on Saturday. About 50 neighbors and friends were present. (Obed news)

Mrs. **Prudence Spence**, mother of our beloved neighbors, **Stella M** and **William T Breeding** passed away, 9 June 1902. She was the mother-in-law of **W T Breeding**. **Jesse Ralph Hammil**, son of **Clarence A** and **Jessie D Hammil** was born 25 April 1900 and died on 6 June 1902, aged 2 years 1 months and 11 days. His mother passed to her heavenly home nine months ago, on 31 August 1901. He leaves his papa, one sister, little **Stella**, two grandmothers, one grandfather, several aunts, uncles and little cousins to mourn their loss. The funeral was conducted from the family home by Rev. **S D McCracken** of Prairie Home. The body was then taken to Bethel cemetery near Duval and placed by the side of his mama. '*Asleep in Jesus—oh how sweet*'.

The remains of **Arthur Booker**, aged twenty-two years, arrived here on the morning train Thursday, accompanied by a number of his brothers and sisters. The casket, a very beautiful one, in which reposed the remains of **Arthur Booker**, came direct from Brooklyn, New York, and was covered with lovely floral emblems. Services were held at the Baptist church, Rev. **Shultz** officiating after which the remains were laid to rest beside his parents in the north cemetery. The pall bearers were **O L Scribner**, **Cecil Stevenson**, **Posy Drew**, **Malcome Stewart**, **Roy Stine**, and **Estel Board**. **Arthur** was born here and his friends were those of his earliest childhood. Boys of his age who knew him well, speak of him in kindly and loving terms. He was a boy that loved his mother and though he was a thousand miles distant, she heard from him at regular intervals with substantial evidences of his love. **Arthur Booker**, son of **James** and **Martha Booker**,

was born in Moweaqua Illinois, in 1880, and died in Brooklyn, New York, on Sunday afternoon,

8 June 1902. He was one of a large family of children and spent his childhood at home with his parents. He attended the public school and was to be seen regularly at the Baptist Sunday School and Church of which his mother was a devoted member to the time of her death. **Arthur** was considered a good boy, being kind and obedient at home and agreeable with his companions on the play ground. Before maturity he developed a love for handling and riding horses; later he secured employment as jockey to ride on the track. In this profession he visited many parts of the continent and rode many a thoroughbreds to victory. While riding a race at Brooklyn, he met with the accident which proved fatal. His horse fell and caught him underneath, his skull was fractured and he was rendered unconscious, from which condition he never rallied, dying at the Seena hospital Sunday evening. By those who knew him best, he was highly respected and considered perfectly trustworthy and by the race going and sporting class he was held in high esteem and considered very popular. Fourteen brothers and sisters survive him – **Edward, Wilbur and Charles** of St Louis; **Lewis** and Mrs. **Maggie Reynolds** of Shelbyville, **Alvin** of Latonia, Kentucky; **James** and **Hal** of Chicago, **John, Gus, Richard** and Mrs. **John Correy** of Decatur, **Thomas** and **Bessie**, of Martinsville Indiana; Mrs. **Nola Smith** of Everett, Washington, also **John Booker**, a half brother.

**Wednesday, 25 June 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months during which time there appeared no seeming hope of recovery, **Clara Weakly Deitz**, age 33 died at the home of her mother, Mrs. **Tilmon Weakley** at three o'clock Monday morning, 23 June 1902, of tuberculosis of the bowels. Mrs. **Deitz** had been almost a life long resident of Moweaqua, a woman of sterling qualities and highly esteemed. Her passing away will be a source of regret to many friends. She leaves one child, **Thomas**, a bright boy of nine years. The funeral services were held at the Baptist Church yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large and sympathetic audience. Rev. **Schultz** officiated, assisted by Rev. **Stevenson**. The remains were laid to rest in the west cemetery, the following gentlemen acting as pallbearers: **David Adamson, M H Miller, S S Clapper, Karl R Snyder, Jas. E Beard** and **W G Colbert**. **Clara Weakley Deitz** (nee **Weakley**) daughter of **Tillman** and **Ellen Weakley** was born at Tower Hill, Shelby County Illinois, on 21 May 1869 and departed this life on 23 June 1902, being 33 years, one month and 2 days of age. While she was yet small, her family came with his family to make his home in Moweaqua where they have lived ever since. On 2 March 1890, Miss **Clara** was married to Mr. **Edgar Deitz** and after 4 years and 5 days of traveling life's pathway together, he died, leaving Mrs. **Deitz** the entire care of the little boy, **Oscar Thomas Deitz** with which God had blessed this union. Some eighteen months ago Mrs. **Deitz** showed signs of failing health but with double energy she fought an unconquerable foe. Eleven weeks ago she was compelled to take to her bed and patiently and submissively suffered until the spirit messenger came early Monday morning and took her spirit home. Early in life, Mrs. **Deitz** made a public profession of faith in Christ and united with the Baptist Church of this place, of which she remained a consistent and faithful member or the time of her death. Through her entire illness she truly exemplified a Christian spirit and expressed

herself often as being ready and even waiting anxiously for the summons to come home. Her mother, four sisters, and two brothers, besides the little boy, **Tommy**, survive her. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Adams**, 18 June 1902, a boy.

**John Drake** was treated to a pleasant surprise on Saturday, it being his 38<sup>th</sup> birthday. Relatives and neighbors swooped down on him suddenly and a delightful dinner was the result. Mr. **Drake** is an honest and industrious man and deserves all the good things that fall to his lot in this life.

**John Drake** called on Mr. **Harlan** Sunday evening at Round Grove. Several from the vicinity of Round Grove attended the big dinner at **John Drake's** Saturday in honor of his birthday.

### Wednesday, 2 July 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

At last **James W Clark** has been relieved of all suffering by death which came at an early hour Monday morning. Not unexpected or unwelcome to him, came this messenger of immortality for his earthly suffering had been intense, and for nearly a year he had been helpless and slowly declining, his malady an incurable disease – cancer of the stomach. A post-mortem exam held by Moweaqua's physicians Monday morning fully established the foregoing. Mr. **Clark** had resided in Shelby County since 1854 and had an extended acquaintance throughout the entire north end of the County. He was a man of genial whole-souled disposition, a loving and devoted husband and father, and he possessed a host of friends. He enlisted in his country's service in April 1861, Co B, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry of Col **John M Palmer's** regiment, but was honorably discharged for disability in September 1862. In October 1862, he was married to Miss **Elzira Campbell**, and to this union was born one child, now Mrs. **Pollie Snell**, who with her mother, survive him. At the time of his death, his age was 65 years, 8 months and one day. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the M E church. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating at the services.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C R Whiston**, Thursday, 26 June 1902, at Chicago, a son. Master **Earl Bilyeu** very pleasantly observed his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday Monday afternoon at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. **H A Pratt**. Refreshments were served, and all the little folks had a gloriously good time.

After a lingering illness of many months, Mrs. **H W Hill** of Decatur died at her home in that city on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> inst., at the ripe old age of 84 years. The funeral was held yesterday, and **S M Adams** went up from this city to be in attendance.

In the County court Monday **Augustus Booker** was appointed guardian of **Arthur Booker**, the jockey, who was fatally injured at Morris Park, New York, several weeks ago. The deceased left a personal estate valued at \$1,500. **Augustus Booker** was appointed administrator and gave bond in the sum of \$3,000. (*Decatur Herald*) **Ira Zeigler**, son of **Chris** and **Celia Zeigler**, will be brought to Blue Mound for burial on Tuesday. His home was in Ohio. (Prairieton news)

The two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **G Smith** died of erysipelas last week. The remains were taken to Illiopolis for burial on Saturday.

### Wednesday, 9 July 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Sam'l G Travis** died at his home in St Joseph, Missouri, Friday morning at the ripe old age of three score and ten (70 years). He was the father of **H E Travis** of this city, and

for many years was in business in Moweaqua, selling out to **S M Adams** in 1884. He was afterward in business at Joliet, Illinois, and Leavenworth, Kansas. He was widely known throughout this section of the country. The funeral took place Sunday and interment was at St Joseph.

*The third in ten months!* For the third time in the last ten months, the death angel has visited the family of **Clarence E Hammil** and claimed an inmate. The mother, **Jessie D Hammil** died 31 August 1901. The son, **Jesse Ralph Hammil** died 6 June 1902. The daughter, **Stella Irene Hammil** died 3 Jul 1902. **Stella Irene Hammil** was born near Findlay, Illinois, on 28 October 1898, and died at the home of her grandparents near Moweaqua on 3 July 1902, aged 3 years 8 months and 12 days. The funeral was conducted from the family residence by **S D McCracken** of the West Okaw Presbyterian Church at Prairie Home, Illinois, after which the body was taken to Bethel Cemetery near Duval and placed by the side of mother and brother.

**James W Clark's** funeral was held Wednesday afternoon of last week from the M E Church in the presence of a very large assembly of sympathetic relatives and friends. Rev. Stevenson officiated at the services. Pallbearers were **John P Aydelott, John T Haslam, James Jacobs, V Snyder, Jr., J T Duncan** and **J J Atteberry**.

The funeral of Mrs. **John Seibert** of Mount Moris, near Sterling, Illinois, was delayed today until the mourners could adjourn to a cornfield, and administer a coat of tar and feathers to the husband and sister of the dead woman. Then the funeral proceeded, but the two who were to have been chief mourners were absent. The house was filled with neighbors when some of them, it is alleged, discovered **Seibert** in another room, hugging and kissing Mrs. **Theodore Wolfe**, the deceased woman's sister. The crowd quickly dragged the couple to a cornfield, tar was poured over the victims, and feathers from pillows emptied on each. Then the two were driven from the village and ordered never to return. Mrs. **Seibert** died of consumption, and during her two years' sickness, it is alleged her husband was continually making love to his wife's sister, Mrs. **Wolfe**.

#### Wednesday, 16 July 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Wednesday evening, 9 July 1902, at 8 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Moore**, west of town, was solemnized the wedding of their pretty and accomplished daughter, Miss **Maizie Moore** to Mr. **Kenney Bugg**, one of our wealthy and popular young farmers. The affair was unpretentious and only attended by the immediate relatives and friends of the couple. The young people are both popular in the circle in which they move, and have the best wishes of a host of friends for a happy and prosperous life. The *Independent* extends felicitations. (*Assumption Independent*). **Kenney Bugg** has a host of friends here who will unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations.

**Arthur Hapner** and **Eugene Belt**, whose homes are in Cowden, if they ever had any outside of the Chester penitentiary, are prisoners in the Bond County jail at Greenville, charged with the theft of five head of cattle from **Horace McNeil**. The cattle were stolen from a pasture a short distance east of Greenville and were driven to Highland in the night and sold to **George Klein** for \$105.50. After selling the cattle, **Hapner** and **Belt** went to St Louis where the former married a young girl of that place. (*Cowden Reflector*) Friday being **Albert Smock's** birthday, several of the friends and relatives gathered in, and made him a complete surprise by taking their dinner and spending the day with him.



Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C F Johnson** on 12 July 1902, a son.

**Wednesday, 23 July 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Sunday morning at an early hour at her home north of town, the grim messenger, death, relieved Mrs. **Mary J Brookshire** of all earthly suffering and her spirit has been united with that ethereal band within the realms of immortality. For 19 months she had been bed-fast with paralysis, and at the time of her death was about sixty-five years of age. The funeral services were held from the Christian tabernacle Monday afternoon, Elder **A R Spicer** officiating, assisted by Revs **Crank, Irwin** and **Schultz**. The attendance was very large, and the floral tributes numerous and very beautiful, attesting most lovingly the high esteem in which the dear old lady was held.

*Suicide!* Yesterday, just after the noon hour, **Marion Davis**, a well-known and wealthy farmer of Pickaway township living east of Obed, committed suicide by blowing the top of his head off with a shot gun. Mr. **Davis** has been in very poor health for a long time and this is the only cause assigned for the rash deed. He lived with the family of his son, **Wm J Davis**. Before going to press, the *Call-Mail* was unable to learn the full particulars of this sad affair.

Fame news: **Frank Reedy's** lost their little **Florence** on Friday morning, and the other twin is dangerously sick. The little one was buried at Macon on Sunday. Our sympathies.

**John Stuart** is the father of a bouncing boy at Fame.

Mr. and Mrs. **Preston Hunter** gave a birthday party to their son, **Homer Hunter**, on Wednesday afternoon to a number of children and their mammas. Ice cream and cake was served.

Mrs. **H J Pannwitt** of Nashville, Illinois, wife of Rev. **Pannwitt**, former pastor of Salem M E Church, southeast, died last Tuesday from typhoid fever. The remains were brought to Nokomis where the funeral was held Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. **P P Ludwig** went down on Thursday for the funeral.

**Wednesday, 30 July 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

At the coroner's inquest held over the remains of **Marion Davis**, the evidence showed that the deceased had deliberately prepared to end his life, and that despondency over long continued sickness was the cause. Dr **D E Yantis** of Pleak examined the body and found that the gun's discharge had entered near the left eye. (*Article describes vivid details of the condition of the body, not copied here*) Miss **Belle Davis**, a niece and **Wm Davis**, a son of the deceased testified that the unfortunate man had always been of sound mind, but was forgetful and a little odd during the past few days. He had been sick for nearly ten years and was gradually getting worse. He was contemplating a trip to Arizona for his health. Dr **D E Yantis** reported that deceased **John M Davis** came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by his own hands. Mr. **Davis** was an old settler, highly respected, and a man of considerable means. He was 65 years of age last April, was born near Greenfield, Green County, Illinois. His funeral was held Wednesday afternoon at Locust Grove.

*Sued for \$5,000.* The *Decatur Herald* published last week a somewhat sensational story, especially to residents of this city and vicinity to the effect that Mrs. **Sarah Hempel**, formerly of this city, had entered a suit against **George M Keiser, Wesley Hawley** and

**Henry Shlaudeman** for the sum of \$5,000. The *Herald* says: "The bill of particulars has not yet been filed, but Attorney **Griffin** says that it will be charged that the defendants are responsible for Mr. **Hempel** committing suicide. Whether or not they are responsible the story is to this effect. **Hempel** was a restaurant keeper in Moweaqua and became a habitual drunkard. One day while he was on a spree, he went into his restaurant, and in the presence of his wife, took a revolver and put a bullet into his brain. Mrs. **Hempel** says that **Wesley Hawley**, another restaurant keeper, sold liquor illegally and that her husband was a patron of **Hawley's** place. **Henry Shlaudeman** of Decatur was made a defendant in this suit because he is the owner of the building in which **Hawley** had his restaurant at the time that **Hempel** committed suicide and from which place it is charged he illegally sold liquor."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Oscar O'Dell** on 26 July 1902, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wilbur Wetzel** on 3 July 1902, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Hays, Jr.**, 27 July 1902, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Paul Honisko** on 27 July 1902, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eugene Harper**, 25 July 1902, a girl.

**John Murray**, a coal miner well-known here, was killed yesterday at Taylorville in the coal mine by coal falling on him. He leaves a wife and 5 children.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Will Dayes** was buried Sunday afternoon in the Prairie Home cemetery.

#### Wednesday, 6 August 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

The will of the late **John M Davis**, the well-known farmer who committed suicide in Pickaway a few days ago, was filed for probate yesterday. The strange thing about it is that the suicide was worth about \$27,000 at the time of his death. This property includes 240 acres of very fine and well-improved land and \$3,000 cash. It is bequeathed to the two children, **W J Davis** and Mrs. **Sarah Stumpf**, and children of the other daughter, **Matilda J Shride**. The will was executed on 16 April 1902, and names **Ralph Ayars** as executor. Mr. **Davis** died on 22 July 1902 by his own hands. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Samuel E Jeter** and Miss **Loretta M Shreve** were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, six miles southwest of Crowley, Rev. **Charles C Morris** of the Central M E Church officiating. Only the immediate relatives being present. After congratulations, a four-course wedding supper was served. Mrs. **Shreve** is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **O P Shreve**, and was very popular with all in the community in which she resides. Mr. **Jeter** is an industrious and prosperous young man who came here from Macon, Illinois, four years ago. Miss **Shreve** formerly lived at Lake City, Illinois. They will go at once to housekeeping twelve miles south of Crowley where the groom already has a house furnished for his lovely bride. (*Crowley Signal, Crowley, Louisiana*)

A death, though long looked for, is always sad and particularly so in this case. Only a few weeks ago, when Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Patterson** left Macon for a short visit at Crowley, Louisiana, we did not expect that she was then so near death. During the second week of their stay in the south, Mrs. **Patterson** was taken ill with stomach trouble, but it was not thought serious till last Thursday when word was received by the children to 'come at once'. **R G** and **Will Patterson** of this city and Mrs. **G L Hight** of Walker left at once for the south. They arrived in time to spend the last few days of their

mother's life with her. Mrs. **Patterson** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Allen Rakestraw**, near Crowley, Louisiana, on Wednesday morning, 30 July 1902, at 2 o'clock A. M. She was aged 66 years, 9 months and 14 days at the time of her death. The funeral was held at the M E Church on Friday at 2 o'clock PM. Services conducted by Rev. **A Williard**, assisted by Rev. **E M Sutton**. Burial was in the Macon cemetery. Mrs. **Patterson** is survived by a husband and four children, two sons and two daughters, besides a large circle of friends who mourn her death. (*Macon Record*)  
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S E Atteberry** of Allenboro on Friday, 1 August 1902, a baby girl.  
 Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Sibert** on 30 July 1902, a boy.  
 Born to Rev. and Mrs. **Schultz** on 29 July 1902, a daughter.

**Wednesday, 13 August 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

A special telegram to the *St Louis Republic* from Decatur under the date of 8 August 1902, gives a romantic story relating to parties well known in Moweaqua, inasmuch as Mrs. **Ellen Snyder** and her son, **Raymond Snyder** lived in this city for several years. *Here is the story.* "**Theodore Snyder**, who had been absent from home eighteen years, and most of that time mourned as dead, came back home this week, and was remarried to the wife he had deserted. A grown son, who was a baby in arms when the father left, this week greeted his father for the first time. **Snyder** deserted his family when the son was 12 days old. The wife believed him dead and procured a divorce. Tuesday he knocked at her door. She at first thought it was a brother-in-law, but after a few words, recognized her husband. They were remarried on Thursday. Mr. **Snyder** said, "I have been away and am back. That is all there is to it. I was in the West most of time and have the last few years been in the horse-training business at Kewanee."

Friday morning while Mr. **Sam Moll** was shopping Moweaqua with his daughter, **Cora Moll**, a few of his friends thought they would steal a march on him by going to his home and spreading a grand feast, which consisted of everything good, also ice cream and watermelon to remind him of his fifty-seventh birthday. Attending were: **John Moll** and family, **Jack Syfert** and family, **Sam Hieter** and family, **Chris Burgener** and family, **Mike Wolf** and wife, **George Moll** and wife, **John Tolly** and family, **Jesse Weakly** and family, Mrs. **Julia Sims** and son **Jim**, Mrs. **Lida Mathias** and family, **Mike Bates** and wife, Mrs. **Howard** and Mother, **Dan Moll** and wife, **John Pinkston**, **A F Pinkston**, Misses **Nora Heiter**, **Clara Giles**, **Bessie Scribner**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Moll** and Miss **Cora Moll**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Buchen** on 8 August 1902, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S S Clapper** on 12 August 1902, a daughter.

Three grand old queens and a pair of kings met at the depot one day last week in Moweaqua – a full hand. In other words it was five of the oldest people in Shelby County, four of whom were born in this County, and one has lived from very early childhood in Flat Branch township. The names and ages are as follows: Mrs. **Elizabeth Housh**, 76 years, Mrs. **Emaline Armstrong**, 72 years; Mrs. **Nancy Hill** 69 years; **Beverly Armstrong**, 74 years and **Levi Hill**, 70 years. May each live to bless the earth and round out the century mark.

'**Bert**' **Bixby** is dead. **H E Bixby**, editor and publisher of the *Assumption News*, and one of the best-known newspaper men in Central Illinois, died at his home in that city of internal tumor. Mr. **Bixby** had been confined to his home since last fall with the ailment

which caused his death. He was operated on last September at St Mary's hospital in Decatur, but the operation only served to temporarily relieve him, and he gradually grew worse. Mr. **Bixby's** death removed from our city's life, one of its most prominent figures. As publisher of the *Assumption News*, he has contributed to the up-building of our city, and the influence of his paper has always been turned into the channel of the right as he saw it, regardless of consequences of such a policy, together with a pleasing personality has won him many friends. '**Bert**' as he was familiarly known, was a native of Assumption, was born in 1869, and has resided in this city since that time with the exception of several years spent in Michigan. He leaves a wife and two small children to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. (*Assumption Independent*.)

On Friday, 8 August 1902, Mrs. **Jesse Gordon's** neighbors and friends gathered at her home about noon with well-filled baskets to remind her it was the forty-fourth anniversary of her birth. About 85 people were present for the festivities. **Chas Scheller** entertained the crowd in the afternoon with his gramophone.

**Robert A Miller** of Sullivan, who died several years ago, left a will in which he bequeathed a fine farm of 320 acres, lying a mile east of Sullivan to the Masons, provided they erect a home for the widows and old Masons who are unable to care for themselves. The will provided that unless the Masons accept the gift and erect a home, the land is to go to the County to be used for the benefit of the poor, and to that end, at the last meeting of the board of supervisors of Moultrie, a committee was appointed to look after the interests of the County.

**Corbie Hilligoss** of Whitley township, and Miss **Flora Storm** were driving to Shelbyville on Sunday, 3 August 1902, in a buggy, and when they attempted to cross the Big Four railroad tracks east of town. They were struck by a special train and killed. Mr. **Hilligoss** was killed instantly, and Miss **Storm** lived only an hour. **Edward Stables** of Bethany had two children killed at the same crossing several years ago.

#### Wednesday, 20 August 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Little **Roe Cushing**, age 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. **S E Cushing** of Assumption, was almost instantly killed on Friday evening by being kicked from a buggy by a vicious horse. The little fellow, in company with his older brother, his grandfather, Mr. **W E Cushing** and his cousin, **Mildred Cushing**, were in the family carriage in the west part of town. One of the shafts was broken suddenly, frightened the horse, which gave a lunge and kicked, striking little **Roe** a fearful blow just behind the ear. The boy only lived a few minutes – never regaining consciousness. A tragic story.

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. **D H Stombaugh**, southeast, Miss **Nora Lyon** and Mr. **Morton Gregory** will be united in holy matrimony. Only the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends will witness the ceremony which will be performed by Rev. **Shultz** of the Baptist church. The bride is an earnest and capable girl, greatly beloved by those who know her best, and the groom is a practical and sensible young man whose excellent qualities are manifold. Their friends predict for them a bright and prosperous future. They will make their home on the farm of Mr. **T J Gregory**.

This afternoon at the home of Mrs. **Zealy Snell** will occur the marriage of Miss **Mae Bowman** to Mr. **Charles McCluskey** of Blue Mound. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. The wedding will be entirely informal, only a limited number of invitations having been

issued. The bride is one of Moweaqua's most lovable young ladies, and the groom is a practical young businessman of the Mound, holding a responsible position as bookkeeper with a grain firm in that town. Mr. and Mrs. **McCluskey** will go at once to housekeeping in a pretty home at Blue Mound, and they will carry with them the sincere congratulations and best of wishes of a host of friends here.

**Jacob Schwab**, who for many years was a resident of this city, died at his home in Taylorville on Friday of dropsy after a protracted illness, and his funeral was held on Sunday. Mrs. **M H Miller**, **Charles Miller** and wife, **M H** and **John Miller**, all of this city, were over in attendance at the funeral.

**W J Davis** has a public sale on Tuesday, 9 September 1902, at his residence, southeast. It will be a large sale of stock, grain and implements. Some of the property of the late **J M Davis**, who died in July, will also be offered at this sale.

The several **Days** and **E J Kilborn** and wife spent Sunday in Assumption, it being the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank (nee Day) Homrighous**.

### Wednesday, 27 August 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months, Mrs. **Rhoda Roff** died at her home in this city on Wednesday, 20 August 1902, of pulmonary consumption in the 56<sup>th</sup> year of her age. Funeral services were held Friday morning from the family residence, Rev. **Shultz** of the Baptist Church officiating, and the interment was at Little Rock cemetery. The deceased carried \$2000 insurance with the Court of Honor. **Rhoda Jane Clemmons** was born near Hites Run, Breckenridge County, Kentucky, on 27 September 1847, and departed this life on 20 August 1902, being 55 years, 8 months and 23 days of age. On 18 May 1866, she was married to **Edward Roff** who departed this life on 2 December 1895. They lived in Kentucky until about 1881 when they moved to Tobinsport, Indiana. From there they moved to Moweaqua in October 1891. In the following spring, they moved to the farm south of town where they lived until about the time of Mr. **Roff's** death, when they again moved to town where they have since lived. To Mrs. **Roff** was born eleven children, four of whom have died. **Eddie**, **Violet** and **Lemmie Roff** died while small and are buried in Indiana. **Eunice** was married to **Thomas Rosecrans**, and to them was born three children. Mrs. **Rosecrans** was the fourth child to die and is buried at Little Flock where her father is also buried. Seven children survive Mrs. **Roff**, **Horace**, **George** and **Burnice** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **Frankie Whittaker** of Macon Co, Illinois, **Jess** of New York, Mrs. **Ada Uphoff** of Schenectady, New York and **Wave** of Cloverport, Kentucky. Mrs. **Roff** also leaves seven grandchildren, **Charles**, **Lena** and **Frankie Rosecrans**, **Muriel** and **Melvin Uphoff**, **Sammie Roff** and **Mary Jane Whittaker**. Mrs. **Roff** made a public profession of faith in Christ when about 18 years of age and united with the Baptist Church at Hites Run, Kentucky. On coming to Moweaqua, she placed her membership with the Church of her faith where she remained a member to the time of her death. As a wife, mother, Christian, neighbor and friend, all knew her better than the writer, whose acquaintance has been brief, hence words of praise and commendation would be simply multiplying words.

The last will of the late **Herbert Earle Bixby**, editor of the *Assumption News*, was filed for probate in the country court on Monday. It is written on the regulation editor's copy paper. The estate consists of about \$6,000 worth of real estate and about \$1,000 worth of

personal effects and \$6,000 in life insurance. All property to go to **Eliza Bixby**, wife of the deceased for the use of her and her two children during her life. At her death, it is to be divided between the children, share and share alike. **E C Watson** and Mrs. **Bixby** are made executors of the will. It was made on 28 July 1902.

Master **Harley Sloan** celebrated his third birthday Sunday by laying aside the dresses common to boyhood and donning the real article – boy's pants. (Obed news)

The annual **Thomas-Casey** reunion was held near Obed. The noon hour was saddened by the appearance of a funeral procession from Moweaqua, who laid their loved one to rest in the cemetery near by. Tables were left standing and all present paid due respect to the solemn occasion. (Obed news)

**Geo F Thomas** of Miles City, Montana, came 1,800 miles to attend the **Thomas-Casey** reunion. He was the guest of his cousin, **Elihu Thomas** while here. The fifth annual reunion of the **Thomas-Casey** families was held on Friday near Little Flock Church, and the attendance was very large, a number of connections coming from Indiana to be present.

**Wednesday, 3 September 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Thursday evening, 11 September 1902, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Heitmeyer**, south of town, will occur the wedding of their daughter, Miss **Laura Amelia Heitmeyer** to Mr. **Alvin W Pistorius**, the hour being six o'clock.

Last Saturday, 30 August 1902, was a beautiful and warm day and a large concourse of the many friends of Mrs. **Frank Ruffner** swooped down upon her at the hour of 11 o'clock A. M. with well filled baskets to remind her of her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. The scheme was planned by Mrs. **Ben Ruffner** and Mrs. **Dan Coultas**. Never was a dinner better prepared or a crowd more jolly. The tables were made in the yard and laden with all the good things, which only such women knew how to prepare. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **John Evans** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Coultas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Seth Marshall** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Will Coultas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Sims** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Wempen** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Ruffner** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Duck Sims**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley**, Mr. and Mrs. **J Rarick**, Mrs. **Southworth** of Kansas; Mrs. **Fred Gray** and Mrs. **Ed Stroud** and baby of Willey, Illinois.

Mrs. **C Burgener** and son and Mrs. **J T Baker** and grand-daughter are making ready for a visit to Ohio as Mrs. **Baker's** mother is 88 years old and they are going to have a reunion. (Pleak news)

**Will** and **Mima Workman** went to Springfield to attend the marriage of their cousin, Miss **Campbell**.

**George Bray**, a prominent resident of Pana, while painting the west school building Saturday in that city, lost his balance and fell a distance of sixty feet, breaking his ribs and injuring his left hip and spine. *Later:* It was found that he also received internal injuries from which he died late Saturday night. He was forty years of age.

Mrs. **W H Miller** was the recipient of a pleasant surprise on Sunday, tendered by numerous relations and friends in honor of her having just completed three-quarters of a century of a happy and useful life. She received a number of presents from loved ones, who were unanimous in wishing her many happy returns of the day.



**Wednesday, 10 September 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Mr. **Alvin Pistorius** and Miss **Laura Heitmeyer** will be married tomorrow evening at the home of **H C Heitmeyer**.

Marriage license were issued in Decatur last week for **James E Eagan** and **Jeannette Evans**, both of Moweaqua.

That smile on **Henry Jacobs'** face is caused by the presence of a young lady coming to his home last Thursday for permanent lodgings. (Fame news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ezra Townsend** of Pleak on 6 September 1902, a son.

September 7 1902 being Mrs. **Nancy Shride's** forty-seventh birthday, her relatives and friends decided to make her a surprise dinner. About 65 friends, consisting of both young and old, gathered at her home about noon and soon a sumptuous dinner was spread. The table fairly groaned under the weight of good things to eat, as the good house wives of Obed know only too well how to prepare good dinners. Uncle **Sol Yantis** generously treated the crowd to some fine watermelon. **Jake Weakly** was supposed to eat the most dinner. They all left at a late hour, wishing Mrs. **Shride** many more happy birthdays. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Giles** on Wednesday, 3 September 1902.

**Wednesday, 17 September 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

A lovely home wedding took place Thursday evening, 11 September 1902, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **H C Heitmeyer** near Moweaqua. There daughter, Miss **Laura Heitmeyer**, being wedded to Mr. **Alvin Pistorius**. At six o'clock, Mrs. **John Pistorius** played the strains of Lohengrin's bridal march. The bridal party, accompanied by the bridesmaid, Miss **Bertie Pistorius**, and the groomsman, Mr. **David Albers**, and the two flower girls, **Rachel Heitmeyer** and **Mabel Elmers** entered the parlor. The ceremony was officiated by Rev. **Eugene Weiffenbach** of Alton, Illinois, at the M E Church. The bride was attired in a white French lawn, trimmed in ribbon and appliqué, wearing a bridal veil and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses. She is one of the most charming young ladies of Flat Branch township. The groom is a prosperous young farmer of Boody, Illinois. After congratulations, a delicious wedding supper was served to the guests, numbering one hundred. (*List of attendees not copied here*). The presents were numerous, useful and costly. The bride received a beautiful gold watch and chain from the groom, and a check for \$100 from her parents. After the supper the bride and groom departed taking the train for Chicago, Illinois. They will be at home to their friends after 1 October 1902 near Boody, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James McNeal** of Prairie Home on 11 September 1902, a girl. Early Friday evening Band Master **John Miller** became hungry and bought a can of clams, a part of which he ate. A couple of hours later he was taken violently sick with cramps and vomiting. He called a physician, but it was well along in the afternoon on Saturday before he obtained relief. It is the opinion of those who assisted in taking care of him that the violent vomiting threw the poison off his stomach and thus saved his life. He is still quite weak but is able to be up. (*Pana Palladium*)

Because of financial difficulties and inability to support a wife, Dr **Otto A Holt**, a young dentist of Tower Hill, committed suicide Wednesday at the Hotel Flint in Pana. He was 23 years old. Dr **Holt** was to have been married at noon on Wednesday to Miss **Eva Ham**, daughter of **L S Ham**, superintendent of the Pana public school and prominent in society. At the appointed hour, the bride was ready, and the minister waited to perform

the ceremony. The bridegroom did not appear. On investigation his body was found in his room at the hotel. He had drunk carbolic acid. Wedding guests were present when the suicide was discovered.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Riley Jr.** on Sunday, 14 September 1902, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Al Washam** on 11 September 1902, a son.

The little treasure, **May Nicholson**, the only child of **Wm Nicholson** and wife, died suddenly and unexpectedly at the family home on 9 September 1902.

Mrs. **Frank Wheatley** received word of the sudden death of her brother's wife of Rock Island on Sunday Morning at Taylorville where she was visiting. A physician had administered morphine in extracting a tooth, and the lady died in the chair.

### Wednesday, 24 September 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**Matt Lamb**, well known here and a brother of **Judd, B K** and **J W Lamb**, died Friday at his home of blood poisoning. The funeral was held on Saturday and the interment was at Bethany church.

It will be remembered that last week the *Call-Mail* published a brief account of the suicide of **Dr Holt** at Pana just on the eve of his marriage to Miss **Ham**. The *Taylorville Courier* reports: "No marriage license was issued from the County clerk's office, and it may be that there are other than financial reasons for the suicide. A traveling man in the city, Thursday from Pana says that **Dr Holt** gave the proprietor of the Hotel Flint a check on Shelbyville bank for \$150, the check being signed by the young man's uncle, and wanted the money less his bill. The hotel man said he would get the check cashed and return with the money. It is claimed the signature to the check was forged, and the young doctor, learning that the hotel proprietor was investigating the matter and fearing discovery, committed suicide."

A check for one thousand dollars being the insurance due on the life of Mrs. **Clara Deitz** in favor of her oldest child, **Thomas Deitz** was received and placed in the hands of **V Snyder, Jr.**, who is the legal guardian of the legatee.

Marriage license was issued in Decatur last week for **Edgar A Sims** of Obed and **Bessie K Scribner** of Decatur.

A new caper in divorceland is cards announcing the separation of a couple. A fond papa and mama in Orange, New Jersey, have just issued the following cards announcing the style: "Mr. and Mrs. **Charles E Williams** respectfully announce to their friends, the separation of their daughter, **Emma R Whiteside** from **George Whiteside**."

Mr. and Mrs. **Alvin Pistorius** were cordially received home Friday and tendered a royal reception by the groom's parents who gave a five o'clock dinner to about 70 guests, including relatives, friends, and Epworth League of the German M E Church of Boody. Several presents were received, including one from the League, and also one from **Herbert** and **Leo Bailey**. Those from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **H Heitmeyer** and family of Moweaqua; Mr. and Mrs. **David Phillips** of Blue Mound; Mrs. **John Pistorius** and **Arthur** of Moweaqua; Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Miller** of Champaign; Miss **Alvina Meyer** of Nashville, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Emmet Cram** on 16 September 1902, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J W LaDow** on 17 September 1902, a son.

In our issue of 10 September 1902, in the Pleak correspondence, **Ezra Townsend**, a worthy young man, was made the victim of a dirty, contemptible trick. A birth notice

was published and his name used, whereas **Ezra** is not married. The *Call Mail* sincerely regrets the matter, and this item is to set a worthy young man right with friends.

**Edith**, youngest daughter of **Bryan Corley**, was married Monday. We are unable to name the groom. (Yantisville news)

Mrs. **H A Pratt** was called to Salem on Friday by the serious illness of her mother.

*Later:* We have since learned that the lady died and was buried on Sunday.

### Wednesday, 1 October 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Sometime today at Springfield, Mr. **Leonard L Scribner** and Miss **Beulah Warren** will be united in marriage. Both are well and most favorably known here, the groom being the son of **J Harvey Scribner**, and who is now a successful young businessman in Decatur. The bride is the eldest daughter of the late **A M Warren**, and lived here many years, endearing herself to a large circle of friends. They will be at home after 8 October 1902, at 433 North Water Street, in Decatur, Illinois.

Thursday, 25 September 1902, at the residence of the bride's parents, Dr and Mrs. **J R Bruner**, at twelve o'clock noon, the Rev. **Ezra Shultz** officiating, Miss **Cora Bruner** and Mr. **Albert Bass** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. The contracting parties are earnest and practical young people, whose friends wish for them, a long and happy life of wedded bliss. They will make their home with **Oliver Gibson**, north of this city.

In striking contrast with **Frank Hortenstein**, the man sentenced to fourteen years in the penitentiary at Sullivan for the murder of **Frank Harpin**, is the case of **Wesley Hawley** of Moweaqua, who is in the Shelby County jail, waiting trial for the murder of Officer **Ben Martin**. **Hortenstein's** plea was that of insanity, and during his term of imprisonment previous to his trial, he was said to be very irrational at times, and many believed his plea of insanity would hold good before a jury. In **Hawley's** case, it is very different. Not once since he was taken to the County jail has **Hawley** showed the slightest fear or concern in regard to his case. He has, from the first, been as cool and collected as a man could be even under the ordinary conditions of life. **Hawley** believes he will be acquitted, though on what grounds, he has never stated. But he seems thoroughly convinced that he will be set free. Instead of bemoaning his fate or anything of the sort, he seems almost contented and spends his time making plans for the future. After the last democratic primary, **Hawley** asked Sheriff **Miner** for a copy of the returns, saying he wanted the figures for reference when the next County primary comes around. When he heard of the Tower Hill coal mine, now being developed, **Hawley** intimated to his fellow prisoners that when he was acquitted he would move his family to Tower Hill and engage as a miner. **Hawley's** case will, in all probability, be tried at the November term of circuit court. **E A Richardson** was appointed by the court to defend Mr. **Hawley**. Mr. **Richardson** would say nothing of the case except that **Hawley** had a good case of defense. It is generally believed that his defense will be on ground of self-defense. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Ralph Adams**, the bright little son of Mr. and Mrs. **George Adams**, most happily entertained a number of his young friends Saturday afternoon in honor of his eighth birthday. Nice refreshments were served and the children fully enjoyed the affair.

**H Salisbury**, a brother of Mrs. **S R Bacon** of Taylorville, who formerly resided here, had a stroke of paralysis nine weeks ago, which resulted in death on 18 September 1902 at his home in Crown Point, Indiana. He has often visited our city and had many friends who

will regret to hear of his death. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his loss. Mrs. **Bacon** had been at his bedside for eight weeks.

Mrs. **Stella Fuller-Heidelbaugh**, a pretty brunette from Blue Mound, was in the city on Friday, and made arrangements for bringing a divorce suit against her husband, **J Heidelbaugh**, who is a wealthy stock buyer of Blue Mound. It is the Blue Mound social scandal. The couple are prominent in Blue Mound social circles, and their matrimonial differences are, at present, the leading theme of the village gossips. Mrs. **Heidelbaugh**, in her bill, says her husband is worth \$15,000, and she asks for part of it. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

**Charles Calvert**, wife and mother, **John Calvert**, wife and mother, and **John Marts** and daughter of Brunswick, left Monday morning for Iowa to attend a reunion of the **Marts** family. There are ten children of this remarkable family, the youngest of which number is 48 years old. The three daughters of the number are all widows.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sabert Hayes** on 24 September 1902, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Jackson**, 27 September 1902, a girl.

Miss **Lena Stark** of Indianapolis brought suit against **Frank Jacoby**, a prominent businessman of Bloomington on a charge of breach of promise. The jury gave her a verdict for \$2,100 and it is believed **Jacoby** will pay it, and consider himself lucky in getting off that easy.

**William J Loud**, an aged miser living with his sister near Petroleum, Indiana, is dead and before dying, went to an eighty-acre tract of woods near his home and buried \$25,000 in bonds and currency. He and two sisters lived together and had an agreement that those who died were to will their money to the survivor. One sister died, and **Loud** became convinced that the surviving sister and hired man were going to steal his money. The community is now engaged in digging over the land. Before dying, he laughed and said the money was buried under a tree, and that the money under the tree would not do any one any good.

Monday just after the noon hour, Mrs. **Eliza Widick** experienced a severe stroke of paralysis from which death resulted at an early hour on Tuesday morning. Though she was 80 years of age, Mrs. **Widick** has enjoyed strong and vigorous health up to the hour of this affliction. For years she has made her home with her daughter, Mrs. **Jennie Miller**, southwest of town, where she has ever received the loving care and attention of a devoted daughter. When the stroke came, a physician was summoned, and every effort made to resuscitate the dear old lady, but without avail. Her daughters, Mrs. **Uhl** of Kansas, and Mrs. **Evans** of Oklahoma, have been wired for, and the funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock P. M. from the Christian Church in this city.

#### Wednesday, 8 October 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Wednesday last at the Asylum for Feeble-Minded Children at Lincoln, Illinois, **Jessie Aileen Schneder**, daughter of Mrs. **Nannie D Schneder**, died of epilepsy. Her age at the time of death being 17 years, 5 months and 16 days. The remains were brought home, and the funeral services were held at Little Flock on Sunday, Rev. **B Smock** of Assumption, officiating. The family has the warmest sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

The funeral services of Mrs. **Eliza Widick** were held in the Christian tabernacle in this city on Wednesday afternoon, 1 October 1902, in the presence of a large and sympathetic

congregation of relatives and friends. Rev. **Crank** of Blue Mound officiating, assisted by Rev. **Schultz** of this city. The remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in the Snyder cemetery north of town. Pallbearers were **M H Miller, C W Hipes, H E Travis, George Kirkman, C W Rice** and **E O Smith**. **Anna Eliza Jacobs** was born in Kentucky on 11 May 1822, and departed this life on 30 September 1902, aged 80 years, 4 months and 19 days. She was of a family of seven children, three girls and four boys. All have gone on before but one aged brother. She was married to **Abner Widick** on the 9<sup>th</sup> of April 1844. Ten children were born to this union, **Benjamin, Margaret, Sarah, Wash, Belle**, and **Abner** preceded mother to the spirit world. The remaining children are Mrs. **Nancy Uhl**, Smith Center, Kansas; **Wm Widick**, Moweaqua, Illinois; Mrs. **Rose Evans**, Elk City, Oklahoma, Mrs. **Jennie Miller** of Moweaqua, Illinois. She also leaves twelve grandchildren and four great grandchildren to mourn the loss of a dear old mother and grandmother. Her husband preceded her to the grave on 28 March 1891, aged 69 years. She united with the Methodist Church in early youth and lived as a devoted Christian ever after. In 1894 she transferred her membership to the Christian Church. She died in the house she had called home for 51 years. Aunt **Liza**, as she was familiarly called, will be greatly missed by her family and old friends.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Van Gundy** celebrated their forty-eighth wedding anniversary Wednesday at the old home farm four miles east of Macon. The affair was a surprise arranged by their children. Mr. and Mrs. **Van Gundy** were returning home from a visit to their son at Sullivan, and they stopped at the old farm to visit their daughter, Mrs. **McCaleb** and family. The children of Mr. and Mrs. **Van Gundy** all came with well-filled baskets and reminded them that forty-eight years ago, **John Van Gundy** and **Sarah Scoby** plighted their troth and made their vows to travel life's journey together. Mr. and Mrs. **Van Gundy** have raised a family of six children to manhood and womanhood, and have amassed quite a fortune. They have just divided among their five living children, 1,000 acres of Macon County's good land. (*Decatur Review*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Logan Hays**, Friday, 3 October 1902, a girl.

Born to **Charles Bartscht** and wife on Sunday, 28 September 1902, a son.

**E M Rawlings** and wife opened the doors of their palatial home to a number of friends and neighbors Monday night. In the center of the parlor was a lovely plant (wedding bells) with somewhere near twenty beautiful white bells hanging from its branches and filling the room with their fragrance. It was the admiration of all the people present.

Lunch was served consisting of grapes and bananas. Vocal and instrumental music helped to make the occasion of joy and pleasure. (*Yantisville news*)

A few of Miss **Bessie Richhart's** friends dined with her on Saturday, the occasion being her fourteenth birthday. (*Obed news*)

**Bernard Lynch**, aged 80 years, died at Ramsey, Illinois. He had been a resident of Ramsey for 50 years.

**Miles B Mann** died at Carthage, aged 89 years. He was prominently connected with early Hancock County history.

The slayer of **Eugene Miller**, who was found dying in an alley at Springfield, has been arrested. He is a Negro, 17 years old, and says he fired the shot accidentally.

**Sylvester Murphy**, who was assassinated while asleep in his chair at his home near Litchfield, Illinois, leaves a will in which he bequeaths all his fortune estimated at

\$300,000 to his wife. In case she marries again, the will prescribes she must forfeit the money, which is to be used in erecting a monument in his memory.

At Springfield, **Glenn Williams**, 2 year-old son of **Harry O Williams**, who was shot by his father before the latter ended his own life with a bullet from the same revolver, died. Mrs. **L C Uhl**, a daughter of Mrs. **Eliza Widick** arrived last week from her home in Smith Centre, Kansas, the day after the funeral of her mother. She will remain here a few weeks as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. **Harve Miller**.

**Wednesday, 15 October 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

After a lingering illness covering a period of eighteen months, Mrs. **Margaret Portwood**, beloved wife of **Henry Portwood**, died of consumption at her home east of town on Wednesday evening, 8 October 1902 at eight o'clock P. M. The funeral services were held on Friday morning at eleven o'clock from the Baptist church. Rev. **Jo. B Rogers** of Springfield officiating, assisted by Rev. **Ezra Shultz**. The attendance was very large, and the mass of exquisite floral contributions attested fully to language plainer than words, the love of a host of sorrowing relatives and friends. Pallbearers were **B F Bramblette, Walter Parks, James Haley, Walter Humphrey, Jr., C F Johnson and Robert Mulligan**. Interment was in the West cemetery. **Margaret A Robison** was born in Effingham County, Illinois, in 1851. On 1 September 1870, at the age of 19 years, she was married to **Stephen Workman**. To them were born three sons and a daughter, **Myrtle Workman**. Three of the children survive the mother, the husband and one son having preceded her to their reward. She was married to **Henry Portwood** on 11 April 1888. God blessed this union with one child, little **Everett Portwood**, who with the latter husband, mourn the loss of a wife and mother. Mrs. **Portwood** united with the Baptist Church about 15 years ago and lived a faithful, consistent Christian life to the end. Some 18 months ago, her health began to fail, and gradually she fell a victim to the dread disease, yet in all she was cheerful and was never heard to complain or murmur. Quietly and peacefully, she passed away about 8 o'clock P. M., 8 October 1902. Besides those already mentioned, one sister and three brothers survive. Her sister, Mrs. **Francis Bays** of Oklahoma was by her side for eight weeks just preceding her death. Rev **Jo B Rogers** was over from Springfield to preach at the funeral of Mrs. **Margaret Portwood**.

Little Miss **Pearl Humphrey** most happily entertained a number of her young friends Saturday afternoon at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Beaumont**, the occasion being her tenth birthday. Nice refreshments were served and the children had a gloriously good time.

**Alfred S Hardin**, age 22 years, a brother of **John W Hardin** and a young man well known in this section, was killed on Friday night, 3 October 1902 at Pacific, Missouri, being run over by a coal train while in the discharge of his duties as a trainman on the Frisco line. The remains were brought to Maroa where the family resides for interment. Misses **Jackson** very delightfully entertained a number of little folks in honor of **Ceora Baughman's** fourth birthday on Monday evening, 13 October 1902. The afternoon was spent in playing children's games and having a good time. Miss **Ceora** received many tokens in temperance of her birthday, among them being an opal ring from her aunts. Nice refreshments were served after which all went home wishing the little miss many happy returns of her birthday.



Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F M Leaf** on 9 October 1902, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Peter Barbre** were the recipients of a very pleasant surprise Monday, the occasion being their joint birthday, both being 65 years of age. They have been married 46 years and nearly two-score friends came in to wish them 'many happy returns of the day' and to enjoy a splendid dinner.

Mr. '**Billy**' **Goat**, owned by Master **Faye Curtis**, but claimed as a beloved pet by all the children on the West side, has passed to animal heaven. He was seized with lockjaw on last Wednesday and suffered great agony until his demise on Thursday night. He was buried with honors worthy of so kind and patient an animal on Friday morning, and a sorrowing community of little children mourn his loss.

The infant son of **M Workman** was buried on Thursday. (Prairieton news)

**Robert Hardy**, a farmer living near Metropolis was fatally injured in a runaway.

**Parry Ebert** of Trenton, was accidentally shot while hunting. His injuries are fatal.

Dr **A H Hunter** of Staunton was married to Miss **Byrta George** on her deathbed at the Missouri Baptist sanitarium.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A M Abrams**, at Everett, Washington, 9 October 1902, a son.

#### Wednesday, 22 October 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**Mary Rebecca Daughtry**. Died at an early hour, Monday morning, **Mary Rebecca**, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Daughtry**, aged about two years and three months. The little one had been sick with lung fever between two and three weeks, and at one time, it was thought she would recover, but a relapse came on Sunday and the end came in a few brief hours. Services were held yesterday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, Rev. **R B Irwin** officiating, assisted by Rev. **W F Stevenson**. The bereaved family have the warmest sympathy of our community. **Mary Rebecca Daughtry** was born on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July 1900. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of October 1902, after an illness of two and one half weeks, she was taken away from the loved ones here to enter upon the life in the very presence of Christ. She was 2 years and 2 months, 26 days old at the time of her departure. All was done that could be by the doctors and by the host of friends who came, as well as by her devoted parents, to relieve her and save her life, but God knew best, and she has only gone on before to await the coming of her parents and her little brother, and her relatives and friends. She was very patient in her suffering.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **N Humphrey, Jr.** on 19 October 1902, a girl.

Mr. **Sam Vancel** was buried on Wednesday of last week, the malady being consumption. On returning home from Moweaqua Monday about noon, Mrs. **Martha Goodwin** found he home filled with her many friends and neighbors who had assembled there to remind her that it was her 62<sup>nd</sup> birthday. An elegant dinner was served, and the feast of good things was thoroughly enjoyed. She was completely surprised and was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. The day was spent in social conversation and some very beautiful songs were rendered by Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Cooper**. Late in the afternoon they all dispersed, wishing the hostess many happy returns of the day and pronounced her a delightful entertainer. Present were **J Carrol** and family; **Sam Goodwin** and family, **H J Cutler** and family, **George Goodwin** and family, **C Hines** and family, **John Cross** and family, **Life Harper** and family, **Chas Cowle**, **E Cutler**, Mr. and Mrs. **F M Sanders**, Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Cooper**, Mr. and Mrs. **Pope**, Mr. and Mrs. **Crain**, Mrs. **B Armstrong**, Mr. and Mrs. **Hemer**, Mrs. **Heizer**, Mrs. **Mathew**, Mrs. **Merryman**, Mrs.

Rose Hemer and children, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. J H Housh and daughters, Nellie, and Lelle, Mrs. Merryman, Minnie Mathew, Mrs. Mary McCarty, Aunt Betsy Housh, Mrs. Friedley, Marion Heizer, W F Armstrong and family, Miss Donovan, John Goodwin and Fred Carrol.

**Frank Buettner**, a prominent businessman from Cleveland, Ohio, lost his false teeth one night last week and, thinking he had swallowed them in his sleep, has his esophagus opened its entire length in an effort to find the missing plate. It was later found between the mattress on the bed, but **Buettner** died from the effects of the operation.

The new Methodist hospital to be erected at Mattoon at a cost of \$25,000 is to be maintained by a perpetual income from the rent of 320 acres of land just west of the city. The rental is donated by Dr **McFall**, and is in memory of his two sons who recently died. The building will be of brick and stone and will be three stories high. Mattoon citizens have already spoken for the privilege of furnishing every room in the institution.  
(Shelbyville Union)

**Wednesday, 29 October 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Death of Mrs. L McNaul.** Friday morning, shortly after seven o'clock, Mrs. **L McNaul** passed away at her home in this city. For years she had been an invalid and for the past four years she had been bedfast. Her affliction was of a nervous character which gradually grew until it wore out her life. Surely the end came to her as a blessed relief from all earthly physical suffering. At the time of her death, her venerable and devoted husband was at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **David Coulter**, east, where he had been for several months, too ill to come to the bedside of his wife. The remains of Mrs. **McNaul** were taken to Prairie Home on Friday afternoon, and the funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. Miss **Caroline G Taggart** was born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, on 24 November 1830. She came to the state of Illinois in 1854 and was united in marriage to **Lebbius McNaul** on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November 1858, in Stephurson, Illinois, and for six years she lived near Freeport, this state. Since which time, she has lived in or near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois. She united with the Chillisquaque Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania when she was sixteen years old, and when her health was so she could, was a consecrated helper in all Church work and life. After an illness of about twenty-five years, five of which time she was confined to her bed, the summons came on the morning of 24 October 1902, calling her from life of suffering to her eternal home. One very sad thing about her illness was that on account of the broken down health of her husband, he was not permitted to be with her during the last months of her illness. But the Lord has given us the precious promises, "*I will come again and receive you unto myself; that, where I am there ye may be also.*" The services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. **Robt B Irwin** at 2 o'clock, 26 October 1902, at the old **McNaul** home at Prairie Home and the interment took place at the Church cemetery at that place. Mrs. **McNaul** had four brothers and one sister, three of whom are still living, Capt **C Taggart**, Freeport, Illinois; Mrs. **Mary J Murry**, Northfield, Minnesota; and **C W Taggart**, Prairie Home. The funeral services were largely attended by the friends of both Mr. and Mrs. **McNaul**, and those of Mr. and Mrs. **Coulter**, who are living in the home of Mr. **McNaul**, caring for him. The following old friends of the family acted as pallbearers: Messrs **John** and **Samuel Thompson**, **R A Patton**, **J H Baird**, **Thos Hudson, Sr.** and **Robt B Wilson**.

*War time bride:* If **Eugene L Bradford** is a perjurer now, as alleged, he has been a bigamist for 27 years. Even more, he is guilty of deserting, nearly 40 years ago, the girl he is said to have married while serving as a soldier in the Civil War. **Bradford**, who lives at Kingston, Illinois, was arrested on a bench warrant issued by Judge **Kohlsaat**. The charge is perjury. The complaint on which the Kingston man was indicted by the federal grand jury is based on an unusual chain of circumstances. **Bradford** is 57 years old, and for the greater part of his life, he has lived in the vicinity of Kingston. Twenty-seven years ago, he was married in Sycamore, Illinois, to **Maggie E Welch**, and ten years ago, returning to Kingston, he resumed work as a blacksmith. Two years ago, a woman, claiming to be Mrs. **Ollie Bradford, nee George**, of 214 North Second Street, Knoxville, Tennessee, applied for a pension as the widow of **Eugene L Bradford**, formerly a private in the Elgin Battery of the Illinois Light artillery. The woman said she was married to **Bradford** at Knoxville on 16 January 1865, and that she lost track of her husband a month afterward. As the pension bureau had a **Eugene L Bradford** on its rolls, the Nashville woman's claim was rejected and the circumstances explained. At the request of the self-styled Mrs. **Bradford**, examiners of the pension office were sent to Kingston to interview **Bradford**, who admitted having been in Knoxville with the Union Army in 1865, but denied any acquaintance with the woman who says she became his wife. The indictment voted against **Bradford**, charges him with having testified falsely in regard to his wife's claim for a pension.

The *Windsor Gazette* gives an account of the marriage of Mrs. **Mary A Griffith**, aged 68 years, to **Isaac Root**, aged 77 years, which occurred in that city on 15 October 1902. The officiating minister, Elder **Hart**, was 70 years of age. Mrs. **Griffith**, the bride, is the stepmother of Rev. **T M Griffith**, formerly pastor of the Baptist Church here.

**N A Trabue** and a Mrs. **Rice** were united in marriage in Decatur last Friday. They will reside in that city. Mr. **Trabue** is known by every one in Lovington township, having lived here until recently. He is over 70 years of age and was recently divorced from Mrs. **Rosan Trabue** of this city. (*Lovington Reporter*). The Mrs. **Rice** referred to is the widow of the late **Chas F Rice** and resided here many years.

Sunday evening at five o'clock at the home of **Oscar Moore** of Prairieton, occurred the wedding of Mr. **John Myers** and Miss **Millie Robison**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Fletch Shride** are the happy parents of a son, born on Wednesday, 22 October 1902.

A pleasant little gathering was held at the residence of **S J Jacobs** last Sunday, the occasion being the birthday of his daughter, **Alta Jacobs**. A delightful dinner was served and the afternoon spent in a manner suited to the time and occasion. (Fame news) Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. **Will Eversole** of Ridge and Miss **Bertha Wheatley** of Fame at the residence of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley** on Wednesday evening at six o'clock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **DeLos Scarlette** on 20 October 1902, a girl.

#### Wednesday, 5 November 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

A special telegram to the *Globe-Democrat* from Vandalia under the date of 29 October 1902 says, "Rev **Benjamin Mahon**, familiarly known in every town, village and countryside in this County, died Monday of paralysis near Northford Baptist Church in Marion County where he had filled an appointment the day before. He was 80 years old,

and was what was termed a 'flintlock' Baptist. He had, for over 50 years, been engaged in the ministry." Father **Ben Mahon** has been the regular pastor at the Pleak Baptist Church since 1854, and was widely known throughout the north part of Shelby County as an earnest worker in the vineyard of the master.

Wednesday, 29 October 1902, at the U B Parsonage near Obed, Mr. **Geo W Tolly** and Miss **Eva F Housh** were united in marriage, the officiating clergyman being Rev. **C A Brigham**, pastor of the Locust Grove U B Church.

Mrs. **Rachel Yantis**, daughter of Mrs. **George Rice**, died at her home near Shattuc, Illinois, after a severe illness of nearly a year. She was about 33 years of age and is survived by a husband and four children. The remains were brought to this city on Monday evening, and the funeral held from the Christian tabernacle yesterday afternoon. Elder **A R Spicer** officiated. The pallbearers were **M H Miller, Ralph Snyder, M S Ayars, E J Kilborn, J E Corrington**, and **Dave Adamson**. Interment in the North cemetery. **Rachel Rice** was born at Moweaqua, Illinois, on 5 April 1869, and departed this life at her home at Shattuc, Illinois, 2 November 1902, being at the time of her death, 33 years, 6 months and 27 days old. She was the second oldest of a family of five children, all of whom survive her. **Chas W Rice, Edna Pratz, Mary Clark and Sue Spicer** and half brothers, **George and David Rice** also survive her. She was united in marriage to **John W Yantis** on 20 March 1890, to which five children were born, **Ethel, Edna, Gwen, Harry and Vera Yantis**. All survive except little **Harry**, who preceded his mother to the better land on 25 February 1902. She united with the Christian Church at the age of 16 and was to the moment of her death, a faithful, devoted, consistent Christian. She was a dutiful self-sacrificing mother and wife, a true friend and a pure Christian woman. Her devoted husband, her faithful mother and sisters did all in their power, yet they had to submit to God's will, who doeth all things well.

*Hilvety-Ahl wedding:* This Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Nathaniel Ahl**, their daughter, Miss **Sallie Ahl** will be united in marriage to Mr. **Luther Hilvety**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **V F Hilvety**. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. The young people will make their home on the farm of the groom's father where Luther has built and furnished a beautiful new house for the reception of his charming bride. No young lady in Moweaqua or vicinity has held in higher esteem than this bride-to-be. Of a generous, whole-souled loving disposition, she perpetually casts rays of happy sunshine among the shadows of life wherever she goes. The groom is an earnest and practical young man, whose success in life is practically assured. We wish them much success in their future as husband and wife.

After a lingering illness covering a period of several months, Mrs. **Anna Bays** passed away Thursday afternoon at the home of her mother, Mrs. **H A Pratt** in this city, her malady being quick consumption. The deceased was a sweet and gentle character, beloved by all who knew her. A sad tenure of her death is that she leaves four little children to face the world alone, unaided by the tender admonitions of a loving and devoted mother. The services were held from the **Pratt** family residence Saturday afternoon. Rev. **Ezra Shultz** officiating and interment was in the North cemetery. **Anna Easley** was born in Wayne County, Illinois, on 15 August 1872, and departed this life on 30 October 1902 at 12:30 PM, being aged 30 years, 2 months and 15 days at the time of her demise. On 5 October 1891, with her mother, she came to make her home in Moweaqua. Here she met and married **D C Bays** who died three years ago last August.

To Mrs. **Bays** was born four children, **Elsie, Leslie, Eunice and Ewell Bays**, all of whom are living and must now meet life's duties with no parental hand to guide or heart to love. In January last, Mrs. **Bays** had lung fever, and from the illness, she possibly never fully recovered. Hoping to find a climate better suited to her condition, she went to Iowa last May. In July she had measles and from this she declined rapidly in strength. Soon after this, her mother, Mrs. **H A Pratt**, brought her to her home in this city, where she patiently, and with Christian fortitude, awaited the summons to be released. While yet in her teens, Mrs. **Bays** made a public profession of saving faith in Christ and united with the Baptist Church. On coming in Moweaqua, she cast her lot with the Church of the same faith here, and remained a member here to her death. Those who were with Mrs. **Bays** during her illness gladly bear testimony to the sweet Christian spirit and humble submission of God's will in all things. For her children's sake, she longed to be restored to health, but was confident and she had no fear of death nor the judgment.

**Preston Hunter** and wife and the **Eversoles** attended the wedding of **Wm Eversole** on Wednesday last at Fame.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R F Osborn** on Monday, 3 November 1902, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **Will Eversole** moved to their home on the Ridge, where they will be at home to their many friends after 10 November 1902. They are newlyweds.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **O J Lamb** on Saturday, 1 November 1902, a daughter.

**George Tolly** and Miss **Housh** were married at the U B Parsonage on Thursday by Rev. **Bingham**. The boys gave them a good old-fashioned chivare on Friday night at their new home in Mr. Bill's tenant house. George was ready with the cigars.

Last Wednesday being the 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Beverly Armstrong**, it was celebrated by a large crowd of people who came with boxes and baskets filled with eatables to which all yielded a good appetite. This venerable old couple was born in Shelby County, having never lived in any other County but this. They were the recipients of many pretty and some very costly presents. The day was very pleasantly spent in social conversation until a late hour, when all returned to their homes after being fully convinced that Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong** were very pleasant entertainers, and wishing them many more such happy returns of the day. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **W C Miller** of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **James Casey** and family, Mrs. **Betsy Housh**, Mrs. **Heizer**, Mrs. **Merryman** and daughter, **Lulu**, Mrs. **Martha Goodwin**, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bullington**, of Tower Hill, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Armstrong** of Moweaqua, **Jas. Carroll** and family, **Mary Abbott** of Decatur, Mrs. **J M Housh**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Goodwin**, **Laura Conrad** of Tower Hill, Mrs. **Joe Casey**, Mrs. **W G Colbert**, Mrs. **Chris Friedley**, **Marion Heizer**, Mr. and Mrs. **Mose Smart** and son, **Raymond**, Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Gregory**, **Joe Armstrong** and daughter, **Daisy**, of Decatur, **Joe Smith** of Tower Hill, Mrs. **Ira B Hyde**, **Ira Virden**, **Maude Waite**, **John Goodwin**, **Earl and Nelle Housh**, **Mae Primmer**, **Fred Carroll**, **Roy Wyatt**, and Mr. and Mrs. **George Goodwin** and family.

At the beautiful Fame home of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley** three miles north of Assumption on Wednesday evening, 29 October 1902, at 6 o'clock PM occurred the marriage of their daughter, **Bertha Wheatley** to Mr. **Wm Eversole** of Ridge Township, Shelby County. The house had been beautifully and lavishly decorated. A company of relatives and friends to the number of about 50 had assembled, and when promptly at

6 o'clock the bridal party marched down the aisle across the parlors to the strains of a beautiful wedding march played by Miss **Minnie Neff**. Rev. **J F VanEvers** pronounced them man and wife. The bride wore a dress of dove gray, trimmed in corded white silk and carried a beautiful bouquet of white carnations. The groom wore the conventional black. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley**, and is a young lady of rare accomplishments and beauty of character. She is a member of the Fame United Evangelical Church and prominent in its Sunday school league. The groom is one of the successful young farmers of 'The Ridge' where he has prepared a home for their future. They are recipients of many beautiful and useful gifts. Present were **Grant Eversole**, Mr. and Mrs. **David Eversole**, Mr. and Mrs. **J Eversole**, Shelbyville, **John Eversole**, Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Eversole**, Brunswick, Mr. and Mrs. **Preston Hunter**, Yantisville, **Wilson McConkey**, Stonington, **C H Hartsock** and family, Grove City.

**Wednesday, 12 November 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Friday afternoon in the city of Decatur, Mr. **E Wayne Ponting** of Prairieton township, and Miss **Cecelia Michael** of Assumption, were united in marriage. The event, though not unexpected, came as a pleasant surprise to many of their young friends who, despite every effort made to anticipate the date of the affair, were wholly unsuccessful. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **A S Michael** and is one of Assumption's most charming young ladies. The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom C Ponting**, a prosperous and hustling young businessman of unquestioned reputation. Mr. and Mrs. **Ponting** started south for New Orleans on a bridal tour of two weeks duration, and will visit a number of points in Louisiana and Texas, among them the large ranch in Texas that Mr. **Tom Ponting** recently purchased. Returning they will make their future home in this city in the beautiful residence on the west side that is now being made ready for their reception.

Mrs. **John Craig**, mother of Mrs. **D M Cooley** of this city, died at her home in LeRoy, Illinois, on Sunday night, aged about 63 years. Mrs. **Cooley** has been at the bedside of her mother for more than a month.

The following paragraph taken from the *Urich Herald, Urich, Missouri*, sent to us by **A T Hays**, speaks of a former Moweaqua boy known as **Pugh Rice**, that will be well remembered here. **Joseph P Rice**, Democratic nominee for Railroad and Warehouse Commissioner was born on 4 July 1857 at Moweaqua, Illinois, and educated at same place, was appointed to his present position by Gov **Stephens** in January 1901, vice **J P Herrington**, deceased. Locomotive engineer, married. He has always been identified with railroad organizations and is still a member in good standing of Author Division 86, Moberly Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Hon **Hale Johnson**, a relative of **J P Aydelott** of this city and a gentleman well-known and very highly esteemed, was shot and killed by **Harry Harris** on Tuesday afternoon of last week at Bogota, a village in Jasper County. Mr. **Johnson**, who was practicing law at Newton, the County seat, went to Bogota to collect an account on which judgment had already been rendered against **Harris**. An altercation occurred between **Johnson** and **Harris** at the **Harris** home and the latter secured a shotgun and fired at **Johnson** at close range, the charge striking **Johnson** in the face and causing instant death. Immediately after the shooting **Harris** jumped into **Johnson's** buggy and attempted to make his escape, but was apprehended by a deputy sheriff who had accompanied **Johnson** and who was a



witness to the shooting. **Johnson's** body was taken to his home in Newton and **Harris** was conveyed to join in the same place where he committed suicide by taking poison. **Wm Syfert** and wife, Uncle **George Yantis**, Uncle **Sol Yantis** and wife, and Aunt **Sarah Yantis** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Jno Yantis** at Moweaqua on Tuesday. (Yantisville news)

**Wednesday, 19 November 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was that which took place at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **I C Cochran**, nine miles southeast of town on Wednesday afternoon, 12 November 1902, when their only daughter, Miss **Effie Cochran**, was united in marriage to Mr. **Chapman Oaks**. Rev. **S W Patterson** of Bethany Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony which was witnessed by 40 guests, three brothers and a sister of the groom being among the number. Although the greater part of her life has been spent in Assumption, she is well known here, having frequently visited at the home of her uncle, Mr. **George Simpson**, south of town. She endeared herself by her consideration for others, and her attractiveness of all with whom she came in contact. The groom is the son of a prosperous land owner near Peoria, and is a most earnest young man and a practical farmer who has been living on the **Thos Hudson Sr.** farm, east for the past year. There he and his bride will reside for the coming year, at least. Mr. and Mrs. **Oaks** left of Thursday for a week's visit with the groom's parents as his mother was detained from the wedding by illness. Upon their return from Peoria, they will go at once to housekeeping.

Monday about ten o'clock, Mrs. **J J Atteberry** of this city was called up by phone by her son, **Elmer Atteberry**, who said that "he had shot his farm hand, **Frank LaMar** in self defense." **Elmer Atteberry** lives on his father's farm north of this city and east of Walker. The shooting was the result of a difference in the settlement for a crib of corn that **LaMar** had husked for him. Mrs. **Atteberry** was driven at once to the scene of the tragedy by **John Corrington**, and Mr. **J J Atteberry** went up on the noon train. After the shooting, **Elmer** went to Macon and gave himself up to an officer who, afterward took him to Decatur. The wounded man was taken to Decatur and placed in St Mary's Hospital where he died Tuesday evening. The trouble it seems started on Saturday and according to the story told the *Decatur Review*, **Atteberry** says, "**LeMar** knocked him down and handled him very roughly." The balance of the story is taken from the *Review*. "Monday forenoon **LeMar** and a German came back to the **Atteberry** place. They were driven there by **W D Adams** who lives near Moweaqua. Mr. **Adams** remained in the spring wagon, and the two men and **Atteberry** went to the corn crib. **Atteberry** claimed that there was corn in the crib to the depth of thirty-one and a fraction inches, while **LeMar** claimed that the corn was 36 inches deep. According to **Atteberry's** story, he said he was willing to settle right, but that the measurements **LeMar** claimed were wrong. **Atteberry** claims that **LeMar** then grabbed him by the throat and said, "Damn you, so you won't settle?" The German was called upon to take **LeMar** off **Atteberry**, but the latter says the German said he could not do anything. In relating the circumstances, **Atteberry** said, "**LeMar** picked up the ax and came at me, but I backed away from him. Mr. **Adams** then called to us and **LeMar** threw down the ax. I picked it up and put it against the fence and we all went over the fence near where Mr. **Adams** was waiting in the spring wagon. **LeMar** again assaulted me and knocked

me down and I reached to my hip pocket to get my revolver. He said he had heard about me shooting people and he came at me again. I drew my revolver and shot him in the right arm and he still fought. He grabbed the revolver and when we both had hold of it, the trigger was pulled and **LeMar** was shot in the abdomen. I ran back from him and told him to stay away, but he again came at me and I fired and struck him on the left side of the face. He quit then and I offered to take him to the house and do what I could for him." The bullet that finally put an end to the career of **LaMar** entered his body just above and a little to the right of his navel. This bullet went through the stomach, through one end of the liver and perforated the pancreas. The surgeons said that the wound was quite similar to that described as having been inflicted on the body of President **McKinley**. The holes in the stomach and the ruptured vessels were closed. There has been a profuse hemorrhage. The *Review* of yesterday afternoon publishes the following statement from **LaMar**. "It is true that we quarreled on Sunday about measuring the corn. I thought **Atteberry** was trying to cheat me and he was. I did not knock him down but I struck him, and we went away without asking for our money. He said for us to come back Monday or Tuesday and we went back with Mr. **Adams**. We disagreed about the measurement of the corn, but I did not strike **Atteberry** until he reached for his gun and then I put my hand on the ax handle to pick it up. There would never have been anything of this if he had not reached back for his gun." At the preliminary examination held on Tuesday in Decatur, **Elmer Atteberry** was held to await the action of the Macon County grand jury in the sum of ten thousand dollars, his securities being his father, **J J Atteberry** and Mr. **Woodcock**, the Macon banker. *The Latest*: **Frank LaMar** died just after six o'clock Tuesday evening at the hospital in Decatur. A coroner's jury will hold an inquest over the remains this Wednesday afternoon when the whole story will be made clear.

The **Wesley Hawley** trial is set for 1 December in Shelby County circuit court. **Hawley** has been indicted for murder in the first degree as a result of Policeman **Ben Martin**. Tuesday morning 11 November 1902 at nine o'clock at the Catholic Church in Macon, Illinois, Father **Maurer**, officiating, Miss **Mary Haley** and Mr. **John Rhymer** were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mrs. **Michael Haley**, east, and is a most charming girl, enjoying a wide circle of friends. The groom is a sturdy young farmer residing northeast of Macon, and is preparing a pretty home for the reception of his bride on the farm of his father.

Some of the boys gave **E Corley** and wife a gentle charivari in Yantisville Wednesday night after band practice.

Allenboro news: Monday morning while **Elmer Atteberry** and hand were measuring corn a dispute arose and in a fit of anger, Mr. **Atteberry** shot his hand in the breast.

#### Wednesday, 26 November 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

On the strength of the testimony of the farm hand, **Bixon**, who accompanied **LeMar**, and also **W D Adams**, the coroner's jury returned a verdict Wednesday evening, finding that **Frank LaMar** came to his death by being shot by **C E Atteberry**, and recommended that **Atteberry** be held without bail to await the action of the grand jury. **Atteberry** was already out on a bond of \$10,000 to await the action of the grand jury. The grand jury Thursday morning returned an indictment against **C Elmer Atteberry**, charging him with the murder of **Frank LaMar**. **Atteberry** voluntarily came to Decatur from his home

near Macon on Thursday. He did not surrender to the sheriff but he went to the office of his attorneys. When he entered the court room he was accompanied by a number of prominent men living in this city and the vicinity of Macon, and it is said that these men were ready to sign the bail bond of the accused if the court would accept bond. In the circuit court Saturday, Judge **Vail** heard arguments in favor of granting bail to **Atteberry**, and decided that he could not grant it. He said the decisions of the Supreme Court made it plain that he must see clearly before he could grant bail, that it was a case of manslaughter. He did not see that in the evidence and must decline to grant the bail. The trial has been set of Monday, 1 December 1902, and a special venire of fifty jurymen has been ordered. Attorney **John C Lee**, who is **Atteberry's** lawyer, has engaged Attorney **C C LeForgee** to assist, besides the **Mills** brothers who have already been associated in the case. **LeMar** is a son of **William S LeMar**, an old soldier who lived for a long time near Bethany. He has a bother, **Edward LeMar** who has been working west of Springfield and who was at the bedside of his brother when he died. **LeMar** was also a brother of Mrs. **Martha J Creech** of Sullivan. He also has a sister, Mrs. **Belle Hayes** of Butler County, Missouri. He was born in DeKalb County, Missouri, and came to Illinois several years ago, and has worked as a farm hand in Macon, Moultrie and Shelby counties. The money due **LeMar** for his work at the **Attebery** farm, over which the controversy existed was paid the undertaker on Friday, and his remains were buried at Greenwood cemetery.

Great interest is being manifested here regarding the coming trial of **Wes Hawley** for the murder of **Ben Martin** that is set for next Monday in the circuit court at Shelbyville. The deputy sheriff informs the *Call-Mail* that he has subpoenaed over 60 witnesses. Many persons seem to think that by some hook or crook in the law, the trial will be postponed. Nothing has so stirred up this community since the killing of old man **Atteberry** ten years ago.

A threatening letter signed by the "*Captain of the Company*" and received by Judge **Farmer**, presiding Judge on the Shelby County Circuit Court and scheduled to try **Wes Hawley** on the **Martin** murder case, was an anonymous communication. The writer said that if **Hawley** were not given a speedy trial that a vigilant committee would come from Moweaqua and take the accused from jail and deal out summary vengeance. Reference was made to the treatment of an accused man at Sullivan. It is supposed the writer means **Atteberry** who was taken from jail and lynched ten years ago. The writer said that **Hawley** was booked for the same treatment. Judge **Farmer** said the letter was a piece of foolishness.

Word was received in this city on Sunday that Mrs. **Emma Steidley Hill** died at Lake Charles, Louisiana, at the home of her brother, Hon. **W A Steidley**, Saturday last. She was about 43 years of age and had been in poor health for several months. She was a sister of **Ed C Steidley** of this city and a lady widely known here, having at one time taught in our public school. The funeral was held on Sunday.

**Jacob McGinley** celebrated his 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday and the 21<sup>st</sup> birthday of his son, **Ebner** last Saturday at the home of **Jacob McGinley** of Fame. The friends of Father **McGinley** had planned a surprise, and it was a complete success. His son **John** went over early in the evening and entered into a conversation with his father in the front room while the guests were packing the kitchen, not like sardines, but rather like oysters in a can. In fact, they even packed the oysters into the kitchen. When about all had assembled, they marched

into the room, greeting their neighbor and friend and wished them many more happy returns of the occasion. In a surprising short time the ladies cleaned the kitchen of the encumbrances and spread a supper fit for a king.

**Wednesday, 3 December 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**The Trials!** The trial of **Wesley Hawley** for the murder of **Ben Martin** in this city on 1 February 1902 got underway at Shelbyville Monday afternoon before Judge **Farmer**. **Hawley** was brought into court. He was very pale, but whether from confinement or nervousness, it was impossible to say. He walked to his seat beside his lawyers, **Richardson, Hayden and Tull**. Mrs. **Wes Hawley** and two children and Mrs. **Ben Martin** were both present in the courtroom. The jury selection was long. All are farmers, and there is but one gray head in the jury, all being young men. All but one have families and small children. The attorneys made their opening statements and witnesses were called.

The **Atteberry** trial for the killing of **Frank Lamar** was called in the Macon circuit court in Decatur on Monday morning. **Atteberry's** wife and two children and his parents were present in the courtroom, as well as a throng of witnesses from Shelby, Macon and Christian counties. In an effort to secure jurors in the **Atteberry** case Tuesday, all records were broken. One hundred and forty townsmen were examined and only one juror was accepted by both sides, **Alfred King**, a colored man, a carpenter, proved acceptable to all concerned. That makes four men accepted by both sides – **Elmer Morris**, farmer; **Wm Allen**, farmer; **John Weigel**, carpenter, **Alfred King**, carpenter. The theory of both sides the defense and prosecution, is that a man which had read or heard anything of the killing is not an acceptable juror.

Born to Mayor and Mrs. **Adamson** on 28 November 1902, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. **E Wayne Ponting** returned last week from their wedding tour though the south.

Monday evening, 1 December 1902 at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Scrogin**, occurred the wedding of their second daughter, Miss **Bessie Scrogin** to Mr. **Clinton Haycraft**. Rev. **Ezra Shultz** officiated. The couple will make their home in this city.

**George W Roff Jr.** and Miss **Lina May Thomas** both of this city, were married Thanksgiving Day in Decatur at the office of the state's attorney, Judge **O W Smith** officiating. The young couple went to Decatur on the afternoon train. When they went to the courthouse to get a license they found all of the offices closed. Assistant State's Attorney **Henson** offered his services. He called Deputy County Clerk **Patterson** and invited the bridal party into his office while he telephone Judge **Smith** to come over and perform the ceremony.

**Retirement!** Judge **William Hammer** of Macon County retired last Monday after 60 years of official life. He was one of the early residents of Christian County, living here from 1837 until 1854 when he moved to Decatur. He brought his household goods to Moweaqua and shipped them over the Illinois Central Railroad which had just begun to run trains to Decatur. Before being elected justice of the peace and thus beginning his official career, Judge **Hammer** was a partner in a banking house with **J Q Odor** and **T O** and **E O Smith**, all familiar names to old Moweaqua residents. Judge **Hammer** is

85 years of age, being born in 1817, and retires from the bench voluntarily, leaving behind him a record of faithful service.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Minnie Otta** to Mr. John **Corinthewait** on Wednesday evening, 3 December 1902, at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. **Emma Steidley-Hill**. On Saturday, 22 November 1892, at 8:45 PM, Mrs. **Emily Rachel Steidley**, wife of **Richard J Hill**, departed this life into a glorious immortality at the residence of her brother, **Will A Steidley** at 1014 Kirby Street in this city. Mrs. **Hill** had but a few months previously moved to Lake Charles, and the intimate friends of the family were aware that this Christian lady bore with her the seeds of the dread disease which must eventually carry her away. Within the last few days it was known that it was only a question of a few days, and on Saturday night the relatives and friends perceived the end was near. It was a triumphant death of a noble woman and, if any lingering doubts as to the sublimity of Christian power possessed the minds of those present, they were dispelled. Mrs. **Hill** suddenly aroused from the lethargy of death which was seating over her senses and began to sing, '*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*'. She spoke to her friends in the most cheerful and happy manner; talking to her husband, brother and children as though going upon a short journey to a happy land. Yesterday afternoon the funeral took place from the home, Rev. **J Y Allison** officiating. Place of interment was the Orange Grove Cemetery. Mrs. **Hill** was born in Greene County, Illinois, on 1 July 1859 and was 43 years, 5 months and 21 days old. She was one of four children, the only daughter, and therefore, the best beloved of her brothers, **Edgar C Steidley** and **Thomas Steidley** who reside in Illinois, and **Wilmer A Steidley** of Lake Charles. She was the daughter of **Andrew Jackson Steidley** and **Nancy E Jayne Steidley**. Her mother died in 1879 and her father departed this life in Louisiana in 1893. The earlier years of her life were spent in her home county in Illinois where, afterward she engaged in teaching. She was married to **Richard J Hill** in June 1894, and to that union there are two children, **Travis Steidley Hill**, aged 7 years, and **Richard Hill**, a sweet babe of 18 months. She united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when but ten years of age, and the sweet power of her faith afforded consolation in life and a glorious victory in death. (*Lake Charles, Louisiana Press*)

#### Wednesday, 10 December 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

**Hawley found guilty!** **Wesley Hawley** was found guilty of murder and gets 20 years for the murder of Policeman **Ben Martin**. His defense was that **Martin** came in his place of business without a warrant and tried to arrest him. **Martin** was a mere private citizen as the statute under which he was appointed marshal was unconstitutional. He had no right to make arrests. Character witnesses for the defense were **Bud Housh, Grant Cutler, Vert Cutler, Phil Standley, Oliver Standley, Henry Wempen, Wm Wempen, Isaac Pieper, W W Adcock, Frank Huffman** and **James Tolly**. (*Lengthy article on defense and prosecution and comments made by witnesses, not copied in this book*)

**C E Atteberry is acquitted!** The charge in this proceeding is that on 17 November 1902, **C Elmer Atteberry** murdered **Frank LaMar** near Macon, Illinois. Under the indictment it is possible that the accused may not be found guilty of that crime but be convicted of manslaughter. A plea of self-defense was made for the accused. (*Lengthy article, highlights of report copied only*) **W R Adams** stated "as soon as **Lamar** came through the gate he turned and waited for **Atteberry**, and when the latter came out, **Lamar** said,

"It makes me mad as hell for you to draw a gun on me." **Atteberry** was shutting the gate and did not have his hand on his revolver. **Lamar** rushed forward and took **Atteberry** by the throat or collar. I could not tell which, and **Atteberry's** head went back. Then **Atteberry** reached for his revolver. **Lamar** was only two or three feet away from **Atteberry** when he made the rush. Think **Lamar** used his left hand to take hold of **Atteberry**. **Atteberry** backed away as the gun was fired. I could not see the gun as it was discharged. I saw the fire on the coat sleeve of **Lamar** almost at once. That it was the left hand **Lamar** used in taking **Atteberry** by the throat, I could not tell what **Lamar** was doing with his right hand. **Lamar** did not let go of **Atteberry** till the shot was fired. The gun was discharged almost instantly. **Atteberry** did not appeal to **Bixon**. The German was between me and the other men. Neither **Bixon** nor **Atteberry** said a word that I heard from the time when the men were standing in the lot, and **Atteberry** asked **Bixon** to 'keep him off'. Immediately after the first shot, **Lamar** took hold of the gun and the men struggled for it. Then **Bixon** rushed in and hit **Atteberry** in the face and turned him partly around. **Lamar** held the gun by the barrel, and it was low down between the two men. As the gun was twisted from the hands of **Lamar**, it was discharged the second time and almost immediately there was a third shot. The struggle from **Lamar** by twisting it and not by jerking it. At the time of the third shot, **Lamar** was still advancing on **Atteberry**. Then **Lamar** came to the buggy. **Atteberry** followed. **Wm Bixon**, the German, testified regarding the trouble over measuring the corn. We did not come over for any trouble but for a settlement and for our wages. **Atteberry** kept on chopping. **Lamar** said, "won't you settle". **Atteberry** said 'No.' **Lamar** asked 'Not at all?'. Neither **Atteberry** nor **Lamar** seemed mad. When **Atteberry** said he would not settle, **Lamar** threw off his mittens and started toward **Atteberry** who backed away. **Lamar** followed him and took hold of the ax. **Atteberry** put his hand on his hip, and **Lamar** said, "Don't draw a gun on me, that makes me crazy mad." **Adams** called to come to where he was and settle in a decent way. **Atteberry** put his hand on his hip pocket and backed away. At the same time **Lamar** took hold of the ax. When **Lamar** took hold of the ax, **Atteberry** asked me to keep him off. I didn't say a word. Then **Adams** called and we went to the wagon. I did not see the gun when we were in the hog lot. When we go into the road, **Lamar** said, "It makes me mad as hell, it makes me crazy mad to have you draw a gun on me." **Lamar** took him by the throat and **Atteberry** backed away with his hand on his hip. As soon as he drew his revolver he fired. Then they struggled for the gun. Then I went up and hit **Atteberry** in the face. **Atteberry** backed away. Then I went to the wagon, and the second shot was fired and immediately the third short. **Lamar** twisted when the second shot was fired. After the third shot **Lamar** came to the wagon, so did **Atteberry**. On re-direct examination witness said he heard the revolver go off the last time, and admitted that the men were still struggling for possession and immediately when **Lamar** ceased to advance upon **Atteberry**, the fight was at an end. On cross examination by the defense much of this evidence was literally torn to pieces by the attorneys, the evidence being made strongly in favor of the prisoner. The jury retired about ten o'clock Friday night to consider the case. A few minutes before midnight the jury returned a verdict of not guilty and the defendant was discharged by the court. There was a little scene immediately following the reading of the verdict, the defendant, his wife and his parents, immediately went forward and expressed to the jurors, individually, heartfelt thanks and shook each warmly by the hand.



As he spoke to one of the jurors, the acquitted man said, "Thank you. You have made one happy home instead of destroying it."

**Charles McDonald** and Miss **Birdie Anderson**, both of this city were married in Decatur last week.

Over fifty witnesses from this vicinity are in attendance at court in Shelbyville this week in the case of **Doyle vs. Doyle**. We understand it to be a contest over the will of the late **E M Doyle**.

**Albert Hopkins** and **Myrtle Workman**, age 17 years of Shelby County, came to Decatur on Thursday intent on marrying, but the law presented obstacles that they knew not of. **Henry Portwood**, the stepfather of the girl accompanied the couple, but his consent was not in law sufficient authority for the clerk to issue the license. The mother of the girl died several months ago. The girl had some property and while she was yet a little girl, her mother was named as her guardian. After the mother's death, no one was named to take her place as guardian. The stepfather was willing to be named for that position forthwith, but a guardian having one time been appointed and in charge of the girl's affairs, it was necessary that that matter be closed in due form. The court which received the report must then appoint another guardian to take the place of the one deceased, and that guardian's consent to the marriage be obtained. All that must be done in Shelby County and the couple sorrowfully returned to their home. (*Decatur Herald*) Miss **Myrtle Cole** was given a surprise last Wednesday night the occasion being her nineteenth birthday. Oysters were served and a general good time was had. (Obed news) After **Wesley E Hawley** heard the verdict where in he was found guilty of murdering **Ben Martin** at Moweaqua, his collapse was evident to all who saw him. His condition continued that way for some time, and it was thought that perhaps he would not recover. But he is better at this writing, seems resigned to his fate and says he will go to the penitentiary and try to be a man again, with the hope of shortening his sentence. (*Shelbyville Daily Union*)

**Wm J Irvin** was born in Grand County, Indiana, on 12 August 1859, and died in Jacksonville, Illinois, on 2 December 1902. When two years of age, his father and mother moved with the family to Illinois. He has six brothers and sisters dead, and four living, Mrs. **E K Hays**, Mayburg, Missouri, Mrs. **Mary C Skiff**, Moweaqua, **Simon A Irvin** of Texas, and **Jackson R Irvin** of Springfield, Illinois. Mr. **Irvin** was twice married, first to Miss **Nethina Portwood**, to them was born one child which died in infancy. His second marriage was to Miss **Alpha Polly**. To them were born **Maud** and **Mary Cecil Irvin**. At the age of 20 years he united with the Protestant Methodist Church of which he was a member at the time of his death.

#### Wednesday, 17 December 1902 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The *Shelbyville Union*, under the dates of 10 and 11 December 1902, says "Most all the old inhabitants and settlers in and around Moweaqua are here in attendance as witnesses on the case of **Benj. F. Doyle et al vs. Helen M Doyle, et al**. A bill to set aside the will of **Ewing M Doyle**. The property involved amounts to \$40,000 and is probably one of the most important law suits of this term of court. **Doyle**, the deceased was at the time of his death, aged 87 years, and was a man of considerable means. When a young man, of perhaps 20 years age, he married his first wife, by whom he had ten children. His first wife then sickened and died. He then married his present widow, by whom he had three

children. In 1898, he made a will giving most of his property, money, notes, etc to his second wife and her children, and leaving the first children almost entirely out of the consideration. After his death, the will was duly proved in the probate court, but his first children, seven in number, being now living, not being satisfied with the provisions in the will, filed a bill in chancery seeking to set aside the will. They charge that the old man was not capable of making a will or of disposing of his property, that he was unduly influenced by **Helen M Doyle**, his second wife, and **Mary Doyle**, a daughter. They also charge that the signature to the pretended will is not the signature of **Ewing M Doyle**, and consequently the will is invalid. The first witness of the proponents was Judge **Wm C Johns** of Decatur who estimated that he was sent for by Mr. **Doyle** to come out to his house and write the will. He went. The old man seemed to know just what he wanted done and the lawyer wrote the will in accordance with the old man's directions, in long hand. It was afterwards read over to him and he sanctioned it and signed it in the presence of the two attesting witnesses. The lawyer then took the will to his office in Decatur and dictated it to a stenographer who wrote it on a typewriter. It was sent to the old man who afterwards returned it with a few minor changes to be rewritten. The attorney rewrote the will and again sent it to the old man. Judge **Johns** said that he considered Doyle entirely competent to transact business and of sound and disposing memory when the will was written. The most important evidence was that of **Ezra J Durham**. **Durham** is a Minister of the Gospel, and at the time of the death of the deceased, was living in Moweaqua and acting as the pastor and spiritual advisor of Mr. **Doyle**. He testified that at different times he visited in the home of the deceased and found him to be a well read, much informed old man, very positive and set in his opinions, that the spring of 1998, he learned, through a Mr. **D P Keller**, that the old man was ailing and had or was about to 'put his house in order and make a will'. He went out to see the old man, who produced a will and asked witness to read it over to him to see that it was all right. Deceased was not entirely satisfied with the will as it had been formerly written, and requested the minister to take notes of the changes desired. Witness did so and at the request of the old man, took the original will, together with the notes to Lawyer **Johns** of Decatur, who drew up a second will in accordance with the old man's wishes. The will was afterwards taken out to the old man. Mr. **Durham** read it over to him twice, and the only other change was the addition of the words '...money and' which followed the words, '...notes, personal property, etc', and with that correction the old man signified to witness that that was just as he wanted it; he thought he could do no better. No one was present in the room but witness and old man **Doyle**, and no undue influence was used to his knowledge. **Homer Miller** was then sent for to witness the will, and when he came, at the request of the old man, and all in the presence of each other, **Miller** and **Durham** signed as the witnesses and testified that the old man, in their opinion, was capable of transacting ordinary business and was of sound mind. In all, 32 witnesses were examined on the part of the proponents, and the contestants commenced to give in their side of the case and up to adjournment Wednesday night, 15 witnesses had testified, making altogether, 47 witnesses on both sides. While the proponents made out a strong case, it is not a one sided affair, as is being evidenced by the testimony of the other side. Witness after witness testified that in their opinion, **Doyle** was not capable of comprehending and understandingly transact business ordinary business, and that he was of unsound mind. He was forgetful and at times in conversation, would entirely lose the

thread of a conversation and until prompted by someone, could not proceed or carry on a connected conversation. One witness testified to the old man's having come to this house peddling a patent clothes line saying to witness that he had to do something to make a living or else go to a poor farm. Witness thought he acted strangely. Did not buy the clothes line. **Doyle** told witness that it seemed if he didn't do something, the whole business stopped. Another witness testified that in a conversation with the old man, he had told him of a race he had made with a passenger train. **Doyle** said that he left Moweaqua on a certain date just as the passenger train left there and by rapid driving he beat the train to Decatur a distance of 18 to 20 miles.

*The Doyle will contest is at last at an end!* The jury retired at five o'clock Thursday evening, and after handling all night, reached a verdict about 8 o'clock Friday morning, finding in favor on all questions, of the validity of the will. Thus the will stands as it was before the contest. The **Doyle Will** was not broken! It was indeed a lengthy case.

Wednesday of last week **Wesley E Hawley** was taken to the state penitentiary at Chester, Illinois, by Sheriff **Courtright** to commence the serving of his twenty-year sentence for the murder of Moweaqua Policeman **Ben Martin**. Deducting from this the good time allowed for exemplary conduct, if he lives, he will be out in 13 years. Thus ends the greatest tragedy in the history of Moweaqua.

Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of **Otto C Ludwig** to Miss **Anna Louis Fieker** which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**, Thursday evening, 25 December 1902, at five o'clock P.M.

Mrs. **U S Grant**, widow of General **Ulysses S Grant**, died at Washington, DC on Sunday night of heart failure. She was afflicted for years with vascular disease of the heart. Mrs. **Grant** was 76 years of age.

It sometimes takes more than the lack of a guardian to stop a marriage, as is evidenced by the fact that **Albert Hopkins** and Miss **Myrtle Workman** were married in Shelbyville last week by Rev. **E J Durham**, who was there as juror in the **Doyle** case. This is the couple who applied for license at Decatur and were refused because the girl was only 17 years of age, and the clerk would not recognize the consent of her stepfather.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Robertson**, a son. (*No date given*)

Agent **G W Rollins** was again called to Keyesport, Illinois, last week by the death of his sister, Miss **Carrie Rollins**, aged 38 years, which occurred Thursday morning, her malady being pneumonia.

**Arthur Niedeffer** returned home on Friday of last week from the Philippines where he has been a member of Uncle Sam's army for three years. He is the last of five brave boys from this vicinity who enlisted in their country's cause and went forth in battle. Of this number three returned home in good health and enjoying life, '**Dick Cain**', **Arthur Bland** and **Arthur Niedeffer**. The other two boys, **James Wright** and '**Bob**' **White** were sent home dead, and now sleep in the silent sleep of the dead in the cemeteries near here. (*Findlay Enterprise*)

#### Wednesday, 24 December 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Seglowski** on 18 December 1902, a girl.

Our valued friend, **W H Pontius**, brought us in a most venerable document for inspection. It was a letter written from Virginia in 1817 to **Jesse Morral** of Pickaway County, Ohio. It contains the genealogy of Mrs. **W H Pontius'** family (she was a

**Morral**) as far back as 1730. The writing is yet clear and distinct, and the letter indeed is a curiosity.

The marriage of Mr. **Otto C Ludwig** and Miss **Anna Fieker** occurs tomorrow evening at the home of the bride's father, **C Fieker**, south of town.

**Thomas Evans**, who was accidentally killed near Lakewood a few weeks ago, carried a \$3,000 M. W. A. insurance. He leaves two orphan children.

Miss **Edith Craig**, who has been the guest of Miss **Clara Miller** for some time, went to Taylorville this morning. Tomorrow morning she will leave for California, where she will spend a year, and then return as the bride of a Shelbyville young businessman.

*(Pana Palladium).*

Wednesday, 17 December 1902, Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh** threw open his doors to welcome his children, grandchildren and old friends, the occasion being his eighty-first birthday. It has been the custom of Uncle **Isaac's** children with their families, to assemble under the parental roof on their father's birthday for several years past. All the children were present except Mrs. **Agnes Stivision** of Louisiana and Rev. **Will Longenbaugh** of Teheran, Illinois. Uncle **Isaac** always responds to the good dinner (for which he always furnishes a goose and turkey) with a generous treat of candy and oranges. 'Tis like Santa making a good beginning for Xmas.' (Obed news)

Once more Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh's** birthday rolled around and his children and grandchildren hiked to his home last Wednesday and did homage to this venerable pioneer of Shelby County. The dinner was one of the best, and Uncle **Isaac** treated those present to candy and oranges. (Yantisville news)

Invitations are out for the wedding of Miss **Verna Dedman**, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Sidney Dedman** of Decatur and Mr. **Bert Branch**. The ceremony will be at St John's Episcopal Church on the evening of 31 December 1902. The couple will live at 865 West Pugh Street. The bride-to-be is well known here and greatly beloved by many friends.

#### Wednesday, 31 December 1902 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Cards have been issued announcing the approaching wedding of Miss **Olive Fereba Aydelott** to **Karl Tracey Catlin**, which will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mr. **J P Aydelott**, Wednesday evening, 7 January 1903, at eight o'clock. On Christmas evening, December 25, 1902, a pretty home wedding occurred at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Fieker**, southeast, when in the presence of about 40 relatives, Miss **Anna L Fieker** and Mr. **Otto C Ludwig** were united in marriage. At five o'clock the bridal party entered the parlor, and to the strains of a beautiful wedding march executed by Mrs. **Theo Ludwig**, they took their place beneath an arch of holly. Revs **Theo** and **Albert Ludwig**, both brothers of the groom, who, making use of the Church ritual, in a few brief words made the young couple man and wife. At the conclusion of the ceremony congratulations were in order after which a wedding supper was served to which all did ample justice. They received a number of beautiful and useful presents. The bride is the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker**, and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **P Ludwig**, both well known in the entire community. The groom is engaged in teaching school at Fame. They will make their home five miles southeast of Moweaqua. They carry with them the best wishes of a large circle of

friends. On Friday evening the young people of Salem spent a sociable evening at the home of the bride's parents in honor of the bride and groom.

Several weddings took place on Christmas day. **Sam Cuttill** and **Joe Miller** of Ridge were married to young ladies unknown here. (Yantisville news)

Born on 29 December 1902 to Mr. and Mrs. **Sydney Morton** at Prairieton, a girl.

The wedding bells have been ringing. **O C Ludwig** and **Anna Fieker** concluded to share life's joys, sorrows and duties, and were united in marriage on Tuesday. Only the relatives were present and partook of a delicious supper. The bridal parties were the recipients of valuable and useful presents. On Friday evening the young folks spent a very enjoyable evening at the bride's home. On Sunday they were served to a dinner at the home of the groom's parents.

**Fred Pistorius** and wife and **Alvin Pistorius** and wife spent the holidays with home folks and attended the wedding.

Mrs. **G A Kautz** accompanied by her daughter, Miss **Mary Kautz**, will go to Taylorville tomorrow to attend the wedding of her nephew, Mr. **Elbridge Bond** to Miss **Daisy**

**Mulberry**. Miss **Agnes Brown**, a cousin of the bride, will be one of the maids of honor.

Both the bride and groom formerly visited here often and have many friends in this community.

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**MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA**  
**VOLUME 5**

Excerpts from *The Moweaqua Call-Mail*

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**Wednesday, 7 January 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Monday evening, 5 January 1903, at 7:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Scroggin** occurred the marriage of their eldest daughter Miss **Edna L Scroggin** to Mr. **Frank E Osborn**. **Rev. Ezra Shults** officiating. The happy couple will make their home in this city for the present.

Thursday evening, 15 January 1903, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Shride**, southeast, their daughter, Miss **Eva M Shride**, will be united in marriage to Mr. **Arthur H Gregory**. The ceremony will take place at five o'clock.

Monday evening last, Mrs. **H E Travis** gave a charming surprise party for her brother, Mr. **Will Keiser** in honor of his twenty-first birthday. A large number of the young people was invited in to help extinguish the twenty-one candles on a mammoth cake and congratulate Will because he can now help to put the President in the chair.

Tuesday noon at the home of **R W Patterson**, two and one half miles south west of Moweaqua, occurred the marriage of his sister, Miss **Dorothy Patterson** of Macon to **Fredrich Sieveking** of Clinton, only the relatives of the bride being present to witness the ceremony which was performed by **Rev. Shults** of the Baptist church. The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white silk and carried a bouquet of pink and white carnations. After the ceremony an elaborate wedding dinner was served under the direction of Mrs. **H C Miller**. The groom is a young fireman on the I. C. R. R. and the bride is a charming young lady of many accomplishments. The happy couple left on the 4:28 train for Nashville, Illinois, to visit the groom's parents. They will be at home to their many friends after 1 February 1903 at Clinton, Illinois.

This Wednesday afternoon, little Miss **Vera Colbert**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Colbert**, very pleasantly entertained a number of her young friends from two to four, the occasion being her eighth birthday. Games were enjoyed and refreshments served.

Present were **Lucy Attebery, Dora Frazee, Grace Godfrey, Mamie and Catherine Kyner, Pearl Humphrey, Alice and Neta Moll, Eula Corrington, Grace Gilliland, Marie Rice, Gwendolin Yantis, Nellie Hipes, Madge Adamson, and Hazel Longenbaugh.**

**Jennetta C Tankersly**, youngest daughter of **Josiah and Martha J Perkins** was born 18 January 1872, and died 18 December 1902, being 30 years and 11 months of age. She was married to **Lenard G Tankersley** on 20 March 1895. To this union three children were born, **Addie J**, aged 7 years; **Thomas Joseph**, four years and **Lenard Daniel**, three years old, all of whom survive her, also her husband, mother, five sisters and two brothers, her father and three brothers having preceded her to the other world. Mrs. **Tankersly** bore her suffering and affliction with a patient and Christian spirit. She was of a loving and tender disposition, always having a smile and good word for everybody. She longed to live for her children but said she had no fear of death. During her illness

she declared her faith in Christ as her Savior. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings very beautiful. The pallbearers were all brothers-in-law: **Vester Shepherd, Douglas Tankersley, Albert Andell, Isaiah Patrick, William and Warren Tankersley**. Those out of town attending the funeral were: **Daniel Perkins** of Decatur, **Wm Tankersley, Mrs. Wm Coultas, Mrs. Daniel Coultas** and daughter, Moweaqua; **Henry Thompson**, Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. **Vester Shepherd, Woodson. Lenard** has many friends in this community who deeply sympathize with him in his sad hour of affliction.

**Fred Sieveking** and Miss **Dora Patterson** of Macon were married on Tuesday at the home of the bride's brother, **W Patterson**. (Prairieton news)  
Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Murffey** on 31 December 1902, a son.

**Wednesday, 14 January 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Thursday afternoon in the parlors of the Neal House at Shelbyville, **Martin K Duncan** of Findlay and Miss **Tryphena Stewart** of this city were quietly united in marriage by Rev. **Prescott S Heald** of the Baptist Church of that city. The many friends of the newly wedded couple will unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending sincere congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. **Duncan** will make their future home on Mr. **Duncan's** farm near Findlay. Miss **Stella (Estella) Morgan**, daughter of the late Mrs. **M E Morgan** and at one time a resident of this city, died last week at the home of her sister, Mrs. **Della Morgan Shoemaker** at Hillsboro of consumption, aged twenty-nine years. The funeral and burial were at Wabash, Indiana.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. **R B Irwin**, 8 January 1903, a daughter.

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John P Aydelott** occurred the marriage of their youngest daughter, **Olive Fereba** to Mr. **Karl Tracey Catlin** of Omaha, Nebraska. The affair was one of the brilliant and happy social events of the season and had been looked forward to with great interest by the numerous friends of the lovely young bride. The rooms were prettily decorated for the occasion, red and white being the prevailing colors. Miss **Helen Aydelott** heralded the coming of the bridal party, preceded by Rev. **W F Stevenson**. The bride was gowned in white silk mull made over silk and trimmed with cream lace and satin ribbon, and carried bridal roses. The ceremony was brief yet very impressive in its solemnity. Sincere and general congratulations were in order after which a lovely supper was served by Misses **Jessie Stine, Grace Snyder, Mabel Frazee** and **Hazel Smith** which was followed with generous toasts to the health and happiness of the bride and groom, drank from a flowing bowl of fruit punch. The bride is one of Moweaqua's charming girls who has developed from childhood into mature and noble womanhood here in our midst and whose many excellent traits and characteristics are fully recognized and appreciated by a large circle of loving friends. The groom is a handsome and manly young fellow, a graduate of DePauw University with high honors, and is said to be earnest and practical, and fully alive to the responsibilities that he has accepted. The newly married couple will make their home in Assumption where a lovely home was in waiting for them and where Mr. **Catlin** will be associated with the "Hustler" store. They will be at home to their many friends after 1 February 1903.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Bridgman** on 6 January 1903, a daughter.

Mrs. **Cyrus Weakley** celebrated another milestone on life's journey last Thursday.

Married at Vandalia last week, Miss **Etta Fair** of Bowling Green to **Joseph E Adams** of Herrick. Both are good young people and are highly connected. Mr. **Adams** is the baseball pitcher who gained a reputation in baseball circles last year. One day last week, **Harnie Vandeventer** of Prairieton and Miss **Lille Lockhart** of Cowden were united in marriage at Decatur by Judge **Smith**. The young people are well known in this city and vicinity.

**Wednesday, 21 January 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Thursday evening at five o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Shride**, southeast, Miss **Eva M Shride** and Mr. **Arthur H Gregory** were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed beneath an arch of beautiful flowers by Rev. **Brigham** of Locust Grove at the conclusion of which sincere congratulations were extended and a bountiful supper served. Friday, Mr. and Mrs. **Gregory** were most happily entertained at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John L Gregory**. The newly wedded couple will make their home for the present on the Shride farm. They are splendid young people and their numerous friends wish for them the very best of all that life affords them.

Last Wednesday afternoon, 14 January 1903, Miss **Luella Lamb** and Mr. **Henry G Hemer** were united in marriage at the County court rooms in Decatur by Judge **Smith**. The bride is the daughter of **John Lamb**, a well-to-do farmer of Allenboro, and is a charming young lady of many loveable qualities who will make a most excellent helpmate. The groom is a practical young farmer at Allenboro, and is said to be an earnest and capable young man.

Cards have been issued announcing the coming marriage of Miss **Katie Webb**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Webb** to **Lester Wheatley**. The ceremony will take place at the residence of the bride's parents, Tuesday evening, 27 January 1903, at five o'clock. This afternoon, between three and four o'clock, Mr. **Guthrie R Bridgman** and Mrs. **Maggie Clark** will be united in marriage at the Baptist parsonage, by the Rev. **Ezra Shults**. Both are highly estimable young people and their numerous friends extend them congratulations.

**Warren Tankersly** and bride arrived last Thursday to visit his sisters, Mesdames **Wm** and **Dan Coultas**, and **Geo Suppes** and his brother, **Wm Tankersly**. Warren has many friends here who wish him and his bride a prosperous journey through life.

Miss **Myrtle Davis** and **Cyrus Sanner** of Bethany, were married in Decatur Wednesday by Judge **Smith**. Both have many friends in this vicinity who extend sincere congratulations to the newly wedded couple.

A very pleasant surprise party greeted Mrs. **Josiah Berry** on Friday, 9 January 1903, in honor of her 61<sup>st</sup> birthday. Mrs. **Berry** had planned to give a dinner on the occasion for her immediate family, but her daughter, Mrs. **Cliff Winchel** and daughter-in-law, Mrs. **R A Berry** conspired and secretly arranged to entertain a much larger dinner party. Consequently all the edibles that a southern climate could afford was prepared at the homes of the latter. Attendees were: Mr. and Mrs. **B A Richhart** and daughter, **Clara**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm B Gabbert** and son **Wilbur**, Mr. and Mrs. **Clark Taggart** and baby, **Alma**, Mr. and Mrs. **R A Berry** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Cliff Winchel**, Mr. and Mrs. **E A Ruffner** and daughters, **Maud**, **Florence**, **Wanda** and son, **Merle**, Mrs. **Cooper** of Kansas, **George Shroll**, **W Z Richhart**, and Mrs. **Charles Shoemaker** and baby.

SIXTEEN YEARS AGO. The following items of local interest sixteen years ago are taken from the *Moweaqua Call* for the year 1887. ....Dr **A P Hoxsey**, a prominent physician in our city for over 12 years, died at the home of Dr **T L Catherwood** in Shelbyville on 8 May 1887..... On 3 February 1887, the M E Minister, Rev. **L J Janes** and his wife celebrated their 28<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. The marriage ceremony was repeated in the presence of a host of friends.

**Samuel Sanner** and Miss **Ekiso** were married at the home of the bride's parents, east, on Wednesday evening. They left Thursday morning on an extensive tour. They will go to housekeeping March 1<sup>st</sup> on the groom's farm southeast of here.

**Henry Hemer** and Miss **Lulu Lamb** were married in Decatur on Wednesday, 14 January 1903. A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's parents. They will be at home to friends after 1 March 1903, in the cottage, north, purchased of **S E Atteberry**.

**Cy Sanner** and Miss **Davis** were married in Decatur on Wednesday. (Prairie Home news)

Mr. and Mrs. **B F Buckmaster** and daughter went to Vera last Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mr. **Buckmaster's** sister.

**Wm Dodd** of the Taylorville Marble Works came over last week with two handsome monuments, which he erected for Esq. **Nathan** and **Oscar Humphrey**.

Rev **E Thompson** and wife of Taylorville celebrated their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary last week. The reverend gentleman will be remembered here as a former pastor of the Presbyterian church. The jolly old couple are now enjoying the best of health. Rev. **Thompson** reads as well as ever without glasses.

Wednesday, 28 January 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

At the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. **John Webb**, two miles south of town on Tuesday evening, 27 January 1903, at 5 o'clock occurred the wedding of their daughter, **Katie** to Mr. **Lester Wheatley** of Assumption. The home was beautifully decorated with artificial and cut flowers, the work of Miss **Nora Merriman**. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Webb** and a young lady with a large circle of friends. Mr. **Wheatley** is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley**, and a young man of exceptional purity of character. Both of the young people are too well known to require more of a description as both have been identified prominently with the social and Christian work of Fame all their lives. The young couple were recipients of many beautiful and valuable presents; among them was a check for \$100 dollars from Mr. and Mrs. **John Webb**.

Through the courtesy of Mrs. **Philip Standley**, the editor of the *Call-Mail* has been favored with a copy of the *Moweaqua Mail* dated 3 January 1884. Two local items which will doubtless be interesting are: 25 December 1883 – **T T Snyder** and Miss **Ellen Daughtry** were married. 26 December 1903 – **Chas W Hipes** and Miss **Anna Patterson** were married.

Fourteen years ago, 1889 – On Thursday evening, 23 May 1889, was solemnized the wedding of Mr. **Scott Gregory** to Miss **Lou Bacon**. Rev. **J W Hawkins**, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating.

Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder** leaves today for Lincoln to attend the wedding of Miss **Nellie Layman** who will be married on 4 February 1903 to Mr. **Charles McConnell**, a

prosperous young farmer near Lincoln. The wedding at which Miss **Snyder** will sing, will be a small one at the home of the bride's father. Miss **Layman** has frequently visited here and has many friends who will wish her the richest happiness. Before returning home Miss **Snyder** will go to Danville to be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. **E H Withers** for a short time.

The marriage of Miss **Lutie O Ekiss** and **Samuel Sanner** of Moweaqua was celebrated at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Ekiss** near Dalton City on Thursday evening, 15 January 1903, in the presence of about 40 relatives and intimate friends. Rev. **Cochran** of Mt Zion was the officiating minister. (*Decatur Herald*)

**Lester Wheatley** and **Katie Webb** were married on Tuesday evening. A reception will be given the young couple at the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley**, today. (Fame news)

Cards have been received here announcing the coming marriage of Miss **Mary Hoxsey** to Dr **Guy Seward** of Cuba, Missouri. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Maggie Hoxsey** in Shelbyville on the afternoon of 4 February 1903 at 2 o'clock P. M.

Our valued friend, **Int. Stanley**, editor of the *Lovington Reporter* has been having very serious troubles. His wife has had a severe case of smallpox and added to this, she gave birth to a daughter last week. The *Reporter* says it was feared that this event might be attended by serious results, but to the contrary, there were no alarming symptoms and indications are that there will be none.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A Fred Corrington** on 24 January 1903, a son.

#### Wednesday, 4 February 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

*20 years ago - 1883 - January - M Tolson died; February - Marriage of Wheeler Adams to Miss Jessie Ponting, Marriage of James T Duncan to Miss Jennie Groom; March - Marriage of P G Ludwig to Miss Julia E Osborne; Marriage of J B Longuevan to Miss Jennie West; silver wedding of J H Kirkman and wife; May - Wm F Deike of Chicago married Miss Bella Sparling of Detroit in this city; June - H G Riley, barber, killed by a freight engine; July - Frank Catherwood accidentally shot by John Myers; afterward dies; Leslie Orris drowned at Prairie home, death of Abner Smith and H J Zeitz, the latter from the kick of a horse; August - John Carroll married to Miss Belle Donnel; death of Mrs. N T Skiff; Levi Hill and Miss Thomas of Pickaway married; October - death of Mrs. B A Richhart and John C Weakley; James B Workman and Lucy J Adams married; November - death of Festus Osborne; December - Death of John M Freidley; birth of baby girl to Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Adams.*

A linen shower for Miss **Mary Hoxsey** was given by the Misses **Dearing** on Friday afternoon. A new idea was sprung - the prospective bride was given a wheelbarrow ride, much to the amusement of her friends. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr.**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Snyder**, and Mr. **J L Sparlin** all went to Lincoln this week to attend the wedding of Miss **Nellie Layman**.

Married - Mr. **Ben Hale** of Christian County and Miss **Ollie Gerrard** of Oconee. (Pleasant View news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Rogers** of Obed on 28 January 1903, a son.



Wednesday, 11 February 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Thursday of last week a marriage license was issued in Decatur to Mrs. **Lucy E Martin** of Moweaqua, and **Truman L Corley** of Decatur. The bride is the widow of the late **Benj. Martin**, who on 1 February 1902 was murdered by **W E Hawley**.

This morning about 4 o'clock, Uncle **Joe Adams** quietly and painlessly passed away at his home west of town in Prairieton township, Christian County. He had been slowly sinking since Sunday. He was seventy years of age the 17<sup>th</sup> of last January, and had been an active worker and successful farmer all his life, dearly beloved by all who knew him. Just prior to his death he divided his large farm among his children. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Two deaths from measles: **John B Jackson**, aged 45 years, 2 months, and 7 days, a well known and prominent farmer, southeast, died at his home Wednesday, 4 February 1903, from a severe attack of measles, his illness being very brief. He was born in Perry County, Indiana, in 1857 and moved to Shelby County in 1886. He married **Mary C Barbre** on 5 June 1878, and is survived by a widow and four children. The funeral was held Saturday morning at eleven o'clock in Little Flock church. The deceased was a member of Prairie Home camp M. W. A. in which he carried \$2,000 insurance, and the funeral services were held under the auspices of the Modern Woodman.

**Jesse Ross Pinkston**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **John Pinkston** succumbed to a severe attack of the measles at his home southeast of town. The entire family have been sorely afflicted with this disease, nine of them being too ill to attend the funeral which was held from the residence on Friday afternoon. Rev. **Brigham** officiating, and the interment was at Little Flock Cemetery. The deceased was born on 15 June 1881, and died on 5 February 1903, aged 21 years, 7 months and 20 days. He was converted and united with the United Brethren Church about 8 years ago under the ministry of Rev. **H T Athey**. He lived a life consistent with his profession, ever striving to devote his talent to the religious cause. He was afflicted with disease almost his entire life, having been stricken with paralysis at the age of three years, but he was never known to complain, enduring the tortures of disease heroically instead and ever having a cheerful expression for his associates. Resolution of Respect from the Pleak Camp No. 7286, M. W. A., death has again entered our community and removed the brother of our esteemed neighbors, **A. F. and C. H. Pinkston** in the brightness of his youth and from the noble life that was before him. Resolution signed by **M S Pontius, W H Gregory and W T Breeding**, Committee of M. W. A., Pleak Camp No 7286.

Miss **Ivia Bilyeu**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George M Bilyeu** passed away Friday morning at 12:20 o'clock at the home of her parents in Prairieton township after an illness of about nine weeks, her malady being quick consumption. She was born on 3 November 1877, and died on 6 February 1903, at the age of 25 years, 3 months and 3 days. She is survived by a father, mother, three sisters and four brothers: **Elizabeth, John H, Ruthia, Eveline, George W, Emmanuel N, and Sampson R**. An infant sister preceded her to the better land. Her death comes as a severe loss to the family and all who knew her, as she was one of Christian County's most esteemed young ladies. The interment was at the Bilyeu cemetery at eleven o'clock Saturday morning. The arrangements for her funeral will be made later.

Married at the home of the bride in Farmer City, Illinois, Wednesday, Miss **Drusilla Hight** to Mr. **John R Pogue** of this city. Miss **Hight** was well known in this city, having

been until recently, in the employ of Mr. **Wand**, the proprietor of the Chicago store. She has many friends who will be glad to welcome her back as mistress of one of the best homes in the city. Mr. **Pogue** is one of the best known and most successful of our young businessmen. He has been proprietor of the south side drug store for many years and is a member of the real estate firm of **Scott & Pogue**. He is also interested in a bank at Moweaqua. (*Sullivan Progress*)

*Sixteen Years ago – Moweaqua Call – 1886. August – Michael Kern* killed by accidental discharge of shot gun. *September: Joseph Beaumont* and Miss **Rosa Johnson** married. *October – Alice Hughes* committed suicide. **J G Corrington** and Miss **Eva Hoxsey** married. Son born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Stroud**. *November – T D Cassidy* and Miss **Emma Johnson** married. **Bennett C Bradley** and Miss **Sue Knowles** married. *December – Hiram McDonald* died. **H E Travis** and Miss **Ida M Keiser** married; **Will L Day** and Miss **Grace E Hinman** married.

Mr. **Geo Schrader** and Miss **Mary Bilyeu**, both of this township, were quietly married on Wednesday at the home of Rev. **Milford** of Stonington. (Prairieton news)

Miss **Ivia Bilyeu**, daughter of **Geo Bilyeu** died on Thursday night. (Prairieton news)

Mrs. **John Wyckoff** was suddenly called to her home near Assumption by the death of her father, Mr. **John Jackson**. (Prairieton news)

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Reed** died on Sunday. It was interred in the Prairie Home cemetery on Monday. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Fry** on 1 February 1903, a son.

The funeral services of the late **Wm Padgett** were held in the M E Church in Assumption on Sunday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Rev.

**VanEvera** preached the sermon and Rev. **Barton** assisted. The Church was thronged with sympathizing friends.

(*Received too late for last week*) Several from here went to Brunswick on Thursday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **August Christman**, but on account of a son's noon arrival from Louisiana, the funeral was deferred until Friday morning. Mrs. **Christman** formerly lived here. (Yantisville news)

Yesterday afternoon while the infant children of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Corrington**, southwest, were alone in the room, the little boy, just able to toddle, went to the cot where lay the two-months' old baby and filled the baby's mouth with rags, choking it to death. It is terrible to think of such an accident, the result of innocent childish play.

**George Schrader** and Miss **Mary Bilyeu**, both of Prairieton township were married on Wednesday, 4 February 1903. The bride is a niece of **J S Bilyeu**. (*Taylorville Courier*)

#### Wednesday, 18 February 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Word reached this city Monday that **S G Polk** died Sunday at his home in Springfield. The particulars could not be obtained, except that the remains were taken to Assumption Wednesday for interment.

Cards have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. **Benjamin B Myrick, Jr.** of 326 N Eleventh Street, Richmond, Indiana, announcing the coming marriage of their daughter, **Florence Reid Myrick** to Mr. **Thomas Ireland Ahl** of this city. The wedding will occur Wednesday evening, 25 February 1903, and the young couple will be at home to their friends in Moweaqua after 1 April 1903.

*Funeral of Hon. Jos Adams.* The funeral services of Uncle **Joseph Adams** were held from the family residence, west, in Prairieton township, Friday morning, and despite the almost impassable condition of the roads, the attendance was very large. Services conducted by Elder **W W Weedon** of Marion, a former colleague of Mr. **Adams** in the legislature, who in the course of his sermon paid highest tribute to the many noble qualities of the deceased. Mr. **Adams** was a man who made the world better by having lived therein. A male quartette composed of Dr **Sparling**, **C F Gaskill**, **Ralph Ayars** and **J T Haslam** rendered sweet songs of consolation. Pallbearers were **John S Bilyeu**, **Andrew Robinson**, **Ralph Ayars**, **Jacob Bilyeu**, **Wm Widick, Sr.**, **Sam J Jacobs**, **C F Gaskill** and **Isaac Corzine**. At the conclusion of the services at the house, the remains were conveyed to the Adams cemetery for interment. **Joseph Adams** was a man of strong character, of marked individuality. He was a far-seeing and practical business man, a typical American bread-winner. He was honest, his word was as good as a check, and with all, he was kindly and generous. The writer knew him well. Mr. **Adams** filled for years, all the position of honor and trust his neighbors could give him. For nearly a quarter of a century, he served on the board of supervisors, and was several times its chairman. For a much longer period, he served as school trustee of his township and in 1891 was elected to the state legislature and was one of the memorable '101' who stood firmly by and voted for Hon. **John M Palmer** until he was elected. The deceased was born in Montgomery County, Kentucky, on 17 January 1833, and was the son of **Ellington** and **Elizabeth Adams**. The family moved to Illinois in 1833, first settling in Sangamon County. After a residence there of three years, they finally located in Christian County and entered land in Prairieton township. On 9 June 1856, he was married to Miss **Nancy Widick** and is survived by his wife and the following children: **George W Adams**, now supervisor from Prairieton, having succeeded his father; **Jessie C Adams** of Prairieton, **J Wheeler Adams**, who lives in Shelby County, Mrs. **Henry Harpold** and Mrs. **Leonard Cazalet** of Assumption; Mrs. **Frank Johnson** of Shelby County; Mrs. **J Harvey Corzine** of Assumption and Mrs. **Anna Denby** of Carlinville.

*Obit:* The following is an extract from the obituary read at the funeral of the deceased. A little over three score and ten years ago in the old Kentucky state, was born the one whose death calls us together today. He came to Christian County in early life and all the years of his upright, useful life have been spent in this County. The educational advantages of his youthful days were limited, but in the broad school of experience and self application, where men of energy and determination find scope for the development of a strong, sturdy manhood, our friend built for himself a character and standing in life that will remain as a monument of honor to him when the marble shaft shall crumble and decay. Very early in his history he began to lay the foundation of a snug fortune which he gathered during the active years of his life by incessant toil, good investments, careful trading and prudent economy. His life among you, his old friends and neighbors, is well known and you will remember him by the life he has lived and the deeds he has done. From my personal knowledge of my good old friend, I consider that I am safe in saying that to meet was to admire, to know was to esteem, and to associate with was to love him. He enjoyed the confidence of his fellow citizens and was frequently called to fill positions of trust. ....His home was his kingdom, and there, as lived and loved and reigned, making home the dearest and best spot on earth, a place where good cheer and loving hospitality were dispense with royal prodigality, and the one who was so fortunate

as to tarry of a time in this beautiful home say, "it was good to be there." As a father, he was loving and kind; as a husband, tender and true; as a citizen loyal and upright; as a neighbor, obliging and agreeable, and as a friend, kind hearted and faithful. He was charitable and open hearted, giving liberally to worthy public enterprises which had for their purpose, the betterment of humanity.

Wednesday evening 12 February 1903 at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs.

**Phoebe Marshall**, the hour being 6:30 o'clock, Mr. **Lee Burke** and Miss **Sadie Marshall** were united in marriage. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated. The affair was very informal, only the relatives and a few immediate friends being present. They will make their home this year with the family of **John Prescott** where the groom is employed.

Uncle **Joseph Adams**, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Prairieeton, died Wednesday morning, after having been in his bed for almost seven months.

Last Thursday, 12 February 1903 being Miss **Julia Suppes'** birthday, quite a number of her friends and relatives came in on her to remind her to it and spent the day with her. A delicious dinner was spread which was prepared by Julia's sisters. She received several beautiful presents. The day was spent in social conversation and music. Present were Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley** and children, Mr. and Mrs. **John Suppes, Jr.**, Mr. and Mrs. **Seth Marshall** and children, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Suppes**, Mr. and Mrs. **John Suppes, Sr.**, Mr. and Mrs. **Warren Tankersly** from Winchester, Illinois; Grandma **Smith**, and Misses **Ida Rahler**, **Amelia** and **Emma Ludwig**, and **Anna Hoewing**, Messrs **Chas Hoewing**, **Arthur Ficker**, **Otto Knoss** and **Edwin Ludwig**.

There will be no school at West Centre, Prairie Home, on Wednesday as the teacher will attend her brother's, **John Welsh's**, wedding on that day.

#### Wednesday, 25 February 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The following items are abstracted from the local news columns of the *Moweaqua Call* for the year 1887. *January* – Death of Mrs. **Chas Bendsley**. **Low Hill**, fatally cut by **Charles Harrah**, dies at Macon. Marriage of **Chas M Parker** and Miss **Emma Schilling**. Death of **J H Richardson**. *February* – death of **George P Hardy**; *March* – marriage of **John Hammil** and Miss **Mary Humphrey**. A daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. **R M Stine**. *April* – death of **Wm E Johnson**

Miss **Anna Groninger** and Mr. **Anderson Austin** of Moweaqua were married at Abbott's studio on Wednesday at eleven o'clock by Rev. **J B Martin**. The young couple went to the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **F A Groninger**, one mile south of town where an elegant wedding dinner was served. Only a few of the neighbors were present besides the family of the contracting parties. They will reside on one of Mr.

**Groninger's** farms southeast of town. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Easley**, a son. (*No other info given*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Moore**, 20 February 1903, a son.

**Steven C Polk** died at his residence 128 ½ North Fifth street, Springfield, Illinois, on Monday, 16 February 1903, of erysipelas, aged 35 years. Mr. **Polk** was married to Miss **Laura Radford** who with her little daughter, **Gladys Polk**, his mother and one sister, Miss **Addie**, and four brothers, **Eugene**, **Tom**, **Kennedy**, and **Lee** of Springfield survive, and were present at the funeral, except his mother, who was unable to attend on account of sickness. The remains arrived here at 1 o'clock Wednesday and were taken immediately to Greenwood cemetery. (*Assumption Independent*)

**Thos I Ahl** and sister, Miss **Frances Ahl**, left Monday morning for Richmond, Indiana, where **Tom** is to be married tonight and Miss **Frances** is to be one of the bridesmaids. The body of Mrs. **George Wells** was brought down from Macon on Monday morning and buried beside those of her husband and child in the cemetery west of town. Mr. and Mrs. **Wells** lived here many years ago and are well remembered by our old citizens. Mr. **Wells** had a harness shop here for a number of years.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Rettig** on Sunday, 22 February 1903, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **J Wheeler Adams** celebrated the twentieth anniversary of their marriage on Saturday, by inviting in relatives to enjoy a splendid dinner with them. Incidentally, **Wayne Ponting's** 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, which came the Sunday following, was included in the festivities.

**E Corley** and wife of Yantisville were given a pleasant surprise on Thursday night, the occasion being Mrs. **Corley's** birthday. Mrs. **N Yantis** was also included in the surprise, her birthday being the day before. Oysters, cakes, pickles, etc were served. All had a good time. The guests were **E M Rawlings** and family, **J Pierce** and family; **N Yantis** and wife; Uncle **Joe Reed** and wife; Miss **Flora** and **Homer Reed**.

**Joe Bilyeu** was pleasantly surprised Sunday by his friends and relatives who came in unexpectedly to celebrate his 44<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Chas Moore's** cries of 'Thank Heaven' are all because of a baby boy who arrived at Prairieton.

Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Corzine** of Prairieton gave their daughters, **Eva** and **Edith**, a birthday dinner on Saturday.

**Cyrus Weakley** attended the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. **Fields** in Decatur on Thursday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Sanner** of Prairie Home, 16 February 1903, a daughter. Married at the bride's home on 18 February 1903, Miss **Edith Obern** to Mr. **Edgar Beck**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Carlos Sims** on 21 February 1903, a girl.

Wednesday evening at six o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs.

**Obourn**, their youngest daughter, **Edith Obourn**, was united in marriage to **Edgar Beck**. Both parties reside near Prairie Home.

#### Wednesday, 4 March 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

**Karl**, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **W F Corrington** died very suddenly yesterday afternoon at the age of fourteen months. A strong, beautiful baby, quite healthy, apparently he was seized with spasms about ten P M Monday and suffered dreadfully until relieved by death. The funeral services will be held at the family residence on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock.

**Robert Beck** and Miss **Lula Patton**, well known young people of Prairie Home, went to Decatur on Thursday and were married at 10 o'clock at the home of Rev. **W H Penhallegon**. They were accompanied by **Edgar Beck** and wife. The bride and groom left at once for Bunker Hill to visit a few days. They are two of our most popular young people and have a host of friends. They will begin housekeeping next week. (*Bethany Echo*)

**Robert Beck** and Miss **Lulu Patton** were married in Decatur on Wednesday. From there, they went to Bunker Hill to visit Mrs. **Beck's** sister. (Prairie Home news)

Again the angel of death visited our little city and taken from our midst, a sweet and gentle character, a tender and loving wife and mother. At an early hour on Thursday morning, Mrs. **Charles Ahl** peacefully and painlessly passed into infinite immortality. She had been ill for several months with that dreaded of all diseases – consumption. For the last few weeks her decline has been very rapid and the end was not unexpected. The deceased was a most lovable character, and her demise caused a feeling of deepest regret throughout the entire community. Especially is this true of a host of girls and boys who, as little children, learned to love her as their school teacher, for she was a most efficient worker in our public school for several terms. The services were held at the M E Church Saturday afternoon, Rev. **W F Stevenson** being assisted by Rev. **Shults** of the Baptist Church. Pallbearers were **Karl Snyder, Wm Rodman, W B Foltz, G W Rollins, E J Kilborn** and **E Longenbaugh**. The house was filled with sympathizing friends. The floral displays were exquisite; it was a sweet comfort to all to have their last glimpse of their friend one of perfect naturalness. The flowers were of bright beautiful hues, such as Mrs. **Ahl** loved. **Lydia B Clark**, daughter and second child of **George** and **Alice Clark** was born in Shelbyville, Illinois, 25 December 1869, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 26 February 1903, aged 33 years, 2 months and one day. All her life, preceding her marriage, was spent in Shelbyville with the exception of two years residence in Moweaqua while a teacher in the public school. She was married to **Chas Ahl** on 17 November 1897, coming immediately to Moweaqua where she resided until her death. She was the happy mother of two children, both bright little boys, **Harry Ahl**, nearly four, and baby **Harold Ahl**, one year and four months of age. The little ones, too young to realize their loss, are nevertheless bereft of the priceless boon of a mother's tender care and holy love, while her aged parents, one brother and her husband, mourn the loss of a dutiful and exemplary daughter, a kind and thoughtful sister and a true and devoted wife. Twenty years ago when a girl of 13, she gave her heart and life to Jesus, accepting Him as her personal Savior, uniting at the same time with the Methodist Episcopal church. Before her marriage and the coming of babies to her home, she was interested and active in the varied work of the church, which she so greatly loved. For some time past, because of family cares and gradually failing health and strength, she has not been able to continue the enjoyment of this blessed privilege. She died in perfect peace; sustained by an unfaltering trust in the merits of Christ. Only the evening preceding her death, in reply to careful and definite questioning, she assured her pastor of her perfect confidence and assurance of the future.

Announcement of the death of Mrs. **Lida Clark Ahl** will bring sorrow to scores of young people in Shelbyville, especially members of the first M E Church and the Epworth League. Mrs. **Ahl** will be remembered as **Lida Clark**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George W Clark**. She was born in Shelbyville, graduated from the high school here, and taught in grade four in 1891, '92, and part of '93, being forced by ill health to retire from teaching. She was very frail physically, but a bright young woman mentally. Perhaps no one knew her outside her relatives as well as the members of the First Church Epworth League. For years she was one of the main workers in the League ever faithful to any duty assigned to her that would further the interests of the League or glorify the name of her Master. She was one of the most faithful ones we have ever known with a heart as tender as a baby's, a pure life made up of daily struggles toward the highest ideals of true



womanhood. She was married to Mr. **Charles Ahl** of Moweaqua five or six years ago and two bright little children have come to bless their home.

**Mary C Jackson** represents that **John B Jackson**, late of Prairie Home, departed this life on 4 February 1903, and asks for and is granted letters as Administratrix for the estate. The estate consists of 160 acres of farm land and personal property to the value of about fifteen hundred dollars. (*Shelbyville Democrat*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Patsick** on 1 March 1903, a daughter.

The will of **Joseph Adams**, late of Prairieton township, was filed for probate last week. The will is only a partial one, the testator having deeded most of his land to his children. The estate, which he died seized is valued at \$15,000 of realty and \$15,000 of personal. He gives his wife, \$2,500 and directs that **Anna M Denby** pay to his wife, \$1.50 per acre for three years on the 200 acres of land deeded to her. **Ivey Cazalet, Elizabeth Corzine** and **Eva A Johnson**, he gives the sum of \$2,000 in equal shares. **George W Adams** is named as executor, and the will is dated 12 August 1902. In a codicil dated 28 August 1902, he provides that if any of the heirs object to the will, then they shall only receive the sum of \$1 as their portion. He further bequests twenty shares of stock in the First National Bank of Assumption to **Elizabeth Corzine**, she to pay to the estate the par value of said shares at the settlement of the estate. (*Taylorville Courier*)

**Robert Beck** and Miss **Lulu Patton** were married in Decatur on Wednesday. From there they went to Bunker Hill to visit Mrs. **Beck's** sister. (Prairie Home news)

*Fourteen years ago – Moweaqua Call of 1889. May – Albert Tate* and Miss **Emma Fortner** married; **Wm Scrogin** and Miss **Susan Carwile** married. *June – J E Allison* and Miss **Oma Copeland** married at Mattoon. *July – Marguerite*, daughter of **W A Steidley** died. *Mrs. Isabel Workman* died; *Mrs. Emma Van Arsdale* and *Mrs. Edward E Bilyeu* died. *August – Christopher Cox* and *Mrs. Simon Primmer* died.

Born to **Jacob Hoy** and wife on 26 February 1903, a girl.

Born to **John Bly** and wife, a girl (Obed news; no date given)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John LaFief** on 27 February 1903, a girl.

Last evening, 25 February 1903, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **B B Myrick, Jr.**, on North Eleventh Street, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Florence B Myrick** to Mr. **Thomas I Ahl** of Moweaqua, Illinois. It was one of the prettiest weddings of the winter, the colors pink and white, lending themselves particularly to the decorations.

(*Decorations described in this article; not copied in this book*) The ceremony was performed by the Rev. **Alexander Gilchrist** of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, an old friend of the bride's family, assisted by Rev. **S R Lyons**. The bridal party consisted of Miss **Clara Myrick**, maid of honor, Miss **Ahl** of Moweaqua, Miss **Bainbridge** of Terre Haute, Mr. **Johnson** of Bloomington, best man, Mr. **Frederick M Smith** of New York City and Mr. **Hyatt**. The bridesmaids were dressed in soft white gowns and carried pink roses. The bride wore her mother's wedding gown, a heavy ivory silk trimmed in tulle.

At the close of the ceremony a chime of bells was rung by the little flower girl, **Elizabeth Myrick** and the bell above the bridal pair opened and showered them with rice. There were fourteen people at the bride's table, which was decorated with pink candles and bride's roses. An elegant two-course supper was served. The guests numbered about one hundred and twenty-five. A unique feature was the college and fraternity element which entered into the affair. The bride was a member of the Kappa Alpha Pheta fraternity of Indiana University, and the groom a Sigma Chi of the same university. The St George

cross and the kite were prominent in the decorations. Many of the guests were old college friends of the bride and groom. The presents, of which a large number were received, were exceptionally rich and beautiful. The young couple will remain in Richmond for a few days before leaving for Moweaqua where they will make their home. (*Richmond, Indiana, Evening Item*)

*Tribute to Hon Joseph Adams.* One of the pioneer stockmen of Illinois has passed away in the person of Hon **Joseph Adams** of Moweaqua, Illinois. In a letter to the *Drovers Journal*, informing us of Mr. **Adams'** death, Mr. **Tom C Ponting** of Moweaqua, says: "With your permission, I wish to mention the death of one of the old time stockmen of the old school. Mr. **Adams** was born in January 1833 near Mt Sterling, Kentucky. His mother's maiden name was **Gordon** and both the **Adams** and **Gordon** families were descendants of old Virginia families. His father and mother moved to Sangamon County, Illinois, soon after Mr. **Adams** was born, and lived on Lick Creek three years. In 1836 they moved to what is now Christian County within three miles of Moweaqua. They entered land there and raised a large family of children. The subject of this sketch is what I call a self-made man. He was supervisor for twenty years and school trustee for thirty years. Mr. **Adams** accumulated in the stock business, quite a fortune. Before he died, he distributed the property equally between his nine children. He was united to Miss **Nancy Widick** in June 1856. **Abraham Lincoln** stopped the first summer and harvested wheat for him, not a great distance from where he made the celebrated rails. Mr. **Adams** had nine children live to marry and eight of them are still living, something that don't happen in all families. Every child is doing well and is a credit to their parents. Mr. **Adams'** intention through life was to do right, the way he could see it. The writer of this tribute has been intimately acquainted with him for fifty-three years. We had probably been more intimate than most brothers. I have bought thousands of dollars worth of stock of him in my life, and there never was a scratch of a pin between us, and there was never, to my knowledge, a hard feeling. His father's house was the first house that I stopped at when I came to this County to buy cattle. In 1855, we had no stock scales in this County, and Mr. **Adams** weighed 1,400 hogs for me, one at a time on steelyards. He left behind him something that hundreds of millionaires cannot leave—the good will and respect of all who knew him. Should any of the members of the legislature read this, that served with Mr. **Adams**, they will remember him. Signed: **Thomas C Ponting**

Wednesday, 11 March 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

After a lingering illness lasting nearly all winter, Esquire **J D Long**, familiarly known as "Uncle **Jimmie**", passed away at his home in this city, Monday, 9 March 1903, his affliction being general debility. The deceased was about 78 years of age and born in Virginia. The funeral services were held this morning from the family residence under the auspices of the G. A. R. Post, the deceased being an old soldier. The Esquire had resided here many years and had a wide acquaintance.

*Thirteen years ago - taken from the Moweaqua Call-Mail files of 1890. January - Marriage of **Geo F Suppes** to Miss **Della Tankersly**. February - Death of **John C Snow**; **Chas M Heiter** in jail at Belleville for alleged robbery and assault with intent to kill a preacher; death of **Vaughn Messick**; marriage of **J R Drake** to Miss **Jennie Humphrey**; marriage of **Ream Wetzel** and Miss **Pearl Adams**, marriage of **Clem***

**Scribner** and Miss **Hannah Lawrence**. *March* – Marriage of **Edw Dietz** and Miss **Clara Weakley**; marriage of **John Yantis** to Miss **Rachel Rice**.

The funeral services of little **Karl Corrington**, the fourteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **W F Corrington** were conducted at the family residence on Thursday afternoon at two o'clock by Rev. **Stevenson**, assisted by Rev. **Irwin** of the Presbyterian church. Four young boys, **Cedric Snyder**, **Ira Bruner**, **Glen Corrington** and **Vern Frazee**, friends of **Karl's** older brother, **Cloyd**, tenderly bore the casket from the house. The interment was in the cemetery north of town. The family and grandparents have the sympathy of our entire community in the loss of the sweet little life from their household. Especially is the loss deeply felt by the grandparents, as little **Karl** seemed to be the very life and light of their declining years. *Card of thanks:* **W F Corrington** and family; Mr. and Mrs. **J W Greaves**

The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Ney** at Lake Arthur, Louisiana, was a most delightful and extraordinary experience for all who were in attendance. All the children living were present except **Albert**, who was detained at his home near Bonner Springs, Kansas, by the serious illness of his wife. The children present were as follows: Mrs. **Lottie C Rinkel**, Warrenton, Missouri; Mrs. **Eliza Hagius**, Jennings, Louisiana, Mrs. **Anna E Krentel**, St Tammany, Louisiana, **F W Ney**, Lark Arthur, Louisiana, **C L Ney**, Moweaqua, Illinois, Mrs. **Bertha Dueker**, Winfield, Kansas, **E V Ney**, Bonner Springs, Kansas, **W H Ney**, Lake Arthur, Louisiana, and **Herman Ney**, Lowry, Louisiana. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hagius** and sons, Dr **C F** and Mrs. **Carlton**, Jennings, Louisiana, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Hauck**, Iowa, Louisiana, **Ottillia**, **Milton** and **Elfreda Dueker**, Winfield, Kansas, **Christina Krentel**, St Tammany, Louisiana, **Norine C Ney**, Higginsport, Ohio, **W Oscar Ney**, Lowry, Louisiana, Mrs. **Mary Ney**, **Johnny**, **Raymond**, **Mamie**, and **Bessie Ney**, Rev. **R P Thaddeus**, **Mary Lou Key** and **Lucille Howell**; Rev. **E E Riggs**, wife and three children, Mrs. **Emma Miller**, Mrs. **Elizabeth Walter** and **Myra**, **Freda** and **Carroll Walter**, Lake Arthur. The day was not a pleasant one out of doors and quite a number were prevented from attending, but within the house, but little note was taken of the weather. Instead all spent the time in being happy. Remembrances and presents from those who could not attend were very much in evidence. After a splendid dinner, the time was spent in social intercourse and singing. After the reading of a scripture lesson and a few comments thereon, a poem, written for the occasion by Mrs. **Eliza Snyder**, Moweaqua, Illinois, and also a communication from Rev. **H J Duiker**, Winfield, Kansas. After that the father and mother, and then the children each in turn, spoke and the hearts of all welled over the thankfulness to the God who has been a Father indeed to the whole family. Others then spoke and thus the day was brought to a close. On Sunday, dinner was served at the home of **F W Ney**, and at the table were seated father, mother and nine children who were able to attend. The only longing was that **Albert**, and his twin sister, **Carrie Ney** (who has gone Home) might have been with them. They were sorely missed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A R Spicer** at Rantoul on 2 March 1903, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 18 March 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

**James D Long**, son of **James** and **Nancy Long** was born in Jefferson County, Virginia, on 5 December 1823, and died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 9 March 1903, aged 79 years, 3 months and 4 days. He removed from Virginia with his parents to Ohio,

where on 24 December 1846, he was married. In 1856, he removed to Illinois, merely stopping two weeks in Fayette County, he settled in Christian County about 6 miles southwest of Moweaqua. Later he moved within two miles of Moweaqua, and about fifteen years ago, he came to this village to reside until his death. He was married the second time, about six years ago, to Mrs. **Catherine Scribner**. He was the father of six children, one died in infancy, another at age 21, and four children survive him. Three children live here, and one in Arkansas, who could not be present at the funeral.

Married at the First M E Parsonage on Monday evening, 9 March 1903, at 5:30 PM, Dr **J F Wohlfarth** solemnized the marriage of **Martin A Duncan** and Miss **Ethel G Herron**, both of Okaw township, this County. They were accompanied by the bride's brother and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. **W D Herron**. The groom is a young farmer and will farm his father's place near Moweaqua. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Wm Frew**, a fireman employed on a Wabash switch engine in the yards at Decatur, had his foot badly crushed by being run over by a caboose while at work Monday. It is not yet known how serious is the injury but **Frew** was taken to the hospital at Springfield at once. He is well known here, having married Miss **Irene Mitchell** of this city.

Last Friday, 13 March 1903, being the seventy-sixth anniversary of Mrs. **Sarah Stump's** birthday, the annual family reunion was held. This event is looked forward to from year to year with great pleasure by the entire family and is not intended as a surprise. Those of the family who were present were Mrs. **Sarah Stump**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sloan**, Mr. and Mrs. **S B Cole**, **Chas Stump** with their families, **Bessie Richhart**, **John** and **Carrie**. The family also welcomed to their feast, Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh**, Mrs. **Frank Shride** and family, Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh**, **Brint Matthias**, **Sylvia Brinker**, **Rev. Hamilton**, Dr **Gregory** and **James Murry**. The day was spent in social pleasure, and as the guests departed to their different homes, the old colonial mode of traveling was vividly exemplified – a regular horseback brigade.

**John Teeples**, who has been working for **George Jacobs** at Fame, was called by telegram Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother, a U S Marshall who was shot while on duty in the Indian Territory.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Novak** on 10 March 1903, a boy.

Mrs. **Mary C Jackson** of Prairie Home was presented a check for \$3,000 on behalf of insurance held by her late husband, and which was received in less than one month after her husband's death, **John B Jackson**. Mr. **Jackson** left a wife and four children.

#### Wednesday, 25 March 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

After a brief illness lasting only about three weeks, **George Q Lovering**, aged about forty, died at his home southwest of town on Friday night. Mr. **Lovering** was a splendid man, very popular. A host of friends sincerely regret his demise. He was a son-in-law of **E G Coonrod** of Assumption.

Monday about six o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **George Nicholls**, north of town, **Clyde Nicholls**, aged between 19 and 20 years, passed quietly into immortality. The young man had been an invalid for many years, his malady being consumption. Brief funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. **Stevenson** this morning, and the remains were then taken to the Bethel Church near Blue Mound where regular services were held. Interment was in that cemetery.

Miss **Flora Reed** was given a birthday surprise on Friday night by her people and some few invited friends. Oysters, cake, pickles, etc helped make the occasion memorable. Guests were **E M Rawlings** and family, Misses **Alkire**, **Wm Syfert** and family, Miss **Nora** and **Raymond Syfert**, **Preston Hunter** and family, **Jesse Pierce** and family, Misses **Ethel** and **Edith Thomas**, **Myrtle** and **Katie Pontius**, **Alta Gregory** and **Stanley Pontius**.

**Wednesday, 1 April 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Mrs. **Mary Ellen Beard**, wife of **Abe Beard**, died at her home, southwest, 26 March 1903, aged 42 years, after a brief but severe illness of lockjaw. The family had but recently moved from their former home just northwest of town, and it is thought that the severe weather, in connection with her feeble condition, brought on the affliction which caused her death. The family have a wide acquaintance in this vicinity, and Mrs. **Beard** is referred to by those who knew her best as a woman with many lovable traits and characteristics. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church Sunday morning. Rev. **Shults** officiating, and the interment was at the cemetery north of town. Mrs. **Mary Ellen Beard** was born 19 July 1861 in Hocking County, Ohio, and came to this state about 1871. She was united in marriage with **A F Beard** on 6 April 1890. She departed this life on 26 March 1903. She leaves four sisters and one brother, a husband and five children, two boys and three girls, to mourn her loss. She was a member of the First Congregational Church of Shelbyville.

Just fifty years ago, last Thursday, 26 March 1853, **Frederick P Snell** and Miss **Eliza Clark** were married at Beech Grove, Warren County, Ohio, by Justice **Wm Crossen**. For half a century they have journeyed hand in hand and heart responsive to heart along life's vicissitudinary pathway and their reward today is a happy and comfortable home with loving devoted children living near them. Commemorative of their golden wedding anniversary, Thursday, Mrs. **Karl R Snyder** planned and executed a complete surprise for her parents by arranging a lovely dinner at her home, and then inviting in the other children available, together with a few relatives. It is hardly necessary to add that the event was thoroughly enjoyed.

**Clyde W Nicholls**, son and third child of **George W** and **Susan Nicholls** was born near Blue Mound, Illinois, on 23 August 1883, and died at the home of his parents, two miles northwest of Moweaqua, on 23 March 1903, aged 19 years and 7 months. He had been more or less afflicted for several years; the visible decline in his health which resulted in his death, having begun nearly four years ago. Because of this ill health, his short life has necessarily been a simple and uneventful one. By those who knew him best, he was known as a quiet, well-behaved boy. One week before his death, the plan of salvation was carefully explained to him and three days afterward, he assured his parents of his conscious acceptance of God through Jesus Christ. In this precious faith, he died. The funeral occurred on 25 March 1903, brief services were held at the home at 8:00 AM by Rev. **W F Stevenson**, and a 11 o'clock funeral was held at Bethel Church near Blue Mound where the body was interred.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **Beard** died on Friday from the effects of a cold which she contracted Monday while moving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Beck**, 24 March 1903, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Evans**, 12 March 1903, a son.

**Wednesday, 8 April 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

The sale of land by **George Adams**, acting as the executor of the last will of the Hon Joseph Adams, sold 222 acres of land, belonging to the estate in Christian County to the following parties: **James B Workman**, 102 acres at \$57.00/acre; **J Harvey Corzine**, 60 acres at \$75.00; **Henry Portwood**, 20 acres at \$74.00; **H A Harpold**, 40 acres at \$32.75. Born to Rev. and Mrs. **Theodore Ludwig**, 2 April 1903, a son.

A number of friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. **John Garman** surprised them on Friday night, it being the fourteenth anniversary of their marriage. All report a pleasant time. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will McCain** on 30 March 1903, a daughter.

Last Thursday, there appeared at the parsonage, a little Prince. On inquiring where he was from and what his name was, he only shook his head and said, "Bah? Bah?" He was only five pounds big, but has brought sunshine and joy into his new abode. (Salem news)

**Wednesday, 15 April 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Last Thursday at the Methodist parsonage in Taylorville occurred the marriage of Mr. **Henry Evans** of near Moweaqua to Mrs. **Mary Payne** of near Tower Hill. They will reside on one of the bride's farms south of Tower Hill.

The remains of **Adelbert C Pontius** arrived in this city on Friday evening in charge of an escort of Bethany Lodge, Knights of Pythias and conveyed at once to his home, southeast. **Adelbert C Pontius**, son of **Benjamin T** and **Laura R Pontius**, was born in Shelbyville, Illinois, 25 September 1876, and died in Monroe School District near Mattoon, Illinois, on 9 April 1903, aged 26 years, 6 months and 14 days. He died of pneumonia, contracted while teaching school, after being sick about one week. He professed religion and joined the U B Church at Locust Grove in the year 1892, under the ministry of Rev. **Inman**. On his death bed, the day before he died, he told his father, that although he would rather live, yet if his time had come, he was ready and willing to go, and that he believed in Jesus Christ. So anxious had he been to perform his duties in the school room and to still better his education, that he devoted every available moment to hard work, studying until midnight nearly every night. He taught school an entire day after being almost prostrated by the terrible fever which resulted in his death. His scholars stood weeping around the lifeless body of their teacher as it was borne away to his home 4 miles southeast of Moweaqua, Illinois. The funeral of this estimable young man was held Sunday at 11 AM at the Locust Grove U B church, conducted by Rev. **C A Brigham**, assisted by Rev. **Fetters**.

Uncle **Wm Hill** celebrated his seventy-sixth birthday Thursday. About thirty-five relatives and neighbors were present to help him celebrate the occasion.

The many friends of **Adelbert Pontius** were truly sorry to see his body conveyed to the silent tomb here Sunday. (Obed news)

A marriage license was issued in Decatur yesterday to **Daniel E Stroh** of this city and Miss **Luzette Halford** of Taylorville.

**J Harley Nordyke**, who is well known here, having married Miss **Nellie Richhart** of this city, has recently been appointed postmaster of Iota, Louisiana. The *Crowley Signal* says of him: "Four years ago he came to Iota and bought farming land and commenced raising rice. He had 800 acres of rice under cultivation until last year. This was one of



the largest and best farms in the parish. In 1901 he helped to organize the Iota Implement Co of which he has since been manager."

**Wednesday, 22 April 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Again has the shadow of death darkened the household of **Charles Ahl**, this time the victim being little **George Carroll Ahl**, the darling baby boy, aged 17 months. The little fellow's illness was brief but very severe, the disease being meningitis, resulting in death on Wednesday of last week. The funeral occurred from the family residence on Thursday afternoon, **Revs Stevenson, Shults and Irwin**, all participating in the services. The interment was beside his mother in the cemetery north of town. To him, it is sweet consolation to realize that within the infinite spiritual realm of eternal bliss, even now, little **Carroll**, free from all earthly suffering is sweetly sleeping within the arms of his beloved mother.

**Daniel E Stroh**, the gentleman who recently came from Taylorville to this city and purchased the cigar manufactory of **Ray Hays**, sprung something of a surprise on his friends here by quietly going to Blue Mound one day last week, and taking unto himself, Miss **Luzetta Halford**, a charming young lady o Edinburg, Illinois, 'for better or worse.' Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas. A Carroll**, 8 April 1903, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W T Bowman** in Decatur, 14 April 1903, a son.

Dr **T L Catherwood** of Shelbyville celebrated last week the 56<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his entry into the medical profession. That's a long time to wander up and down the highways and byways of the earth doing good. The doctor is now in his 76<sup>th</sup> year and still keeps up to date in his reading and practice. May his health, strength, and geniality continue beyond the century mark is the wish of the *Call-Mail*.

**Wednesday, 29 April 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Last Thursday, 23 April 1903, at Beaumont, Texas, there occurred a very informal little wedding, which was a complete surprise to the friends of the contracting parties. About nine o'clock in the evening, **Will R Snyder**, the youngest son of **W J Snyder** of this city, and Miss **Ethele Charlton** of Beaumont, were quietly married in the Methodist Church by pastor **V A Godby** with Miss **Alma Carlton**, the bride's sister, and **Ernest F Snyder**, the groom's brother, as the only witnesses. Mr. and Mrs. **Snyder** left immediately for the north, arriving in Moweaqua on Saturday night. They will spend the summer with the groom's parents at their beautiful country home, 'The Oaks', south of town. Mr. **Snyder** is in the rice business and is well known in Beaumont. The bride is one of the city's pretty society ladies, and has a great many friends and admirers.

After a very severe illness covering a period of several weeks, Mrs. **W P Beaumont** died at St Mary's hospital in Decatur on Friday morning of last week. Mrs. **Beaumont** was afflicted with an internal tumor, and it was decided about two weeks ago to remove her to a hospital in Decatur that she might undergo a surgical operation. This was done and she had not the strength to survive its results. Mrs. **Beaumont** was about 45 years old and a lovely woman, possessing many estimable traits of character that greatly endeared her to a host of friends. She is survived by a husband, one daughter, Miss **Maybelle**, a sister, Mrs. **Sidney Dedman** of Decatur, and two brothers, **Charles** and **Willis Adams**. The remains were brought to this city Saturday morning and conveyed at once to her home in the south part of town. In compliance with her own request, no funeral services were

held, save a simple and appropriate prayer, and Sunday morning she was laid to rest in the Adams cemetery.

**DeLos** and **Leon Scarlette** were called to Stanbury, Missouri, last week by the serious illness of their sister, Mrs. **Joseph Campbell**, who died a few hours after their arrival. The boys returned home on Sunday.

Quite a number of Prairie Home folks attended the **Smith-Loser** wedding near Prairie Bird on Wednesday evening.

**Chas Stump** was given a sumptuous dinner on Sunday in honor of his forty-first birthday.

**John Hinton**, one of the most prominent men of Shelby County, was found drowned in a cistern at his home in Oconee township Monday morning of last week. He had been ill with grippe, and his friends believed it had affected his mind, thus the suspicion of suicide is raised, though there is no positive evidence of this effect. Mr. **Hinton** was apparently all right Sunday, but was missed on Monday morning and the search resulted in finding the body as stated. **John Hinton** had, for years been a member of the County board of supervisors, where he wielded great influence, and because of his conservation and economical policies had earned the title of 'watch dog of the treasury'. He was a democrat in politics. His age was about 68 years and he was a man of considerable wealth. His fortune is probably about \$40,000. He leaves a family, his sons and daughters are grown and but one lives at home.

#### Wednesday, 6 May 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Sunday, 26 April 1903, at the parsonage of Trinity M E Church, 27 Hartford Street, San Francisco, California, Rev. **John B Wilson** officiating, Mr. **Selkirk Reighley** of this city and Miss **Emma M Jones** of Wadsworth, Nevada, were united in marriage. The official mailing card of the Church received by the *Call-Mail* says that Mr. and Mrs. **Reighley** will make their home here.

Letter from **Orrin J Avery**, dated 2 May 1903, Indianapolis, Indiana. Dear Friend. I am very sorry to have to tell you that Mrs. **Mary L Avey** died this morning at 4:15 AM. She was stricken with paralysis Friday night about six o'clock, and was unconscious until death and did not seem to suffer after the first half hour of her sickness. Rev. **Cryley** preached the funeral at the family residence where a large number of sorrowing friends and relatives had gathered on Saturday evening, and the remains will be buried in Cincinnati on Monday. Mrs. **Avey** was a teacher in the Cincinnati and Indianapolis schools for nearly forty years teaching both German and English, and she will be remembered as a teacher in Sanner Chapel Sunday school for several years, and made many friends wherever she went. She had sold her property here, and she and her husband were making arrangements for an extended visit with friends and relatives in Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, and the southern part of this state. They were to be gone most of the summer. Her health had been gradually failing, and she expected to receive great benefit from the prospective trip. Mrs. **Avey** was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, 27 February 1832, and died in Indianapolis of paralysis on 2 May 1903.

The funeral of Mrs. **Will Breeding** took place at Bethany Church on Thursday afternoon. Rev. **R R Irwin** of this city officiating. The attendance was very large and the remains were laid to rest in the cemetery adjoining the church. **Stella May Breeding** was born in Warren County, Ohio, 10 July 1865. In 1868, she moved to Shelby County, Illinois,

with her parents and sister. She was married to **Wm T Breeding** on 7 March 1888, and moved to the present home where she resided until God called her to her home beyond, at eight o'clock, Wednesday morning, 29 April 1903. She leaves a husband, five children, two step children, a father and sister, besides relatives and friends to mourn, for her death has cast gloom over the entire community. She has been a member of the Bethany Presbyterian Church for 20 years. She was a kind and loving sister and daughter, and a devoted wife and mother. She was conscious that her early career was at an end and died with loving goodbyes on her lips to husband and little ones.

**Guy Fleming** was agreeably surprised Sunday by his friends gathering at his home to remind him it was his birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hi Goatley** on 28 April 1903, a daughter.

**Wednesday, 13 May 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Conrad Hoewing**, of Flat Branch township who had long been a sufferer with cancer of the stomach, died at his home southeast of town on Monday afternoon. The funeral services were held from the Salem Church yesterday afternoon in the presence of a large congregation.

Sunday morning the sad intelligence reached this city from Blue Mound that Mrs.

**Charles McCluskey** (nee Miss **Mae Bowman**) had died at an early hour that morning, leaving an infant son, about three days old. Mrs. **McCluskey** resided in this city for many years, removing to Blue Mound at the time of her marriage, last August. She was a graduate of our public school and afterward an efficient teacher, and from childhood a faithful and zealous worker in the Methodist Sunday school. She was a sweet and lovable character and her death is felt with the keenest sorrow by her many friends in Moweaqua. Her age was twenty-five years, three months and fifteen days. The remains of the deceased were brought to this city from Blue Mound yesterday morning, and the funeral services were held at eleven o'clock in the Methodist church. The Church was filled to its fullest seating capacity, and the deceased was a member of the Rebekah and the Royal Neighbors, with whom she carried a \$1,000 insurance. The remains were laid to rest in the west cemetery. **Ida Mae Bowman**, daughter of **Wm** and **Sarah E Bowman**, was born near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 25 January 1878, and died at her home in Blue Mound, Macon County, Illinois, on 10 May 1903, aged 25 years, 3 months and 15 days at the time of her demise. All her life, with the exception of the brief period since her marriage on 20 August 1902, was spent near and in Moweaqua. Here she attended school, graduating from the high school in the class of 1896. After graduation she taught school for three years, one in the country and two in this village. Only last summer she was married to **Chas McCluskey** of Blue Mound, whither she went at once to reside. Just ten years ago, under the ministry of Rev. **T D Weems**, she united with the M E Church. Her untimely death is an exceedingly sad affliction to all the sorrowing relatives, especially to the husband so soon bereft of a dear wife and left with a motherless infant but a few days old. Not less, perhaps is the grief of the brother and of the grandmother and aunts, in whose home and hearts as a motherless child, she for so many years was most tenderly nurtured. She was ever a living example of the principles of the Rebekah Lodge.

Rev **Fetters** and family enjoyed a surprise supper on Friday evening. The occasion being Rev. **Fetters** forty-second birthday. About 35 friends and family were present.

**Wednesday, 20 May 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

At an early hour, Friday morning, **Steven C Atteberry** died at his home one and one half miles east of Walker. He had been an invalid many years, though his severe illness resulting in death, dates since last October. He is survived by a wife, brother, and a sister, Mr. **J J Atteberry**, and Mrs. **John Corrington** of this city. The deceased was about 67 years of age. The funeral services were held Sunday morning at ten o'clock from the family residence. Rev. **Sutton** of Macon Methodist Church officiating and the interment was at the Long Grove cemetery.

**Conrad H Hoewing** was born in Lippe, Detmoldt, Germany, 18 October 1837, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, 11 May 1903, with cancer of the stomach. He emigrated to this country in 1864 and located near Quincy, Illinois. Since 1885, he has been living in this community. Soon after arriving in this country he was converted and joined the German M E Church, and was a consistent and a true soldier of the Cross until his death. His daily life gave testimony to this effect for 50 years. He was a true and faithful husband and father, and was loved by all who formed his acquaintance. In his last illness he repeatedly spoke of his willingness to leave this world of sorrow and be with Jesus. A short time before his death he said, "I'm going home; I'm washed in the blood of the Lamb." He leaves a wife and eight children, four brothers and one sister, besides many friends to mourn their loss.

Ten years ago, May 1893, at the residence of **Eli Howard** in Assumption, on 16 May 1893, a double wedding occurred, the contracting parties being **Ralph Walker** and Miss **Jennie Howard** and **Jesse M Bowman** and Miss **Grace Howard**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Suppes** on 15 May 1903, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sidney Cheatham**, 17 May 1903, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Gid Housh** left for Chicago last week for permanent residence. Gid having prepared a lovely flat for the reception of his bride. Gid continues in the employ of the C B & Q railway, having a splendid position.

A man by the name of **John Brereton**, committed suicide at Shelbyville last week by drinking a 4-oz bottle of carbolic acid. His last act before the death struggle was the kissing of a photo button of a pretty little curly-headed girl. A mis-spent life, a horrible death; that's all.

Mr. **Henry Howell** of Columbia Falls, Montana, arrived unexpectedly last week to be the guest of his children, **Chas R Howell** and Mrs. **James Curtis**. Mr. **Howell** tells us that he has probably the finest drove of elk in the United States, and it is quite likely that he will exhibit them at the St Louis fair next year.

Mr. **C Hoewing** died Monday of last week. He had been a sufferer for several months, and was thus glad and ready to meet the summons of the Lord. He was 66 years of age and had been a member of Salem Church for about 18 years. He was loved by all who knew him. A wife and 8 children are left to mourn his loss.

Rev **Theo Ludwig** was unexpectedly called to his second appointment last Friday night to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. **Geo Schable** who died Friday of lung fever. Mrs.

**Schable** lived in this vicinity a few years ago and was a member of Salem Church. In the bloom of her life she was called to her reward, having reached the age of only 30 years. She leaves a husband and two small children.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bonnell** on 12 May 1903.

**Steven Attebery** died at his home near Macon on Friday and was buried at Long Grove cemetery. He was an old and valued citizen of Macon County, and a large concourse of friends gathered to pay their respects to the deceased.

**Wednesday, 27 May 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Pistorius** on 25 May 1903, a son.

As Miss **Lucy Hanson**, one of a large graduating class was delivering her essay at the Quaker Church in New London, Indiana, her mother, overcome by pride and joy at the success of her child, slipped quietly to the floor and died immediately.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Askins** on 21 May 1903 in Obed.

**Wednesday, 3 June 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Thursday morning 11 June 1903, at nine o'clock, Miss **Flora Berniece Goodwin** and Mr. **Harry Homer Metz** will be quietly married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W C Miller** on West Wood Street in Decatur. Only a very few intimate friends will be present at the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. **Metz** will depart for a trip in the east.

Married ten years ago, Mr. **H S Unruh** and Miss **Florence L Keiser** on 8 June 1893.

*(Looking back 10 years, June 1893 issue of Call-Mail)*

**Charles McCluskey** received this week the \$2,000 life insurance made payable by the death of his wife, Mrs. **Mae Bowman McCluskey** who held a policy in the Royal Neighbors of America.

Last Friday evening, the four children of Mr. and Mrs. **W Bethards**, west of town, prepared a complete surprise for their parents in honor of their 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, also Mrs. **Bethards'** birthday. A splendid supper was prepared and several old friends invited in to have a merry evening. The children presented their mother with a parlor table and a beautiful set of dishes. Mr. and Mrs. **Bethards** have resided on **J W Gregory's** farm for eight years and have been very successful in their farm life.

**Augustin Ring**, a well-to-do and prominent farmer, whose land runs within the corporation of the Village of Findlay fell on his face in the corn field, Friday afternoon, and without a struggle, his soul ascended to his Maker. The old gentleman was planting corn with his son. The son was talking with him at three o'clock and then proceeded to the farther end of the field to work. Missing his father later, he came back to the spot where he had left him, and there lay the lifeless form, the face showing unmistakable evidences of a sudden attack of heart disease. *(Shelbyville Union)*

The party at **James Dinkins** Saturday night in honor of Miss **Mattie's** eighteenth birthday was well attended and all report a good time.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Prescott** on 26 May 1903, a girl.

Thursday, 28 May 1903, at Decatur, Judge **Smith** united in marriage, **Estel Board** and Miss **Grace Jackson** of this city.

**Wednesday, 10 June 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Mrs. Nancy Collins dies.** Friday, 5 June 1903, at her home in Springfield, Mrs. **Nancy Collins**, the only sister of **Wm. Whitworth** of this city, died of consumption, at the age of 61 years. The remains were brought here and the funeral services conducted by Rev. **Shults** Sunday morning at the Baptist Church after which interment took place in the Long Grove cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Wempen, Jr.**, 2 June 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Connor** on 2 June 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Bilyeu** on Friday, 5 June 1903, a son.

Ten years ago, June 1893 issue of the *Call-Mail*, **B F Pontius** and Miss **Eliza J Brickey** were married. They went to the World's Fair on a wedding tour.

Mrs. **Ray Hays** dead. The many friends of Mrs. **Ray Hays** in this city will be pained to learn that she died at the home of her brother in Newcastle, California, Thursday morning of last week. Mrs. **Hays** had been declining for several months previous to her departure for California, and her friends had hoped that the change would prove beneficial. The remains were laid to rest in the Newcastle cemetery.

The local photographer made a picture on Monday of four generations – **Uncle Isaac Longenbaugh**, Mrs. **John Pinkston**, Mrs. **Smith** and little daughter at Obed.

Mrs. **Sam Longenbaugh** entertained in honor of **Brinton Longenbaugh's** birthday on Monday. He is here with his family.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Jackson** near Brunswick in the presence of about seventy-five guests, their daughter, **Gertie Jackson** and **A J Steidley** were united in marriage at high noon Sunday. Rev. **O P Wright** was the officiating clergyman, and Miss **Gertie Hoxsey** played the wedding march. It was a very happy event, in which two of Shelby County's brightest young people united hands and hearts under the most favorable circumstances. Both the bride and groom are known wide and far. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen**, 8 June 1903, a boy.

Died at her home in the north part of Lakefield, Minnesota, on Monday, 25 May 1903, Miss **Alice McCollm**. The funeral was held on Wednesday from the Presbyterian church, Rev. **Edwin W Lanham** of Mankota, preaching the sermon. The body was interred in the Lakefield cemetery. **Alice Lillian McCollm** was born December 26, 1879, in Macon County, Illinois, and died in Lakefield, Minnesota, on 25 May 1903, being 23 years, 4 months and 29 days of age. She united with the Presbyterian Church in Lakefield on 14 November 1897 on profession of her faith in Christ, and died comforted and triumphant in that faith. As the end approached, her comfort and peace increased. She leaves to mourn her loss, a father and mother, six brothers and a host of friends. A sister died in infancy.

#### Wednesday, 17 June 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The remains of Mrs. **Lizzie Rittgars** were brought up from Pana, Saturday, and taken to Little Flock for interment. We are not advised of the particulars of her death.

(Ten years ago, taken from *Moweaqua Call-Mail* dated June 1893) Died, Mrs. **Margaret Jennie Day Winchel**, wife of Rev. **John F Winchel**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Alvin Pistorius** near Boody on 7 June 1903, a son.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss **Anna Hoewing** and Mr. **Schroll** at Salem. Parties were given at **T D Traugher's** and **Jim Adams'** Saturday night in honor of Misses **Ida Traugher's** and **Goldie Moore's** birthdays.

Mrs. **Stump**, aged seventy-six, rode her pony over to see Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh** who is quite sick at Obed.

A birthday and family dinner was given at **Sam Longenbaugh's** Monday in honor of **A B Longenbaugh** and family of Crowley, Louisiana, the occasion being **A B**



**Longenbaugh's** birthday. After a fine dinner, music was furnished by the **Longenbaugh orchestra**, which had not played together for several years, assisted by **Bud Sims**. All then posed for the Obed Photographer. Those present were **G W Longenbaugh** and wife, and **Rena Wells**, **Sam Longenbaugh** and family, **Chas Pogue** and family, Mrs. **J Pierce** and two sons, **J E** and **A B Longenbaugh** and families, **H Jordan** and wife, **B Sims** and **Chas McKinney**.

One of the prettiest home weddings of the season occurred Thursday morning at 9 AM o'clock at the home of **W C Miller**, 1021 West Wood Street, when **Harry H Metz** and **Flora B Goodwin** were married. Mr. **Metz** is the son of **M F Metz**, the coal dealer and travels for a Rochester, New York, firm. Mrs. **Metz** is the daughter of Mrs. **W C Miller**. (Note: *Decorations described, not copied in this book*) The wedding was informal and the couple were unattended. They mingled with the guests till 9 o'clock when they stepped before the mantel and were married by Rev. **W H Penhallegon**. The guests were grouped around during the simple ceremony and Miss **Daisy Armstrong**, a cousin of the bride, played "*Hearts and Flowers*" during the ceremony. About 25 guests were present. The pretty bride was dressed in a fine white gown. She carried a large bouquet of bridal roses. There was no bridesmaid or best man, and the ceremony was simple. The couple were exceptionally well remembered in the matter of presents. The mother of the bride presented her with a deed for 100 acres of land near Moweaqua and the groom's father gave him a fine gold watch. The firm for which Mr. **Metz** works presented the couple with a fine carving set and chafing dish. Besides these, the couple received many presents of china, cut glass, hand painted china and many other gifts. Mr. and Mrs. **Metz** left at 11 o'clock Thursday morning for Ohio. Their wedding rip will last about two weeks. When they return to Decatur, they will live at the home of the bride's parents at 1021 West Wood Street. (*Decatur Republic*)

**Wednesday, 24 June 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

*Died of heart failure* – at eight o'clock Wednesday morning, Miss **Lulu Merryman**, aged about 28 years, died of heart failure at the home of her mother, Mrs. **Harriet Merryman**, southeast, having been seriously ill only about 12 hours. The deceased had been almost an invalid for several years, suffering from internal troubles, though at no time was her condition considered dangerous, and her sudden demise came as a terrible shock to the family. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Friday. Rev. **Jos Thomas** officiating and interment was in the Masonic cemetery. **Lulu Merryman**, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mrs. **Harriet Merriman** was born 15 August 1875, and died 17 June 1893, aged 27 years, 10 months and 2 days. She united with the Christian Church in 1888 and lived a noble Christian life unto the end, although her failing health for the past twelve or fourteen years has been a trial and test for the faithful soul. She was always cheerful and sympathetic and lived a peaceful and noble life, always looking into the glowing side of life. She was the eighth child in a family of thirteen children. Three sisters and the father preceded her to the unseen world. The mother, two sisters and seven brothers are left to mourn, they are **Charlie**, **Ezekiel**, **Greeley**, **Vollie**, **Mannie**, **Martha**, **Roy**, **Barbara** and **Moray Merriman**.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Joe Chesebro** of this place to Miss **Lottie Kitch** of Moweaqua. The ceremony is to take place 1 July 1903. (*Stonington Star*)

Wednesday evening, 15 July 1903, at eight o'clock at the Baptist church, Mr. **Verton H Cutler** and Miss **Mabel West** will be united in marriage. Rev. **Jo B Rogers** of Springfield will officiate.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Fortner**, 9 June 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Murray**, 17 June 1903, a son.

From the pages of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*, 10 years ago – June 1893 – Birthday parties were given Miss **Nellie Berry** and Miss **Ollie Steidley** by their young friends, the occasion in each instance being in honor of her eighteenth birthday.

Mrs. **Frank Huffman** died at her home, east, Sunday night after suffering many months with a tumor. The funeral was on Tuesday. (Allenboro news)

**Ed Mast** and Miss **Martin** were quietly married Saturday night. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Robison** on 21 June 1903, a son. (Prairie Home news)

Letter from **Ray Hays** of West Auburn, California, dated 10 June 1903. It is with deep sorrow that I have to inform you of the death of my wife, Mrs. **Hayes** which occurred on the morning of 4 June 1903 from consumption, although the doctor said that the immediate cause was heart failure. She was buried in the Gold Hill cemetery near Newcastle on her brother's fruit ranch at 2 o'clock, Friday afternoon, 5 June 1903. I went to work in West Auburn on 9 June, have a good position and suppose it will be a good while before I see the champions play ball again. I have not seen much of the country yet, and I could not leave the ranch during my wife's illness, but what I have seen, I like fine. It is very rough where I am located right in the foot-hills, and they tell me that after one goes up about 40 miles, this will look like a prairie. The evaluation here is about 1,500 feet and the coldest it gets here is about 20 degrees above zero. Four miles below at Newcastle, they have never seen any frost. You can ride along when it is 107 degrees in the shade and look off 50 or 60 miles and see the snow piled up on the mountains, but it does not feel any cooler after you look at it, although the heat at 107 degrees here does not affect you as the heat there at 90 degrees. It is time to go to work, so I will close. Give my regards to my friends and best wishes to the Lodge and tell the ball team I am pulling for them. Fraternally yours, **Ray Hays**.

Mrs. **Lizzie Hemer-Rittgers** was born near Seymour, Indiana, in October 1869, and died at her home, seven miles southwest of Pana, Illinois, on Friday, 12 June 1903 after several weeks' illness of dropsy. Her mother, Mrs. **George Hemer** was at her bedside and patiently cared for her in her illness until God relieved her from all pain and sorrow.

**Lizzie Hemer** was united in marriage in November 1895 to Mr. **Rittgers**, and to this union were born four children. She is survived by her husband and three children, who greatly mourn the loss of a kind and loving wife and mother. Her aged parents, three brothers and two sisters beside a host of other relatives and friends also mourn the loss of a dear loving one. The remains were brought in Moweaqua on Saturday, 13 June 1903, at noon and taken to the Little Flock Church. Services were held at 3:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. **Levi Corley** and interred in the Church cemetery.

*Resolution of Respect:* Lillian Chapter No. 457 of the O. E. S., Moweaqua, Illinois, whereas our Heavenly Father has for the first time visited upon our Chapter and taken from our midst, our most beloved and devoted member, sister **Belle Hays**, who was just in the beginning of her life's work. She leaves behind a most noble example of unselfishness and sacrifice for the welfare of others. We extend to the bereft husband, father, brother and sisters, our deepest sympathy to the family. The charter and jewels

will be draped for 30 days out of respect for sister **Belle Hays**. Signed: **Millie Atteberry, Addie A Ribelin, Effa M Drews**.

**Wednesday, 1 July 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Charley Seyler** of St Louis and Miss **Viola S Penny** of Prairieon were married Wednesday evening last at the home of the bride by Rev. **W F Stevenson**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W Cundiff**, 29 June 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew Bates**, 28 June 1903, a girl.

A lovely home wedding took place Thursday evening 25 June 1903, at the home of Mrs. **C Hoewing**, southeast of Moweaqua, her daughter, Miss **Anna Hoewing**, being wedded to Mr. **William Schroll** of Decatur. At six o'clock while Mendelssohn's wedding march was beautifully executed by Miss **Lydia Winter**, the bridal party took their places under a beautiful arch. Miss **Mildred Meisenhelder** of Pana acted as maid of honor, and Mr. **George Hoewing** as best man. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **Theo Ludwig**. The bride was attired in a white silk mull trimmed in lace and appliqué, wearing a bridal veil and carrying white carnations and ferns. The groom was dressed in the conventional black. After congratulations of their friends, ice cream, cake and fruit was served to the 66 guests. Waiters were **Lizzie Hoewing, Henry Brink, Amelia Ludwig, John Hoewing, Mrs. Bunn, Arthur Fieker, Pansy Schroll and Ebner McGinley**. The presents were numerous, useful and costly. The evening was spent in a social manner after which the guests departed, wishing the young couple a long and happy life. The bride and groom will make their future home in Decatur where they will be pleased to greet their many friends.

**McCoole goes Free!** The most sensational trial ever held in Macon County concluded at Decatur last week when the jury failed to find a verdict against **Edley H McCoole** for killing **W G McNair**. The **McCooles'** and **McNeirs'** lived in the same house. (Note: *Spelling discrepancy – 'McNair' and 'McNeir' – copied as shown in the article*) **McNeir** and Mrs. **McCoole** became enamored of each other, and after several weeks of trouble, **McCoole** shot **McNeir**, who was a prominent business man. The jury, by its verdict reiterated the unwritten, but unalterable law that the adulterer and libertine who enters the home of another, should be punished even unto death. The verdict giving **McCoole** his freedom gave universal satisfaction in the city.

**Lizzie Workman's Story.** The *Decatur Review* of Sunday morning publishes the following pathetic story, which the *Call-Mail* reproduces without comment. **Lizzie Workman**, an 18-year-old girl of Moweaqua, was arrested Saturday night for bigamy. She tried to end her life by taking a dime's worth of carbolic acid. She was kept from killing herself by the constable who served the papers. She was brought to this city on Saturday night and turned over to Sheriff **Chas Thrift**. She begged not to be put in the cell which had been occupied by **McCoole**, the acquitted killer of **W G McNair**. Sheriff **Thrift** obtained permission from Night Captain **Koepppe** to put her in the city prison. She told the following story to a reporter. "My father is **Dave Workman**. He always treated me as if I were a dog, and this evening when I was arrested, he told me he did not care what became of me. When I was about 16 years old, my father became anxious for me to marry a man named **Jesse Lane**. In fact, I had very little to say about the matter. My father got the license for me under a fake name and swore that I was of legal age. I married **Lane** not knowing what I was doing. I lived with him just eleven days. He

deserted me. About a year later, my father asked me to marry a man named **Sexton**. My father had squandered his money gambling in Decatur and Springfield, and as I knew that he would get some money from **Sexton**, if I consented to marry him, I said I was willing, but a divorce from my first husband must first be obtained. My father said my first marriage was not legal as I was married under an assumed name and was not of age. I married **Sexton**, and then **Lane** came back to Moweaqua and had me arrested. I have always lived like a dog and wanted to die anyway. After the constable had arrested me I tried to swallow carbolic acid. The constable caught me and took it away." Constable **W S Reighley** brought her to Decatur. He said that the girl has never been to school. She was raised in a shed which had formerly been used by a Polish miner as a hog pen.

**Wednesday, 8 July 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** on 3 July 1903, a daughter.

Mr. **Edwards Zeddel** of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, and Miss **Stella Vandeventer** will be united in marriage on Wednesday evening, 22 July 1903, at eight o'clock PM at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Vandeventer**.

*Case continued* – **Lizzie Workman**, the Moweaqua girl who was given up by one of the men who had gone on her bond, and who tried to take carbolic acid when she was arrested last Saturday night, is still in the County jail. She is held to the October term of circuit court on a charge of bigamy. (*Decatur Review*)

Near Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, is a flour mill which has the distinction of being owned and operated personally by the only woman miller in the United States. This woman miller is only seventeen and her name is Miss **Sallie Freichler**. She is absolutely her own master, making her own rules, doing her own business, keeping her own books and carrying on her own correspondence. Miss **Freichler** learned the miller's business while engaged in helping her father in the mill. When her father died two years ago, there was no one else to carry on the business, and she took his place and has proved herself fully capable of the task thrust upon her. It is said that besides being a thoroughly capable miller, the farmers round about the vicinity consider her an expert on rye in all its stages from the seed to the ground product.

**Johnnie Wyckoff's** smile is all because of a baby girl at Prairieton.

(*Elsewhere in the same issue*) Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Wycoff** on 3 July 1903, a baby girl. (*Note spelling difference*)

At Pana Wednesday, **Ephriam Canarien** acted as pallbearer at his divorced wife's funeral, while her second husband was in attendance as a mourner. Mrs. **Catherine Agnew** sustained a stroke of paralysis Tuesday and died that night. She was the wife of **J Agnew**.

**Wednesday, 15 July 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Thursday afternoon at his home southwest of town, **Peter Haidinger**, aged 44 years, a former coal miner, died of bronchitis, after quite a severe illness. Peter was well known and well thought of by all who knew him. Of late, he had not been very strong and left his work in the coal shaft this spring to farm a piece of land. The funeral was held from the Catholic Church on Friday, the miner's local union attending it in a body and the interment was in the west cemetery. **John Peter Haidinger** was born in Kaselange, France, in 1859, and died in Christian County, Illinois, 9 July 1903. He was married in

France to Miss **Eugenia Lancaster**, and to this union were born six children, three of which preceded him to the better land. A wife, son and two daughters mourn him. He came to this country in 1892 and settled in Braidwood, Illinois, taking up his occupation as miner. He moved to Moweaqua in 1895 and was check weighman for the miners for 18 months. He became a member of Local Union No. 94 in 1897, the year it was organized, being a charter member.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eb Graham** on 9 July 1903, a boy.

**E C Foster** and Miss **Nina Shafer**, both of Assumption, were married at four o'clock Saturday afternoon of last week by Rev. **W E Howard** at his residence. The bride is a daughter of **Silas Shafer**, one of Assumption's most substantial citizens. The groom is associate editor of the *Assumption News* and a bright and capable young man.

**Will Hammond** has returned from Centerville, Indiana, where he attended the funeral of his father-in-law.

Mr. **Verton Cutler** and Miss **Mabel West** will be married at the Baptist Church this Wednesday evening.

Mrs. **Rebecca Keller** has had a very handsome family monument erected in the north cemetery at the grave of Mr. **Keller**.

Miss **Laura K Messick**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Luke Messick** and best known in Moweaqua as "**Tot**" **Messick**, was married in Springfield last week to Mr. **Jesse Payne** of that city.

#### Wednesday, 22 July 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

A brief telegram in the city dailies told of death and destruction by a tornado Friday night at Streator, Illinois. Among the greatest sufferers was the family of **George Doyle**, a hostler who formerly resided here, a son of the late **E M Doyle**, and a brother of Mrs.

**Whitworth**. He lived out near the race track and almost the entire family was wiped out by the tornado. His son, **Harry Doyle** was killed. Mrs. **George Doyle**, the wife, died Sunday morning from injuries sustained in the storm, and **George Doyle** himself is fatally injured and is expected to die. The youngest child was also badly injured. Mrs. **Whitworth** left for Streator on the noon train Saturday.

Wednesday evening of last week, the Baptist Church was the scene of a very brilliant wedding, the contracting parties being Mr. **Verton H Cutler** and Miss **Mabel West**, both popular young people, whose friends are innumerable. (*Church decorations described, not copied in this work.*) Tissue films of pink and white shaded the electric lights, producing a soft and mellow effect throughout the sanctuary. Promptly at eight o'clock the hour named for the ceremony, the entrance of the bridal party was announced by the opening chords of Lohengrin's wedding march, executed by Mrs. **E Wayne Ponting**, which increased in volume and brilliancy as the chancel was approached. The bridesmaids, Misses **Bertha West** and **Maude Haslam**, in dainty gowns of white, from the right entered the groomsmen, **Everette Pointing** and **James L Sparling**, down the center aisle, preceded by the officiating minister, Rev. **Jo B Rogers** of Springfield, the bride and groom then approached the altar. The bride wore a beautiful gown of white silk mull, trimmed in wide bands of lace, and she carried a mass of bride's roses. The complete ritualistic ring service was used, while soft, sweet strains of music accompanied the ceremony. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank West**, a very beautiful girl and a bright, sensible and practical woman, dearly beloved by a legion of

sincere friends. The groom is the youngest son of Capt **E B Cutler**, and is a practical and promising young businessman with a host of friends who extend warmest congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. **Cutler** left the same evening for Chicago and a brief tour of the Lakes. They will make their future home in the near future in this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed J Hammil** on 16 July 1903, a son.

A delightful little social function was held Monday evening at Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Snyder's** when a number of their young friends were invited to celebrate their fourth wedding anniversary. It was a pleasant informal gathering, in reality, a reunion of the recent camping party, and while there was no especial entertainment prepared, impromptu music and the ever-popular flinch, and the mere fact that as some one remarked, "we are at Mr. and Mrs. **Ralph Snyder's**" caused the evening to be an exceedingly pleasant one.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Yates Stelle** was buried at Macon on Sunday.  
(Allenboro news)

About 80 of Mrs. **Sam Abrams'** friends helped her celebrate her 51<sup>st</sup> birthday on Wednesday at Obed. **Bud Sims** was present and photographed the crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. **J W Lamb** entertained a few friends Friday in honor of their son, **Guy Lamb's** birthday. (Allenboro news – rec'd too late for last week)

**Cecil**, the 19 months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Baldrige** of Mt Auburn was buried last week. The child died of stomach trouble.

Thursday was circus day in Shelbyville and the town was filled with visitors who witnessed a bad wreck of several cars belonging to **Wallace's** show. Two persons were killed and quite a number was wounded.

**Pauline Armstrong**, wife of **L T Armstrong** of 813 East Wood Street, died at 2:30 PM Saturday, 18 July 1903, at the home of her mother, Mrs. **E T Seger**, 7621 North College Street, Decatur, Illinois. She was 34 years of age. Her death was due to general debility. The deceased was the grand daughter of Mrs. **A C Campbell** of this city.

The marriage of Miss **Maybelle Beaumont** to Mr. **C LeRoy Smith** which was to have taken place 4 August 1903 has been postponed owing to Miss **Beaumont's** illness. She has been confined to her home for several days quite sick.

Mrs. **Mary E Groom**, wife of **R H Groom**, died Saturday night at 7:50 o'clock of cancer at the residence at 807 North Monroe Street, Decatur, aged 57 years. She was born in Scott County, Illinois, and moved to Shelby County, from Shelby County, she moved to Decatur about thirteen years ago. She is survived by a sister, Mrs. **L E Riggs**, and a half-brother, **William Robertson**. Mrs. **Groom** was sick a year and bedfast about six months. The funeral was held from the residence at 4 PM on Monday.

#### Wednesday, 29 July 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Word has been received here that **Jamie Patton**, the oldest child of Mr. and Mrs. **George Patton** of California, hanged himself in a barn about two weeks ago. The boy was about fifteen years of age, and no reason for his act is known.

**John L Hardin** and Miss **Minerva Johnson** enjoyed a rather romantic wedding Sunday afternoon. Mr. **Hardin** had secured his license in Decatur, hence they could not be used in this county, Shelby County. Nothing daunted the young couple, accompanied by Rev. **Shults**, and so they drove north over the line into Macon County, and in the public



highway, beside **John Manley's** growing corn, and beneath the broad canopy of Heaven, they were pronounced man and wife. Mr. and Mrs. **Hardin** will reside here.

**Mary E Robinson**, daughter of **Albert G** and **Martha Robinson** was born 12 July 1846 in Scott County, Illinois, and died in Decatur on 18 July 1903, aged 57 years, 6 days. She married **R H Groom** on 14 September 1869, going to Shelby County and residing on a farm near Moweaqua until 1889, since which time she has lived in Decatur. She professed religion when she was about fourteen years of age, uniting with the Church of Moweaqua and afterward with Grace M E church of Decatur. She leaves one sister and one half brother, and the husband besides, other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

After a painful illness covering several weeks, Mrs. **Wilhelmina Notbrook** died at her home south of town at 9:25 Friday evening, aged almost seventy-seven years. Until six months ago she was a remarkably active woman enjoying life with the vigor of one not more than half her age, but after sickness came upon her, her strength rapidly failed, and for a week before it came, death seemed inevitable. Mrs. **Notbrook** was known and beloved by hosts of friends. Possessed of a sweet and gentle heart and mind, she was a character who won the highest esteem and admiration of all who knew her well. Services were held from the M E Church on Sunday afternoon, Rev. **Stevenson** delivering the discourse, which was a beautiful tribute to the inestimable character of the deceased. Pallbearers were **V Snyder, Jr., W J Snyder, M Snyder, Jr., J W Gregory, John Greaves, and J T Walker**. At the conclusion of the services, the remains were conveyed to the Masonic cemetery southeast, and laid to rest beside those of her husband.

**Wilhelmina Wagemann**, daughter of **Wilhelm** and **Charlotte Wagemann** was born in Bellfield, Westphalia, Prussia, on 3 August 1826, and died at her home near Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 24 July 1903, aged 76 years, 11 months and 21 days. She emigrated to America in 1848 in the same ship with her future husband. The first four years after her arrival, she resided in New York City, where on 31 May 1851, she was married to **Wilhelm Notbrook**. After an additional two years residence in Dutchess County, New York, she removed with her husband to Illinois, in the spring of 1855, settling upon a portion of the same section of land upon which she died, so that for more than forty-eight years, she has lived well-nigh upon the same spot. Mrs. Notbrook has always been religious. Her parents being Protestants, and she being born in Germany, as a matter of course, she was reared in the faith and practice of the German Lutheran church. Very soon after coming to this country, both she and her husband united with the M E Church in which communion she continued as earnest, consistent and faithful member for almost half a century until her Master said, "Come up higher", and loosing the golden cord, He has taken her from the ranks of the Church militant, to join the glorified hosts of the throne of God. Having been for so long, a resident of this community, her life history is well known. Card of thanks is signed 'the Children', *(although no children is listed in her obituary.)*

**Chas Harlan** and Miss **Anna Lingle** were married on Wednesday noon at the home of the bride's parents on West Main Street in Decatur. Rev. **Bowyer** of the first Baptist Church performed the ceremony. Only a few immediate relatives were present. Miss **Lingle** is the daughter of **L C Lingle**. Mr. **Harlan** is the son of **L E Harlan** and a splendid young man.

Last Wednesday evening occurred the marriage of Miss **Estella VanDeventer** to Mr. **Edward Zedel** at the home of the bride's parents. The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion with oak leaves sweet peas, and potted plants. Promptly at the appointed hour while Miss **Sella Thomas** played, the wedding march, the bridal party marched under the arch, where they were united in marriage by Rev. **E K Shults**. The bride wore a gown of white French lawn, trimmed in Valenciennes lace and carried a bouquet of sweet peas and smilax. The groom wore the conventional black. Miss **Grace Vandeventer**, sister of the bride, acting as bridesmaid, and Mr. **William Zedel**, brother of the groom, as groomsman. After the wedding they marched to the dining room where delicate refreshments were served to the fifty invited guests present. Many handsome and useful presents were received. The happy couple will leave for their home in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on 31 July 1903.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charley Weibern** on Sunday, 19 July 1903, a girl.

Tuesday being **Steve Atteberry's** birthday, his wife planned a surprise picnic for the day. About ninety relatives and friends with well-filled baskets, gathered at noon in the grove south of his home. All did justice in the good things prepared. After noon ice cream was served and social chat enjoyed by all. They departed wishing Mr. **Atteberry** many more such birthdays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Roff, Jr.** on 20 July 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Day**, 18 July 1903, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 5 August 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Last evening at the Methodist parsonage, **C LeRoy Smith** of Pana, and Miss **Maybelle Beaumont** of this city, where united in marriage, Rev. **Stevenson** officiating. The wedding was wholly informal only a few immediate relatives and friends being present. Mr. and Mrs. **Smith** will make their home for the present in Pana. The bride is one of Moweaqua's most charming girls, dearly beloved by a host of friends. The groom is said to be a most excellent young man in the employ of the Big 4 railroad.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Lawrence** on 3 August 1903, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Dan Jordon** on 30 July 1903 at Pleak, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Tolly** on 31 July 1903 at Pleak, a daughter.

**Fritz Sage Darrow**, twenty years old, theosophist, and **May Goodall**, married themselves Friday by theosophical ceremony on the beach of Lake Ontario, near Rochester, New York, the civil contract was signed later.

Prairieton news: The smile which illuminates **John Lawrence's** face and causes him to carry sunshine wherever he goes, is all because of a brand new girl at his house.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **I N Corrington, Jr.** at LaPorte, Texas, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Cross**, east, 4 August 1903, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Anderson**, 2 August 1903, a boy.

#### Wednesday, 12 August 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mrs. **Susan A McCluskey Riley** died at her home in this city on Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, aged 48 years, 3 months and 5 days. She had been an invalid for several months and her demise came as a relief to her great suffering. The funeral services will be held from the Presbyterian Church this afternoon at three o'clock. Rev. **Irwin** officiating.

One day last week, **Gus Federman** was found unconscious at his barn, the result of a convulsion. After being carried into the house, physicians were at once summoned who discovered that he was suffering from uraemic poisoning and that his condition was serious. **Dr Sparling** and **Pratz** together, with **Dr Brown** of Decatur, did everything for him that seemed possible. He continued in a comatose condition until Friday evening when he died. The remains were conveyed to Vera Saturday afternoon, accompanied by the family of the deceased and other relatives, also **Rev. E K Shults** of this city, and the funeral was held on Sunday at that place. **Gustave Federman** was born in Fayette County, Illinois, 2 September 1869, and died on 7 August 1903. He leaves a wife, two children and one stepchild. At the age of ten he was converted and united with the German Baptist church. In near 1899, he moved from Fayette County to Shelby County where he lived at the time of his death. Cards of thanks signed by wife, father and brothers.

A wedding in which the Army and Navy were represented took place at Cincinnati, Saturday evening in St Paul's cathedral. The parties were **Capt Alvin Chandliss Read** of the United States Army, and **Miss Frances Kautz**, a daughter of the late General **A V Kautz** and niece of Admiral **Kautz**. **Miss Navarra Kautz**, sister of the bride, was maid of honor and **Lieut. Edward Stanton**, a grandson of Lincoln's secretary of war, was groomsman. The bride is the niece of **George A Kautz** of this city, and **Mrs. Kautz** and **Miss Dorothy Kautz** were present at the wedding.

Ten years ago, from the *Call-Mail* of August 1893 – **Samuel Pritchard** and **Miss Mamie Harris** were married; born to **Mr. and Mrs. Ed Jacobs** on 31 July 1893, twins – a boy and a girl.

Born to **Mr. and Mrs. N Nalbach** on 8 August 1903, a son.

**Mrs. Mary Walls**, wife of **Cyrus N Walls**, formerly of Taylorville and well known here, was run down and fatally hurt by a street car last week at St Louis. **Mr. Walls**, for many years publisher of the *Taylorville Democrat*, recently removed to St Louis, and engaged in the saloon business. He has certainly been unfortunate during the past several years. He is almost wholly bankrupt; his mother was recently adjudged of unsound mind, his own health is broken, and now death seems about to desolate his home.

**George Burke**, son of **D M Burke**, was married to **Miss Grace Newcome**, daughter of **John Newcome** of Moweaqua on Wednesday of last week. The marriage ceremony was performed at Decatur by Judge **Smith**. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

**Roy Adams** and **Miss Nona Hendricks**, a very youthful looking couple from Moweaqua, were married by Judge **J H Foster** in his office at Taylorville on Wednesday morning. Neither of the parties were of age but had the written consent of their paternal ancestors. The groom said he was 19 and the girl 16, but both looked even younger than the ages to which they confessed.

#### Wednesday, 19 August 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

The story of the elopement and proposed marriage of **Miss Anna Rutherford** and **George Hall**, published Tuesday in the *Decatur Herald*, was wholly 'hot air'. Neither has left town.

**Susan Adeline McCluskey** was born at Bysville, Ohio, 5 May 1855, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, 10 August 1903, at 7:30 PM, being 48 years, 3 months and 5 days of age. In 1866, she came with her parents to Moweaqua, Illinois, and has lived in

and near Moweaqua. She was married to **James B Riley** on 17 October 1874, who survives her. To Mr. and Mrs. **Riley** were born nine children, one is dead and eight are present to mourn the loss of a true mother. Two of the children are married. Besides her own family, Mrs. **Riley** leaves three brothers, **H L** and **D M McCluskey** of Blue Mound and **P B McCluskey** of Decatur, also four sisters, Mrs. **James Jarvis** of Moweaqua and **Nancy J, Flora B,** and **Mary McCluskey** all of Decatur, Illinois. Mrs. **Riley** has been in failing health since spring, but took seriously ill last Thursday, and suffered intensely till death relieved her Monday evening. At the age of 20 years, Mrs. **Riley** united with the Presbyterian Church of which she remained a consistent and faithful member until her death. Among those present from a distance at the funeral of Mrs. **Riley** were **D McCluskey** and family; **H L McCluskey** and family, **Wm Snell** and family, Mrs. **McClure**, all of Blue Mound, Mrs. **Sarah Harper**, Mrs. **Elizabeth Riley**, Mrs. **Anna Creswick**, all of Mulberry Grove, Misses **Belle, Rilla,** and **Jennie McCluskey**, **Peter McCluskey**, Mr. and Mrs. **Theodore Snyder**, all of Decatur.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Hill** on 14 August 1903, a son.

**Arthur E Robinson** and Miss **Grace C Midkiff**, daughter of **J J Midkiff**, all of Stonington, were married Wednesday evening, 12 August 1903, at the bride's home.

Rev. **J J Midkiff** officiating. (*Taylorville Courier*)

**Horace L Martin**, publisher of the *Shelbyville Union* and father of postmaster **Harry Martin** of Shelbyville, died Thursday at his home in that city. Mr. **Martin** is one of the best and purest men that ever graced the profession of journalism and he is an honored and honest public-spirited citizen.

**Irvin Peabody**, the infant son of supervisor and Mrs. **Allen Peabody** of Prairieton township died on Saturday, 8 August 1903, and was buried Sunday in the Old Stonington cemetery. This makes the seventh child Mr. and Mrs. **Peabody** have lost by death. Our sympathies to the family. (*Taylorville Courier*)

#### Wednesday, 26 August 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**Gladys**, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **W C Little** died at the home of her parents south of town on Saturday night after an illness of about ten days of croup and pneumonia. The child was about four years of age. The funeral was held from the Baptist Church Sunday afternoon. Rev. **Shults** officiating and interment in the west cemetery.

Marriage license was issued in Decatur one day last week to **Wm E Armstrong**, son of **R M Armstrong** and Miss **Julia Foster**, a daughter of **Eli Foster**. Both are well known in this city and while not actually knowing of the wedding, the *Call-Mail* is going to take the chance of it having occurred and join with their many friends in this vicinity in extending congratulations.

Mrs. **Ann Garrett**, a widow woman aged 55 years, committed suicide Friday morning by hanging, at her home in Herrick, this County. At eleven o'clock, a son, a young man of seventeen, found her body hanging in the smoke house at her residence in the northwest part of town. A stout rope was fastened about her neck and the other end attached to a rafter. There was every indication of premeditated suicide. The young man gave the alarm and help soon arrived. The body was taken down and Dr **G. S. Bolt**, who hurried to the scene pronounced the unfortunate woman dead. Two hours before her body was found she was as sane and jovial as could be, and no one dreamed that she would ever

commit such a rash act. Nothing whatever was found that discloses the cause or purpose of the suicide.

**W E Armstrong** and Miss **Julia Foster** were married at 530 West Main Street, Decatur, Illinois, on Wednesday by Rev. **Davidson**, pastor of the First Methodist church.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Suppes** surprised their little son, **Douglas Suppes**, last Tuesday, it being his eighth birthday. Those present were **Bessie** and **Eva Sterling**, **Marie Dodson**, **Eula Corrington** of Moweaqua, **Leeton**, **Katie**, **Golda**, and **Huson** and **Earnest Coultas**, **Warren** and **Wilber Tankersley**, **Emerson** and **Dewey Marshall**, **Addie Tankersley** of Winchester, and **Lillie** and **Alice Coultas**. Nice refreshments were served, consisting of ice cream, cake and lemonade.

Invitations have been received in this city announcing the coming marriage of Miss **Nena Blondell Imboden** of Decatur to Mr. **J A Anderson**. The date is 8 September 1903. The young lady has a large number of friends here and has been a frequent visitor in this city. She is the daughter of **John G Imboden**.

#### Wednesday, 2 September 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W M V Smith**, southeast, Rev. **Shults** of this city officiating, Miss **Charity A Smith** and Mr. **Joseph N McGrath** were united in marriage. Following the congratulations a lovely supper was served to which all did ample justice. Mr. and Mrs. **McGrath** will make their home on the **W J Clark** farm, southeast.

Friday at Sullivan, **Malcolm Stewart** and Miss **Gwendolin Duncan** were united in marriage. The groom is the son of Mrs. **M K Duncan** (formerly Mrs. **Jas G Stewart**) and the bride is the daughter of **M K Duncan**. A tinge of romance surrounds the marriage inasmuch as the young people were step-brother and step-sister at the time of their marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Stewart** make their home with Grandma **Brooks** in this city and **Malcolm** is employed with **Chas M Brooks**.

Uncle **Jack Hudson** passed his seventy-fifth milestone of life. He is not well and continues confined to his home.

**William A Shumacke** and Mrs. **Susie Botty**, both of Moweaqua, were married by Judge **O W Smith** on Wednesday in Decatur. (*Decatur Review*)

A very handsome monument was erected last week for Mrs. **America Pound**, Mrs. **Lucinda Dotson** and Mrs. **Susan Scrogin** for their father and mother.

**Adam Ellrich**, guardian of **Arthur W** and **Harry A Ellrich**, minor children of **Anna E Ellrich**, deceased. Petition to sell real estate belonging to the minor heirs will be sold at the Shelbyville courthouse the first Monday in October next.

**Mora**, the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Milo Shride**, died on Friday and was buried at Little Flock on Saturday. Rev. **Fetters** officiated. (Obed news)

Prairie Home friends of Mrs. **John W Sanner** were in Decatur Saturday to attend her funeral.

#### Wednesday, 9 September 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

This evening at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. **E M Doyle** at seven o'clock, Miss **Mollie Doyle** and Mr. **Henry Portwood** will be united in marriage by Rev. **Stevenson** of this city. The wedding will be wholly devoid of ostentation, only a few immediate relatives and friends having been invited. Mr. and Mrs. **Workman** (as

*copied, but believe it should be 'Portwood')* will make a brief wedding tour via the lakes of Buffalo after which they will reside on the Doyle farm until spring.

Born to **V Janes** on 7 September 1903, a son.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. **Jordan S Eaton** of Owaneco to Mrs.

**Maggie L Large**. The ceremony took place Wednesday, 2 September 1903.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Rev. **S Wilbur Huffer** to Miss **Rowena Noble Stevenson**, which took place on 1 September 1903 at Omaha. They will be at home after 1 October at Layton, Illinois. Rev. **Huffer** was at one time, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in this city and possesses many warm friends here.

*Uncle Jack Hudson is dead.* Dear old Uncle **Jack Hudson** has passed within the realm of immortality. The end came Monday evening about seven o'clock surrounded by his loved ones. This fine old English gentleman was released from all earthly suffering.

Uncle **Jack** had been ill for several months with a complication of internal troubles and the end was not wholly unexpected. Last week he passed his seventy-fifth birthday. He was known throughout this country as a top breeder of blooded Devonshires and Shropshires, and no man stood higher for business integrity and honest candor. Funeral services will be held from the family residence this afternoon (Wednesday) at 3 o'clock.

**John Sims** was given a birthday supper at his home in Obed on Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. **R M Armstrong** attended the funeral of Mr. **Jordan** at Pana on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley** attended the funeral of **Clem Wagner** near Prairie Bird, who was struck by lightning while sheltering from a sharp shower of rain, under a hedge tree on Saturday.

**Clemeth Wagner**, son of Uncle **Tom Wagner**, west of here was struck and instantly killed by lightning on Saturday at 11 AM. He and a man named **Durban** had been cutting hedge, and it is supposed went to shelter under a tree. Both were killed by the same stroke. Mrs. **Durban**, getting alarmed at their not coming to dinner, started in search and made the horrible discovery. After tearing her apron and closing their mouths, and making pillows of grass for them, she ran half a mile to a neighbor's home for help, and then broke down completely and is still in a precarious condition. It is feared she cannot recover. Mrs. **Durban** was formerly Miss **Libbie Smith** and has been married less than a year. The funeral of **Wagner** took place at Prairie Bird on Sunday at 2 PM in the presence of a very large crowd. **Wagner** also leaves a young widow, formerly Miss **Zella Jones**. The other funeral was held from the same place at 1 PM on Monday.

The **Angel** re-union took place at Decatur on Monday. All the **Angel**, **Jordan**, and **Bridgman** families from this section were in attendance.

A number of young people from Moweaqua attended the wedding of Miss **Nena Imboden** in Decatur yesterday evening. Miss **Lillian I Snyder** was one of the bridesmaids.

In the circuit court of Christian County last week, **Andrew Spresser**, a farm hand, filed suit for \$10,000 damages against **Matthew Kavanaugh** of South Fork township, charging him with alienating the affections of Mrs. **Spresser**. **Kavanaugh** is worth nearly a quarter of a million dollars. He is about 65 years of age and has been married, but his wife has been dead several years. **Spresser** has been working for **Kavanaugh** and Mrs. **Spresser** was the housekeeper. About a year ago, **Kavanaugh** discharged **Spresser**, but kept Mrs. **Spresser**.

**Wednesday, 16 September 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

The marriage of **R B Richhart** and Miss **Leonora M Sawin** occurred on Wednesday night at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J M Sawin**, 1523 East Eldorado Street, Decatur, Illinois. The wedding was a quiet but very pretty event. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **F B Jones** of the Christian Temple, and was witnessed by relatives and a few intimate friends of the couple.

Wednesday of last week, Mr. and Mrs. **C A Hedges** received a telegram from Newark, New Jersey, of the sad news of the death of their eldest son, **Clifton Hedges**, whose demise was the result of an operation performed for appendicitis, though it is said that death would unquestionable have resulted had not the operation been performed. **Clifton** was taken ill about September 1<sup>st</sup> with what was thought to be a bilious attack. He rapidly grew worse and the real cause of his illness being discovered, the operation was performed on Sunday, 6 September 1903, death following the 9<sup>th</sup> inst. In all, he was sick about ten days, and his death was a terrific shock to his parents and many friends here. **Clifton** had been taking a four-year course in electrical engineering and was making the very best grades in his class. He was a bright and popular boy, and his greatest ambition was to become a thoroughly practical electrical expert. In their hour of bereavement, the family have the warmest sympathy of a host of friends. The funeral took place from the family residence Sunday afternoon. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated. Pall bearers were all former school mates, **Malcolm Stewart, Jamie McKay, Jesse Atteberry, Arthur Mitchell, Will Miller** and **John Haslam**. Interment was in the west cemetery. **Clifton C Hedges**, son of **Clark A** and **Louisa Hedges** was born in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, on 15 April 1885, and died at Newark, New Jersey, on 9 September 1903, aged 18 years, 3 months and 25 days. After a short residence in Decatur his parents removed to a farm near Argenta, coming thence to Moweaqua while **Clifton** was still a young boy and as he had previously lived with relatives here while attending school, almost all his life was spent in Moweaqua. One year ago last May, he went to Newark, New Jersey, where a splendid opportunity had opened to him with an electrical company. It was his consuming desire to become an electrical engineer. He entered into the work with energy, industry and devotion, busy with the practical work in the daytime and attending school at night. His progress has been steadily forward and upward, receiving deserved promotion from time to time and making remarkable grades and advancement in his studies. The future seemed very promising before him, until the Grim Reaper cut him down. **Clifton** made a profession of religion in 1900 and was then received into the M E Church.

Miss **Gertrude Knowles** attended the wedding of Miss **Spicer** in Rantoul last week.

Also in attendance was Mrs. **George Rice** and Mrs. **Edna Pratz**.

A typographical error occurred last week which we very much regret. In the notice of **Henry Portwood's** wedding the name of "**Workman**" became substituted for "**Portwood**". It was simply only of those errors for which there is no excuse.

The funeral of Uncle **Jack Hudson** took place on Wednesday afternoon from the family residence north of town. The attendance was notably large, Shelby Lodge No 274 I. O. O. F. of which he was the oldest member, turning out nearly a hundred in number. Brief, but eloquent remarks, were made by the officiating clergyman, Rev. **R B Irwin**.

Pallbearers were **D H Rettig, John Winchel, Wm McGinley, A Gilliland, M H Miller** and **George Adams**. Remains were laid to rest at the I. O. O. F. Cemetery west of town.



**John Hudson** was born in Staffordshire, England, on 4 September 1828, and came to America in 1857. He arrived in Moweaqua, Illinois, in March 1858. He was employed for a short time in the butcher business by **H F Day** after which time he settled in the present **Hudson** home. He was married to Miss **Susan Pittaway** in England in 1849. Three children were born to them, but they, with their mother, were called away many years ago, the latter having departed this life 7 April 1863, three years after coming to America. He was married to Miss **Mercy H Bacon** on 7 October 1863, to which union there were born seven children, two of them died in infancy. Brother **Hudson** has been a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows for more than 40 years. His business interests have been carefully attended to, and he has been closely identified with the stock interests in this section of the country for many years, his special line of stock being fine sheep and Devon cattle. He became a member of the M E Church in 1859. The summons came after a lingering illness on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of September 1903, three days after his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, but before going away, he gave testimony that his faith was in Jesus Christ. The services were held at the home on Wednesday afternoon, 9 September 1903, Rev. **R B Irwin** officiated.

**Eddie Smith**, son of **John Smith** of Findlay was buried at Union on Friday, the funeral being at Findley.

A dance was given at **Ed Bilyeu's** on Saturday night as a surprise on his 31<sup>st</sup> birthday. The party was planned by his wife and she invited in the young people of the immediate neighborhood, and all danced until a late hour after which ice cream, cake and bananas were served. Present were **Hiram Bilyeu** and family, **John Bilyeu** and family, **Andy Bilyeu** and family, **Tom Norman** and family, **Willie Workman** and family, **John Brannon** and family, Mrs. **Minnie Bilyeu** and family, Misses **Lillie Robinson**, **Ena Bilyeu**, **Lella Adams**, **Martha** and **Mary Matthews**, **Grace Gorden**, **Goldie Moore**, **Della Barnnet**, **Maud** and **Cellia Gorden**, **Elna** and **Mary Robinson**, **Ina** and **Mary Workman**, **Ida Traughber**, **Mammie Workman**, **Birdie Kramer**, of Clarksdale, **Ina Workman**, **Ena Tanner**, **Girtie Pierce**, Messrs **Willie** and **Charlie Workman**, **Willie**, **Isaac**, **June** and **Peet Bilyeu**, **Isom**, **Mart**, **Cloyd** and **Theo Adams**, **Frank Moore**, **Maynard Goddard**, **Lewis**, **Leslie**, and **Wallace Gorden**, **John Seifert**, **Ora Allison**, **John Waters**, **Will** and **Elmer Traughber**, **Ralph** and **Addie Robinson**, **Ellis Hinderson**, **Ikie Workman** and **Charlie Kitchem** and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Suppes** on 8 September 1903, a daughter.

Mrs. **Mercy Hudson** and **T E Hudson** have been appointed administrators of the estate of **John Hudson**, deceased. There will be a great dispersion sale of stock on Thursday, 8 October 1903.

**O M Conn**, the three league umpire commonly known as "**Ollie Conn**" died at St Mary's hospital in Decatur on Sunday night at 11 o'clock as a result of being run over by a street car Sunday afternoon. **Ollie** has played ball in Moweaqua many times and was well known here.

#### Wednesday, 23 September 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Smith**, 16 September 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Keeth**, 17 September 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J A Cooley** 18 September 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wade Thompson** of Prairie Home 19 September 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **R Salee** on 22 September 1903, a girl.

Mrs. **Anna B Travis** received a check for \$1,734.52, being the balance due on the policy of **S G Travis**, deceased.

Entire herd of Woodland Devons belonging to the estate of **John Hudson**, deceased will go at auction at the home farm, ½ mile north of Moweaqua, Illinois on Thursday, 8 October 1903. About 60 cows, heifers and calves, all pure bred, registered and prize winners. Also 70 full blood Shropshire Sheep, nine head draft horses and costs plus farming implements and many other articles. Send for a catalogue. Mrs. **Mercy H Hudson** and **T E Hudson**, Administrators of the estate.

From the pages of the *Call-Mail*, September 1893 – ten years ago: Dr **W P Buck** died 14 September 1893 at 11:45 PM. Little **Maud Pinkston**, aged 6 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Pinkston**, died at their home near Pleak.

The Owaneco correspondent of the *Taylorville Courier* says, "Mr. and Mrs. **J S Eaton**, who were in the East on their wedding tour arrived home last Thursday on account of the illness of the latter's mother, Mrs. **Andrew Barret**."

#### Wednesday, 30 September 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Mr. **Ben Doake** of St Louis and Miss **Eva Smith** of Taylorville were married in Decatur one day last week. The bride is the daughter of **R I Smith** of Taylorville who formerly lived here.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Luther Osborn** on 27 September 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed McKeefer** on 20 September 1903, a son. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Jobe** on Thursday, 24 September 1903, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 7 October 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Born to **John N Thomas** and wife on 14 September 1903, a son.

Born to **Jno W Myers** and wife on 29 September 1903, a son.

Born to **Wm Coulter** and wife on 30 September 1903, a girl.

Born to **Jno F Smith** and wife on 30 September 1903, a boy.

**Harry O'Dell** left yesterday for Del Rio, Texas. Having fitted up a lovely little home just prior to his departure, it may be safe for his numerous friends to prepare to welcome a fair Texas maiden bearing the name of Mrs. **Harry O'Dell**.

Ten years ago – October 1893, *Call Mail* – Mrs. **C A Buck** was appointed administrator of the estate of the late Dr **Buck**. Mrs. **Rena Bassett** died at her home in Mobile, Alabama.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Daughtry** on 30 September 1893, a son. **Thos E Hudson** and Miss **Minnie Notbrook** were united in marriage on 4 October 1893 by Rev. **T D Weems**. **Chas M Brooks** and Miss **Grace Burnham** were married 4 October 1893, and the following day **Steven Brooks** and Miss **Anna Adams** were married.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank L Clark** on 6 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Hilvety** of Macon, 30 September 1903, a boy.

Born to Rev. **W B McMunn** and wife at Obed, 2 October 1903, a daughter.

**Charles P Heskett** was pinned between an engine and tank, and killed instantly on the Illinois Central near Assumption. The body of young **Heskett** was badly crushed and could not be removed in one piece. The cause of the collision appears to be a mystery, and no satisfactory explanation has been given.

The *Maroa News* notes the death of Mrs. **Nancy J Huff**, who died rather suddenly in that city on 15 September 1903, at the age of 78 years. The deceased was the mother of Mrs. **W A Steidley** and was widely known in this vicinity. She was the widow of **James Huff** who died several years ago.

A little daughter arrived on 2 October 1903 to brighten the home of Rev. and Mrs. **McMunn** at Obed.

Miss **Goldie Stump** entertained 24 of her friends Saturday night, the occasion being her 15<sup>th</sup> birthday. A nice supper was served and a happy time reported.

Mrs. **Kate Coulter** and Mrs. **Harriet Burtzfield** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Edward Stables** in Bethany on Monday. **Jack Stables** of Nebraska was the guest of relatives here a few days last week. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Osborn** on 2 October 1903, a girl.

Mrs. **Karl Snyder** entertained a few of her relatives last Thursday in honor of her husband's birthday. Of course, it was one of her famous 'surprise dinners'.

Rev **Jos Thomas** received last week, the news of the death of his sister, Mrs. **Jas Marts** at her home in Redding, Iowa. The lady was about fifty years of age and well known in this vicinity.

Rev **W F Stevenson** was called by telegram to Vincennes, Indiana, on Friday by the serious illness of his nephew who died before the reverend gentleman reached his bedside. Rev. and Mrs. **Stevenson** accompanied the remains to St Joe, and are not expected to return home until tomorrow.

The **Mexican war veterans** held a reunion last week at Indianapolis. It will probably be the last national gathering of these veterans as only a few of them are left. There were 112,000 survivors of this war at its close and less than 4,000 of them are living today and they are dying at a rate of 1,000 per year.

#### Wednesday, 14 October 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Wednesday evening next, October 21, 1903, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark**, at eight o'clock, Miss **Maude A Green** and Mr. **Roland W Ayers** will be united in marriage.

The sale of personal property of the estate of **John Hudson**, deceased, was largely attended on Thursday and the prices for the most part were fairly good. Buyers were present from all over the country, a gentleman from South Carolina buying a large number of Devons for breeding purposes. The sale amounted to \$5,000.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Mr. **Harry C O'Dell** to Miss **Mary Kroschel** which takes place tomorrow evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **G L Kroschel**, Del Rio, Texas. The newly married couple will reside in this vicinity.

Final Report on the estate of **Ellen Carwile**, deceased will be discharged on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November 1903. Signed: **Susan E Scrogin**, Administrator.

Mrs. **Wm Landrum** died very suddenly at her home in Blue Mound on Saturday night, 3 October 1903 at 11:30 P.M., of apoplexy. Mrs. **Landrum** was a daughter of **Wm Whitworth** of Moweaqua, and was born in Shelby County on 29 October 1861. She was married to **Wm Landrum** on 6 January 1885 and was the mother of six children. The funeral services were held at the family home in Blue Mound, and the body brought to this city for burial on Monday. Besides a father, husband and six children, she leaves a large circle of friends to mourn her death. Quite a number of friends from Blue Mound,

Long Grove, Moweaqua, and this city followed the funeral train to the cemetery. (*Macon Record*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Millard Cutler** on 4 October 1903, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hall** on 9 October 1903, a son. (Obed news) Yantisville news tells of Mrs. **Reed** visiting her daughter, Mrs. **Chas Hall**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Cooper**, 5 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Smith** on 4 October 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Bourse**, 6 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lou Loss** on 6 October 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **S S Clapper** on 6 October 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Raymond Snyder** in Decatur on 6 October 1903, a girl.

In the probate court of Christian County, **Eugenie Haidinger** has been appointed Administratrix of the estate of **Peter A Haidinger**, deceased with bond at \$1,500.

### Wednesday, 21 October 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Monday evening Miss **Maude Green** was the recipient of a shower of innumerable necessary culinary articles, bestowed by a bevy of girlfriends. That she might enter the more heartily into the fullest enjoyment of the occasion, the girls called at her home about seven o'clock with a wheel-barrow, seated the bride to be very comfortably (?) therein and gave her a ride through the main streets of the town, finally winding up at the residence of Dr **Kyner**. Here, Miss **Green** became the guest of Miss **Frances Cole** and Mrs. **Lloyd Snell** and for the time being a process of 'hazing' was inaugurated, especially adapted to the matrimonial candidate after which the shower of kitchen are flooded the rooms. All had a good time. The fair girls later departed hoping that the near future would bring copious showers of the like character to each and all of them.

For some time it has been rumored that one of our fairest flowers was soon to be transplanted to a northern home. Thursday evening, 16 October 1903, the rumor was verified. The pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. **Gus Kroschel** had been tastefully arranged, and at 8 o'clock to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, rendered by a Miss **Maud Stout** of Rockville, Indiana, a niece of the groom, Mr. **Harry O'Dell** of Moweaqua, Illinois, and Miss **Mary Kroschel** of Del Rio, Texas, entered the room, and in an impressive manner, Rev. **Winter Green** of the Baptist Church pronounced them husband and wife. Then came the congratulations followed by a most appetizing wedding supper to which all did ample justice. Besides the relatives, there were but a few invited guests present, but the wedding presents were numerous and costly. The bride is well known in Del Rio, having been raised here and has been one of our most popular young ladies. The groom is also quite well known, being a brother to our enterprising telephone man, **C W O'Dell** and having lived her for about six months, he has many friends among the young people. After returning to Illinois last summer, he purchased an interest in a large telephone system there. **Harry** is a rustler as well as a genial, whole souled fellow and well worthy of a charming bride such as he came all the way to Texas to secure. Mr. and Mrs. **O'Dell** expect to depart for their northern home tomorrow and the well wishes of a multitude of friends will follow them. (*Del Rio Record-News, Del Rio, Texas*) Mr. and Mrs. **Harry O'Dell** arrived from Del Rio, Texas, yesterday and are now comfortably located in the cozy little home prepared by the groom for his bride.

Rev **J J Midkiff** and Miss **Frances Donahue** both of Stonington were married at 11:30 Monday in Decatur by Rev. **S H Bowyer**, pastor of the First Baptist Church at his residence on West Main Street. They are both old friends of Mr. **Bowyer** and came here to have the ceremony performed. They went at once to Chicago where they will visit for a week. The groom is pastor of the Baptist Church at Stonington. (*Decatur Review*)

**Wm Barding killed.** About 12 o'clock Friday, **Wm Barding**, a prominent farmer of this community was the victim of a horrible runaway accident, causing his almost instant death. Mr. **Barding** was engaged in hauling the household furniture of his brother, Mr. **Arthur Barding** to the Clark Property in southeast Pana. The spring wagon being heavily loaded at the time, Mrs. **Arthur Barding** and little child also being on the wagon. At the corner in front of the Barding residence, the horses became scared at a cart and started to run. Mr. **Barding** and Mrs. **Arthur Barding** were almost instantly thrown out, the farmer being hurled against a tree where he was struck by the wagon and crushed to an almost instant death. Mrs. **Barding** was thrown against the fence and severely bruised and also sustained a sprained ankle. (*Pana Palladium*). The remains were brought to this city on Saturday for burial.

This evening at eight o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark**, **Roland W Ayers** and Miss **Maude Green** will be united in marriage.

#### Wednesday, 28 October 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Suit to recover \$2,000 on a policy was commenced in the Sangamon County court Friday afternoon by **Laura K Radford Polk**, formerly of Palmer and Edinburg, against the Loyal Americans. The plaintiff sets out that her husband, **Stephen C Polk** who died recently was insured for \$2,000 in the organization but that the Loyal Americans refused to pay the claim. Mrs. **Polk** asserts that her husband was a member in good standing at the time of his death and that the defendant has no good reason for refusing the payment of the death claim. She says that she is a widow with one child and keeps a lodging house to support herself and child. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley** on 20 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George W Jacobs**, near Radford on 25 October 1903, a girl.

**L D Simpson** left Monday for his home in Childress, Texas. He reports that he did fairly well in selling his ponies. His father, **W L Simpson** will not start south for awhile.

**L S Seaman**, one of the oldest and for many years, one of the most influential citizens of Shelbyville, died at his home on West Main street at one o'clock Saturday. His death was not unexpected. A year ago the fourth of last July, Mr. **Seaman** sustained injuries through a fall from which he never rallied. His mind became affected and for months his condition has been one to excite the pity on all who knew him. He located in Shelbyville about 45 years ago. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Mr. and Mrs. **C Fieker** gave a dinner in honor of the latter's 51st birthday, 18 October 1903. All their children were present and had an enjoyable time.

Mrs. **Jas Rittgers** died at her home northeast on Sunday night. The funeral was held on Tuesday, AM. (Obed news)

Wednesday evening at eight o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark** in this city, Mr. **Roland W Ayers** and Miss **Maude A Green** were united in holy matrimony. Rev. **Stevenson** of the Methodist Church officiating. The wedding was a very simple and unostentatious affair, only a few intimate friends and relatives being

present. At the conclusion of the ceremony warmest congratulations were extended after which a lovely supper was served. Mr. and Mrs. **Ayers** took up their abode at once in the beautiful little cottage on the west side, just completed by the groom, thus assuming in a sensible and practical manner the responsibilities of life. They were the recipients of numerous beautiful presents. Both are popular young people that have a host of friends.

**Wednesday, 4 November 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Mary A Wallace Rittgers** was born in Cold Spring Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 3 August 1860. She was converted at the Zion M E Church near Tower Hill in November 1881, and afterward became a member of the U B Church at Locust Grove. She was married to **W J Rittgars**, who survives her, on 1 October 1884. To this union were born four children, two sons and two daughters, one of each preceding the mother to the spirit world as did also her father, two sisters and one brother. Besides the husband, son and daughter, there are left to mourn her loss, the mother, four sisters and three brothers. She died on 25 October 1903, aged 43 years, 2 months and 22 days. She was an invalid just three years, suffering intensely at times; but bearing her afflictions with fortitude and patience. Only one brother and one sister were present at the funeral services which were held at Little Flock by Revs. **Brigham** and **L Corley**.

Last week, **Piercy Baker**, the ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Baker** residing east of Stewardson lost his life in the most awful manner. The little fellow was tying a cow in the barn and in some manner got the chain wrapped around his wrist. At this juncture, the animal became uncontrollable and began to run, passing out of the barn lot, the infuriated beast made a circuit of the orchard, whipping the unfortunate boy around trees and over fences, until finally separating herself from the body. When found, the boy's neck, back and arm were broken and his face was pounded and crushed until all semblance of humanity had disappeared. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Death of Ben Ruffner.** Kind and jovial, honest and manly, **Ben Ruffner** has passed from mortality into the infinite realm of spiritual rest. The end came Tuesday night of last week and was not unexpected for he had been a sufferer from Bright's disease for nearly a year. For many years he had resided on the **Ezra Miller** farm, south of town, but last spring bought a farm of his own near Millersville and moved thereon. Few men were better known or had more friends. Even after death, his beautiful character will be held in sacred memory by scores of loving friends. Services held Thursday at his home, Rev. **English** of Owaneco officiating. A number of brother Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias attended from this city, the burial ritual of the Knights being used at the grave. When the services were at an end and the brethren of the Lodges went personally to the carriage to offer brief consolation to the family. Mrs. **Ruffner** was heard to say, "Here are the boys, God Bless them everyone". It was an affecting scene. **Benjamin Ruffner** was born at Hebron, Ohio, 13 January 1847, and died at his home near Millersville, Illinois, on 27 October 1903, aged 56 years, 9 months and 14 days. He was married at Addison, Ohio, on 19 January 1869 to **Mary V Thomas**, who still survives him. Until 1880, he resided near St Louis, Missouri, when he moved to Illinois and settled near Moweaqua. He lived in this vicinity until last spring when he moved to the farm he recently purchased near Millersville. He was a member of no particular church, but practiced and believed in all that was right and honorable. Honesty and manliness were his characteristic traits through life. He was a kind and affectionate husband and father.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a wife, son and daughter, three brothers and one sister, together with a host of friends.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ollie Bouillon** on 29 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Weakly**, 27 October 1903, a son.

Prairieton news: **George Schrader** was heard out quite early Monday morning hurrahing. It was all because of a baby girl.

**Orson Davis** and **Ada Hendricks** were married in Old Stonington Church on Sunday at three o'clock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gus Bridgman** of Obed on 29 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Weakly** of Fame on 27 October 1903, a son.

Yantisville news: The funeral of Mrs. **James Rittgars** was held at Little Flock on Tuesday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Rob't McCray** on 23 October 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Osborn** on 27 October 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Keiser** on 27 October 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **G R Bridgman** on 29 October 1903, son.

Through a mistake, Dr **O W Ferguson**, a Mattoon physician of long and extensive practice, administered bichloride of mercury to a 2-year-old boy on Saturday night instead of calomel, which was intended for the case. The child died in great agony on Sunday morning. Dr **Ferguson** frankly acknowledged his mistake before the coroner's jury, by whom, as well as the parents of the child, he was exonerated from blame.

(*Shelbyville Leader*)

*Springfield, Illinois, 6 November 1903.* Mrs. **Mary Terry**, arrested as the accessory of her husband in the murder of **Leona Granberry**, the colored girl found dead yesterday morning, has confessed she murdered the girl. She states she met the girl near a livery barn where her husband was employed, that a fight ensued and that she wrested a pop bottle which the **Granberry** girl was carrying from her, and struck the girl on the head then stomped on the **Granberry** girl's head.

#### Wednesday, 11 November 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

Cards have been received announcing the coming wedding of Mr. **B Ralph Thompson** and Miss **Gratia Paul McIllduff**, which will take place at 8 o'clock on the evening of 12 November 1903, at the First Presbyterian Church in Pontiac. Many old friends of '**Dickie**' **Thompson** will be pleased to learn of his good fortune in securing one of Pontiac's charming young ladies. They will continue to reside in that city, where the groom has been employed for several years and where he still holds a responsible position.

**James Monroe**, who was the oldest resident farmer of Shelby County, died at his home near Pana last week, aged 98 years. He was a direct descendent of **James Monroe**, fifth president of the United States, and had been married three times. His wives were sisters. Nine children survive him. The old gent was born in 1805.

From the pages of the *Moweaqua Call Mail*, ten years ago - November 1893. **Patrick McCarty** died 10 November 1893, at his home a mile north of town.

Born to **Pearl Klar** and wife last week at Yantisville, a daughter. Miss **Hattie Giles** has been staying with Mrs. **Pearl Klar**.



**Winfield McCrory** left for St Elmo to visit a few days before returning to his home at Hutsonville, Illinois.

Dr **C K Roe** of Spring Hill, Alabama, who left here eighteen years ago, visited friends in Prairie Home last week.

Mr. and Mrs. **John McElroy** of Blue mound visited his brother, **Lemuel McElroy** over Sunday.

Mr. **Pifer**, superintendent of bridge work for Fish Co. of Shelbyville had a bridge placed across the stream near **J L Gregory's** at Pleak last week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Carsel** on 8 November 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W B Foltz** on 7 November 1903, a daughter.

### **Wednesday, 18 November 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

**Sam'l Miller, Sr.** died at his residence in this city on Monday morning about 8 o'clock. Death was not unexpected as he had been rapidly declining for several weeks, and as he suffered intensely at time, death came as a blessed relief—a sweet and restful transition into the spiritual world. For four years he has been afflicted with bronchitis and asthma. The deceased was born in Somerset, Perry County, Ohio, December 12, 1833, and lacked but a few weeks of being 70 years of age. He came to Illinois in 1854, and for many years was a businessman in Moweaqua. He resided on a beautiful farm known yet as 'the Miller place', but several years ago moved to town where, with his family, he has since resided. Mr. Miller's first marriage was with Miss **Mary A Southwell** in 1864, but she lived only a short time. His second marriage was to Miss **Mary Hand** in 1867 and to this union were born four children, **Frederick Miller** (the only boy, who died), Mrs. **Agnes Otta**; Mrs. **Arrabella Russell**, Mrs. **Effie Blanche Frederick**, all of whom survive him. In 1877, he married Mrs. **Sarah J Deffenbach**, who survives him. To this union were born Mrs. **Cora Edna Roff**, now deceased, **Samuel Jr.** and **Hazel Miller**. Mr. Miller was a man of exceptional intelligence, widely known and highly esteemed. His demise will be deeply regretted by the entire community. Services held from the Methodist Church this Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock.

At the ripe old age of more than seventy-five years, Mrs. **W H Miller** was suddenly summoned into blissful immortality on Thursday morning just after seven o'clock. It is thought the cause of her death was either apoplexy or heart failure. She was a quiet, unobtrusive old lady, dearly beloved by her neighbors for her many estimable traits of character. Having been a resident of Moweaqua for many years, her loss will not only be keenly felt by her children, but a host of friends. Services were held from the residence on Friday after noon and attended by a large concourse of sympathetic friends. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiated, assisted by Rev. **E K Shults**. Pallbearers were **M Snyder, Jr.**, **V Snyder, Jr.**; **J J Attebery**, **J H Kirker**, **J W Greaves** and **J C Jacobs**. Interment in the west cemetery. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Dr **Sherman** of Mahoney City, Pennsylvania, and six children as follows: **Allen J Miller** of Pana, **Laura J Schwab** of Taylorville, **Marcus H Miller** of Moweaqua, **Emma S Schwab** of Danville, **Harvey C Miller** and **John R Miller** of Moweaqua, all of whom were present at the funeral.

**Marietta Boyer**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Boyer**, was born in Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on 1 September 1828 and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 12 November 1903, aged 75 years, 2 months and 11 days. On 14 August 1851, she was married to **Wm Henry Miller**. She was the mother of eight children, six of whom

survive her: **Allen J, Marcus H, John, Harvey**, and Mrs. **Emma S** and **Laura J Schwab**. In 1869, Mrs. **Miller**, with her husband, removed to Illinois, settling near the present site of Blue Mound. About 25 years ago they moved just west of Moweaqua into which village they moved seven years later. She has resided here for the past seventeen years, her husband having preceded her to the future world about seven years ago. Mrs. **Miller** was confirmed in the German Reformed Church when a girl of 18. She was a good, true, kind-hearted woman, much respected by neighbors and friends, and her children are respected citizens of the communities in which they reside.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sam'l Sanner** on 15 November 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Adams** on 16 November 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John S Powell** on 17 November 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Albert Hopkins** on 7 November 1903, a son.

From the pages of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail*, ten years ago, November 1893. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley**, a fine boy, and Thursday of that week, Will went out and shucked 118 bushels and 20 pounds of corn.

**Oscar Bryson** and Miss **Osborn** of Moweaqua were married on Sunday evening, 15 November 1903. We wish to be among the first to extend congratulations to them. (Pleak news)

Mrs. **Pleasant Fortner** died Saturday evening at her late home, 2 miles west of Stonington, of consumption. The deceased was about 40 years of age and is survived by her husband and four children. (*Assumption Tribune*)

Master **Halden Ayars** celebrated his eighth birthday in a most charming manner Saturday evening, in the rear rooms of **Ayars Bros** bank, and never was seen a happier bunch of little folks. Mr. **Doty** entertained them with a large graphophone. Mrs. **M S Ayars** and Mrs. **Ralph Ayars** cared for the little ones, serving refreshments and starting them home at a reasonable hour.

About noon Thursday, Mrs. **John Holverson** quietly passed away at her home north of town. She had been more or less of an invalid for nearly two years suffering from a complication of diseases and about two weeks ago she experienced a stroke of paralysis from which she never recovered. Mrs. **Holverson** is spoken of by those who knew her best, as a sweet and gentle character, a kind and generous woman, and a loving wife and mother. Services were held from the family residence on Saturday afternoon, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 1903, by Rev. **W F Stevenson**, officiating. Interment was in the Traugher cemetery. **Guinele Nelson**, daughter of **Knute** and **Helena Nelson** was born in Norway, 17 June 1829, and died at her home near Moweaqua in Christian County, Illinois, on 12 November 1903, aged 74 years, 4 months and 25 days. She came to America with her parents in 1854, settling in Springfield, Illinois. She was twice married, first to **Newton Tackleson** in 1858. This union was blessed by five children, four of whom died in early life, **Thomas** of this place, being the only survivor. Mr. **Tackleson** died in 1872, and about a year later, in 1873, she was married to **John Holverson**, with whom, as a happy wife, she has resided in this neighborhood for the past thirty years. Religiously, Mrs. **Holverson** was reared a devout Lutheran, all her life she was a Christian woman, and died trusting in Jesus. One sister, her aged husband and her son, **Thomas**, survive her. Mrs. **Holverson** having been more or less afflicted for several years, could not be identified with the active life of the community, but she was a good, simple, true, loving wife and mother, and a kind friend and neighbor.

**Wednesday, 25 November 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

Our Obed correspondent writes us that the youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Pasley** died Sunday of scarlet fever. The remains were taken to Mt Zion for interment on Monday. The family resides near Obed, and it is said that several other members of that family are quite ill with the same disease.

The funeral of **Samuel Miller, Sr.** was held from the M E Church on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, the pastor of that church, Rev. **Stevenson** officiating.

**O B Allison** and Miss **Ida Traughber**, both of Prairieton township, where they are well known and highly respected, were married at noon, Wednesday, 18 November 1903, at the home of the bride, the pastor of the Old Stonington Baptist Church officiating. (*Taylorville Courier*)

From the Peoria, Illinois, paper under the date of 21 November 1903: The scene of the **Big Four wreck** east of Tremont reports the wreckage as entirely cleaned away and trains again running over the Big Four tracks. A total of eighteen bodies were recovered, many of them in a horribly mangled condition. Of these eighteen, all but three have been identified. A list of injured numbers fourteen who were placed in Bloomington and Peoria hospitals. Two of the injured have since died, bringing the total number of deaths to twenty. Coroner **Holmes** of Delavan has empanelled a jury and is preparing to hold the inquest.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **C B Groom** on 21 November 1903, a daughter.

In the probate court last week, **Wm L Morris**, guardian of **Mabel, Vera, Herman, Henry, Robert** and **Grace Hempel** made his report from 5 August 1901 to 5 August 1903 which is approved by the judge.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Corbey** on 21 November 1903, a boy.

**Ralph Hill**, the seventeen-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **George Hill**, residing near Findlay was thrown from a horse Saturday afternoon about three o'clock and died from the injuries sustained at half past one on Sunday morning. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Mike McNeff**, a railroad man, met a horrible death beneath the wheels of a northbound freight train, just east of the high C and E I bridge at 7 o'clock Monday night, but the circumstances surrounding the fatal accident could not be ascertained by the searching inquiry of the coroner's jury, and doubtless will never be known. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Grooms** on 21 November 1903, a girl. (Fame news)

Sunday being Mr. **McGinley's** 73<sup>rd</sup> birthday, **John McGinley** and wife, and **B F Mose** and family spent the day at his home. (Pleasant View news)

Pleak news: Mr. and Mrs. **J H Bryson** entertained quite a number to dinner on Monday in honor of newlyweds, **Oscar Bryson** and wife. The day ended in a generous charivari in which many participated.

**J S Tolly** and wife of Pleak are the proud possessors of a baby girl.

In the Shelby County circuit court this term, Judge **Dwight** entered an order that all divorce decrees filed should be held up thirty days before being effective and if cause arose during that time they would be vacated. This will put an end to the marriages that follow a divorce the same day.

**Wednesday, 2 December 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail**

The many friends of **E O Smith** will be surprised and pleased to learn that yesterday at Taluca, Illinois, he was united in marriage to Mrs. **Sarah Mintuin**. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's sister. The lady is said to be a most charming personage and the *Call-Mail*, on behalf of Ed's host of friends, extends to her a most gracious welcome to Moweaqua. The couple is expected to return at any time.

**Karl D Hulett**, son of **John** and **Lillie Hulett** was born in Moweaqua on 22 August 1898, and died of diphtheria at the home of his parents in Findlay, on 28 November 1903, aged 5 years, three months and six days. The parents, a brother and sister survive him. The little one was sick only about one week when the Lord took him to himself, where sickness and sorrow or death never comes. Short funeral services were held at Findlay by Rev. **Johnson**, pastor of the M E Church, and the remains were brought to Moweaqua on Sunday for interment, being met at the grave in the north cemetery by Rev. **Shults** who conducted a brief burial service.

Sunday evening at her home in the northeast part of town, Mrs. **J D Drew** died quite suddenly having been ill only about a week. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church yesterday afternoon. Rev. **Shults** officiating and interment was in the north cemetery. **Martha A Anthony**, daughter of **Albert** and **Martha A Anthony** was born in Tennessee, on 13 March 1849, and she departed this life in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 29 November 1903, at 6 PM, at the age of 54 years, 8 months and 16 days. During the war, Mr. **Anthony** moved with his family to Belleville, and a little later to Freeburg, Illinois. On 5 June 1873, Miss **Anthony** was married to **J B Drew**. They lived about seven years at Freeburg and then moved to a farm 3 ¼ miles northeast of Moweaqua. About 8 years ago they built their present residence and moved to town. On the 20<sup>th</sup> of November 1903, Mrs. **Drew** returned from a two weeks' visit to see her father and mother, who are yet living and have been married 59 years. She was in her usual health until Sunday, 22 November 1903, and showed no evidence of being very sick until Wednesday. From this time, she failed very rapidly until the end Sunday evening. Mrs. **Drew** was the first of her family of seven to go. Mr. **Drew** and the five children, Mrs. **Lina L Tolson**, **Effa M**, **Posey L**, **Myrtle L**, all of Moweaqua and **Walter A Drew** of Decatur survive her. Beside these, there remains her father and mother of Hillsboro, Illinois, and three brothers, **John Anthony** of Freeburg, Illinois, **William Anthony** of Alton, Illinois, and **Frank Anthony** of Texas. Mrs. **Drew** was born again about 1865, and united with the Baptist Church at Freeburg, Illinois, and some six years ago placed her membership with the Baptist Church of Moweaqua, of which she was a true and consecrated member at the time of her death. She had also been a member of the order of Eastern Star for about four years.

Ten years ago – *Moweaqua Call-Mail* of December 1893. **James B Howse** died 24 November 1893.

**Thos C McCray** and Miss **Ethel Jackson** were married Thursday morning in the parlor of the Brunswick Hotel, Decatur. Mr. **McCray** is a coal miner. Both he and his wife have lived in Moweaqua and will continue to live there. He is 21 years old and she is only 16. The fathers' of the couple went out to the home of County Clerk **J M Dodd**, Thursday morning, to get the license, Mr. **McCray's** father made the affidavit and **Edward Jackson**, Mrs. **McCray's** father, gave permission to his daughter to be married. (*Decatur Review*)

**Orvil Pound** and Miss **Daisy Pope** were married Thanksgiving day at the home of Mr. **Isaac Weakley**. Justice of the Peace **Pontius** performed the ceremony.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Eli Leaf** on 30 November 1903, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Adams**, 28 November 1903, a son.

Judge **Farmer** at Taylorville a few days ago granted ten divorces in ten minutes. 'Squire **Johnston** of this city, the same day, married his 200<sup>th</sup> couple. With the judge and the 'Squire each smashing records at the opposite ends of the matrimonial broomstick, the rest of us are in the same predicament as the Indiana traveler who 'allowed' it would make no difference which fork of the road he took – he was lost anyway. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Wednesday, 9 December 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**J H Coventry**, a farmer living on the **Wilburn Wortman** farm, one mile east of Findlay, ended his life by drinking carbolic acid about 5:30 o'clock Saturday morning. No sufficient cause can be given for his rash act, other than that he had been a trifle unfortunate in a recent corn deal. It is said the matter was of small importance and those who know him best think this could not have induced him to take his life. While Mr. **Coventry** was a renter, he was a man of considerable means. He was a stock dealer of local repute, had some money and lived well at home. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Wednesday evening at six o'clock at the M E Parsonage in this city, Rev. **W F Stevenson** united Mr. **John G Corrington** and Miss **Mary Wempen** in the holy bond of matrimony. While the wedding was not wholly unexpected, yet so quiet had the affair been kept that the most intimate friends of the young couple knew absolutely nothing of the event until the ceremony had been performed. The groom is one of Moweaqua's most popular and energetic young businessmen, whom everybody knows and everybody likes. He's simply '**Jack**' to all alike—cordial and genial—and a column of superfluities on the part of the *Call-Mail* would not increase his popularity. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Wempen, Sr.**, northeast, a prepossessing young lady, earnest and practical, who has a host of friends in Moweaqua and vicinity. Mr. and Mrs. **Corrington** went at once to housekeeping in the lovely home recently purchased by the groom.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Beck** on 2 December 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J B Workman**, 4 December 1903, a girl.

The heirs of Mrs. **Sarah Hays** sold her former residence property in this city to Mrs. **Sarah Foster** of Assumption, the consideration being \$900. Mrs. **Foster** will take possession soon.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Groom** died on Saturday morning, aged two weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the family residence. Rev. **Ludwig** assisted by Rev. **Skinner** officiated and interment was in the Salem cemetery. (Fame news)

Rev **Vallier** and family attended the wedding of Miss **Effie McKittrick** and Mr. **Cole** on Thursday evening. Rev. **Vallier** performed the ceremony. (Prairie Home news)

**Wm Coventry's** were called to Findlay Saturday by the death of their son, **James Coventry**.

**J G Corrington** and Miss **Mary Wempen** were married at the M E Parsonage on Wednesday evening, 2 December 1903. A wedding supper was served at the home of the

bride's parents, only a few relatives being present. They went to housekeeping at once in the residence the groom recently purchased of his father. (Allenboro news)

**Edward Cole** and Miss **Effie McKittrick** were quietly married at the home of the bride in Flat Branch last Thursday evening. (Obed news)

**M E Snyder** received a telegram Thursday announcing the death of his brother, **Jacob Snyder** in Brown County, Ohio. Mr. **Snyder** left a once for the east.

**John Block** of Urbana was electrocuted by grasping a live wire, 2,200 volts of electricity passing through his system, drawing the body into hideous contortion and causing instant death.

One man killed and four badly injured was the result of an **accident** on the Champaign Danville interurban near the last named city one day last week. The **car** was going rapidly around a curve when it jumped the track thus causing the disaster. No names given.

### Wednesday, 16 December 1903 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail

Word came to Dr **Harriet Day** yesterday that Miss **Carolyn Beardsley**, a valued friend who has visited here, died Monday night at her home in Chicago. Miss **Beardsley** will be remembered here as a remarkably bright and pretty girl whom it was a pleasure to meet.

Wednesday at high noon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Warran Corzine** in Stonington, occurred the marriage of Miss **Maude E Corzine** to Mr. **J W Diebert**. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **F S Artz**, pastor of the M E Church, and was witnessed by about one hundred relatives and friends of the bride and groom. (*Stonington Star*)

Tuesday evening, 22 December 1903, at six o'clock at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. **E J Cole** near Obed, Mr. **Dallas L Lichtenwalter** and Miss **Mae E Cole** will be united in marriage.

**Allen Cox**, an employee of the Pana Coal company, was caught in the screens which he was repairing and instantly killed Thursday evening. His own son was responsible for starting the engine, which caused the accident.

The will of the late **Samuel Miller** of Moweaqua was filed for probate on the 8<sup>th</sup> of December 1903. The instrument provides that the real property of the deceased which is located in Moweaqua, Illinois, and Dalhart, DaLam County, Texas, shall go to his wife, **Sarah Jane Miller**, the same and the income there from, to be hers during her lifetime. At the death of Mrs. **Miller**, these interests go to the children, **Samuel G Miller** and **Hazel Del Miller** and grandchild, **Samuel Miller Roff**, equally, except in the case of **Samuel G Miller**, whose share is \$1,000 less than the other two on accounts of other bequests. The daughters, **Agnes May Otta**, wife of **Henry Otta**, **Arabella Russel**, wife of **Everett Russel**, **Effie Frederick**, wife of **Theodore Frederick**, are to share equally among themselves, \$8,000 and the son, **Samuel G Miller**, is bequeathed the sum of \$1,000 cash. The wife, **Sarah Jane Miller** and daughter, **Agnes May Otta** are named to execute the will without bond. The instrument was made on 3 October 1903 and witnessed by **Karl R Snyder** and **A L Adams**. (*Shelbyville Union*)

The three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **R J Early**, living about three miles east of Windsor, ate strychnine tablets Sunday afternoon shortly after two o'clock with fatal results. It appears that the mother had been taking the drug upon the prescription of a

physician and left the tablets lying on a dresser within reach of the little one. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Emma Edna Scrogin** was born near Concord, Morgan Co, Illinois, on 9 November 1860, and died at her home in Flat Branch township on 12 December 1903. She was aged 43 years, 1 month and 3 days. She was married to **Wm T Culver** in 1878. Father, mother, three brothers and three sisters preceded her to the better world. She was converted and joined the Presbyterian Church two years ago. The funeral was held Monday, 14 December 1903, at Bethany Church southeast. Rev. **Patterson** officiated. Interment was at Bethany Church cemetery. She leaves a husband and two brothers, **Wm Scrogin** of Moweaqua and **John Scrogin** of Findlay and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

**Guy C Barnett**, the affable young man who each month represents Dr **Augustine** in this city as an optician, was married at Bethany last week to Miss **Grace Walker**.

**C W March** at Long Beach, California, writes, "For now a little more than twenty years, the *Mail* and *Call-Mail* has come to us here and in Los Angeles as a weekly letter from home, with only an occasional skip of number, and we do not like to miss one of our letters."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Mose Fowler**, 12 December 1903, a girl. (*Allenboro news*)

Mrs. **Wm Culver** died at her home southwest of here Saturday. Her illness was brief and an affected heart was the cause of her sudden demise. (*Pleak news*)

Miss **May Ney** was given a surprise Friday evening in honor of her sixteenth birthday. After spending the evening in playing games, light refreshments were served. All report a good time.

**Isaac Corzine** and family attended the wedding of Miss **Maude Corzine** in Stonington on Wednesday. (*Prairieton news*)

Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Bilyeu** are the proud possessors of a baby boy (*Prairieton news*)

Cards have been received by relatives here announcing the marriage of Miss **Mary Finley** to **Harley Longenbaugh** on 17 December 1903 at the home of the bride in Iowa, Louisiana.

Dr **Gregory** was called to see Mrs. **Wm Culver** who was taken sick Saturday night, but death came before the doctor could reach her. She lived in Flat Branch and was buried at Bethany cemetery on Monday afternoon. (*Obed news*)

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss **Mae Cole** and **Dallas L Lichtenwalter** on Tuesday evening, 22 December 1903, at the bride's home. (*Obed news*)

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Mae Cole** to Mr. **Lichtenwalter** on 22 December 1903. (*Yantisville news*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Bilyeu** on 11 December 1903, a son.

#### Wednesday, 23 December 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**Charlie McCarty** died very suddenly at his home northeast of town on Saturday, having been ill but a few days. Brief funeral services were held on Sunday at the grave by Rev.

**W F Stevenson**, and interment was in the cemetery north of town. **Charles Henry McCarty** was born near Concord, Morgan Co, Illinois, on 29 August 1866, and died at his home in Macon County, 19 December 1903, aged 37 years, 3 months, and 20 days.

**Ralph Halbert** of East St Louis and Miss **Mamie Tryon** of Moweaqua were married in the County courtroom by Judge **Smith** Wednesday afternoon. Mr. **Halbert** is a farmer



and lives near East St Louis. He and his wife will make their home on his farm.

*(Decatur Review)*

Monday evening at the residence of Elder **Corley**, Mr. **John Keilman** and Miss **Winnie Mathias** were united in marriage. The affair was entirely informal and came as quite a surprise to many of their friends. The groom is an energetic young farmer of Pickaway township. The bride who is a daughter of Mrs. **Ed Matthias** is a charming girl. The groom will farm Mrs. **Jackson's** land.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J T McCasland**, 16 December 1903, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Beck** on 14 December 1903, a girl.

**E Corley's** school was dismissed Monday for the funeral of **Wright Carr**. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edgar Beck**, 14 December 1903, a girl.

Rev **Will Longenbaugh** came over from Teheran to attend his father's eighty-second birthday anniversary. (Obed news) **A L Longenbach** and family attended the annual family dinner at Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh's** Thursday. (Yantisville news)

**Chas McCarty** died quite suddenly Saturday morning, 19 December 1903, having been ill only a few days. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community in their bereavement. (Allenboro news)

Mr. and Mrs. **John McGrath** attended the funeral of Mr. **McGrath's** niece near Assumption on Friday. (Allenboro news)

**George Bartemus** a young man living with his parents a short distance southwest of Sigel became lost within a mile of his home on Saturday night and froze to death. He was in Sigel during the afternoon and evening. It is asserted that he was somewhat under the influence of liquor. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Ludwig** on 17 December 1903, a son.

Last evening at the home of Mrs. **E J Cole** near Obed, her daughter, Miss **Mae Cole** was united in marriage to **Dallas L Lichtenwalter**.

### Wednesday, 30 December 1903 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*

**Hugh A Green** and **Mary H Baughman** both of Moweaqua were married by Rev. **S H Boyer** Thursday morning at his residence in Decatur. The couple was accomplished by two of the groom's sisters. (*Decatur Review*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harry Heitmeyer** on 25 December 1903, a son.

Tuesday morning of last week, at his home in Beason, Illinois, **J E McClelland**, the venerable father of **George W McClelland** of this city passed away. He was 77 years of age at the time of his death. The remains were brought to Decatur and interred at Greenwood.

Wednesday noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Smith**, near Prairie Bird, the Rev. **Jos Thomas** officiating, Mr. **Delmar Parks**, son of **Walter Parks** and Miss **May Smith** were united in marriage. The wedding is spoken of as being a very pretty one, and the young couple were the recipients of numerous beautiful and useful remembrances, the gifts of loving friends. They will go to housekeeping in the new house recently erected by the groom on his father's farm.

On Tuesday evening, 22 December 1903, at six o'clock the home of Mrs. **Josephine Cole**, one mile east of Obed, a very pleasing event took place. At the above mentioned time and place, while a wedding march was being played by Miss **Ada McKittrick**, Mr.

**Dallas L Lichtenwalter** and Miss **Ella Mae Cole** took their places beneath a beautiful arch arranged in one corner of the room. Rev. **C A Brigham** pronounced them husband and wife. The ceremony was witnessed by over one hundred invited guests and all of whom seemed anxious to congratulate the happy couple. A magnificent repast was served to which all did ample justice. A pleasant social time was enjoyed. Many beautiful and valuable presents were presented to the bride and groom, and many were heard to say when leaving for home, "This was certainly a nice wedding." Mr.

**Lichtenwalter** is a young man of good reputation, engaged in business in Chicago where he and his wife will share the joys and help each other bear the burdens of life. Miss **Cole** was born and always lived near Obed. She has hosts of friends who love her because of her cheerful spirit and noble character and regret that she is leaving Shelby County, yet wish her unbounded happiness in her new home.

From the *Call-Mail*, December 1893, ten years ago. **Life Harper** and Miss **Clara Humphrey** were married. **James H Elsum** died Wednesday, 27 December 1893, aged 64 years. **Wm C Miller** is appointed administrator of the estate of **James B Howse**. Christmas day, Miss **Mary Williams** was the recipient of a beautiful gold watch, the gift of Mrs. **Joseph Adams** as evidence of high esteem and a recognition of her untiring and devoted attention during the protracted illness of Uncle **Joe Adams**.

Born to **George Rogers** and wife on 24 December 1903, a son.

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**Wednesday, 6 January 1904 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:**

**Hiram Pogue**, a venerable citizen of Sullivan, aged 71 years, died at his home in that city, yesterday morning. He was the father of Mrs. **J E Gregory** of this city and of **John R Pogue**, of the banking firm of Gregory, Brown and Pogue – the Commercial bank. Postmaster and Mrs. **Gregory** are in Sullivan now, attending the funeral services.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gid Housh** on 1 January 1904, a boy.

From the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* of January 1894 – ten years ago. **Thomas J Graybill** died Christmas night, 1893, at his home in Shelbyville. **Hiram Rettig** and Miss **Ida Deane** were married. **Frank E Bauer** and Miss **Lizzie Otta** were married.

Allenboro news: Mr. **William Crossin** and family entertained quite a number of friends Saturday in honor of Mr. **Crossin's** 60<sup>th</sup> birthday. Refreshments were served in the evening consisting of oysters, ice cream and cake. (Allenboro news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Jesse** on 1 January 1904, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Kileman** are adjourning near Findlay, Illinois, and Mr. **Kileman** is carrying the mail on Route 3 from that place while **Gilbert Olive** is enjoying his honeymoon, having recently married Miss **Noon** of Shelbyville. (Obed news)

**W Z Richhart** writes from Jennings, Louisiana, on 26 December 1903: "Send mother's paper to Iota, mine to Morse, and brother, **B A Richhart's** to him in Jennings, Louisiana. I have also moved to Jennings, I got here just in time for Christmas dinner which caused me much happiness, but you could see Brother, **B A's** lip hang over his chin as he watched me push those good things to eat out of site. On 17 December 1903, at the home of the bride, four miles south of Crowley, occurred the marriage of Mr. **John Irving** and Miss **Florence Plyler**. Elder **Stevens** of the Christian church, in a very impressive ceremony, pronounced the words, which made them one. After congratulations, a nice supper was served. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. **Turner**, Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Irving**, Grandma **Irving**, Mr. and Mrs. **Lee Richhart**, **U T Plyler**, and **Rush Plyler**, **T Perry**, **W Z Richhart**, and others. Mrs. **Wustrow** of Iowa is here at present, visiting Mr. and Mrs. **Zabel** and other friends. Mr. **Wustrow** came with the intention of buying real estate. He is pleased with the area. With regards and a happy New Year to all old friends, I am, yours truly, **W Z Richhart**."

**Wednesday, 13 January 1904 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:**

At a late hour Monday evening of last week, **J W Evans** died at his home east of town. His demise was not unexpected. For weeks, even months, he had been gradually declining and realizing this fact, his last days were spent in arranging his business affairs. Mr. **Evans** was a kind unobtrusive gentleman and possessed many friends who have only

good words for him. He carried \$2,000 life insurance with the Fraternal Army of America. The funeral was held on Wednesday, brief funeral services being held at the grave, Rev. **E K Shultz** officiating, interment in the Masonic cemetery east of town.

**John W Evans** was born in Greensburg, Decatur Co, Indiana, on 16 December 1856 and died at his home near Moweaqua, Illinois, 4 January 1904, aged 47 years and 19 days. In 1870, he moved from Indiana to Illinois where he continued to reside till his death. On 17 March 1876, he was married to **Martha E Gordon**, who survives him. Besides his wife, he left three little girls to make the race of life without a father to guide and bless: **Bulah Evans**, age 14 years, **Edith Evans**, age 10 years, and **Mabel Evans**, age 8 years. Three children died in infancy. The mother, one brother and two sisters also survive Mr. **Evans**. He made a profession of faith in Christ in 1896 and united with the Christian Church at Pleak's Corner, and four years later moved his membership to the Moweaqua Church of like faith. He had been in failing health for several months and was fully conscious of the nearness of the end. He carefully and wisely arranged all of his business affairs and then patiently waited for the end.

After an illness of several weeks, Mrs. **Eliza Greaves**, wife of **John W Greaves**, died at her home in this city on Friday evening, 8 January 1904, at ten about ten o'clock. She had been in poor health for several months, and at times would improve, only to suffer a relapse. The end came rather unexpectedly and was a severe blow to her family and friends. Services held at the M E Church on Monday afternoon, the sanctuary being filled to overflowing. Remains of the deceased were escorted to the Church by the W. C. T. U., an organization of which she was an earnest and helpful member. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated at the services. Interment was at the north cemetery. The pallbearers being **J P Aydelott, J T Walker, J C Jacobs, J J Attebery, V Snyder, Jr.** and Mr. **Snyder, Jr.** **Eliza Ayars**, daughter of **J E** and **Margaret Ayars** was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 5 July 1836, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 8 January 1904, aged 67 years, 8 months and 5 days. While a babe, her parents removed to Pike County, Illinois, in 1837, where they resided until 1856, at which time, when Mrs. **Greaves** was a girl of 20, they removed to Moweaqua where all the remainder of her life was spent with the exception of five years in Texas and Kansas, mainly in the hope of regaining impaired health. On 4 March 1868, she was united in marriage to **John W Greaves**. Two children were born to them, a boy who died in infancy, and a daughter, now Mrs. **W F Corrington** of this city. This daughter, her husband and one brother and her grandson are the only surviving near relatives. In 1851, Mrs. **Greaves** was converted to God, accepting and confessing the Lord as her personal savior, at the same time she united with the M E Church, and for nearly 23 years she remained faithful to Christ and his church.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lee Burke**, 11 January 1904, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **Hardin Jordan** went to Boody Monday to attend the funeral of the former's brother. (Obed news)

**Charles Dailey** went to St Louis last week and returned home Friday, having in company with him a charming bride. A dinner was served at the home of the groom's mother. Several invited guests partook of the dainties and in so doing, expressed their best wishes for the future welfare of the newly wedded couple. (Pleak news)

Mr. **Samuel Jacobs** and **Lizzie Birkett** of Shelbyville were married last Wednesday evening at the home of the latter's sister. Rev. **Skinner** performed the ceremony. (Fame news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Higgins** on 3 January 1904, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W D Robbins**, 5 January 1904, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **James Vandeventer**, 31 December 1904, a girl.

**Hiram Pogue dies.** Died, Tuesday 5 January 1904, at his home in this city, **Hiram Pogue**, after a short illness. The funeral took place this morning from the residence, services being conducted by Rev. **H A Davis**, pastor of the Christian church. **Hiram Pogue** was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, 20 March 1830. He was married in March 1855, his wife's maiden name being **Rachel Hunt**. Three years afterward they moved to Illinois. They moved to Sullivan from Shelby County about four years ago. Mrs. **Pogue** survives her husband, and they have eight children living, as follows: Rosa (Mrs. **J E Gregory**) who lives in Moweaqua, Dr **G A Pogue**, of Ontario, Arizona, **C J Pogue** who lives in Shelby County, **Anna** (Mrs. **C M Powell**) and **John R Pogue** both of whom reside in Sullivan; **Carrie** (Mrs. **W G Long**) of Chicago, **U G Pogue** of Wenatchee, Washington, and **Allie** (Mrs. **O A Potter**) of Duvall, Shelby County, Illinois. Mr. **Pogue** did not have an extensive acquaintance here on account of his comparatively short residence in this city, but he was genial and kind hearted, and all those who became acquainted with him will feel the loss occasioned by his death. He was a member of the Christian Church and his life is an aspiration to deserve the name of his faith. (*Sullivan Progress*)

The nuptials of Mr. **Samuel Jacobs** and Mrs. **E L Birkett** were solemnized Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock. The ceremony took place at the home of the latter's sister, Mrs. **James Foster** on South Broadway, this city. The vows were received by Rev. **John Skinner** of Moweaqua. A supper followed the ceremony. At 8:46, Mr. and Mrs. **Jacobs** departed for Mattoon where they will remain for a short time with the former's sister. They will visit in Indianapolis and be at home to their many friends on Mr. **Jacob's** farm near Moweaqua about the 15<sup>th</sup>. This is the second marriage for each of the parties. The bride is well known in Shelbyville, having lived here since the death of her former husband a number of years ago. She formerly lived in Todd's Point township. She is quite well-to-do. The groom is a prosperous and highly respected farmer, living four miles south of Moweaqua. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Wednesday, 20 January 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**Mathew Mahar** of Assumption was found Thursday morning frozen to death in a ditch just south of town between Ellrich's and Fame church. The body was discovered by Mr. and Mrs. **Charley Nye**, who at once secured aid and removed it to the parsonage, and then notified Coroner **Horn** at Shelbyville. **Maher** had been in Moweaqua the day before, and it is alleged that he had been drinking heavily. It is said that the team he drove returned to Assumption in the night, minus a driver. Thursday evening the remains were removed to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Mahar**, where an inquest was held, and a verdict rendered that the deceased came to his death by exposure. **Mahar** was about 37 years old and was unmarried. The funeral took place on Friday from the home of his parents near Assumption, and the remains were interred in St Mary's cemetery.



The charivari crowd made its appearance at Mr. **Sam Jacobs'** on Saturday night. They were well treated. (Fame news)

**Adam Ellrich** was called to Macon on Wednesday by the death of his cousin, Mrs. **Frank Ellrich**. (Fame news)

Rev **Hamilton** who assisted in revival meetings here received a telegram from his home at Owaneco stating that his wife had been stricken with paralysis. He went at once and Mrs. **Hamilton** died on Wednesday morning. The funeral was held at the home on Thursday. The deceased formerly lived here and has a wide circle of true friends, who regret to hear of her death. The bereaved husband has the sympathy of the community. Mrs. **Mary A McCarty**, Administratrix of the estate of **Charles McCarty** deceased, will have a public sale on Friday, 29 January 1904, at her home near Allenboro.

**Wednesday, 27 January 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Wednesday last at the ripe old age of over four score years, Grandma **Elizabeth Bilyeu**, widow of **George M Bilyeu**, passed into immortality at the home of her son, **Jacob Bilyeu** in Prairieton, Christian County. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Friday at one o'clock. Elder **W S Herman** of Bethany officiating, the interment was in the Hays cemetery. **Elizabeth Workman** was born in Kentucky on 7 June 1823 and came to Illinois when she was six years old. She was married to **George M Bilyeu** in 1840, and to this union, twelve children were born – six sons and six daughters. Three sons and three daughters survive her, two of the sons living in Oklahoma. She has been a resident of Christian County for 50 years. She had between fifty-five and sixty-grandchildren, and twenty-five great-grandchildren. She united with the Christian Church in 1860, and all the children became members of that Church except one that died in infancy. At her death, she was aged 80 years, 7 months and 13 days. Today, Wednesday, 17 January 1904, at high noon, in the city of Bloomington, at the residence of the bride's parents, **Joseph Duncan, Jr.** and Miss **Mary E Ford** will be united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Duncan** are expected home this evening, and they will go at once to housekeeping in the pretty home just completed and newly furnished by the groom on his farm southeast of town.

**Ora Osborn**, who was so badly injured at the shaft about two weeks ago, died at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Osborn** in this city on Saturday at about one o'clock. The direct cause of his demise being blood poison. Adverse developments in the condition of **Ora Osborn's** limb necessitated its amputation, which was done Thursday afternoon by Dr **Barnes** of Decatur, assisted by Drs **Sparling, Bruner** and **Pratz**. It seems that the tissues and arteries in the limb had been so badly bruised and crushed in the accident that it was impossible to secure proper circulation below the fracture, therefore, the amputation was made near the thigh bone, but meanwhile, blood poison had so thoroughly impregnated his entire system that his condition was considered hopeless. Young **Osborn** was about 23 years of age and unmarried. He was well liked and popular among his associates. His death cast a spell of gloom and sadness throughout the community. The remains were taken to Assumption on Saturday night for interment.

**Jesse C Jacobs** and Miss **Malinda Jaine Porter**, both of Prairieton township, were married Friday, 15 January 1904, at the home of the bride, 'Squire **Simpson** officiating. (Taylorville Courier)

Taken from the Call-Mail ten years ago, January 1894: **Thomas J Tolly**, age about 24 years, died on 21 January 1894. Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Ruffner** celebrated their silver wedding on 19 January 1894. Miss **Tillie Ludwig** died at the home of her father, **P P Ludwig** on 23 January 1894. **Frank Daughtry** and Mrs. **Eliza Frampton** were married by Rev. **Jos Thomas** on 20 January 1894.

Grandma **Bilyeu** died Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock and was buried Friday at the Jacobs' cemetery. (Prairieton news)

Prairieton news: **Sumner Burdick** lost one of their children with scarlet fever.

Mr. **Clayton Kelly** of Assumption and Miss **Ada Hott** were married Saturday in Decatur. (Fame news)

**Addie Osborn** attended the wedding of Miss **Florence Pouder** and Mr. **Wm Ridge** of Assumption last Wednesday.

An **unknown man** was found dead on the outskirts of a small Kansas town recently. A revolver and \$100 in cash were on his person. The coroner held an inquest and took \$75 to defray expenses and bury the body. The police judge fined the corpse \$25 for carrying a concealed weapon and confiscated the gun. The local newspaper, which published the obituary, got --- nothing.

Wednesday, 3 February 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A telephone message from Springfield yesterday morning announced the death of **Henry A Tunstall** at his home in that city. Mr. **Tunstall** lived here many years. He was a brother-in-law of **C Shroll** and an uncle of **Frank Stewart**.

**S E Warrick** writes from his home in Pipestone, Minnesota, letter dated 27 January 1904, states it is pretty cold now, ranging from 25 to 33 degrees below zero. Speaks of his threshing machines, stating his threshing began about the first of August 1903 and commenced on 18 January 1904. There was a great deal of straw, the machines generally quiet the middle of November to 1 December, leaving us full sweep as long as we were willing to stay. Announces his son, **Charles'** wedding, which occurred on 18 November 1903. The article reads: "United for life. Thursday morning, 18 November 1903, at ten o'clock at the residence of Rev. Father **Mangan** of St Leo's Catholic Church, **Chas H Warrick** and Miss **Laura Danneker** were made man and wife. The ceremony was performed by Father **Mangan** in the presence of a few relatives and friends of the contracting parties. The newly married couple and guests at once drove to the home of the bride's father, **John Danneker** in Grange township where a wedding dinner was served. Mr. **Warrick** has for several years been associated with his father, **S E Warrick** in the machine business and is recognized by all his acquaintances as a young man of integrity and industry. The bride, having graduated from the high school of this city, is well known here and is regarded as a young lady of excellent qualities. The *Leader* joins the friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Warrick** in wishing them a life of happiness. The newly wedded pair will at once begin housekeeping on a farm six miles north of this city.

(*Leader, Pipestone, Minnesota*)

The household effects of the late Mrs. **W H Miller**, deceased, will be sold at public sale on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the late residence in the north part of town.

From the pages of the Call-Mail, ten years ago, Feb 1894: **Clara L Walker** and **J F VanGundy** both of Macon were married 7 February 1894. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **M E Harper**, 6 February 1894.

**Allen Woodard**, a contracting carpenter, was accidentally killed at Bloomington by **Edward Maher**, a bartender. **George Kistner** assaulted **Maher** with bricks. **Maher** fired two shots, one striking **Kistner** in the arm, and the other penetrating the heart of **Woodard**, who was passing.

Prairie Home news: **Jack and Allie Robinson** attended the funeral of their nephew in Mode on Saturday.

The itemizer wishes to correct a mistake made by himself last week in regard to the burial place of Grandma **Bilyeu**. She was buried in the Hays cemetery, instead of the Jacobs cemetery as reported. (Prairieton news)

The grim monster, 'death', has again entered our community and has taken for its victim, Mrs. **Mattie Moore**, wife of **Oscar Moore**. She leaves a husband and three children, one of which is an infant and not expected to live but a short time. The bereaved family has the sympathy of the whole community. The funeral occurred at the residence at eleven o'clock on Sunday, conducted by Rev. **Burks** of Stonington, after which the interment took place at the Bilyeu cemetery. (Prairieton news)

The infant child of **Oscar Moore** died on Sunday night. The funeral was held at the residence on Tuesday morning at eleven o'clock. Burial was in the Bilyeu cemetery. The infant's mother, Mrs. **Mattie Moore** died shortly after the child's birth. (Prairieton news) A surprise dinner was served at the home of **J H Bryson** on Saturday at Pleak, the occasion being Mr. **Bryson's** birthday.

Newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. **Clayton Kelly** were charivariated last Tuesday evening. The boys were given at fine treat. (Fame news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E S Brown**, 25 January 1904, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J W Adams** on Tuesday, 26 January 1904, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W C Friend**, a boy, weight 12 ½ pounds (*No date given*)

#### Wednesday, 10 February 1904 issue. Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Thursday afternoon at two o'clock, at the parsonage of the German Methodist Church in Decatur, Rev. **Ross** officiating, Mr. **P G Hoffman** and Miss **Julia A Suppes** were united in marriage. **Phillip** is a practical farmer that everybody knows and everybody likes. The bride is the daughter of **John Suppes, Sr.** and a highly estimable girl. They will make their home in Moweaqua just as soon as they can secure a house.

Thursday morning in the County court room at Decatur, Judge **Smith** officiating, **John O Boyer** and Miss **Dollie M Webb**, were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of **John W Webb**, west, and a most estimable girl, and the groom is the son of **John Boyer**, south, a hard working young farmer.

The following item is clipped from the *Albany, Oregon, Herald*: Born on Friday morning, 29 January 1904, to the wife of **L L Walker**, west of Calapooia Bridge, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Catlin** at Assumption on the 8<sup>th</sup> of Feb'y 1904, a boy.

**Sam Miller**, one of the miners who assisted in sinking the Century coal shaft at Tower Hill almost from the start and known to many of that place, was killed at Harrisburg, Illinois, on Friday night. He was coming out of the hole in the bucket, holding a ladder in one hand. The ladder caught on some obstruction causing the bucket to tipple over, and **Miller** fell to the bottom, fifty feet below. Injuries sustained caused his death in about 3 hours.

*Ten years ago --- from the Call-Mail, February 1894:* The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **John Manley** died. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ruffner Berry**, 7 February 1894. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Elmers**, 31 January 1904.

Masters **Harley Sloan** and **Ernest Smock** were guests of Miss **Bessie Townsend** on Friday, it being her fourth birthday. (Obed news)

**John Boyer** and Miss **Dollie Webb** were married in Decatur on Thursday. (Prairieton news)

Pleak news: At the U B parsonage near Obed, on Wednesday of last week, occurred the marriage of **B S Denton** and **Pearl Housh**, both of this place. The precious words, which united the couple into the holy bonds on matrimony were spoken by Rev. **C A Brigham** of the Locust Grove church. Mr. and Mrs. **Denton** will, in the near future, reside on a farm near Owaneco, Illinois.

The first instance of young women exercising the leap year prerogatives in this locality was on Monday afternoon when Miss **Maude Safford** of Mattoon and **Mary Johnson** of Arcola applied to the County clerk for marriage licenses. Miss **Safford** is 19 years old and Miss **Johnson** 18 years of age. The young men in the case were **Jerome Pedigo** of Mattoon and **Claud Bradford** of Oakland. The licenses were issued but no return has been made on them yet to indicate whether they were used.

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss **Louise Michael** to Mr. **James A Longworth**, which will take place at St Mary's Catholic Church at six o'clock PM, Wednesday, 10 February 1904. (*Assumption Tribune*) The bride is the sister of Mrs. **E W Ponting** of this city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Novak**, 4 February 1904, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred C Corkins**, 4 February 1904, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Sabert Hayes**, 7 February 1904, a boy.

**Martin Zemamio**, a coal miner aged about 40 years of age, committed suicide at Assumption Wednesday afternoon by hanging himself. He tied a rope to a rafter in his house, stood on a chair and slipped his head through the noose in the rope and then kicked the chair from under him. He had first driven his two children, one aged 6 and the other aged 4 years, from the room. They played around in another part of the house while the father was making preparations for ending his life. About two months ago he tried to blow his head off with dynamite. He placed a stick of dynamite in his mouth, but his nerve failed, and he tried to get it away before the explosion occurred. He was a moment too late -- half his left arm was blown off at the elbow and his left eye was put out. He had not yet recovered when he made the final successful attempt at taking his life. (*Note: In November 1903, the tragic dynamite explosion occurred, badly mutilating this man. His name given at that time was 'Vinzio Martin', a coal miner of Assumption. Since I cannot verify which is the correct name, I have also provided the name given at the time of the dynamite explosion.*)

Thursday evening of last week, **C E Moore** was given a leap year surprise party at his home west of town, the occasion being his 28<sup>th</sup> birthday. The evening was spent very pleasantly with games and dancing, after which light refreshments were served and then Mr. **Moore** was the recipient of a very handsome rocking chair. Present were Misses **Della Barnett**, **Mamie** and **Gertie Workman**, **Lizzie Marshall**, **Maud Pierce**, **Salina Adams**, Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Deam**, **Grace Berry** of Taylorville, Mrs. **O J Austin** of Pana, Mr. and Mrs. **Ira Haverfield** of Assumption, Messers **Joe Julian** of Blue Mound,

**Wallace Gorden, Frank and Roy Moore, Dud Barnett, Will and Elmer Traugher, Isaac Bilyeu, John Siphers, John Waters, Jim Marshall, Mr. Atkinson and others.**

**Wednesday, 17 February 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Invitations have been issued by Mr. and Mrs. **P P Ludwig** for the marriage of their daughter, **Amelia Ludwig** to Mr. **Henry E Brink**. The ceremony will be performed at five thirty o'clock on Thursday evening, 25 Feb'y 1904 at *Evergreen Lawn*, the beautiful country home of the Ludwig family.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred Dotson**, west of town, Miss **Mae Z Dotson** and **Henry E Redding** were united in marriage, Rev. **Shultz** of this city officiating. The young people are well and favorably known in this city where they have many friends. They will visit relatives at Macon for a few weeks and then make their home on the **Shefler** farm near Prairie Home.

**H W Whipple** of this county dropped dead from heart disease on the farm of **Harvey Edwards**, about two miles northwest of Tower Hill, a few minutes before five o'clock Friday evening. His death came as a surprise and a shock to his many friends in this vicinity. The young man was 25 years of age and unmarried.

Senator **Marcus A Hanna** of Ohio died at 6:40 o'clock Monday evening at the Arlington Hotel, Washington, DC. He was a popular public man, and his death has cast a shadow of gloom throughout the entire country. He will be buried Thursday at Cleveland, Ohio, his home.

**Amanda Jane Ross** was born near Springfield, Ohio, 25 August 1831. She died in Champaign, Illinois, on 8 February 1904. She was united in marriage with **Isaac Frazee** on 20 December 1848, who preceded her to the better world on 15 April 1865. To this union were born seven children, all living but one. She was married to **Joseph Johnson** in 1868, who died in 1872. To them were born two children who died in infancy. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren, two great grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters. She was happily converted and united with the M E Church in 1858, and lived an earnest Christian life and died rejoicing in the hope of the Lord. The funeral was held at Macon on 10 February 1904. **Albert J Frazee** of Kansas City, **Charles Frazee** of Eagle Grove, Iowa, and Mrs. **Dora Biddle** of Champaign, were here last week, the guests of their brother, **Oscar Frazee**, called by the death of their mother, Mrs. **Amanda Johnson**, who died at Champaign and was buried at Macon on Wednesday.

A pleasant surprise was arranged by the brothers and sisters of Miss **Nellie Housh** and was brought into execution Saturday evening, 13 February 1904, in favor of Miss **Nelle's** birthday, which event is celebrated each Valentine's Day. Quite a number of invited guests arrived at Mr. **Housh's** home during **Nelle's** absence and upon her return she was captivated by the sequence. The evening was spent pleasantly in games and social conversation. Present were: Misses **Nora and Emma McDonald, Ethel and Edith Thomas, Katie Pontius, Bertha Giles, Alta Gregory, Lola Primmer, Berd and Essa Armstrong, Effie Adcock, Dessie Coultas, Pearl Standley, Zadie Moll, Mora Merryman, Ida Casey, Maggie Syfert, Nelle Bridgman, Nelle, Lelle, and Jessie Housh, Mesdames C B Friedley, G W Goodwin, Gid Housh, and J M Housh, Messrs Manuel, Mart and Roy Merryman, Bert and Eddie Adcock, Leonard and Clescent Coultas, John and Willie Workman, Amos and Harlo Burgener, Ed and Ora Thomas, Sam Birkett, Ray Gregory, Earl and Gid Housh, Erven Primmer, Art**

**Scheller, Charley Casey, George Goodwin, Roy Syfert, Homer Pinkston, Ben Standley, John Washam, Ross Jordan, Orville Brooks, Stanley Pontius, Clarence Campbell, Raymond Syfert, and A F Pinkston.**

Born to **Charles Wikowsky** and wife on Sunday, 7 February 1904, a daughter.  
(Yantisville news)

Mr. and Mrs. **E Wayne Ponting** and Mr. **Everette Ponting** were guests at the **Longworth-Michael** wedding in Assumption last Wednesday evening.

**Wednesday, 24 February 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Sunday afternoon, 21 February 1904, at the Methodist parsonage in this city, Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating, Mr. **Clyde Hight** and Miss **Alta G Adams** were united in marriage. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J Wheeler Adams** and a lovely girl. Though quiet and unobtrusive in her manner, she is an intensely practical and capable girl that holds the admiration and high esteem of a host of friends. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Robert Hight** of Macon township and has the name of being a splendid young man, fully capable of taking 'for better or worse', the girl of his choice and well caring for her. Mr. and Mrs. **Hight** will make their home upon the **Robert Hight** farm.

*From the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, ten years ago, February 1894:* **Walter Humphrey Jr.** and Miss **Debbie E Thomas** were united in marriage. Thursday, 15 February 1894, **John Hartman** and Miss **Martha Calvin** were married. Thursday, 22 February 1894, **Henry Wempfen** and Miss **Southworth** were united in marriage.

Allenboro news: Mrs. **A Wells** returned home from Ohio last Tuesday where she had been in attendance at the funeral of her sister. (Allenboro news)

Thursday evening at 5 o'clock, Mr. **H Brink** and Miss **Amelia Ludwig** will be married at the home of **P P Ludwig**. (Salem news)

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wheatley** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Chas Clark** in Assumption on Sunday. (Fame news)

**W G Colbert** received a telegram last week announcing the death of his grandfather, **George V Colbert**, who died at Neoga on Wednesday, aged 88 years. Mr. **Colbert** went down to the funeral the following day.

From Kentucky comes the story of a 'human bird', in name, at least. She was a Mrs. **Martin**, one of the best known Bourbon County families, and recently made her fourth matrimonial venture. She first married **Robert Crow**. He died and she married **John Sparrow**. She and Mr. **Sparrow** did not agree and a divorce was found advisable. Mrs. **Sparrow** became Mrs. **William Robin**, but again a divorce was found advisable. After a year of lonely life she has become Mrs. **David Buzzard**. She has two **Crows**, one **Sparrow**, one **Robin** and a **Buzzard** at home. She says she prefers birds for business. At the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **B H Geautreaux** of Abbeville, Louisiana, on last Monday, at high noon, occurred the marriage of their daughter, **Laurena Geautreaux** to Mr. **Henry J Lutgring**, formerly of Shelby County, Illinois. The wedding was largely attended by relatives and friends of the family, and after the ceremony, a banquet was given which was a grand affair. The bride and groom left in the evening for a trip to Mardi Gras after which they will return to Abbeville and make their future home. The bride is one of Louisiana's fairest young ladies and is quite well known in Jennings having visited here last summer. The groom is a prosperous and energetic

businessman and has a host of friends in this city who wish him a life of happiness.

(*Jennings, Louisiana newspaper*)

The following item taken from the *Decatur Review* of Sunday, relates to Mrs. **S R Bacon** of Taylorville, a dear old lady who has a host of friends in Moweaqua. "One of the pioneer school teachers in Illinois is Mrs. **S R Bacon** of Taylorville. She began her career in 1863 in Moweaqua and taught in the public schools and privately there for about twenty years. Many of the older residents of that thriving city can well remember how they gathered about her knee or circled around the chart to learn their a, b, c's. Quite a number of the now prosperous business men and women of both Moweaqua and Taylorville, and just a few in Decatur, 'toed the mark' in the old spelling class in her school and they 'toed' it too, for her school was no half way affair! Sly indeed was the urchin who committed any misdeed unseen by her and some of us imagined she had eyes in the back of her head. She has taught successfully in Will, LaSalle, Grundy, Cook and Shelby counties. Mrs. **Bacon** has not taught since 1886, but still keeps pace with the times and knows better than half the men, what the great world is doing. Mrs. **S R Bacon** was born in Chenango County, New York, in 1830. She was married to **Thomas Johnson** in 1848 and came to Illinois in 1855. They settled in the northern part of the state, which then was not the populous County it is today. In 1862, Mr. and Mrs. **Johnson** removed to Moweaqua where Mr. **Johnson** practiced law and also taught school. Mr. **Johnson** died early in the 1870s and several years later, Mrs. **Johnson** married Dr **Bacon** with whom she is not now living. She came to Taylorville to live in 1898, that she might, in her declining years, be near her daughter, Mrs. **R I Smith**, the wife of a prosperous grocer here."

Wednesday, 2 March 1904 issue, *Moweaqua Call-Mail*:

Little **Hester Hudson**, aged nine years, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thos Hudson, Jr.**, Sunday evening just before seven o'clock. She had been very ill for about six weeks with internal rheumatism. She was a dear sweet little girl and her death is a severe shock to the family. The funeral services were held yesterday morning at the family residence, Rev. **Stevenson** officiating, and the little darling was laid to rest in the north cemetery.

Wednesday of last week, **Wilbur Workman** and Miss **Lillie Robinson**, both of Prairieton, were married in Decatur, Judge **Smith** of the County court officiating. The groom is the son of **J B Workman** and the bride a niece of **Andrew Robinson**, who has been making her home with the **Jacob Bilyeu** family. They are estimable young people with many friends who wish them well.

On Thursday evening, 25 February 1904, at 5:30 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **P P Ludwig**, occurred the marriage of their daughter, **Amelia**, to Mr. **Henry E Brink** of Nashville, Illinois. The affair was one of the brilliant social events of the season. (*Description of the parlor, bells and flowers, and decorations in the dining area; not copied in this book.*) Miss **Lida Ludwig**, the bride's niece performed an exquisite rendition of the Lohengrin, which heralded the approach of the bridal party, who were met under the bridal bell by Rev. **W P Ludwig**, assisted by the Revs.

**Theodore** and **A F Ludwig**. The solemnly impressive ceremony of the ME ritual was used, joining them in holy wedlock as husband and wife. The bride was gowned in a lovely dress of white, carrying a bouquet of carnations and ferns. The groom was dressed



in the conventional black. There were fifty guests, who after congratulations, repaired at once to the dining room, set with elegant tables and where a sumptuous supper was indulged in, followed by generous toasts to the health and happiness of the bride and groom. The evening was delightfully spent with music, games and social intercourse. Guests present from a distance were Rev. and Mrs. **W P Ludwig** and family, Victor, Iowa, Rev. and Mrs. **A F Ludwig**, Nokomis; Mr. **Julius** and Miss **Lydia Brink**, Nashville; Messrs **John, George**, and Miss **Lizzie Hoewing**, and Mrs. **W Shroll**, Decatur. The bride has been a life long resident of Flat Branch township, and is well and favorably known here and has many friends who join in wishing her a happy and prosperous life in her new relations. Mr. **Brink** is well known in this community as a young man of sterling qualities, an earnest and practical young farmer. The bride and groom left Saturday morning for Nashville, Illinois, on an extended visit among relatives. After March 20<sup>th</sup>, they will be at home to their friends at *Evergreen Lawn*.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Mike Walters**, 29 February 1904, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas I Ahl** very pleasantly observed the first anniversary of their marriage, Thursday evening, by inviting a few friends out to their lovely country home to spend the evening. A royal welcome and general good time is reported by those present. **J. W. H. Chapman**, a well-known bachelor of Prairieton township, aged 48 years, was married several days ago to a Rochester, New York, lady in that city. He and his bride are enjoying a wedding trip before locating in Prairieton township. The groom is a son of **A B Chapman**, a pioneer citizen and very wealthy man.

Ten years ago, from the files of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, March 1894: Mrs. **Wm McBurney** died near Prairie Home on 23 February 1894. She was the oldest daughter of Col **J H Laughlin**. Arrangements are being made to settle up the estate of **Dudley G Watson**, deceased.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Weakley**, 22 February 1904, a daughter.

**Sylvester Clem**, an aged resident of Assumption, died 21 February 1904. The remains were brought to Locust Grove the following day for burial beside his wife who died many years ago.

**Lon Tolly** and Miss **Ora Shride** were married at Shelbyville, Wednesday. They will go to housekeeping on **Pearl Klar's** farm. **Pearl** has moved to Owaneco. (Yantisville news) Prairieton news: **Wib Workman** and Miss **Lillie Robison** both of Prairieton were married in Decatur on Wednesday.

Eighty-three years ago our good friend **Frederic Bohl** started in business for himself and last night celebrated his eighty-third anniversary of the event. Mr. **Bohl** came to Peoria in 1848, and with the exception of about six years residence in California, has lived here. He is in the full enjoyment of excellent health and his ability to entertain in telling his past experiences is marvelous for a man of his age. He remarked last night that if his good wife and children keep on loving and petting him as they have been, that it is his greatest desire to live to see the one hundredth anniversary of his birth. We congratulate him and wish him many happy returns of the day. (*Peoria Star*).

Allenboro news: Mr. **Clyde Hight** and bride spent several days visiting relatives in Decatur last week and are now at home to their friends on the **R Hight** farm.

**Wm T C Ponting** and Miss **Anna M Slater**, both of Stonington, were married Tuesday evening, 23 February 1904 at the home of the bride.

**Wednesday, 9 March 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

The numerous **Days** assembled in happy convention Sunday at the home of **H F Day** to observe the passing of that gentleman's sixty-ninth birthday. A bountiful dinner was served in which many **Days** aggregating in numbers to weeks, joyously participated. A pretty feature of the event was the burning of sixty-nine candles representing the milestones in life's journey which venerable Grandpa **Day** has passed.

The three-month old baby of Mr. and Mrs. **Orvil Sanner** died Sunday night with croup. (Prairie Home news)

**E Stombaugh Sr.** is reported at the point of death at his home near Walker.

*Ten years ago, from the Moweaqua Call-Mail, March 1894:* **Edw Deitz** died 7 March 1894 at the home of his father-in-law, **Tillman Weakley**. **A L Brougher** and Miss **Ollie Casey** were married in Decatur.

Pleak news: Born on 5 March 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. **J M Reynolds**, a girl. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Last week in the probate court of Champaign County, **Oscar Frazee** was appointed administrator of the estate of his mother, Mrs. **Amanda Johnson**, deceased.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Jerry Reynolds** at Pleak, 4 March 1904, a girl.

Miss **Mary C Day** came down from Chicago to enjoy the observance of her father's sixty-ninth birthday.

Tuesday afternoon at his office in the court house, Judge **Righter** received the nuptial vows of Mr. **Frank Langdon** and Miss **Bessie Adams**. The contracting parties are both residents of Herrick, and are well and favorable known throughout southwestern Shelby County. Mr. Langdon is, perhaps, better known as a base ball player, having been connected with a number of first class ball teams. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Will J Davis**, owner of the Iroquois theater at Chicago in which 700 lives were lost by burning, has been indicted for manslaughter. He has been released under a \$10,000 bond for his appearance at trial.

**Wednesday, 16 March 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Miss **Ethel Courtright**, the eleven year old daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. **C M Courtright** has been kindly remembered by **Wesley Hawley**, who is now serving a sentence in the Chester Penitentiary for the murder of Policeman **Martin** in Moweaqua last year. As a token of esteem and in appreciation of the young lady's kindness to him during his confinement in the County jail, previous to his trial, **Hawley** sent her a handsomely finished, small trunk, the work of the convicts in the Chester institution. The gift was accompanied by a well-written letter. **Hawley** is employed in the prison store-room. (*Shelbyville Union*.)

Yesterday noon, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **M C Wolfe**, the officiating clergyman being Elder **Levi Corley**, Miss **Mable Wolfe**, and Mr. **Allie Burgener** were united in marriage. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Burgener**, south.

The venerable **E Stombaugh** died at his home east of Walker on Sunday afternoon, after a lingering illness of several months, his age being 70 years, 4 months and 5 days. The funeral was held yesterday morning from the family residence and the interment was at the north I. O. O. F. cemetery.

**H E Travis** has recently received a letter from **John W Reighley**, saying that Wednesday last, **John** was married to Miss **Mattie Henderson**, a Tennessee girl. Mr. **Reighley** has many friends here who unite in extending congratulations.

Not content with absorbing the *Assumption News* and *Pana News*, Mr. **Carlton Hodge**, editor of the *Assumption Tribune*, now 'absorbs' by marriage, a lovely girl in the person of Miss **Maude Miller**. The ceremony was performed in Decatur on Sunday. The *Call-Mail* trusts that in this merger of holy vows and happy hearts, Brother **Hodge** will reach the zenith of happiness in domestic felicity and business prosperity.

**Thos Worley**, editor and publisher of the *Findlay Enterprise*, died at his home in Findlay at three o'clock Wednesday morning after an illness extending over several weeks.

Death was due to lung fever. Two weeks ago the patient, it was thought, would recover, he having almost miraculously emerged from a crisis that came near taking him off. The hopes of the family went down again Sunday, however, when he suffered another relapse. From that time until his death, the physicians held out no hopes that he would pull through. He was of large, robust physique, and the fight he made for life was such as would be expected from him. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Local news from the Call-Mail of ten years ago, Call Mail of March 1894: **George Hoover** was found dead in bed at his home on the **Zealy Snell** place.

Sunday, 13 March 1904, being the seventy-seventh birthday of Mrs. **Sarah Stump** the annual family reunion was held. About forty-five relatives and friends were present.

(Obed news)

Rev **W P Ludwig** and family, who have attended the wedding of Miss **Amelia Ludwig** and **Henry Brink** and visiting home folks, will return to Victor, Iowa, this week.

After a lingering illness of several months, **David McColm** died at his home in Lakefield on Tuesday morning, 1 March 1904, at the age of 68 years. **David McColm** was born in Adams County, Ohio, 30 June 1836. On 6 April 1861 he was married to Miss **Mary Rollins**, also of Adams County, and to them were born six sons and two daughters. One of the girls died in infancy, the other, Miss **Alice Lillian McColm**, preceding her father by only a few months. Mr. **McColm** was a soldier in the war of the rebellion, serving for eight months in the 129<sup>th</sup> Ohio Infantry. It is fitting that brother veterans should convey the body of their departed comrade to its last resting place tomorrow. In 1836, Mr. **McColm** moved with his family to Illinois, and was a resident of Shelby County for twenty-six years. Ten years ago this month they came to Jackson County where they resided on a farm near Lakefield for several years before coming to town to live. For a good many years, in fact, since his discharge from the army, the deceased was in very poor health, and death came perhaps as a relief from the bondage of suffering. The funeral services will be held at the Presbyterian Church tomorrow and the body will be interred beside the daughter in the Lakefield cemetery. (*Lakefield Herald, Lakefield, Minnesota*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Walters** on 13 March 1904, a boy. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Eversoll** on 9 March 1904, a boy. (Fame news)

Wednesday morning at 8:20 o'clock, the death angel found its way into a Holland township home and claimed Mrs. **Clark Summers** as its victim. Her death followed childbirth. The little one died with its mother. Mrs. **Summers** was the wife of **Clark Summers**, a well-do-do farmer, to whom she was married twelve years ago. Our sympathies are extended to Mr. **Summers**.

**Wednesday, 23 March 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**E W Harper** died at his residence northeast of town at 8:40 o'clock on Sunday morning. He had been more or less of an invalid, gradually declining for nearly a year, and within the last six months, heart trouble and dropsy developed which finally resulted in death. Mr. **Harper** was widely known and highly respected and in his demise the community at large loses a most excellent citizen. His age was 68 years, 7 months and 6 days. The funeral services were held yesterday morning from the M E Church. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated. Despite the inclement weather, the attendance was large. The remains were laid to rest in the north cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **A J Syfert** on 17 March 1904, a daughter.

**John W Reighley** and his bride are here, the guests of his mother.

**Nora Craig** filed a suit for divorce from her husband, **Earl Craig**, in the circuit clerk's office on Saturday.

**Walter Denton** of Flat Branch township and Miss **Jane Hays** of Oconee, were united in marriage on Wednesday, 16 March 1904, in Rural township by Justice of the Peace **Charles Francis**. They will make their home on the **Grimes farm** in Flat Branch.

**Elijah Stombaugh** was born near Sand Ridge, Christian County, Illinois, 9 November 1833, and died at his home in Macon County, 13 March 1904. He was aged 70 years, 4 months and 4 days. When very young he moved to Shelby County near Moweaqua and later to Macon County where he continued to reside till the time of his death. In 1859 he was married to **Nancy Jane Bales**. To them was born three sons, **E T Stombaugh**, **J W** and **D H Stombaugh**. Mrs. **Stombaugh** and the three sons survive Mr. **Stombaugh**. Besides these there are seven grandchildren. The three sons are all prominent farmers of Macon County. Mr. **Stombaugh** was the last to go of his immediate family. Mr. **Stombaugh** had been in delicate health for about forty years, and during the past two years he was confined most of the time to the house, and much of the time had to keep his bed. During his illness he suffered much but was patient and long suffering. Last October and again shortly before he died, he expressed himself as being ready for the summons to go hence.

*Local items taken from the Call-Mail for March 1894, ten years ago:* **W G Colbert** and Miss **Lottie Housh** were married by Esq. **Donnel** on 28 March 1894.

Tuesday, 15 March 1904 at high noon, **Alfred Burgener** and Miss **Mae Wolfe** were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **M C Wolfe**. Rev. **Levi Corley** performed the ceremony in the presence of about 40 invited guests, relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties. The attendants were Mr. **Roy Wolfe** and Miss **Maude Pontius**. The wedding march, Mendelssohn, was executed by **G H Rarick**. After congratulations the happy couple led the way to the dining room where an elegant wedding feast was spread to which all did ample justice. After which the guests enjoyed some good music by **G H Rarick**, **Harlow Burgener** and **Charley Scheller**. The happy couple begin their new life under most favorable circumstances. Both are highly respected. The groom is a prosperous young farmer, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Burgener**, is a worthy young man of good business qualifications and no bad habits. The bride is the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Wolfe**, and is a prepossessing young lady who had endeared herself to hosts of friends and will make the young man a most excellent wife. She was robed in a beautiful gown of blue with white silk trimmings. The lady attendant was dressed in blue with white silk trimmings. The

gentlemen wore the conventional black and all looked well and attractive. They were the recipients of many useful and nice presents.

Elder **L Corley** officiated at the **Burgener-Wolfe** wedding and says he ate so much that he was hardly able to get around for a couple of days. (Yantisville news)

**Wm Trainor** and wife are the proud parents of a baby boy. Mrs. **Trainor** is being cared for at the home of her mother, Mrs. **Giles**. (Yantisville news)

Mr. **Renfro**, northeast, was buried in the Long Grove Cemetery on Thursday. (Allenboro news)

About fifty of our people surprised **P G Ludwig** Saturday. It was given in honor of his forty-sixth birthday. Rev. **Irwin** of Moweaqua was among those present. After eating a sumptuous dinner, which was prepared by the neighbors, Rev. **Skinner** made a short talk in which he said that the people had asked him to present to Mr. **Ludwig**, a beautiful arm chair which they had purchased for him for his faithful work among them.

**Robert Leeland**, an actor and writer of several melodramas, was found dead Sunday in his room in a lodging home on Columbia Street, Detroit. He had committed suicide by stuffing up every crack and crevice in the room and then turning on the gas. **Leeland** who was 30 years of age, is said by one of his friends to be the son of a wealthy banker in Salt Lake City, Utah, named **Smedley**.

The funerals of several persons who have recently died at Mt Carmel, Illinois, might not be delayed, Miss **Jordon**, the young and pretty daughter of the sexton, who is ill, with pick and shovel, has gone to the cemetery and made the necessary excavations. Her work is, in every respect, creditable and at her earnest entreaty she has been permitted to perform the duties of sexton until her father, who has held the position for many years, has recovered. Miss **Jordon** is a graduate of the high school, is a vocalist, and possesses marked elocutionary ability.

#### Wednesday, 30 March 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

A few relatives and intimate friends assembled at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell** Saturday evening to congratulate them upon the fifty-first anniversary of their marriage.

A lovely souvenir of the occasion was presented by Rev. **Shultz**, and a very handsome rocker was the gift of loving friends. Mrs. **Karl Snyder** and Mrs. **Frank Snell** had arranged a bountiful supper, and the affair as a whole was thoroughly enjoyable.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L O Hilvety** on 27 March 1904, a son.

Mrs. **Henry Marshall** received a telegram last week announcing the death of **Harrison Jones**, a brother-in-law residing near Windsor. Mrs. **Marshall** and little daughter went to Windsor on Saturday to attend the funeral.

**John Richardson** died at the home of his sister, Mrs. **H C Tanner** in this city on Tuesday, 22 March 1904, aged about 59 years. He has been in a feeble condition for many months, declining rapidly the last few weeks. He was a veteran of the Civil War in which it is said he served with distinction. Mr. **Richardson's** wife died here fifteen years ago. He leaves two daughters, three brothers and four sisters. He enlisted in 1863 in Company E, Thirty-second Illinois infantry and went with Gen. **Sherman** to the sea. He was a good soldier and was mustered out of service in 1865. The funeral services were held from the Baptist Church Thursday afternoon. Rev. **Shultz** officiating, in which J V Clements Post, G. A. R. took part, the deceased being a member of that organization. The remains were escorted to the west cemetery by the Post where they were laid to rest.

**Eliphalet W Harper**, son of **Robert** and **Eliza Harper** was born in Athens County, Ohio, on 16 August 1836, and died at his home four miles northeast of Moweaqua, Illinois, on 20 March 1904, aged sixty-seven years, seven months and four days. On 25 October 1857, he was married to Miss **Sarah Russell** in Athens County, Ohio, where they continued to reside until 1875, in which year they removed to Illinois, settling first in Macon County a few miles northeast of the present family home. About 20 years ago, he made the final removal to the farm and home from whence he has now gone to his eternal home. Mr. **Harper** was the father of nine children, three of whom have long since preceded him to the beyond, one dying in infancy, one at sixteen and one at twenty-two years of age. Of the six living children, four are married and two, a boy and a girl are still at home, to be the special comfort and stay of their widowed mother. These all today are mourning the loss of one whom it was an honor to call father and husband. About thirty-five years ago in Ohio, Brother **Harper** was converted and joined the M E Church. Upon their removal to Illinois, they transferred their membership to Sanner's Chapel, that then being the nearest church. Brother **Harper** died fully trusting in the merits of the Savior, who for so many years he had confessed before men. As to his conduct, dealings, and deportment, as a man, a citizen, a friend and neighbor, the record is written -- large and open in the minds, hearts and memories of those in whose presence he has gone in and out throughout the years of his pilgrimage a record always accessible and open, and usually a reliable reflection of the life and character of any man. The deceased was an honored member of Moweaqua Lodge, A. F. and A. M. and this order took charge of the services at the cemetery, laying him to rest with the full ritualistic service.

Ten years ago, from the Moweaqua Call Mail dated March 1894: **Wesley Scribner**, aged 83 years, and **Catherine Beard**, aged 63 years, were married in Flat Branch township. **George McGrath** and Miss **Mittie Longenbaugh** were married near Obed on 22 March 1894. **Scott Gregory** turned in his books as tax collector. His total collections were \$10,831.12.

On petition of **J L Colbert**, letters testamentary were granted to **Eliza Jane Colbert** of Ash Grove township on the estate of **George V Colbert**, deceased. The will names Mrs. **Colbert**, widow of deceased, as sole heir to both personal and real properties. She is also named as executrix to serve without bond. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Two children of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Rogers** of Pana found a box of pills Saturday and proceeded to swallow them, several at a time. A doctor was called when the mother learned what they had done, but the work of the physician failed to relieve one of the children, the younger dying. Mr. **Rogers** is a leading business man.

**Wednesday, 6 April 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

The remains of Mrs. **Laura Cheatham**, who died at Raymond, Illinois, on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1904, were brought to this city on Friday, and funeral services were held at the Christian tabernacle. Elder **A R Spicer** of Rantoul officiating. The deceased had many friends here, and will be well remembered as Miss **Laura McNeal**. Interment was at the Bilyeu cemetery. **Laura A Cheatham**, wife of **James Cheatham**, and daughter of **Josiah** and **Bethena McNeal** was born 26 December 1877. She died on 30 March 1904, aged 27 years, 3 months and 4 days. She was a devoted Christian since she was converted. I believe six years ago during the revival of Bro **Litchenberger** and Bro

**Spicer** at this place. She leaves to mourn her, a husband, mother and father, one sister and three brothers. She requested us all to meet her in Heaven. She says she wanted her two brothers to come in to the Church and prepare to meet their God at His calling. Mrs. **H Dodd** died at her home in this city on Saturday morning, her malady being dropsy and Bright's disease, after an illness of several months. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Sunday and interment was in the Hays cemetery. Miss **Evelyn Jacobs** was born in Sangamon County, Illinois, 9 May 1844, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 2 April 1904 at 5:30 AM. She had been failing in health for some months, but was not considered seriously ill but for a very few days. On the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1860, she was married to **Hiram Dodd**. They lived in Springfield for many years, but seven years ago they moved to Moweaqua where they continued to live until her death. Besides her husband, **Hiram Dodd**, and mother, Mrs. **Pricilla Jacobs**, she leaves four children, **William Dodd** of Moweaqua, **Isabel Edwards** of Kansas, **Amanda Neer** of Colorado, and **Minnie Adwell** of Richland, Illinois.

Sunday, 3 April 1904, at 4:00 o'clock PM was the time and date of a very interesting and happy event in the lives of Mr. and Mrs. **Ross E Jordan** and Miss **Bertha M Giles**. At the parsonage, in the presence of a few relatives and invited guests, **C A Brigham**, pastor of Locust Grove U B Church, pronounced the words making them husband and wife.

Mr. **Jordan** is the son of **Hardin** and **Elizabeth Jordan** and Miss **Giles** is the daughter of **Hopkins** and **Alice Giles**, both families residing near Obed. These young people, who have taken upon themselves the responsibilities and obligations of married life, were born and have always lived in the vicinity of Obed. Mr. **Jordan** is a thoughtful, unassuming industrious young farmer, and Miss **Giles** is a modest and amiable young lady, and they both are esteemed and respected by all who know them.

Prairieton news: Mrs. **James Cheatham** of near Raymond was buried at the Bilyeu cemetery on Thursday. The baby of **Henry Jacobs Jr.** and wife died on Thursday. **John Harrison Jones**, son of **Hiram W Jones** and son-in-law of Rev. **T M Griffith**, died in Richland township on 25 March 1904. He would have been 38 years old on 2 April 1904. He married **Clara May Griffith** in October 1886. To this union were born seven children, six of whom are living. He united with the Blue Point Baptist Church 22 years ago, but was a member at Richland at the time of his death. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen, and the ceremony at the grave was conducted by the Strasburg camp, assisted by the Windsor and Shumway neighbors. Rev. **J M Wood** conducted the funeral services at Richland church, burial following in Richland cemetery. (*Windsor Gazette*).

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Moss** on Wednesday, 30 March 1904, a daughter.

**E R Harper** has been named as administrator of the estate of **Eliphalet W Harper**.

#### Wednesday, 13 April 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Hobart Hays**, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. **David Sherman Hays**, southwest, died Wednesday 6 April 1904. He had suffered a paralytic stroke some time ago from which he never fully recovered. His age was 7 years, 5 months and 13 days. The funeral services were held from the family residence Thursday. Rev. **Shultz** officiating and interment was at the Hays cemetery.

Master **Cecil Hudson** very happily observed his eighth birthday Friday evening at the pleasant home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson**, who had invited in a number



of Cecil's young friends to participate in the enjoyment of the occasion, and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves as only kids can. A pretty feature of the evening was the reading of a clipping from the old *Moweaqua Mail* telling of the birthday party of Mrs. **Hudson** when she became eight years of age in the days of little **Maggie May Snyder**. Those present at Cecil's party were **Clark Snyder, Willard Hedges, Dan Moll, Jr.; Sam Miller, Leland Gilliland, Horace and Glen Clark, Verne Coffman, Haldane Ayars and Willet Shultz.**

After a week's illness with pneumonia, Mrs. **Alice Giles** died at her home near Obed on Thursday, 7 April 1904, aged 57 years, 2 months and one day. Her funeral was held on Saturday at Locust Grove church. Rev. **W B McMunn** officiating.

A sensation was created in this city by the press reports that the Fraternal Army and Loyal Americans were in serious trouble. The membership of Moweaqua assembly numbers about 150, and they are all deeply interested in the validity of their insurance, especially as the claim of Mrs. **John D Evans** for \$1,000 on the death of her husband has not yet been paid. It is impossible to secure exact data as to the present status of the organization. The *Call-Mail* reproduces the two press telegrams showing that the question at least has two sides to it. *Springfield, 6 April 1904.* "Sensational charges against certain officers of the Loyal Americans are made in a bill filed by State Insurance Superintendent **Vredenburg** in the Sangamon County court this afternoon in which he asks that the organization be enjoined from doing business and that its assets be converted and distributed. A temporary injunction was granted. There are 35,000 members in the organization." *Springfield, Illinois, 7 April 1904.* "Denials and counter charges, sensational and sweeping are made by the Royal Circle, otherwise known as the Loyal Americans, in a statement replying to the injunction bill filed by the insurance commissioner. The officers say there is a conspiracy on foot to destroy the Society and through the channels of the court, if possible, to transfer the membership to another order. It also is alleged that a report by the department's examiners never was submitted to them until after the bill was filed that the report of the examiners is false in many particulars, and that they misunderstood the conditions in several material points. *End.* The officers declare the case will be fought."

Mrs. **W S Aubert**, mother of Mrs. **James E Beard** of this city, died in Decatur on 6 April 1904, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. **Lizzie Uhles**, 6727 East Eldorado Street. Heart trouble was the cause of her death. She had been critically ill about two weeks, and her death had been expected several days. She had suffered from heart trouble about a year. She leaves her husband and three children, **John W Aubert** of Terre Haute, Mrs. **James Beard** of Moweaqua and Mrs. **Lizzie Uhles** of Decatur. She had three grandchildren, one of them Mrs. **W B Burgan** of Terre Haute, and one great-great grandchild. She left nine brothers and sisters. Those in Decatur are Mrs. **Fina H Wallace**, Mrs. **Mary E Peniwell** and Mrs. **Eliza E Brown**. The body was taken to Lovington for interment.

*Ten years ago, Moweaqua Call Mail of April 1894:* **L F Rettig** and Miss **Agnes Prescott** were married, April 1894.

The little son of **David Hays** died Wednesday from paralysis. (Prairieton news) **Andrew and Elva Robinson** went to Pana on Thursday to attend the funeral of **James Robison's** wife. (Prairieton news) (*Names written as spelled – 'Robinson' and 'Robison'*)

Mrs. **Rosa Weakley** came up from St Elmo on Friday to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. **Giles**. (Obed news)

Obed news: Sunday being the 18th birthday of Miss **Leta Stump**, her father planned a surprise dinner for her. The dinner was a glorious success but the surprise was a failure as Miss **Leta** was fully aware of the arrangements, but the real surprise came when her father presented her with a beautiful gold watch and chain. About ninety relatives and friends enjoyed the festivities.

**Eliza A Longenbaugh, nee Eliza A Cochran** was born 18 December 1835 in Blunt County, Tennessee, and moved to Illinois about the year 1850. She departed this life on 6 April 1904. She was united in marriage with **George W Longenbaugh** (now bereaved husband), on 11 March 1858. To this union was born four sons and four daughters, one daughter died in early infancy, and one son preceded the mother to the spirit world. Three sons and three daughters, two sisters, Mrs. **Updegraff** and Mrs. **Brownback**, two brothers, **John Cochran** of Eureka, Kansas, and **R C Cochran** of Flat Branch, with husband, mourn their loss of mother, sister and companion. Mrs. **Longenbaugh** was a consistent Christian, having been a faithful, devoted member of Little Flock Baptist Church since about the year 1867, and has ever lived to adorn her Christian profession. She was of amiable temperament and disposition; a loving companion, a devoted mother to her children, an obligating neighbor, and a sympathetic friend in time of trouble. She was afflicted for a long time before her death, but was ever patient and endured her suffering with fortitude, awaiting her calm and peaceful departure at the Lord's call, on 6 April 1904, at the age of 68 years, 3 months and 17 days. Funeral services were conducted at Little Flock Church on 8 April 1904 by **Levi Corley** to a large audience of relatives and neighbors, and her body laid to rest to await the Resurrection from the dead. Mr. and Mrs. **Chester Giles** attended the funeral of Mr. **Giles** mother, Mrs. **Alice Giles** of near Obed last week.

**Alfred M Gwinn**, an attorney of Ramsey and brother of the well known member of the Vandalia bar, mention of whose death was made in the *Union* Tuesday, cut short his earthly career with carbolic at Ramsey on Wednesday morning. He had been drinking heavily and despondency is supposed to be the cause of the rash act. The deceased is survived by a wife and several children. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Humphrey Jr.** on 10 April 1904, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 20 April 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Attorney **Clapper** went over to Springfield last week and secured a settlement of the insurance claim of Mrs. **John Evans** against the Loyal Americans. They upscaled the policy on the expectancy plan to \$1,490.88, which amount Mr. **Clapper** brought back with him. It was a neat, clean piece of legal work.

Since the death of Editor **Worley** of the *Findlay Enterprise*, Mr. **A J Newman**, a printer of Stewardson, has taken charge of that paper.

Ten years ago from the pages of the Call-Mail issue of April 1894: Mrs. **Minnie Yantis** died at her home near Obed, 14 April 1894. **Wm Workman** and **Lydia Bilyeu** were married on 8 April 1894. **Chris Friedley** and Mrs. **Amanda Gass** were married, April 1894.

Pleasant View news: Mrs. **Julia Armstrong** attended the wedding of her mother in Moweaqua on Saturday.

Mrs. **Eli Foster** of this city and Mr. **A Graham** of Kansas were married on Monday in Grandview. Rev. **Jos Thomas** officiated.

Mrs. **Mary E Richhart**, Administratrix of the **Levi Tolly** estate, was down from Decatur last week and went to Shelbyville on legal business connected with the estate of her father, **Levi Tolly**, deceased.

**Wednesday, 27 April 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**Enoch Salisbury**, one of the well-known farmers and old residents of this township died at his home one mile south of Blue Mound on 18 April 1904. His death was not unexpected as he had been in ill health for several months from kidney ailment. (*Blue Mound Leader*)

Word comes to us from Louisiana that Grandma **Dean** is lying at the point of death with little hope of her recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. **James Freeman** went to Decatur, Thursday to attend the wedding of **Allerton Freeman** who was united in marriage to Miss **Edna Leslie Sine**.

According to the *Shelbyville Union*, Judge **Anthony Thornton**, the venerable Shelby County jurist will be 90 years of age if he lives until next November. Last Saturday he argued a case before Judge **Ames** in the Shelby County circuit court.

**George Mullinix**, a popular young man of Mattoon, committed suicide Sunday evening by blowing off his head with a shotgun. The crime was committed in the presence of the young man's parents who were powerless to prevent him. Our sympathies to the family. Mrs. **Fannie Sheffler**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Shields Sanner**, died at her home north of Prairie Home at an early hour Sunday morning. She had been in poor health all winter, but not seriously ill until a few weeks ago. A bereaved husband and little daughter are left to survive her. She was about 30 years of age. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon from the Prairie Home church.

**George W Longenbaugh** a son of **Jacob** and **Catherine Longenbaugh**, was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on 21 October 1823. He passed away 23 April 1904. He worked at the blacksmith trade in his father's shop until 1855 when he came to Illinois, driving a team for **Daniel C Yantis**. He returned to Ohio and in 1856, again came to Illinois, driving a team for **Isaac Longenbaugh**. He then worked in a blacksmith shop at Prairie Bird under the management of **Edward Weakly**. A few years later he located in Moweaqua, Illinois, and worked at his trade there for a number of years. He was married to **Eliza A Cochran** in 1858 and moved to Pickaway township where he has lived for forty odd years, until his spirit was called to the spirit world by God, who gave it. His wife passed to the Great Beyond earlier this month. He was the second son in his father's family, having four brothers and two sisters, all of whom have preceded him to the spirit world, except one brother, **Enos Longenbaugh**, who now lives at Ashville, Ohio, and one sister, Mrs. **Sophronia Burger**, who now lives at Groveport, Ohio. He is the father of eight children, one of which died in infancy, and **Walter Longenbaugh**, about 4 years ago. The rest, Mrs. **Mary Pogue**, **Samuel Longenbaugh**, Mrs. **Sophronia Hunter** of Phoenix, Arizona; **Brenton Longenbaugh** of Crowley, Louisiana, Mrs. **Sallie Pierce**, and **Ed Longenbaugh**, with a host of relatives and friends, are left to mourn his loss. As a citizen, neighbor and friend, he had few superiors. He held various township offices and faithfully served the people of Pickaway township as Justice of the Peace for sixteen

consecutive years. He united with the Little Flock Baptist Church in the year 1873 and has been a member ever since. He departed this life on 23 April 1904, aged 69 years, 6 months and 2 days. His death was caused by a third stroke of paralysis, having been a sufferer from the second most of the winter. The funeral services were held at Little Flock Church on Monday at 11 o'clock AM under the auspices of the Masonic order of which the deceased has been a member for many years. The funeral sermon was delivered by Elder **Levi Corley**, and interment took place in the cemetery near by. **George M Clark**, who formerly resided in this city, the father of **James W Clark** and the late Mrs. **Charles Ahl**, died at his home in Shelbyville on Thursday morning at 7:15 o'clock AM after an illness of about six months. Death was due to kidney and heart trouble. He was born in Coles County on 22 January 1833, moving to Shelbyville in pioneer days. He was a carpenter by trade, suspending that vocation in the late 1870s to enter the furniture business. He returned to his trade after a few years, however, which he continued to follow until incapacitated by ill health. He was a large souled generous-hearted man, and his death will be generally regretted. He is survived by his wife and one son, **J W Clark**, of this city. Services from the M E Church, Shelbyville on Friday afternoon at 2:30 PM. Rev. **Wohlfarth** of Pana conducting the services. A recent note received from our old friend, **Henry Burk** at Ohlman, Illinois, tells us of the death of his venerable mother, which occurred March 30<sup>th</sup>, 1904, at the ripe old age of 79 years.

Mr. and Mrs. **Richard O'Brien**, two of Pana's best known and highly respected old people celebrated their golden wedding at their cozy little home on South Elm Street, Sunday afternoon. The day was spent in a very pleasant way, many friends and relatives were present and lent their aid in making the affair a most pleasant one. Mr. **O'Brien** came from Ireland about 50 years ago, and shortly after coming to this country was married to Mrs. **O'Brien**. Shortly after being married, Mr. and Mrs. **O'Brien** located at Moweaqua, where for twenty years or more, he filled the position of section foreman for the Illinois Central railroad. Some six or seven years ago they moved to this city. Mr. **O'Brien** now holds the position of flagman at the Illinois Central crossing. Both old people are hale and hearty and stand a fair chance of enjoying several more years of happy wedded life. (*Pana Palladium*)

Ten years ago, from the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail of April 1894: **John I Hulett** and Miss **Lillie Daughtry** were married on 24 April 1894 by Rev. **T M Griffith**.

A movement is in progress at Pleak whereby a fence is to be placed around the **Tolly cemetery**. In order to accomplish the desired results, all interested in the public property should respond in some way either by labor or money in helping to place this much needed improvement.

Maple Grove news: **Chas Cowle** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Van Gundy** in Decatur last week.

#### Wednesday, 4 May 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Edward Medley**, aged about 51 years, died at an early hour Friday morning in his apartment at the Commercial Hotel. An old affliction, diabetes, was the direct cause of his demise, though his physical condition had been greatly weakened with intense suffering from the carbuncle. His wife and sister, Mrs. **Stater**, were with him at the time of his death. The remains were conveyed to his home at Flora, Illinois, on Friday

afternoon for interment. Mr. **Medley** came here from Clay County, Illinois, at the time of the sale of **A J Combs & Co's** stock of goods to **B M Maxey & Co.** The 'Co' was understood to be Mrs. **Sarah Stater (Medley's sister)**, and Mr. **Medley** represented her interests in the business.

In a telegram to his brother, Rev. **B Smock**, who lives east of the city, Mr. **J J Smock** of Murray, Iowa, states that his wife is in a very precarious condition and is not expected to live. Mr. and Mrs. **Smock** at one time lived 5 miles east of the city and have many friends who will learn with regret of Mrs. **Smock's** illness. (*Assumption Tribune*)

Born to **Joe Floske** and wife on 21 April 1904, a girl.

**Sherman Rutherford** have a daughter born to them on 22 April 1904.

**John Jackson** and wife have a girl born to them on 23 April 1904.

**Otis Stanger** and wife have a boy, born to them 28 April 1904.

**George C Shroll** and wife have a daughter born to them, 30 April 1904.

**Frances Estella Sanner** was born on 13 September 1874. She died 24 April 1904, aged 29 years, 7 months and 10 days, the wife of **Charles H Sheffler**. At the age of 20 years she was converted and united with the Church at Evanston, Illinois, later transferring her membership to Sanner's Chapel of which Church she was a member until her death. She was married to **Charles Sheffler** on 2 October 1900. To this union was born one child, a daughter. Mrs. **Sheffler** is survived by a husband, a little daughter, father, mother, and one sister. The funeral services were held from the Prairie Home Church on Monday afternoon at three o'clock, conducted by Rev. **Wiley**. Card of Thanks signed by **Charles Sheffler** and Mr. and Mrs. **S H Sanner**.

Rev **Russel Cain**, a former resident of this County, shot and instantly killed himself in his room at his home a few miles south of Cowden, in Fayette County, about noon on Thursday. Mr. **Cain** had been to Cowden in the forenoon on a business mission, and soon after returning home, he went to his room and, from the indications, sat on the side of his bed, placed the muzzle of a shot gun to his left breast, and pulled the trigger with the ramrod of the gun. His breast was horribly mangled, and he died before his family could get to him. It is said that **Russel Cain** intimated to his brother, **William Cain**, his intention to commit suicide, attributing his purpose to domestic troubles which, he said, he could no longer endure. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

*Ten years ago, local items taken from the Call-Mail of April 1894:* Rev. **John Baumgartner**, pastor of the German M E Church died. Mrs. **Susan DeWitt** celebrated her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Obed news: Mrs. **Malvina Thomas** received a telegram last week stating that her sister, Mrs. **Joseph Smock** of Iowa, was dying. Mrs. **Thomas** could not go to her sister on account of ill health.

Allenboro news: **Leonard Tankersley** of Scott Co and **Jennie E McCarty** of Macon County, were married in Decatur on Sunday afternoon, 1 May 1904. Their many friends in this vicinity wish for them a life of unalloyed happiness. They will reside at the home of the groom in Scott County, Illinois.

Pleak news: A splendid surprise was brought into execution Sunday 1 May 1904, in which **A F Pinkston** was reminded of having come to another of those milestones in life, viz: birthday. The day was spent in social intercourse and was truly a demonstration of esteem to the one subjected to the meritorious conduct of the surprisers. Those present were Misses **Essa** and **Tina Carroll**, **Laura**, **Myrtle** and **Katie Pontius**, **Nelle**, **Leele**,

and **Jessie Housh**, **Ethel** and **Edith Thomas**, **Mabel Gregory**, **Nelle Bridgman**, **Effie Adcock**, **Essa Armstrong**, and **Maude Cole**, Messrs **Homer Reed**, **Harley Christman**, **Ray Gregory**, **Earl Housh**, **Ed Adcock**, **Stanley Pontius**, **Homer Pinkston**, **Brenton Mathias**, and Mr. and Mrs. **Ross E Jordan**, Mr. and Mrs. **S C Smith**, Mr. **S G Cole** and family, Mr. **A F Shride**, and family, and Mr. **Lindsay**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W A Warren** at Boody, 15 April 1904, a son.

The two-year old child of Mr. and Mrs. **James Beaumont** died at the home of its parents in Pana last week. Death was due to pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. **Beaumont** formerly lived in Tower Hill, and the remains of the little one was taken to that place for burial on Wednesday.

**Leonard Tankersley** of Winchester, Illinois, and Miss **Jennie McCarty** of near Allenboro, were married Sunday at the M E Parsonage in Decatur. They will make their home near Winchester.

Mrs. Rev. **E K Shultz** wrote a commemorative of the fifty-first wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred P Snell**. It will be a beautiful keepsake for the loved ones of the Snell family in years to come.

**Wednesday, 11 May 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**Richard Cribbet**, aged 74 years, died at his home in this city, Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock of a kidney disease. The remains were taken to Macon, Monday for interment.

Little **Florence Denby**, age about two years, the infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Denby**, died very suddenly at their home near Carlinville on Monday. She was only sick a few hours, the cause appearing to be stomach trouble. The funeral was held on Thursday. Mrs. **Joseph Adams** and Mrs. **Frank Johnson** going over from here and Mrs. **Corzine** and Mrs. **Cazalet** going from Assumption.

Mrs. **C A Jackson** and daughters, **Grace** and **Alma Jackson**, went to Bloomington on Wednesday to attend the funeral of **H D Stone**, a brother-in-law of Mrs. **Jackson**.

Ten years ago, from the files of the Call-Mail of May 1894: **Wm L Morris** and Miss **Minnie Pollock** were married on 9 May 1894.

According to the bill filed with the clerk on Tuesday, **Adam Ellrich** of Moweaqua and **Harriet J Thurn** were married in Christian County on 14 November 1901. They lived together until 23 April 1902 when it is alleged the wife decamped. The husband says he always conducted himself toward the defendant as a true, kind and indulgent husband, providing her with the necessities and comforts of life according to the best of his ability and their station in the world. The complainant represents that previous to his marriage he owned certain real estate in Shelby County and prays in his bill for divorce that the defendant, **Harriet J Ellrich** be forever barred from claiming or recovering in case of his death, any dower in said real estate at that the time in said real estate be declared free from any claim that the said **Harriet J Ellrich** might have be reason of her marriage to him. (*Shelbyville Union*)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Grant Clipstone** on 1 May 1904, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hute**, 30 April 1904, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hatala**, 26 April 1904, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Walter McCray**, 1 May 1904, a boy.

Word comes from Louisiana that **Grandma Dean** is almost fully recovered from her last serious illness.

Miss **Alice Hoxsey** and Dr **Fred Chase** were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Margaret Hoxsey**, on Locust street in Shelbyville, on Wednesday afternoon at 2 PM o'clock. Rev. **B W Tyler** of the Presbyterian Church performed the ceremony. Those present aside from the contracting parties were limited to the immediate members of the families.

**Wednesday, 18 May 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Sitting in a chair the dead body of Mrs. **Nancy Jane Posey** was found at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning at her home in Macon. The condition of the body went to show that she had died between 9 and ten o'clock PM, Tuesday evening. The coroner's jury returned a verdict accordingly and ascribed her death to heart disease. Mrs. **Posey** was 71 years old. She had lived in Illinois over 50 years and in Macon for over thirty years. She had ten children of whom six are now living.

A marriage license was issued on Monday in Decatur to **Reuben Brownlee** and **Addie Henderson** of Moweaqua.

The body of Mrs. **Rebecca Magruder**, sister of **John Zollars**, who died at her home in Champaign on Monday morning, 9 May 1904, was brought to Macon and laid to rest in the family lot in the Macon Cemetery on Wednesday. (*Macon Tribune*)

**J E Longenbaugh**, administrator of the estate of the late **Geo W Longenbaugh**, will have a public sale of the personal property of the deceased on 15 June 1904.

A very pretty wedding occurred at Dalton City on Tuesday at high noon when Rev. **Robt B Irwin** performed the ceremony which made Miss **Vida Upper Dahl** and Dr **S L Stevens**, one for life. Only the immediate friends were present, and after the friends had enjoyed the very fine dinner which was prepared for the occasion, the happy couple took the afternoon train for Bloomington to spend the honeymoon. They will then be at home to their friends at Dalton City.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W P Sanner** on 15 May 1904 at Allenboro, a daughter.

Obed news: **Simon Sprinkle** died in the hospital at Decatur on Monday and was buried in Locust Grove cemetery on Tuesday. He was fifty-eight years old. The funeral was preached by Elder **Levi Corley**.

Yantisville news: The remains of **S J Sprinkle** were brought from Decatur on Monday evening to **O J Sprinkle's** east of here, then taken to Locust Grove for interment on Tuesday afternoon. **Oscar Sprinkle** came in from Iowa to attend the funeral of his father, **S J Sprinkle**.

Word was received here on Tuesday morning of the death of Mrs. **G C Pierce** of Rural township who had died from the effects of scarlet fever, leaving a young babe less than a week old. Mrs. **Nannie** and **Sallie Alkire** attended the burial of Mrs. **G C Pierce** at Mt Pleasant on Wednesday at 11 AM. (Yantisville news)

The remains of **Richard Cribbett** had not yet been buried Monday of last week when suits were filed in court for a division of his estate. It will be remembered that the *Call Mail* published a brief notice of his having died in this city on Saturday night, 7 May 1904. The *Decatur Review* says, "Monday morning a suit was filed in the circuit court to partition his property. Eight or nine hours after a second suit was filed which declared him to have been insane before his death and asked that certain deeds made in favor of other children, be set aside. Circuit Clerk **John Allen** was called to the office at



7:25 o'clock Monday morning to file the first suit. The other suit was started by **Mary Tucker** against all the other children. It asks for the setting aside of certain deeds made by **Richard Cribbett** to his other children before his death. **Cribbett** is alleged to have been insane. The suit involves 160 acres of land in the south end of Macon County. Mrs. **Tucker** charges fraud. She asks that the deeds to 120 acres not involved in the first suit be set aside and wants a general partition of all the property.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Dudley Porter**, 12 May 1904, a girl.

Mrs. **D P Keller** went up to Macon Wednesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Magruder** who died at Champaign. She was the mother of **Erastus Magruder** who formerly resided here.

**Wednesday, 25 May 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

**David N Rose**, the electric comb faker of Decatur, who spent a year in the Macon County jail for defrauding newspaper publishers out of advertising space, was married last week to Miss **Bunstein** of Taylorville.

*Death of Simon J Sprinkle.* **Simon Jennings Sprinkle** was born on 9 March 1846 and was married on 6 October 1864. He was the father of six children. One died in early infancy, one daughter, Mrs. **Chas Merriman** of Flat Branch, **Oliver J Sprinkle** of Pickaway, **Simon Oscar Sprinkle** of Weldon, Iowa, and **Otis Elmer Sprinkle** of Rural, with three sisters, mourn their loss of father and brother. The deceased enlisted as a soldier in the civil war in March 1865 and was discharged in October 1865. He was a member of the G. A. R. at the time of his death on 9 May 1904, aged 58 years, 2 months. He had been seriously ill for five weeks, under the best medical and nurses' care, was conscious of his condition, meeting the end calm and peaceful. Funeral services conducted at his old church, Locust Grove, by Elder **Levi Corley**, an old acquaintance and friend. A large audience of sympathizing neighbors and friends were present.

*From the pages of the Call-Mail of May 1894, ten years ago:* Mr. **George Pyatt** of Bethany and Miss **Tillie Wempen** were united in marriage on 22 May 1894.

Mr. **C H Pinkston** and Miss **Effie Adcock** were married in Decatur last Tuesday, 17 May 1904. (Pleak news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **F Richards** on 22 May 1904, a son.

**Wednesday, 1 June 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Thursday morning Mrs. **Roberts**, the mother of Esq. **R E Roberts**, created a sensation at the depot in deliberately attempting suicide by throwing herself in front of the north bound passenger train. It required the efforts of two or three men to drag her from the track, and had not the engineer slowed down, she would certainly have been killed. The cause of this rash act was that her son was on the train going to Decatur to get married, and the old lady was bitterly opposed to the marriage. The Esquire and **Hattie Cribbett** did take this same train and went to Decatur where they were married. Mr. and Mrs. **Roberts** returned on the late train to Moweaqua and are now comfortably settled at housekeeping and receiving the congratulations of their numerous friends.

A devoted husband, a loving father, an honest, earnest, high-minded citizen has passed within the realm of immortality. Just after three o'clock Saturday morning, the spirit of **Wm J Clark** released at last from a body racked with pain and disease, took flight to his spiritual abode, where rest, peace, joy and eternal happiness abide forever. No human

being can realize his suffering. Since afflicted with a paralytic stroke more than three years ago, he has been an invalid, slowly declining with each recurrence of the malady, he grew weaker. The fatal shock came early Saturday morning, and at last, he was released. The *Call Mail* knew Mr. **Clark**—knew him to be a man pure in heart and mind, honest and upright, as a neighbor and friend. The public knew him, trusted him and in his younger days, he filled many public positions of trust. His demise is most sincerely regretted by a host of friends and his good wife has the warmest sympathy of the community. The services were held on Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Moweaqua Lodge A. F. and A. M. of which the deceased was an honored and respected member. Through a blinding rain storm, the Masons escorted the remains from the residence to the M E Church, where Rev. **Stevenson** preached the funeral discourse. Interment was at the Masonic cemetery southeast of town. **Wm J Clark**, son of **W R** and **Nancy Clark** was born in Warren County, Ohio, on 29 October 1836. He died at his home in Moweaqua, Shelby County, Illinois, on 28 May 1904, aged 67 years, 6 months and 28 days. In 1854, when Mr. **Clark** was a boy of 18, the family removed to Illinois, settling first about two miles southeast of Moweaqua, and all the remainder of his life has been spent in nearly the same neighborhood. On 25 December 1864, he was married to Miss **Ann E Scott**. One child only, a son, **Charles Clark**, was born to them, who preceded the father to the world beyond, about five years ago this month. By vocation Mr. **Clark** was a farmer, never having pursued any other calling, and owns a nice 120-acre farm, located a few miles southeast of Moweaqua. About eleven years ago, Mr. **Clark** left the farm to live a retired life, since which time he had been a resident of this village. Mr. **Clark** was one of a family of 11 children, five boys and six girls. During 48 years, there was no death among the brothers and sisters. Five are now dead. Of the six surviving children, consisting of two brothers and four sisters, two are here, one in Taylorville, two in Kansas and one in Washington. These, with his bereaved wife, and four grandchildren are left to mourn his loss. Three years ago, December last, Mr. **Clark** was stricken with paralysis which proved to be of a very peculiar and severe nature and exceedingly painful. He suffered untold agony for three and one half years. Every means of the alleviation or cure of his malady was resorted to, but without avail. Mr. **Clark** has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1861, about 43 years. He united with the M E Church in 1899, and was faithful to his Christian vows until death, always being found in his place in the service of God's house until his affliction prevented. Among neighbors and friends, he was known as an honest, upright, trustworthy citizen and a quiet, unassuming gentleman and friend.

Another sweet spirit has passed through the valley of the shadow of death and is at rest. About 4 o'clock Saturday morning Mrs. **Sarah Curtis** died at her home on the west side of appendicitis, after an illness fraught with intense suffering of five or six weeks. Mrs. **Curtis** was a woman dearly beloved for her many estimable traits of character, and her passing will be deeply regretted by the community at large. The services were held from the family residence on Monday morning. Rev. **Irwin** officiating, assisted by Rev. **Stevenson**. The remains were interred in the west side cemetery. The silent messenger of death has again come into our midst. He has come this time and called a wife and mother. **Sarah Ann Daughtry** was born in Davidson County, Tennessee, 15 December 1845, and came with her parents to the State of Illinois in 1851, and settled at Mulberry Grove. She came to Moweaqua in 1857 where she resided until the time of her departure

on 28 May 1904. She was married to **Myron Curtis** in October 1865. There came to bless this union of three children—two sons and one daughter. All of them remain to sustain this great loss of mother. She was converted and became a member of the Moweaqua Presbyterian Church in 1875. Two brothers, two sisters and five grandchildren also three children and their families remain, but the one who sustains the greatest loss is her husband, now left without the loving sympathy of a devoted wife. One of the characteristic features of the life of Sister **Curtis** was her sympathetic disposition, unselfishly sacrificing her own welfare for that of others.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Griffin** on 24 May 1904, a girl.

Mrs. **Catherine Woods**, a resident of West Shelbyville and wife of **William H Woods**, dropped suddenly dead in her home shortly after the breakfast hour on Tuesday morning. A coroner's jury composed of **H S Dixon**, Dr **Wm L Fleming**, **D Leslie Davis**, **W M Stone**, **Wilson Lovins** and **Thos Minto**, just before noon returned a verdict of death from heart failure. The tragic passing of Mrs. **Woods** was first made known by Mrs. **Millie Anderson** who was called to the stricken home about 9 o'clock. Mrs. **Anderson** found the unfortunate woman lying prone upon the floor of the kitchen. Beneath the prostrate body of Mrs. **Woods** lay the eighteen-months-old baby, which the mother carried in her arms as she busied herself about the household work. The babe, crying, was removed from its position, and an alarm was given. Neighbors soon filled the home and a hasty examination showed the woman to be dead. Mrs. **Anderson**, in her testimony, said the body was quite stiff when she attempted to remove the baby from its position, which would indicate that the woman had expired some time before. (*Shelbyville Union*)

*Local items from the Call-Mail of June 1894, ten years ago.* Miss **Pencia Dow** died at the home of **Jacob Jones** near Obed.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sloan**, Mrs. **S B Cole** and Mrs. **Sarah Stump** attended the funeral of **Nelson Warren** at Pana on Saturday.

The will of the late **Enoch Salisbury** was admitted to probate in the County court of Christian County, on Tuesday. The will provides for the disposition of 160 acres of land in Macon County and personal property. The entire estate is valued at \$13,000. The will is a short one and leaves everything to the widow, **Lydia A Salisbury**, who is named as executrix and as such gave bond in the sum of \$3,000. (*Blue Mound Leader*).

**Nelson Warren, Sr.** died at his family residence one and one-half miles southeast of Pana on Thursday night at about ten o'clock. He had been in Pana in the afternoon, apparently as well as usual, but had previously complained of shortness of breath, which he said he thought was caused by a slight attack of asthma, which he was subject to. In the evening he drove home, and put up the team and ate a hearty supper. At about 9 PM o'clock, after going to bed, he complained of slight pains in the abdomen. Dr **Huber** was sent for, but before he arrived, Mr. **Warren** was dead. The physician gives heart failure as the cause of his death. Mr. **Warren** at the time of his death was past 77 years of age.

The will of **S J Sprinkle**, deceased, of Assumption was filed for probate in the County court at Taylorville on Saturday. The estate is valued at \$25,000. The testator divided it equally among his three children, Mrs. **Anna Merriman**, **O J Sprinkle** and **Simon Sprinkle**. **W C Miller** of Decatur is made trustee of the share of Mrs. **Merriman**. He is to invest it and give her the proceeds during her lifetime. Upon her death it is to be divided equally among her children.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **D M Cooley** on 28 May 1904, a son.

News was received here last week from St Louis announcing the death of Mrs. **Sarah Morrow**, aged 46 years, who died there on Monday evening at her residence, 4137 Hull Place, St Louis, of a complication of diseases. She had been ill for some time and very little hopes were entertained from the first of her recovery. Heart trouble was the immediate cause of death. Mrs. **Morrow** was born and reared about eight miles east of Moweaqua, and was the daughter of **Joseph Goodwin**, who preceded her many years ago to the beyond. She leaves a husband and two daughters, **Mabel** and **Grace**, to mourn the loss of a wife and mother, also one sister survives her, Mrs. **Harry Metz**, formerly Miss **Flo Goodwin** of this city.

**Wm W Younger** has been named administrator of the estate of **Richard Cribbet**, deceased.

**Wednesday, 8 June 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clifton Winchel** at Roanoke, Louisiana, on 2 June 1904, an eight pound son. The little infant died the next day, 3 June 1904, of hemorrhages.

Friday, 3 June 1904, was most happily observed at the **Day** residence, it being the forty-second anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **H F Day**. In honor of the event, the children and connections presented Mr. and Mrs. Day with a beautiful dinner set of Haviland china.

**James Lester Garvin** of Assumption and Miss **Ella May Hott** of Moweaqua were married last week at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **C O Andrix** in Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **D W Hamilton**, United Brethren minister at Owaneco, at 8 o'clock PM.

**M V Quigley**, one of the old settlers of Windsor township, committed suicide about 12 o'clock Tuesday night and was found lying across his bed at his home, one half mile north of Quigley. Some strychnine was laying beside him. The coroner's inquest is in progress as we go to press, and there is yet no cause assigned for the deed. Mr. **Quigley** was about 67 years of age and is survived by his wife and five children, viz: **James, Ed, Truman** and **Ann Quigley** and Mrs. **Kate Turentine**. He was a brother of Mrs. **D C Herron** of this city. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

*Ten years ago from the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, issue dated June 1894: A little daughter of **Nathan Skiff** was killed by drinking a cup of concentrated lye.*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chester Giles**, 4 June 1904, a daughter.

Mrs. **Electa Yarnell**, widow of the late **J H Yarnell** of Pana has commenced suit in the circuit court against **Frank R Williams**, a Pana saloon keeper, and the surety of his bond, the Reisch Brewing Company of Springfield, for damages in the sum of \$5,000. The suit is based on the death of her husband. **Yarnell** dropped dead about four months ago while in an intoxicated condition brought about, the plaintiff alleges through liquor served him by **Williams**.

**Wednesday, 15 June 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Monday afternoon at the M E parsonage in Shelbyville, Rev. **J R VanPelt** officiating, Miss **Mabel Buchen** of this city and **J E Nichols** of Decatur were united in marriage. Mr. and Mrs. **Nichols** will enjoy their honeymoon at the St Louis Exposition and will then make their future home in Decatur.

**Ira Jackson Steidley.** At an early hour Saturday morning, **Ira Jackson Steidley** quietly passed away at the home of his father, **Ed C. Steidley** in the east part of town. Death came to him gently, painlessly, as if a sweet refreshing sleep. It was not unexpected, as for many months he has been gradually declining with consumption. **Jack** was a genial, popular and whole souled fellow, with many friends, who will regret his demise. He was born in Moweaqua on 29 February 1880, and has lived in this community the greater part of his life. The young man was aged 24 years, 3 months and 16 days at the time of his death. He served in the United States Army in the Philippines and received an honorable discharge. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Sunday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. **Joseph Thomas** officiating and interment was at the West cemetery. The attendance was very large and the floral contributions were numerous and very beautiful.

**William Weatherhold** and Miss **Iona Hays** both of this city were married on Thursday in the County court room in Decatur by Judge **O W Smith**. The groom is an engineer. Wednesday evening, 1 June 1904, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W D Edwards**, southeast of Moweaqua, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Allie** to **Walter E McDonald**. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **Barnett Smock** after which congratulations were tendered by the numerous guests. The bride and groom then led the way to the dining room where refreshments were served. After enjoying a social hour the guests departed leaving behind as a token of their best wishes a number of useful presents. The bride and groom are well known and highly esteemed in this vicinity, and their large circle of friends regret their loss to this community as they will shortly remove to Oregon where the groom is employed.

*From the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail ten years ago this month, June 1894:* Mr. **Levi Gorden**, aged 79 years, died. Mrs. **C F Gaskill** and Miss **Claire Morton** are in Nokomis attending a wedding. **Thomas Porter** and Mrs. **Sarah Workman** were united in marriage on Wednesday evening, 6 June 1894. Mrs. **Mattie McCoy** formerly Miss **Mattie Wells**, is visiting here, the guest of Esq. **Prescott**. This lady gave to our little city, the name of 'Moweaqua', an Indian word, the English of which is 'Flat Branch'. Wednesday evening, 1 June 1904 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **W D Edwards**, southeast of Moweaqua, occurred the marriage of their daughter, Miss **Allie** to **Walter E McDonald**. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **Barnett Smock** after which congratulations were tendered by the numerous guests. The bride and groom then led the way to the dining room where refreshments were served. After enjoying a social hour the guests departed leaving behind as a token of their best wishes, a number of useful presents. The bride and groom are well known and highly esteemed in this vicinity, and their large circle of friends regret their loss to this community as they will shortly remove to Oregon where the groom is employed.

Mrs. **Cyrus Weakley** gave a sumptuous dinner, Sunday to more than fifty relatives and friends, in honor of her mother's Mrs. **Daniel Moll**, 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The affair was a complete surprise to Mrs. **Moll**, and it was a pleasure to hear her, and her former neighbors recalling old time reminiscences. (Obed news)

Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Weir**, near Yantisville, and in the presence of a large assembly of relatives and guests, Miss **Ellie Weir** and **James Graves** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony. Elder **Levi Corley** officiating. The young people are most favorable known and esteemed and

have a host of friends who unite with the *Call-Mail* in extending congratulations. Among the numerous presents received was a check for \$100 from the bride's father.

**Wednesday, 22 June 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Mrs. **Mate Peel**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Luke Messick**, died at her home in Macon, Georgia, of lung trouble. The remains accompanied by her husband, **Seth Peel**, were brought to this city for interment, arriving Thursday night. Brief funeral services were held from the **Messick** family residence on Friday morning. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated at the services, and the remains were laid to rest in the west cemetery. **Mary Elizabeth Messick**, daughter of **Luke** and **Lucy M Messick** was born in Morrisonville, Christian County, Illinois, on 2 October 1873. She died in Macon, Georgia, on 14 June 1904, aged 30 years, 8 months and 12 days. She was married in August 1893 to Mr. **Seth Peel** at Blue Mound, Illinois. Our sympathies.

A pretty home wedding occurred Sunday, 19 June 1904, at high noon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **George Townsend**, their daughter, Miss **Mollie Townsend**, being united in holy wedlock to Mr. **Eugene Markland** by Elder **Levi Corley**. A lovely wedding dinner followed the ceremony after which sincere congratulations were in order. The bride was dressed in pure white and looked very pretty. The groom wore the usual black. The bride is a charming young lady, has always lived in the immediate neighborhood, and is capable of looking after the affairs of her household. The presents were numerous, useful and handsome, among them \$150 in cash from the bride's father. Mr. **Markland** will be well remembered here, having taught school in this vicinity several years ago. He now has an excellent position in the employ of the American Car and Foundry Co in St Louis. Mr. and Mrs. **Markland** leave for St Louis today where they will be found at home to their many friends at 2603 DeKalb Street.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lester Wheatley** on 19 June 1904, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **G W Daughtry** on 18 June 1904, a daughter.

*From the files of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, ten years ago this month, June 1894:* **John Clark** and Mrs. **A M Green** were married on Thursday, 14 June 1894. **Wesley Scribner**, aged 83 years, died near Pleak.

**A L Bowers** died the other day at New Philadelphia, Ohio, at the age of 80 years. It was his proud boast that through his long life he had never tested intoxicants, chewed or smoked tobacco or sworn an oath. It would be interesting to know who put up his stovepipes and put down his carpets.

The will of the late **Nelson A Warren** of Pana has been filed for probate in the County court. The estate is valued at \$90,000 and is divided equally among the six children of the testator.

Notice of Final Settlement of **Ralph Ayars**, executor on the estate of **Ewing M Doyle**, deceased is listed.

**W H Stine** and Miss **Maude Cook**, a romantic young couple from May Township, were married about five o'clock Saturday evening by County Judge **J H Forrester** in the cupola of the court house. They asked that the wedding be solemnized there and were accorded the permission by Sheriff **Brents**. (*Taylorville Breeze*)

**Wednesday, 29 June 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Last Sunday evening, 26 June 1904, at six o'clock Mr. **Alvin F Pinkston**, son of **John** and **M E Pinkston** of Pickaway township, and Miss **Nellie L Bridgman**, daughter of **Henry** and **Lovinia Bridgman** of Flat Branch township, were united in marriage. This happy event took place at the beautiful home of the bride's parents in the presence of near relatives and a few invited friends. Rev. **C A Brigham** of the U B Church officiated.

After the ceremony and hearty congratulations the company was escorted to the dining room where a magnificent repast was served. Mr. **Pinkston** is a popular teacher of Pickaway township, and a young man of exemplary character, while his bride is a handsome unassuming amiable young lady, esteemed by all who know her. They have a host of friends who wish for them a long, prosperous and happy life. They were the recipients of appropriate presents. The bride was attired in white silk and the groom in the usual black. For a time they will make their home with the bride's parents, Mr. **Pinkston** having been employed to teach the school in the Bridgman neighborhood.

Pleak news: Mr. **A F Pinkston** and Miss **Nelle Bridgman** were united in marriage on Sunday evening, 26 June 1904, at six o'clock. A reception will be given them Monday at the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J H Pinkston**.

Fame news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Hott** on 22 June 1904, a boy.

Saturday morning the venerable **T J Hammil** died very suddenly of heart failure at his home east of town. He got up at the usual time in the morning, ate his breakfast and walked about the place, came in the house, laid down to rest and expired. He was 73 years of age and a man highly esteemed. Of a quiet and unobtrusive disposition, thoroughly honest, a devoted husband and father, a good neighbor and a truly representative American citizen. The funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. Rev. **Irwin** officiating in the presence of a large number of sympathizing relatives, friends and neighbors. The casket and alter bore many beautiful floral emblems of love and esteem. The remains were laid to rest in the north cemetery. The angel of death came quietly last Saturday morning, 25 June 1904, and called to his reward, **Thomas J Hammil** from his home four and one half miles southeast of Moweaqua. Mr. **Hammil** was born in Madison County, Illinois, on 16 December 1831. Early in life he accepted Jesus as his Savior and identified himself with the Church being at the time of his departure a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church at Bethany. He was married to Miss **M E Calvin** on 13 December 1855, and there came to bless their home, two daughters and eight sons. All of the children remain but one daughter who died in infancy. All of his brothers and sisters have gone on before him, he being the last of his family to be called. Mr. **Hammil** has spent all of his life in the State of Illinois. For more than thirty years he has lived in the community from which he was called to his reward. Few men, doubtless, have more real, genuine friends than he had, having merited them by a life of righteousness and sterling worth. No words could better tell what he was, perhaps, than an upright, Christian gentleman. He was always thoughtful for the comforts of the members of his own family, thinking no sacrifice too great for their welfare and happiness. Truly, indeed, he was a kind and loving husband and father. The great loss which children and wife sustain can only be replaced by the special presence of Jesus, who has guarded his life, making it a sweet benediction upon all those with whom he came in contact.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Smith** on 24 June 1904, a son.



**John C Hammil** and wife of Garden Grove, Iowa, are here in attendance at the funeral of John's father, **T J Hammil**.

Maple Grove news: **Hal Hammil** of Missouri, **John Hammil** of Iowa and **Harry Hammil** of Blue Mound were called home to attend the funeral of their father, **T J Hammil**.

**Frank Hudson** has erected in the north cemetery, a very beautiful tombstone in memory of the sweet little twins, **Earl** and **Merl**.

**Chas R Howell**, **James Curtis** and wife and Mrs. **Homer Tolly** attended the funeral of a relative at Cerro Gordo on Saturday.

*From the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, ten years ago this month, June 1894:*

**Henry Porter**, age 65, died at his home west of town. He was a brother of Uncle **Tom Porter**. Miss **Della Morgan** of this city and Mr. **John Shoemaker** of Nokomis were married.

**Wednesday, 6 July 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the parlors of the Presbyterian parsonage, Rev. **R B Irwin** officiating, Mr. **Ross Shride**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Shride** and Miss **Zada Moll**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Moll**, were united in marriage. The wedding was a very informal affair, but a few relatives being present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the bridal party repaired to the residence of the bride's parents where a lovely wedding supper was served and sincere congratulations extended. Mr. and Mrs. **Shride** will reside on the farm of the groom's father southeast.

The remains of **Charles J Sparling**, who died at Wesley hospital, Chicago, were brought to this city on Friday afternoon, and taken to the west cemetery for interment. Brief funeral services were held at the grave. Rev. **Stevenson** officiated at the services, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic friends. The deceased was well known in this city where he had visited occasionally for many years. He was a genuine Irish gentleman of the old school and was highly esteemed by those who knew him intimately.

**Charles James Sparling**, son of **Joseph** and **Hannah Sparling** was born in County Clare, Ireland, on 26 November 1834, and he died in Chicago, Illinois, on 30 June 1904, aged 69 years, 7 months and 4 days. When a boy of 17, Mr. **Sparling** came with his parents to America, settling in London, Canada, where he resided until 1857 when he went to Detroit, Michigan, where for more than 44 years, he was employed in the dry goods business. Mr. **Sparling** was a bachelor, having never been married. He was one of a family of eight children, three of whom survive him, namely Mrs. **Deike** of Chicago, Illinois, Dr **Wm H Sparling** of Moweaqua, Illinois, and **Walter Sparling** of Detroit, Michigan. For more than 40 years, Mr. **Sparling** has been a very devoted Christian man and a devout member of the Methodist Episcopal church. For years he was an official member and class leader in the Central M E Church of Detroit.

A copy of the *Courier* (Elgin, Illinois), under the date of 22 June 1904, contains the following item regarding an old Moweaqua boy: "This afternoon **Fred Pease** and Miss **Josephine Anderson** were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. **Stephens** of South Street, Elgin. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. **Pease** started for St Louis where they will spend their honeymoon. On their return they will reside on East View Street. The groom is a printer in the employ of **D W** and **W C Wilson** and is prominently

identified with lodge work. His bride is a charming young woman and, like her husband, has a host of friends.

Those favored with cards to Miss **Lulu Snyder's** reception at her lovely home, "*The Oaks*", south of town Tuesday evening of last week, gladly availed themselves of the privilege, and at the hour named, the spacious drawing room, library, and hall were thronged with a gay and happy assemblage of guests. When the company appeared complete, Miss **Pearl Snyder** seated herself at the piano, commencing the rendition of the beautiful wedding march from Lohengrin. Perfect silence prevailed as Mr. **Ernest F Snyder**, accompanied by a charming young lady, and preceded by Rev. **W F Stevenson**, came down the stairway, across the hall and drawing room, and then turned to face the assembled guests. It was one of those rare surprises that was a surprise indeed, and everyone thought for a moment a wedding was to be solemnized until Rev. **Stevenson**, in a few well chosen words, introduced the couple as Mr. and Mrs. **Ernest Snyder** of Beaumont, Texas, now awaiting congratulations. The surprise was so great that it was quite a few moments before anyone could congratulate them, but the ice being once broken, warmest congratulations and questions were showered upon them promiscuously. Mr. and Mrs. **Snyder** had been out at '*The Oaks*' for five days (a well kept secret), having been married the preceding Wednesday at the home of the bride, Miss **Mittie Blanchette** at Beaumont, Texas. The whole affair had been delightfully planned and carried to a most successful conclusion. The home was beautifully decorated, the most noticeable being a lovely bower of crimson ramblers surrounding the punch bowl from which refreshing fruit punch was dispensed throughout the evening. Music, both vocal and instrumental, interspersed with several readings, proved most enjoyable. The refreshments were perfectly lovely, being served in two courses by Misses **Jessie Stine, Mabel Frazee, Grace Snyder and Hazel Smith**. At a late hour, the departing guests again sincerely congratulated Mr. **Snyder** upon introducing to his northern friends, his charming southern bride, chosen from among the choicest maidens of the Lone Star State.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Posey** on 30 June 1904, at Macon, a daughter.

**Earl Pratt** very happily celebrated his twelfth birthday, Wednesday afternoon of last week by inviting in his young friends and having a gloriously good time. A pleasant feature of the event was Earl finding \$15 under his plate with which to buy a long-cherished bicycle. It was a gift of his parents.

Mrs. **Ann C Snell** died Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of her son, **W H Snell** in Blue Mound. **Catherine Snell** had been ill for several months and for the past two weeks it was known that she could not recover. Mrs. **Snell's** maiden name was **Ann Catherine Summers**, and she was born in Washington County, Maryland, on 1 August 1835. Her first husband was **Joseph Black** and two children were born to them, **Andrew Black** of Blue Mound, and Mrs. **Julia Cunningham** of Macon, Missouri. Her second husband was **W H Snell**, and their marriage took place in February 1864. **Wm H Snell** being their only living descendant. Mr. **Snell** died in October 1890. (*Blue Mound Leader*). The remains were brought to Moweaqua on Friday, and the funeral services held from the M E Church. Rev. **A N Simmons** of Blue Mound officiated. Interment was in the Masonic cemetery, southeast.

*From the pages of the Call-Mail ten years ago, July 1894:* Mrs. **Anna Bishop**, aged 37 years died.

**Edwin Brookshier** of Walker and Miss **Katie Seger** of Moweaqua were married in the County court room on Saturday afternoon. Judge **O W Smith** performed the ceremony. Mr. **Brookshier**, though only 23 years old, is already wealthy. He farms 640 acres of rich land near Walker. Both he and his wife belong to well known families of Macon and Shelby Counties. (*Decatur Review*)

A frightful wreck occurred on the Wabash railway Sunday afternoon at Litchfield, Illinois. A fast train ran into an open switch, wrecking the train, killing twenty and injuring many more. Attorney **I R Mills** of Decatur, who has many friends in Moweaqua, was killed. In the fire that burned the coaches, some of the victims were burned to death before they could be extricated. Dead bodies of others killed outright were burned beyond recognition.

During a game of baseball between the *Johnstown Amateurs* and the *Indiana Normals*, **George Thomas**, catcher for the Johnstowns, was almost instantly killed by being hit over the heart by a foul tip.

*Death of Mrs. J J Smock.* **Susannah Casey** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, 17 December 1846, and died in Clark's County, Iowa, on 24 June 1904. She was aged 57 years, 6 months and 7 days. She was married to **J J Smock** on 25 January 1866. This union was blessed with five children, two dying in infancy. **Alva B Smock, Ella C Dean**, wife of **J W Dean** and **Eliza Alice Smock**, with the heartbroken husband, survive her. When 14 years old she gave her heart to Christ and united with the United Baptist Church at Little Flock where she has lived a consistent member ever since, always expressing a strong hope in Christ. During all her long suffering, she bore her afflictions with patience, greeting all who called on her with a smile when her voice as weakening with the weakness of death she sang beautiful songs of Zion which the choir sang at the funeral. She leaves six grandchildren, whose hearts are aching and who will greatly miss grandma's welcome kiss. Services were held from the Baptist Church on Sunday, 26 June 1904, at 2:30 PM o'clock, conducted by the Pastor Rev. **M C Parrish**.

Pallbearers were Mesdames **Gaumer, Coon, Bacon, Gripp, Dunfee** and **Camp**. She was laid to rest in the Murray Cemetery to await the summons to ascend to the Heavens above. (*Murray, Iowa, Newspaper dated 1 July 1904*)

Mrs. **J E Denton**, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Hattie McKeefer** on Saturday evening at 8:30 o'clock of organic heart trouble. She had just arrived in the city on the noon train from Pana, and had gone to the home of her daughter in the country, intending to spend the greater part of the summer with her two daughters here. But very suddenly she was called home to join those who had gone on before, not being able to utter a word. She was taken to Oconee and was buried in the Zion cemetery west of that town on Tuesday.

Miss **Etta Rittgers** entertained a few of her friends Sunday at Obed. It was the occasion of her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Benjamin Rhodes**, a contractor, and **Wilson Reed**, a miner, both of Shelbyville, Illinois, were precipitated ninety feet to the bottom of the coal shaft being sunk at Kirksville, Illinois, by the Kirksville Coal company, last week. **Rhodes** was instantly killed. **Reed** lived only three hours. The catastrophe was due to a broken hook on the apparatus which lowers the bucket into the shaft.

**Wednesday, 13 July 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

Mrs. **Aura Moll** aged 26 years, passed away at an early hour Thursday morning at her home in the south part of town. She had been slowly declining for several months and death was not wholly unexpected. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Howard**, and a girl greatly beloved by those who knew her intimately. The funeral services were held Friday afternoon from the M E Church. Rev. **Stevenson** officiating, assisted by Rev. **Irwin**, and interment was in the north cemetery. **Aura Louisa Howard**, daughter of **Charles** and **Fanny Howard**, was born at Nickerson, Sedgewick County, Kansas, on 16 January 1878, and died at the home of her parents in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 7 July 1904. She was aged 26 years, 5 months and 21 days. When a little girl of 9 years, Mrs. **Moll's** parents removed from Kansas to Illinois settling not far from Moweaqua so that she grew to womanhood in this vicinity and resided here until her death. She was one of a family of ten children, three of whom have gone before her into the beyond. Six survive her, four brothers and two sisters, those with her father and mother and a devoted husband, **George Moll**, and many friends are mourning her and taking away, and have the sympathy of all in their affliction. On 12 February 1901, she was married to **George Moll**, and for the brief period of their married life, she was a true and devoted wife, although nearly a confirmed invalid all the time. The suffering attending her final illness was very intense and constant—but she bore it all with marvelous patience and fortitude, very rarely making a complaint. About eight years ago, during a great revival meeting at Fame church, she was converted and united with that Church of which she was a member at the time of her death.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Fletch Shride** attended the funeral of Mrs. **George Moll** in Moweaqua on Friday.

The one pound baby that was born to Mr. and Mrs. **P M Beatty** near Stedman, Missouri, is dead. The child was born last week and was so small that an ordinary ring finger would go over its hand as far as the elbow.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **E O Bacon** on 11 July 1904, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Homrighous** at Assumption on 10 July 1904, a son.

The last will and testament of the late **William J Clark**, who died at his home in Moweaqua on 28 May 1904, has been filed for probate. To the widow, **Elizabeth Clark** is left the entire estate, both real and personal. At the death of Mrs. **Clark** the property this to be divided among the four grandchildren: **Frank S Clark** and **Roy L Clark**, **Minnie F Clark** and **William Clark**. The will requires that the estate descend to the respective legatees and devisees without administration. (*Shelbyville Union*)

**Clarence Burris**, aged about 35 years, living on **N D Sanders'** farm four miles southeast of Stonington, killed himself on Wednesday morning, 6 July 1904 at 7 o'clock by cutting his throat with a razor. **Burris** had been despondent and melancholy for the past two or three weeks, but his wife and brother, **Roy Burris** who made his home with the dead man, did not think of him doing anything serious, and thus said nothing about the matter to any of the neighbors. **Burris** fell on the ice about six or seven years ago and injured his head, and since that time his mind has wandered at times. He was also hurt on the head about ten years ago by the accidental discharge of a shotgun which is also thought to have affected his mind some.

From the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail ten years ago this month, July 1894. Mr. and Mrs. **John Lynn** lost a child aged five months.

Prairie Home news: Mr. **I T Brown** and wife attended his mother's birthday party on Thursday east of Bethany.

Allenboro news (*Rec'd too late for last week*) Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hemer**, on 29 June 1904, a daughter.

**Eliza Jane Campbell** was born 22 July 1837 near Moweaqua, Illinois, died 2 July 1904, aged 66 years, 11 months, and 10 days. She was united in marriage in 1856 to **Isom Simmons**, who lost his life while serving in the Civil War in 1864. To this union were born five children, two of whom are still living. She was again married in October 1865 to **Benjamin Gordon** who died the following April. Again, in June 1867 she was married to **Jonathan T Denton**, he having preceded her to that better land just 2 months and 10 days. To this union were born five children, all of whom survive her. She united with the M E Church in January 1867, later transferring her membership to the Baptist church. She lived a true devoted Christian life was a loving wife and mother always thinking of the comforts of others. She is survived by one brother, **Taylor Campbell** of Douglas City, California, and seven children – **J T Simmons** of Painsville, Ohio, **A C Simmons** of Pana, Illinois, **Harvey Denton** of Welsh, Louisiana; **J E Denton**, serving in the regular army; Mrs. **Allie Johnson** of Pana, Illinois; Mrs. **Mattie Smull** of Moweaqua Illinois, and Mrs. **Hattie McKeefer**, Moweaqua, Illinois.

Rev **Stevenson** attended the funeral of Mr. **H E Shepherd** on Wednesday last at Hume, Illinois. Mr. **Shepherd** was killed in the recent Wabash wreck.

Wednesday, 20 July 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

*Death of Levi Hill.* At an early hour Thursday morning, **Levi P Hill** passed away at his home six and one half miles southeast of this city. He had been a prominent and highly respected citizen of Flat Branch township for many years and possessed a wide circle of friends. Though more or less of an invalid for several months, the direct cause of his death was apoplexy. The funeral services were held from the family residence on Friday afternoon. Rev. **Jos Thomas** officiated at the services and interment was in the Tolly cemetery. **Levi P Hill** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, in 1832, and at the time of his death was seventy-two years old. He had been married fifty-two years and was the father of twelve children, eight of whom, with the widow, survive him.

*Died.* The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **John Hardin** died Wednesday at noon with the whooping cough. The baby was only 18 days old. Rev. **A D Cooper** held a short service on Thursday morning at nine o'clock at the home. The remains were interred at the Odd fellows cemetery.

**Luther Cox** was called to Decatur Sunday to attend the funeral of Miss **Beulah Cox**. (Prairie Home news)

Wednesday, 27 July 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

Rev **R B Irwin** went to Dalton City Sunday and officiated at the funeral of the daughter of **L A Smith**.

**Anna Belle Smith**, the daughter of **L A Smith** at Dalton City, aged about ten years of age, died Friday morning. The funeral was held on Sunday.

**John P Lilly**, publisher of the *Sullivan Herald*, died Friday from an overdose of morphine. He used the drug to a considerable extent. He was a brilliant and capable man, and his ending is a very sad affair.

Mrs. **E O Smith** of San Jose, California, formerly of Peoria and Decatur, President of the woman's board for California at the Chicago World's Fair, and who presented a bouquet twenty-five feet by ninety feet to President McKinley, is dead at San Jose, California.

Mrs. **Smith** was the widow of **E O Smith**, builder of Smith's opera house in Decatur and the stepmother of **E O Smith**, northwest of Moweaqua.

**Gus Reibeck**, night clerk at the St Louis Hotel at Danville, was assaulted with a hammer by two strangers at 1 o'clock Monday morning. His skull was fractured and he will die. Robbery was the motive of the attack.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clayton Kelley**, 21 July 1904, a girl.

Fame news: Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley** held a family reunion Sunday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Mose** and family, **Georgy Workman** and family, **Dick Armstrong** and family, Mrs. **Mary Moore** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **John McGinley** and **Wm** and **Ebner McGinley**.

*Died.* The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Corrington**, aged about four months old, died quiet suddenly Monday evening of last week with brain fever.

**Roy Cummings** of Prairie Home and Miss **Nellie Polly** of Fancher were granted license to wed last week and doubtless at this writing they are in the seventh heaven of bliss.

(*Shelbyville Leader*)

**James W Smith** and Miss **Florence Birley** were married in Decatur last Wednesday.

Both are residents of this city and have many friends who wish for them, health happiness and prosperity.

#### Wednesday, 3 August 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:

**Bert Cook** and Miss **Blanche Cazalet**, both prominent young people of Macon were married Monday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Snyder**, assisted by Mrs. **Harry Day** and **Allie Steidley** entertained quite a number of little 'tots' at their beautiful home on east side Friday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock PM in honor of their son, **Clark Snyder's** eighth anniversary. The lawn was nicely decorated for the occasion with Japanese lanterns and potted flowers. The evening was happily spent by the little ones in games and all kinds of outdoor plays. Light refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake and fruits.

In a letter written by **Thomas Stone** from Bath, England, he refers to **Uncle Tom Ponting**, and **R J Stone** as follows, "Uncle **Tom**, of course, sees a great many improvements in Bath and district which have taken place since he left England fifty-seven years ago. We all went to the Royal show held near London. Uncle **Tom** was soon amongst the Hereford cattle. He much admired the King's Champion bull. It was not at all difficult to find Brother **Dick Stone** amongst the Oxford sheep. Uncle says American Herefords could best the majority of English, but Brother **Dick** says the English Oxford can just lick the American sheep anyhow."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Len Scribner** of Decatur, 31 July 1904, a girl.

**Edith Evans**, the eleven-year old daughter of Mrs. **John Evans**, southeast of town, died Monday morning, 1 August 1904. Her death was not a surprise to her friends and relatives as she has been in a very critical condition for the past year. Heart trouble

together with a tubercular affection of the stomach and bowels was the immediate cause of her long illness and death. For the past three months Dr **Day** has been almost a daily attendant at the bedside of the unfortunate child. The funeral services will be held at two o'clock this afternoon at the home, after which the body will be interred in the Masonic cemetery.

A petition has been filed by **Mary E Godfrey**, Administratrix of the estate of **John W Godfrey**, deceased at the July term of the County court that certain claims due to said estate are separate and asking for an order to compound or sell said claims.

Ten years ago, from the pages of the Moweaqua Call Mail, August 1894: **Frank Mose** and Miss **Allie Lowe** were married at Tower Hill.

Pleak news: Last Sunday morning while Mrs. **A J Syfert** was out calling, a large crowd of friends and relatives gathered at her home to commemorate the anniversary of her birth. This was a surprise planned by the other members of the family, and every one came with well filled baskets. The contents were spread on a long table prepared for the occasion and a jolly time was ensued.

Prairie Home news: **J H Baird** visited his brother, **Liman Baird** at Outen on Tuesday. The heirs and widow of **James D Long**, deceased, will sell at public auction, various parcels of land on 7 September 1904, in settlement of the deceased estate.

**Daniel Weakley** was given a sumptuous birthday dinner Sunday. He is now a legal voter. (Obed news)

A young son of **John Holly**, living west of Fancher, is in a dangerous condition as the result of running a rusty nail into his foot about two weeks ago. The boy is suffering from lockjaw. At the time the accident happened, but little was thought of the wound, and it being slight, did not properly cleanse itself. No anxiety was felt for the safety of the boy until the symptoms of the dread tetanus set in. The lad's chances of recovery are considered very grave. Mr. **Holly**, the father, is a poor man. He was the father of Mrs. **Hill**, the woman who was drowned in the Kaskaskia river north of this city a few months ago. (*Shelbyville Union*)

A most deplorable accident occurred in this city on Monday afternoon which resulted in the fatal shooting of **Cecil Ryan**, 10 years old, by **Ray Anderson**, 12 years old, causing death in one and one-half hours. **Guy Renner** opened a shooting gallery on the Fourth of July in the **O T Capps** building on the west side of the square, and after the Fourth, he left it in the care of **Chas Heller**, who has conducted it since with very good success. On Monday, Mr. **Renner** went to dinner leaving the **Anderson** boy in charge of the place. There had been three little boys in the place, but one had just gone out leaving the other two in there. The **Ryan** boy was standing inside the railing and the **Anderson** boy was sitting on the counter trying to extract a shell from the gun when it discharged sending the leaden messenger of death crashing into the brain of the child standing so close that the powder burned his hat. The bullet entered just back of and above the right ear, ranging forward. He sank to the floor unconscious, dying within a few hours. (*Mt Pulaski News*)

An obituary of **Levi Hill** came to this office last week, too late for publication, and as requested by the sender, was mailed to the *Shelbyville Democrat*.



**Wednesday, 10 August 1904 issue, Moweaqua Call-Mail:**

*Quarrel ends in murder.* Saturday evening as **Sanford Wolf** was going home from town, he met **Thomas Stringer**, his brother-in-law, in the road three miles west of this place and stabbed him in the abdomen. The cuts were so severe that they caused **Stringer's** death at 12:30 Sunday night. The two men were apparently good friends, a short time before the trouble occurred. Only a week previous to this time, **Wolf** and his family spent the day at **Stringer's** home. The trouble seemed to have begun from a story supposed to have been told by **Stringer** about **Wolf's** having taken some meat from a neighbor's smokehouse. **Wolf** is said to have been drinking Saturday evening, and is very disagreeable when under the influence of liquor. He, with his family, met **Stringer** and **John Hyatt**, and at once began to quarrel. **Stringer** tried to get away from him without trouble, and thereupon **Wolf** got out of his rig, went to that of **Stringer**, and deliberately stabbed him, turned, and went home. Physicians were summoned at once but were unable to save the wounded man. **Stringer** is 45 years old and leaves a wife and eight children, the youngest of which is only two weeks old. **Wolf** is 31 years of age and leaves a wife and four small children, the oldest of which is only 6 years old. Both families are left in almost destitute circumstances. **Stringer** is said to have been a harmless, hard working man. **Wolf** is said to have been a fairly reliable, but quarrelsome and mean. A preliminary hearing was given **Wolf** Monday morning, and he was then lodged in jail at Taylorville. The coroner's inquest was held Monday afternoon. The verdict by the jury was to the effect that **Stringer** met his death from wounds inflicted by a knife in the hands of **Wolf**. Thus another sad story ends and another murder is reported from Moweaqua. Fortunately the murder did not occur in Moweaqua nor in Shelby County.

Saturday morning, Mrs. **W H Dodd** died at her home in the south part of town. She had suffered for several days from a severe attack of inflammatory rheumatism which was the immediate cause of her death. **Ella Fox** was born in Brown County, Ohio, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October 1853. She came to Springfield, Illinois, about twenty years ago, and was married to **Wm H Dodd** on 4 February 1899. She and her husband have lived in Moweaqua, Illinois, ever since their marriage with the exception of one year during which time she resided in Springfield. After an illness of about two weeks she was called to the spirit world on 6 August 1904. Her mother still lives in the state of Ohio. She also leaves to sustain this bereavement besides her husband, four brothers and one sister. Truly God is calling us all to lives of consecration so that we may be prepared for death when we shall be called from earth to the future blessedness of Christ. The funeral services were conducted at the family residence by Rev. **R B Irwin** on Sunday afternoon, and interment took place in the Hays cemetery, west of town.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W H Sibert** on 7 August 1904, a girl.

**John W Hill** has been named Administrator of the estate of **Levi Hill**, deceased.

Hereafter **M W Simpson**, editor of the *Neoga News*, will take a deeper interest in news from the great World's fair for Saturday he sent his son there to stay and grow up with the institution. The little fellow whose name is **Edgar**, was three days old and weighed just 16 ounces. One pound and one ounce only was the size of this microscopic citizen, but was received by a whole battalion of nurses and doctors and placed in the baby incubator. He is said to be the smallest child ever cared for in an incubator. Those in charge believe he will thrive.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Sanner** on 7 August 1904 at Prairie Home, a daughter. Miss **Margaret Snyder** very happily entertained a number of her young friends, Saturday evening at the pleasant home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr.**, the occasion being her twelfth birthday. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyable to the children. Lovely refreshments were served and Miss Margaret was the recipient of many pretty presents.

**Wednesday, 17 August 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Smock** on 11 August 1904, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Gillman** on Saturday, 13 August 1904, a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harvey Whitsett** on Sunday, 14 August 1904, a boy.

*From the pages of the Moweaqua Call-Mail ten years ago, August 1894:* Mrs. **Lucretia Briggs**, grandmother of Mrs. **C M Brooks**, died. **Claude**, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Henry** died of cholera infantum.

With this issue, the name of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* became the *Moweaqua News*.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Lon Tolly** on 13 August 1904, a son (Obed news)

Fearing that his mind was going and that there was in store for him, years behind the walls of a madhouse, dreading that some day, in case he was not restrained, he might do harm to his wife and children, **S A Rigg**, publisher of the *Girard Anchor* of Girard, Illinois, ended his life in the Lilly Pond at LaFayette Park last week in St Louis.

As an item of accurate news, obtained probably by 'phone', the *Shelbyville Union* last week fatally stabbed '**Sam Springer**' for '**Tom Stringer**'.

The friends of Miss **Mary Stroh** of this city, have heard with surprise that she was married at New Orleans, Louisiana, on Thursday, 28 July 1904, to **James Soctenia**, a merchant of that far way southern city. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles A Stroh** of Taylorville and a sister of **Dan Stroh** of this city. She went to New Orleans last February to visit her sister, Mrs. **Emma Richardson** where she first met her husband. Her many friends here extend to the newly married couple, their sincere congratulations.

Little **Esther Simpson**, a mite of humanity, died at the Baby Incubator exhibit at the World's Fair. After a struggle of ten days for life, the child, who weighed scarcely one pound and was but a fraction more than a foot in length, gave up the struggle. The little one was the child of Mr. and Mrs. **W R Simpson** of Neoga, Illinois. (*Stewardson Clipper*)

**Wednesday, 24 August 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The many friends of Supt **Wm Harris**, Superintendent of Moweaqua schools, will be greatly surprised to know of his marriage which occurred yesterday morning. Sunday afternoon he left this town for a visit to the World's fair notifying only a few of his most intimate friends of his intention to stop at Altamont and take with him as his wife, Miss **Laura Park**. The marriage ceremonies were performed at the home of the bride in Altamont, after which the bridal party joined several friends and relatives from this city for a visit to the World's fair in St Louis. The bride is a cultured, well-educated lady and is from one of the most highly respected families of the town in which she lives. For the past two years she has held an excellent position as teacher in the public schools of Anderson, Indiana. Mr. **Harris** and his bride were classmates at the Charleston Normal

school—both graduating from that institution in the class of 1903. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. **Obe Harris**, southeast of this place. He has grown up in town and vicinity from a small boy to one of the most highly respected and thoroughly educated young men of the community. He is now superintended of the public schools from which he graduated only a few years ago and he has proved himself by his persistent efforts, his thorough professional training and his faithful devotion to his chosen profession, to be one of the most successful teachers the school has ever had. Nobody is better or more favorably known in the community and nobody can receive a more hearty welcome to become permanent citizens of the town than Mr. and Mrs. **Harris**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Aaron Schrader** on Monday, 22 August 1904, a son.

Mrs. **Clay Tanner** died at her home in this town Monday afternoon. For several weeks she has been in very poor health, and her death was not a surprise to her friends. She leaves a husband, two sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. Mrs. **Tanner** has lived in this city and vicinity for several years. She has many friends and relatives here who will deeply sympathize with the family at the time of their great affliction. Services held at the Baptist Church at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rev. **J J Midkiff** of Stonington officiated at the services. After the services at the Church the remains were taken to the Macon cemetery for burial.

*From the files of the Moweaqua Call-Mail, ten years ago, August 1894:* Mrs. **Sarah Frazier, J E Corrington**, died.

**Jerry Kennedy**, a farm hand was struck by an Illinois Central freight train at Assumption on Wednesday afternoon and instantly killed. Mr. **Kennedy** was employed by **John McGrath** who lives on the farm of Mrs. **Wm J Clark** about six miles southeast of Moweaqua and was driving a team of mules to a farm wagon at the time of the accident, having gone to Assumption after a load of lumber. He drove on the track before he saw the train coming, and in an instant, he jumped and landed directly in the middle of the track in front of the approaching train. The engine struck him and threw him about ninety feet in the air, landing him beside the track. The train was stopped, and he was picked up and restoratives applied, but he was dead. One leg and one arm was broken and other internal injuries resulted. The body was taken to the Corzine Undertaking establishment. **Kennedy** is said to be from Tennessee, but he was such a quiet fellow that little is known as to his past life or residence. He was about 35 years of age and was single.

**Wednesday, 31 August 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*A great success.* Those who were present last week at the **Thomas-Casey Reunion** will ever remember the occasion as one of pleasure and contentment. The day was ideal for such a gathering and the people exerted every effort to enjoy themselves in the best possible manner. The crowd was somewhat larger than at former reunions, the dinner was as good as could be wished for, and the speaking and entertainment were enjoyed by all. This reunion is growing to be one of those events which is looked forward to with much pleasure by those who are permitted to attend. It is held alternately here and in Indiana. The **Casey** and **Thomas families** formerly lived in Indiana, and in fact, the greater number of relatives lives there, at the present time. A large number were here this year from there, and will spend a few days in visiting friends and relatives here. Although the crowd at the reunion was large, the quantity of good things to eat was

larger, and the feasting was prolonged to the next day. Several of the relatives and many of the friends live in this city and accordingly, another picnic and family dinner were planned and held in the city park on the following day. A good dinner was enjoyed and another most pleasant occasion was experienced by all who were present. The following persons responded to their names when called upon to speak: Rev. **Levi Corley**, **Gilbert Tomson** of Indiana, Rev. **Jos Thomas** of this town, **Jesse Donnel** and **F M Thomas**. Miss **Hattie Isome**, the charming daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Dave Isome**, southeast of this city, was married to Mr. **Elmer Foltz** of Hooser, Kansas, at the home of her parents last Sunday evening at six o'clock. The wedding ceremony which was performed by Rev. **Levi Corley** was short, but very impressive and beautiful. About fifty of the most intimate friends of the family were present and enjoyed a most elegant supper. The bride is a young lady who has many friends in the community in which she lives and possesses many admirable traits of character. The groom is a practical, up-to-date farmer of the Sunflower state. He owns a farm there and will go with his bride to their home in that state after a few days' visit with relatives here. The groom is a cousin of **W B Foltz** of this town.

**W I Brookshier** and Miss **Myrtle E Long** were married last Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **John Pennington** in Springfield, Illinois. Rev. **Jo B Rogers** formerly of this city, pastor of the South Seventh Street Church, performed the ceremony. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **George Long** of this town. She is a very admirable young woman with many beautiful traits of character. The groom is a brother of Mrs. **Jos Stombaugh**, north of town. He formerly lived in Springfield where he was a successful businessman. Recently he bought the meat market of **J W Chapman** in this city and intends to make this his permanent place of business. He is an honest, straightforward, industrious young man and will succeed as a business man.

**Willie D Avery**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **Allen Avery**, died at his home near Prairie Home last Wednesday night. He was nineteen years old at the time of his death. He was taken ill the preceding Saturday night with appendicitis, and every possible effort to relieve him was in vain. The young man was dearly beloved by all who knew him. His death was a severe blow to his relatives and many friends. Fro the past year he was a student at James Millikin University of Decatur and contemplated going back to school in September. The funeral services were held at Prairie Home Church by Rev. **Wiley of Bethany**, after which the remains were placed in the cemetery at that place. It is said that there never was a larger funeral held at the Church, and that general sorrow prevailed. Our sympathies are extended to the **Avery** family.

Mr. and Mrs. **H F Day** had the pleasure of having all six of their daughters at home at one time, one day last week. It was not especially emphasized as a family reunion, but the occasion was unique in so much as their six daughters were at home for both breakfast and dinner. It was a very pleasant occasion for all.

**George Reynolds**, one of the oldest settlers of the northern part of the County, died at his home in Westervelt, Monday afternoon—the result of a second stroke of paralysis. The first attack was 18 months ago. Mr. **Reynolds** was one of the most prominent men of the community and was 71 years old. His wife and five children survive him. The latter are: **Jerry, Thomas, David and Link Reynolds**, and Mrs. **Harvey Stanley**, all of whom are residents of Shelby County—the youngest two sons being at home. The funeral was held at the residence on Tuesday afternoon, conducted by Rev. **E Y Knapp**.

Mrs. **Mart Ayars** entertained about twenty ladies Thursday afternoon in honor of her sister-in-law, Mrs. **L M Buck** of Chicago. Mrs. **Stevenson** winning first prize in a four-leaf clover hunt, a dainty Buster Brown collar, and Mrs. **Will Corrington** coming off victorious in a flower contest, receiving a beautiful *Paul Neron* rose. After partaking of delicious refreshments and expressing their appreciation to the hostess, all wished her many returns of the occasion, it being her birthday, but it was not known by the guests until after their arrival that it was also Mrs. **Ayars'** birthday.

Prairie Home news: The funeral of young **Willie Avery** was very largely attended. There was not room in the Church for all the people. Mr. and Mrs. **Archy Dickson** of Decatur was in attendance at the funeral.

Obed news: Master **Harley Sloan** celebrated his fifth birthday Wednesday. Ice cream, cake and watermelon were served to about twenty little tots.

A man named **Pigg** over at Tuscola acted the hog, won the affections of two girls, became engaged to both of them, and had the wedding day set with each of them. He talked love and ate ice cream with one till half past nine the night he married the other at ten o'clock. The disappointed one should rejoice that she is well rid of the '**Pigg**'.

**Wednesday, 7 September 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Letter from Tom C Ponting who is visiting relatives in England.* Letter dated 21 August 1904. To the Editor: To save writing to my many friends, I thought I would write a few lines to your paper. We have been in England now just a little over two months and thoroughly enjoyed our visit to the 'mother country'. It would be very difficult to describe the kind treatment we have received from our friends and relatives since we have been here. One thing that has greatly added to our pleasure is to find that all my relatives are doing so well and some of them have gotten very rich. I have but two sisters living, the youngest is about 66 years old, but she looks and acts like a young girl about 22. She is rich and has a very beautiful home, surrounded by flowers, and as she has no family, I expect to get a good haul from there some day. The other sister has raised a large family and, as she said, she has never had one moment's worry and trouble with either husband or family. I am staying with one of my nephews, **Tom Stone** at '*The Glen*'. He is a brother to **Dick Stone** of Stonington. I would like my sons to spend a few weeks here with him, as I am sure they could learn something from him in business that would be a great help to them through life. He is only 45 years of age, but he has made sufficient money in his business that he can retire any time, so don't think that all the moneymaking men are in America. He is a very smart, shrewd businessman. His family consists of wife, two sons and one daughter, and they live like a king in a lovely house, and are a credit to any family in the world. I am pleased to say the boys are following in the footsteps of the father. The oldest son is in business with his father and sticks close to business from morning till night. The youngest lad will soon be leaving school. I visited by birthplace and took Mrs. **Ponting** to my schoolhouse where they educated me. Of course, all Moweaqua knows I have a splendid education, as it cost four cents a week. I went to the old Church where my ancestors on my father's side are buried. The oldest monument in the Church was erected to a **Ponting**. (*They used to bury in the church*). The first was buried in 1608. My grandfather was also buried there. I remarked to the clergyman that there were not many newly made graves, he said, "No, we only have about one funeral in a year." Last week we visited the county of Surrey. We also visited

Battle Abbey where **William the Conqueror** fought his principal battle when he conquered England. We also visited the former residence of the great **Oliver Cromwell**. Here were also great battles fought in the days of old. I should require the whole of your paper to describe my visits in the country, including London, but must leave this until my return to America. I visited a rented farm in Herfordshire of 500 acres. They employ eight men and four boys on this farm all the year. Besides a gardener, coachman, cook, two man servants, a charwoman and a governess for the children. They met us at the station with a motor car, and returned us the same way. I never sat down to such a dinner in my life! I certainly concluded the servants knew how to act better than I did. The lady was one of the finest entertainers I ever met. The husband twenty years ago visited Moweaqua and stayed some time with us. Some of my neighbors will want to know if many changes have occurred since my last visit there, 57 years ago. The one thing I notice most is better housing and living amongst the agricultural men. They are better educated and more intelligent, and I am proud to say they don't drink so much. In fact, I have not seen a man the worse for liquor since I have been in England. The English people are well governed, in fact, I think they are the best governed in the world, and they certainly are very happy, and I advise them if they are doing well, to remain where they are. One thing I would like to have in American what they have here, and that is good roads! There is no street in Decatur that is kept in better order than the roads in the country places here, and my neighbors will wonder how that can be. Some people ask me if I am going back to America. I say it would be hard to make an American English, but not so hard to an Englishman American. Therefore, there are many things I have seen here that I admire, but I am still an American citizen. We will sail for home on the 10<sup>th</sup> of September on the same boat we came over in, but will probably not arrive in Moweaqua until October. Yours respectfully, **Tom C Ponting**.

Last Wednesday the little daughter of **Charles Langford**, south of Shelbyville, was drowned by falling into an open well. The child was eighteen months old. A three foot curb surrounded the well and the child in attempting to get a drink from a bucket, which was placed on the curb, was pulled into the well by the falling of the bucket. The mother was alone at the time and was unable to render any aid to her drowning child. She is prostrated from grief and is in a critical condition.

Last Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock a very pretty wedding took place in Decatur. Mr. **Joe Gregory** and Mrs. **Bertha Roach**, both well known residents of the country northwest of town were united in marriage at the home of the bride's sister. After the ceremony a dainty wedding breakfast was served, and later on the whole party drove to the train and saw the bride and groom leave of St Louis, where they intend to make a short visit.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hines** of Maple Grove on Saturday, 3 September 1904, a girl. **W B Foltz** and wife were called to Tower Hill Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. **Foltz's** bother, **Edward Simpson** who died suddenly in Chicago where he has been for fifteen years.

**Wednesday, 14 September 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**A J Combs** and son, **Dale Combs**, of this town went to Macon last Wednesday to attend the **Combs Family Reunion**. The parents of Mr. **Combs** live in that town. The father is eighty years old, the mother seventy-two. They have a family of eleven children, all of

whom except one live within a radius of twenty-five miles of Macon. **Jas A Combs** lives in Nebraska but came home for the reunion. A picnic dinner was enjoyed in the yard of the old home place, and a very pleasant time was had by the meeting of all the children with the parents. It is not often that all of a large family, of parents who are so old, are permitted to meet together in this manner. The reunion was unique in that respect. A similar meeting was held two years ago, and we trust that many more may be enjoyed in the future.

**John Pacak**, a miner of this town, died last week in Rock Springs, Wyoming, and was brought here for burial on last Thursday. He was subject to epileptic fits, and it is supposed that this was the cause of his death. He was found dead with his face buried in some sand. It is thought that he had a fit, fell forward in the sand and was smothered to death. The young man was a son of **John Pacak**, a well-known miner of this place. The remains were taken to Pana for burial on Thursday evening.

Grandpa **Pinkston** celebrated his eighty-fourth birthday Friday, 9 September 1904, and he was reminded of the event in a very pleasant manner. A number of relatives and friends assembled at the home and served a sumptuous dinner and enjoyed the day in a social way.

Mr. **Ruby Osborn** and Miss **Josie McVicker** were married on 6 September 1904, at the bride's parents in Owaneco. They left the same evening for a few days' visit at the World's Fair. (Fame news)

**Wednesday, 21 September 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At ten o'clock Monday night, Mrs. **Samuel Riley, Jr.** died of blood poison. Mrs. **Riley** has been in poor health for quite a while but owing to her tenacious hold on life, and her uncomplaining and unexplaining spirit, even her most intimate friends and loved ones never knew her actual condition. Her death came as a great shock to our community and has touched the chord of sympathy in all our hearts. The following are the facts of her life. **Jessie Betsy Hudson**, the eldest daughter of **Thos** and **Viola Hudson** was born in Moweaqua on 14 January 1878. She departed this life on 19 September 1904. Mrs. **Riley** was aged 26 years, 8 months and 5 days at the time of her death. She was the eldest of eight children, five girls and three boys. She was united in marriage to **Samuel Riley, Jr.** on 8 November 1897, to which union were born two children, **Elizabeth Riley**, four years of age, and **Lois Riley**, two years of age, both of whom with their father, survive her. The funeral services will be held Thursday morning at 10:30 at the home of her father and will be conducted by Rev. **W F Stevenson**. Interment will be at the North Cemetery.

Mr. **John Clark** received a telegram Monday announcing the death of Uncle **Thomas Smith** of North Yakima, Washington. Mr. **Smith** was formerly one of the old settlers of this vicinity, having lived here over fifty years. His wife is a sister of Mrs. **Fred Snell** and Mr. **John Clark**. He died on Monday and will be buried there on Wednesday. His son and daughter were with him at the time of his death. The son of Mr. **E W Smith** was formerly an employee of the *Moweaqua Call-Mail* Office. Mr. **Smith** is well and favorably known, and the message of his death will be felt in the homes in our midst. *Funeral notice – received too late for last week.* The funeral services of **Homer W Beadles**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **H H Beadles**, east of town, occurred last Sunday afternoon at two o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. **B D Wiley** of Bethany, Illinois, at



the home. The deceased was 13 years, 8 months and 2 days old. The interment was at Macon. Pallbearers were **B O** and **Nate Wise**, **Jesse** and **Roe Stich**, **Charles Huffman** and **Willie Schneider**.

*Former citizen is dead.* **Reed C Pound** was born in Richwoods, Illinois, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1850. He died at his home in Decatur, Illinois, on 14 September 1904, aged 54 years, 8 months and 17 days. He was married to **America Carwile** on 18 March 1874. To this union were born five children, three girls and two boys—the three girls having preceded the father to the Spirit Land in infancy. At the age of sixteen, he united with the Little Flock Baptist Church, but later removed his membership to the Moweaqua Baptist Church and lived a consistent Christian. He had been sick ten weeks with his malady being kidney trouble, and death came to his relief, as his suffering was intense. He was a member of the Red Men and the Loyal Americans. The funeral was held at the Baptist Church in this city at ten o'clock Friday morning. The Red Men having charge of the funeral. The interment was at the west cemetery. The wife with two sons, **Willie Pound** and **Tommie Pound**, one brother and one sister, besides a host of relatives and friends are left to mourn his passing. *Resolution:* Our beloved brother, **R C Pound** departed this life 14 September 1904. Therefore be it resolved that while we deplore the loss of our brother we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well. And be it further resolved that the members of Pequannock Tribe Improved O. R. M. do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the family of our deceased brother.

Mrs. **Sam Riley, Jr.** has been very sick for the past week. She was thought to have appendicitis at first. The physicians now find no symptoms of that disease. *Later:* Mrs. **Riley** died of blood poison. She had shown signs of improvement before her death. The annual reunion of the Twenty-first Illinois Infantry, Gen **U. S. Grant's** old regiment, which was mustered in at Mattoon, is held at Bethany today. Extensive arrangements are being made for the event. General **Frederick D Grant**, son of the illustrious command, now in command of one of the forces maneuvering in the south, has promised to attend the reunion.

Sunday, 11 September 1904, a number of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Jacobs** gathered at their home in the north part of town to remind Mrs. **Jacobs** that the following Monday was her fifty-second birthday. The party was planned by her daughter, **Lizzie**, and was a success in every particular. To get Mrs. **Jacobs** away from home, she had been invited to take dinner with Mr. and Mrs. **John Miler**, and soon after her departure the party began to gather at her home with well-filled baskets. After everything was in readiness her son, **George**, drove over after her, pretending that he and his family had come to spend the day with her. The surprise was complete. Mrs. **Jacobs** was the recipient of a number of useful and valuable presents, among them, a handsome rocking chair and a gold ring. The afternoon was spent in social conversation. At a reasonable hour the party returned to their homes wishing Mrs. **Jacobs** many happy birthdays and expressing themselves as having enjoyed the occasion very much.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Clark** spent a few days at the World's fair last week. While there, Mrs. **Clark** met three sisters from three different states, one of whom she had not seen for twenty-seven years! Mr. and Mrs. **Whiston** of Oklahoma, Mrs. **Wells** of Minnesota, and Mrs. **Mansfield** and son of Ohio, all of whom accompanied them home and will visit for a short time among relatives here. Mrs. **Sweet** is also a sister of the above, with whom they will visit.

Yantisville news: **Jud Barkhurst** and Miss **Dora McDonald** were married on Wednesday. We presume they will live at her fathers, **John McDonald**.

Fame news: Last Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. **Joe Osborne** gave a reception to a few of the nearest relatives in honor of their son, **Ruby Osborne** and wife.

Allenboro news: **Homer Beadles**, the 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **H Beadles**, died Friday afternoon, 9 September 1904, at three o'clock after a lingering illness of several months. The funeral was held from the family residence. Sunday afternoon at two o'clock conducted by Rev. **Wiley** of Sanner Chapel Church. The interment was at Macon cemetery.

Walker news: Mr. **Major** and son, **Jesse Major** attended the funeral of Mr. **Major's** brother-in-law last week.

**Wednesday, 29 September 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**James**, the little son of **Peter** and **Anna Ricardo**, died at the home of his parents Wednesday morning. He was sick but a few days. He was born 22 May 1904. The funeral will be held at the home 29 September 1904 at 9 AM. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery.

Miss **Dora Frazee** celebrated her eleventh birthday on Wednesday, 21 September 1904, by delightfully entertaining her friends from four until six o'clock. Games were indulged in and refreshments served. The little folks departed wishing their hostess many healthful and happy returns of the day.

Miss **Fausta Allison** entertained her friends on Saturday afternoon, 24 September 1904, it being her eleventh birthday. The guests departing declared Miss **Fausta** an excellent entertainer.

**M E Snyder** received a telegram Monday that his sister, Mrs. **Polly Keisewetter** had died at her home in Brown Co, Ohio.

*Charter Oak.* Mr. **Daniel Rosenberger** and Miss **Effie Rosenberger** were united in marriage in Kentucky on Wednesday, 24 September 1904. They arrived here Thursday and intend to make their home on the farm at present occupied by **Thos Tackleson**.

Mr. **I C Jones**, formerly of this place and a prominent lady from Norwich, New York, were united in marriage one day last week. The ceremony was performed at the Baptist parsonage, and the happy couple will go to housekeeping at once.

**A Hughes** and wife of Mexico, Missouri, were here last week in attendance at the funeral of Mrs. **Samuel Riley, Jr.** Mrs. **Hughes** will be remembered as **Lizzie Hudson**, daughter of **Thos Hudson** of this city. Mr. **Hughes** was editor of the *Moweaqua Register* a number of years ago.

Mr. **J L Skiff** and Miss **Mattie Kitch** of Moweaqua were married at Decatur on Friday at 2 PM. Judge **O W Smith** performed the ceremony. Mr. **Skiff** has quite a record as a soldier, having served in the U S Army since 1898. He has twice served an enlistment for three years each. He was in the Spanish American War and the Philippine service. Miss **Kitch** is well known in the community. The friends of each will be pleased to know that the young people are to locate in a beautiful home at Sullivan, which the groom has purchased and furnished. They leave for their home the last of the week.

Thursday of last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Orson Sweet** the following parties gathered around the family board to visit and enjoy the memories of home leaving and returning. Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Pelton** and family of Prairie Home, **Sarah Weles** of

Minnesota, **John Clark** and family, **Elmer Pelton** of Sanner Chapel, **Adelbart Pelton** of Sanner Chapel, **Benton Whiston** and wife of Oklahoma, **Lucinda Mansfield** and son of Ohio, **John Ayers** and wife, and **Gertrude Washington** were present.

**Thursday, 6 October 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Nancy Tolly** of Decatur, a well-known and respected former resident of Moweaqua, died Saturday, 1 October 1904, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **M E Richhart**. Mrs. **Tolly** was well and favorably known here, having lived here and in the neighborhood adjoining Moweaqua for many years. Her illness was of short duration, being confined to her bed only a little over one week. Her body was brought here Tuesday morning, and the funeral service was conducted by **A R Spicer** at the Christian Church. The burial was in the I. O. O. F. Cemetery. **Nancy Vermilion** was born in Kentucky on 9 October 1839. She was aged 64 years, 11 months and 22 days at the time of her death. She was married to **Levi P Tolly** on 9 September 1860. She united with the Christian Church at the age of nineteen, and has since been a faithful and consistent member. She was the mother of four children, only one of whom survive her, Mrs. **M E Richhart** of Decatur. Her husband died three years ago last February. She departed this life on 1 October 1904, leaving a daughter, five grandchildren and a host of friends to mourn her death.

Mrs. **Martha Bunning** died Thursday morning. She is one of the old settlers, was the wife of **Henry Bunning**. The family resides about five and one half miles northeast of Moweaqua. As we go to press there is little known as to the particulars.

**Wib Workman** and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy. It is now Grandpa **Workman**. (Note: No date given)

**John Hartman** and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home. He made his appearance here on Saturday, 1 October 1904.

From the *Potwin News* of Potwin, Kansas, we clip an account of the death of **Daniel Snyder**, a brother of Mr. **M E Snyder**, living south of town. He was sixty-six years of age at the time of his death, and was well and favorably known here. His death was mourned by a large circle of friends. Mr. **Snyder** and daughter **Minnie** were present at the funeral services.

Prairieton news: **Syd Morton** went to Vandalia last week to attend the funeral of his grandfather.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Millard Cutler** on 30 September 1904, twin sons. (Obed news)

Yantisville news: The infant child of **Charles Wikowsky** and wife died Friday morning and was buried at Union cemetery Saturday at 2 P M. The child was born in February 1904.

**Thursday, 13 October 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*The Grim Reaper Gathers Them In.* Morning, noon and sunset of life's states are visited during the past week. The little child, the strong man and the aged patriarch are summoned to the better land. The child of Mr. and Mrs. **J R Payne** is summoned, the strong and vigorous **Jas A Jacobs**, and well-known citizen, **Nathan Humphrey** passes away. **James Alvin Jacobs**. The community was shocked Sunday morning when the news was noised about that **James Jacobs** was dead. The shock was greater because it seemed so contrary to normal conditions. Mr. **Jacobs** was a strong, active, athletic man, and would have been almost the last one chosen under ordinary circumstances as a victim

of death's aim. Yet this only illustrates the great fact that life is uncertain and death is sure. Mr. **Jacobs** returned from a visit to the World's Fair and was indisposed a few days before taking to his bed. His symptoms soon marked his case as one of the worst form, and for seventeen days he made a heroic struggle to overcome the burning typhoid fever, but it was more than he could resist, and on the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup> of October 1904, he surrendered and fell asleep. He leaves a wife and son, brothers and sisters and a great host of friends to mourn his untimely death. The funeral services were conducted at home on Tuesday afternoon by Rev. **A D Cooper** of the Baptist church. The Odd Fellows marched to the grave and conducted a most impressive service. **James Alvin Jacobs** was born near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 26 December 1871. He passed from this life 9 October 1904 at his home. **James** was blessed with six brothers and six sisters, he being the youngest of thirteen children. His father, mother, one brother and one sister went before him to that Land of Rest. On 26 March 1890, James was married to Miss **Rachel Jarvis** of Moweaqua. The Lord blessed this home with one son. He professed religion in 1890, and that same year united with the Baptist Church of Moweaqua and remained a member of this Church unto his death. He was the happiest and most contented when at home with his loved ones.

After a long illness and patient struggle our well and favorably known townsman, **Nathan Humphrey** died at his home on Wednesday, 12 October 1904, at 11:20 AM. The funeral will be held from the Baptist Church, Rev. **Jo B Rogers** in charge. The time of funeral not definitely set. It will be announced by special funeral notices.

New arrivals: To Mr. and Mrs. **Clem Scribner**, 6 October 1904, twins – a boy and a girl. To Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bilyeu** on 4 October 1904, a boy. Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas McCray** are rejoicing over the arrival of a new girl, born Monday. **John W Myers** and wife welcomed a new boy into their home on Saturday. Mother and child doing well. Mr. **Ora Dagget** and Miss **Fannie Merris** of Macon were married on Tuesday at 4 PM. They left for a short visit to St Louis. Mr. **Dagget** is the enterprising manager of the Macon Telephone system. Mr. **Doty** of Moweaqua will have charge of the work during his absence.

The friends of Mr. **W F Brookshire** will be surprised to know that he has decided to take unto himself a helpmate in the closing days of his life. Mr. **Brookshire** is to be married to day at 2:30 PM at Decatur to Mrs. **Howard** of that city. **A R Spicer** of Moweaqua will perform the marriage ceremony. The couple will return to Mr. **Brookshire's** splendid farm home north of Moweaqua. Mrs. **Howard** is an elderly widow lady of splendid report, and Mr. **Brookshire** is one of our best plain men.

Mr. **Daniel Kirby** and Mrs. **Emma Scehnet**, both of this city, were united in marriage on Thursday, 6 October 1904, at Decatur. Judge **O W Smith** officiated. The groom is a miner and is well known and respected here, having worked at the mine for several years, but of late has been employed at Sandoval. The newly married couple will reside in this city.

Prairieton news: **James Jacobs** died Sunday morning at 3:00 o'clock after a severe spell of typhoid fever. Wednesday being Miss **Maud Gorden's** birthday, her young friends surprised her at night. **A B Lawrence**, Mrs. **John Lawrence**, and Mrs. **Syd Morton** visited **Clem Scribner** and family near Prairie Home on Sunday. The **Scribner's** welcomed twins, a boy and girl, to their home on 6 October 1904.

Miss **Martha Bunning** quietly passed away in death at her home near Allenboro on Thursday, 6 October 1904, at 6:30 o'clock A.M. The funeral took place from the family home Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock conducted by Rev. **M Flacksbart** of Boody, Illinois. The remains were interred in the Long Grove cemetery. She was confined to her bed about three weeks. She suffered much during her illness and was ready and willing for the Lord to call her home. Shortly before her death she called the children to her side and kissed them all goodbye, and asked them to sing her favorite hymn, "*Lord, I'm Coming Home*", she joining in and helping them sing. **Martha Bohlen** was born on 14 January 1852, near Hanover, Germany, and died near Moweaqua, Illinois, on 6 October 1904, aged 52 years, 8 months and 23 days. She united with the Lutheran Church when sixteen years of age. She came to the United States in November 1871 and settled near Moweaqua, Illinois. She united in marriage with **Henry Bunning** on 27 April 1874, and moved to her late residence where she resided till her death. Her husband departed from this life on 1 March 1898. She is survived by six children, three boys and three girls, five grandchildren, two brothers, one sister and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

**Diamond Payne**, the little child of Mr. and Mrs. **J R Payne**, died Saturday at 1:30 AM and was buried on Sunday at 2: PM at Little Flock. The child was at the time of her death, one year, nine months and twenty-two days old. Rev. **Haskins** conducted the funeral services. Our sympathies to the bereaved parents.

*Neva Johnson vs. Homer Johnson in Chancery.* Affidavit of the non-residence of **Homer Johnson**, defendant, having been filed in the office of the Clerk of said circuit court of Shelby County, notice is therefore given to the said **Homer Johnson** that the complainant filed her bill of complaint on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of October 1904, and that a summons thereupon issued out of said court against the defendant. Now, unless you, **Homer Johnson** appear in said court on the first day of the next term therefore, in the City of Shelbyville, in said County on Monday, the 14th day of November next, and plead, answer or demur to the said complainant's bill of complaint, the matters and things therein charged and stated will be taken as confessed and a decree entered against you. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Lon Tolly** was buried at Little Flock on Tuesday. (Obed news)

Henton news: The youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Lowe** of Springfield, Illinois, was buried at this place on Friday.

Allenboro news: The funeral of Mrs. **Martha Bunning** was held at the home on Saturday morning at ten o'clock and was conducted by the German Minister of Boody. The interment was in the Long Grove cemetery.

Local news: Mr. **Nathan Humphrey Sr.** is very low and sinking rapidly at present writing. (Later: Mr. **Humphrey** passed away)

Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Wooters** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Wooters'** brother at Herrick the first of the week.

A party of about twenty-five young people met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gregory** Saturday night to celebrate the thirteenth birthday of Master **Leo Gregory**. Refreshments were served and young Leo received quite a number of presents. Games were indulged in and the young folks were glad for the pleasurable occasion.

Thursday, 20 October 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:

*New arrivals.* To **C Oakes** and wife on Saturday, 15 October 1904, a boy. To **Oscar Bryson** and wife on Saturday, 15 October 1904, a boy

*Gone the Way of all the Earth:* **Nathan Humphrey**, one of Moweaqua's Distinguished Citizens laid to rest. After a long and patient struggle of many months, **Nathan Humphrey** went the way of all the earth. Last Wednesday morning at 11:20, the word went out that he was dead. The funeral arrangements were made and carried out by the family at his previously stated request. The funeral was held from the Baptist Church with Rev. **Jo B Rogers** in charge. Rev. **Irwin** read an appropriate scripture after which the pastor, Rev. **Cooper** offered a touching prayer—the sermon was delivered by his favorite pastor, Rev. **Jo B Rogers**. He was laid to rest in the west cemetery by a host of loved ones, friends and neighbors. **Nathan Humphrey** was born 30 September 1827 on his father's farm on the east bank of the Mohican River, Cochocton County, Ohio, and died on 12 October 1904 at Moweaqua, Illinois. Death came to the old settler pioneer just

12 days after his 77<sup>th</sup> birthday. He came of sturdy New England stock. His grandfather, born in Massachusetts, became a distinguished citizen of Rhode Island, commanded a regiment of Soldiers during the Revolutionary War, and maintained himself as a very foremost man in every relation of life until his death at Tiverton in 1832. His father was a worthy son of the old Colonial leader and himself became a pioneer in the state of Ohio in 1813. **Nathan** began life among the hardships which attended the settlers of the new state and early learned to make his opportunities, not wait for them. At three years of age, he crippled his right hand by cutting the leaders of two fingers on a scythe, and at 14 years his right leg was ground to a pulp in the horse power of a threshing machine. So this man child, born to control the minds and actions of others far beyond the power of most men, was destined to go through life with serious physical afflictions which hindered and curbed him at every turn. He moved with his parents from Cochocton to Tuscarawas County, Ohio, in 1837, when the father died in 1843, and young **Nathan** worked on the farm for his widowed mother until her death in March 1847 when he came to Clay County, Illinois, to begin life for himself. In 1850, in company with his brother, **William Humphrey**, and his brother-in-law, **David Sweezy**, he made a tour of northern, Illinois, and Iowa, looking for a site to locate a farm. This resulted in a residence of four years in Morgan County, Illinois, and ten years in what is now Divernon township, Sangamon County, Illinois, and finally in 1868 his last removal to Moweaqua township, Shelby County, Illinois, where the remainder of his life was spent. In politics he was Whig and Republican, having voted for **Taylor** in 1848, **Scott** in 1852, **Filmore** in 1856 and for **Lincoln** and the candidates of the Republican party since. His attention was first attracted to the subject of slavery in his boyhood through the circumstance of the transfer of a black man from New Orleans to his father's farm in Ohio by a relative of his mother. There was no doubt that the impressions then made were the seeds which grew into the strong convictions he afterwards held in favor of emancipation. Mr. **Humphrey** has always been a citizen of influence in the communities in which he has resided, and his opinion and advice much sought upon public questions and matters of business. He held no public office except school treasurer six years and Justice of the Peace twelve years. For sixty four years he was a member of the Baptist Church having been converted in meetings held in a school house on his father's farm in Ohio, and baptized in the

Tuscarawas river by Elder **McGowan** in 1840. He was a man of strong convictions, yet charitable and kind, and his experience in rearing eight children of his own has been continued down to the time of his death by the loving care and protection he has given to the numerous grandchildren made orphans by the untimely death of his daughter, **Alice**, and his sons, **Oscar** and **David**. He leaves surviving him, his widow, who has been his companion helpmate since 12 May 1850, his daughter, Mrs. **Susan Harlan**, wife of **Lewis Harlan**, Mrs. **Jennie Drake**, wife of **John Drake**, Miss **Ida Humphrey**, and two sons, **Nathan** and **Walter Jr.**, and twenty-two grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. He also leaves three sisters and one brother, Mrs. **Sarah Croaley** of Cochocton, Ohio, Mrs. **Amelia Lane** of Janesville, Ohio, Mrs. **Emma Price** of Nashville, Michigan, and **Walter Humphrey, Sr.** of Moweaqua.

Miss **Stella Winter** of Blue Mound and Mr. **Beard** of Mt Auburn were married at St Louis this week. Miss **Winter** is one of Blue Mound's popular young ladies. Mr. **Beard** is an esteemed and substantial young farmer of the Mt Auburn vicinity.

**Thomas S Cutler** of Obed and Miss **Amanda Housh** of Moweaqua were married at Decatur on Monday noon by Justice **J E Saxton**.

The babe of **Wesley Coffman** and wife died on Wednesday and was buried on Thursday. **Frank Wilber** left Tuesday for his home in North Carolina after a two and one half years stay here.

**R A Patton** and brother, **George Patton**, visited in Shelbyville on Monday.

The seventeenth being the tenth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Belton**, quite a number of their friends gathered at their home and spent the evening with them.

**Wib Workman** and wife of Prairieton lost their infant baby last week.

Obed news: Mr. **Litchenwalter** of Shelbyville put up a nice monument Monday at the graves of the late Mr. and Mrs. **G W Longenbaugh**.

#### Thursday, 27 October 1904 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**Lebbeus McNaul** laid to rest. The seasons come and pass away and the lines of the faithful in the service of Christ are also passing away. Just as the autumn begins, with all of its beauty and glory—the gathering of the harvest—the Lord of the harvest sent his angels and took to himself, another faithful servant to his reward. On last Tuesday evening, 18 October 1904, **Lebbeus McNaul** took his departure to his eternal home from the old **McNaul** residence, now the home of Mr. and Mrs. **A D Coulter**, of Prairie Home. He was born in Center County, Pennsylvania, on 23 February 1830, and departed this life at the age of 74 years, 7 months and 25 days. He came to the State of Illinois about fifty years ago, settling first at Freeport, and came from that place to Shelby County, locating upon the farm at Prairie Home about forty years ago where he has since resided, with the exception of about nine years, when he lived in Moweaqua, Illinois. He was married to Miss **Caroline Taggart** forty-six years ago. Their home was not blessed with any children of their own, but they did have two children to gladden their hearts and home—they having taken two children whose parents God had called away, Mrs. **A D Coulter** and her brother, two and four years old. Mr. **McNaul** came of Scotch Irish parentage and as a matter of necessity, was a Presbyterian. He served for many years as Ruling Elder in the Prairie Home Presbyterian Church and held the same position of honor in the Moweaqua Presbyterian Church at the time of his departure. He was a devoted husband having for many years cared for his invalid wife until she was relieved of her sufferings,



being called away more than two years ago. He has been afflicted with rheumatism ever since he was twenty-five years old, and he never complained, having only a short time before his death expressed that which was the habit of his life, "I do not worry about anything". He was one of eleven children, all of his brothers and sisters have preceded him but one brother who still resides in Iowa. The funeral was conducted at the Prairie Home Presbyterian Church on Thursday, 20 October 1904, by Rev. **James Vallier**, pastor of the Prairie Home church.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Herman Wempen** on Friday, 21 October 1904. (Allenboro news)

**Homer Pinkston** and wife of Pleak are the happy possessors of a new son born 19 October 1904.

Pleak news: **Rex Townsend** and **Cora Breeding** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on Sunday at the home of the bride. Rev. **Levi Corley** performed the ceremony in the presence of a few relatives and friends. Mr. and Mrs. **Townsend** will immediately occupy the homestead of **A J Syfert** near Pleak.

Yantisville news: Mr. **Charles McDonald** and Miss **Mary Jane Corley** were made one on last Sunday. Rev. **Jos Askins** officiating.

Obed news: The twin boys of **Millard Cutler** were buried at Little Flock on Sunday afternoon. One having died the 20<sup>th</sup> and one on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. They were about one month old. Funeral was preached by Elder **Levi Corley**.

Mr. and Mrs. **M Snyder** entertained to dinner Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Ponting**, Mr. **McHenry**, Mrs. **Smart**, Mr. and Mrs. **Mose Smart**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Hudson** and family, and Mr. and Mrs. **Ben Smart** and family. It was Mr. **Snyder's** birthday also Mr. **McHenry's**. The former being seventy years old and the latter seventy-seven.

#### Thursday, 3 November 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Laurence Earl** and **Lester Murle Cutler**, infant twins of Mr. and Mrs. **M F Cutler**, were born on 29 September 1904. After a severe illness of one week each, little **Lester Murle** dying on 20 October 1904, age three weeks. **Laurence Earl** dying 22 October 1904, aged three weeks and two days. The funeral was held at Little Flock on 23 October 1904 by Rev. **Levi Corley** in the presence of a large congregation. *Card of thanks:* We desire to extend our heartfelt hanks to all who so kindly and so willingly assisted us during the illness and death of our little twins, which was so dear to us. Mr. and Mrs. **M F Cutler**

**Beverly Armstrong** made this office a pleasant call on Saturday, 29 October 1904. It was the fifty-sixty anniversary of his marriage. About thirty were present, and he and his wife are all that are left of the company except one little girl who is now the wife of Col **Malone**. Mr. and Mrs. **Armstrong** are both in town and are hale, hearty and happy.

An appropriate memorial souvenir – the family of the late **Nathan Humphrey** are having a beautiful memorial pamphlet printed. It contains the facts of his life, the funeral service and sermon. It will have a splendid likeness engraved of Mr. **Humphrey** and will be a valuable family heirloom souvenir. (Note: The ravages of time have torn the remainder of the write up from the newspaper and the final 3 or 4 lines of the article were missing.)

**W W Linn** of the firm of **Linn & Scruggs** has died. He was one of Decatur's prominent businessmen and aged 43 years old.

Rev **Stevenson** left today for Champaign where he is to officiate at the marriage of Mr. **Edward Simon Pilcher** of St Louis to Miss **Opal Stipes** of Champaign. Miss **Stipes** is

the daughter of one of Champaign's most substantial citizen, who is also a cousin of Rev. **Stevenson**.

Prairie Home news: About twenty-five friends of Mrs. **Walter Sanner** gathered at their home one evening last week and gave her a surprise on her birthday.

**Thursday, 10 November 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*New arrivals:* To **Curt Thomas** and wife, 5 November 1904, a boy. A son was born to **James Murray** and wife on 6 November 1904. Mr. and Mrs. **Delmer Parks** are the proud parents of a fine girl, born Saturday, 5 November 1904.

Tuesday evening, 1 November 1904, was the occasion of a pleasant surprise of Mrs. **Sarah Burkett**, given by her son and daughters and their many friends. The long table groaned beneath the sweets and substantial. Everything imaginable that is good to eat was there. There were 62 present to enjoy the occasion and make this fifty-eighth birthday one long to be remembered. The company departed at a late hour, wishing her many happy recurring birthdays.

A few months old baby of **Nathan** and **Eliza Smith** died last Tuesday, 1 November 1904. The child had been weakly all his life. He took with blood poison and lived only one week. A short funeral service was conducted at the home by Rev. **A D Cooper**. The body was laid to rest in the North Cemetery.

Maple Grove news: **Ray Hight** and **Lillie Grimes** drove to Macon Sunday evening and were married at the M E Parsonage.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **Charles Sanner** went to Sullivan Monday to attend her sister's wedding.

**Thursday, 17 November 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

On Tuesday, 25 October 1904, Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas W Tankersley** celebrated their fiftieth or golden wedding anniversary at their home three miles east of the city. Their eleven children, **Douglas Tankersley**, Mrs. **Wm Coultas**, Mrs. **Geo Suppes**, Mrs. **Albert Andell**, **Wm Tankersley**, Mrs. **Daniel Coultas**, Mrs. **Isiah Patrick**, **Leonard Tankersley**, **Lilly Tankersley**, **Warren Tankersley** and **Vina Tankersley**, together with thirty grand children, all being present, but three, and relatives and friends, were present at this memorable gathering. The noon hour had been decided upon as the time for the family reunion, and all arrangements had been carried out to make this an event that would long be remembered. Nothing had been forgotten in making it an event of merry making and feasting, and the impressiveness of the occasion of fifty years before was brought to the minds of all present. The decorations through the house were magnificent and appropriate for the day. The doorway entering the dining room was beautifully arched with golden ribbons and chrysanthemums, and similar decorations prevailed throughout the entire house. At the noon hour, the guests were invited to the dining room where a bountiful feast of good things had been prepared and all enjoyed the fine dinner served. Miss **Dessie Coultas** of Moweaqua, the oldest grandchild, played the grand march while the guests were entering the dining room and were seated at the festive table. Mr. and Mrs. **Tankersley** received many valuable presents and tokens of regard from their children and grand children, *(part missing from a torn paper)*

...received being a purse of \$55 in gold, the gift of the children. The occasion was one that will be long remembered by all present. In the evening the young people were

invited to spend a few hours with them and a very enjoyable time was had. Splendid refreshments being served. Misses **Dessie Coultas** and **Lilly Tankersley** favored the guests with a number of vocal selections which were greatly enjoyed. Those present from other places were Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Coultas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Coultas** and family, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley** and family, and Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Suppes**, all of Moweaqua. A short sketch of this estimable couple will not be amiss. Mr. **Tankersley** was born four miles northeast of this city. When a young man, he taught school for three years, and afterwards entered the grocery business which he conducted in 1853 and '54. After that he took up farming and has ever since been engaged in agricultural pursuits. He has always been a resident of Scott County and is known by nearly all. His estimable wife, Mrs. **Tankersley**, whose maiden name was **Katie Hockenhull**, was born 3 March 1838, in Cheshire, England, and came to this country with her parents when 14 years of age. She was married to Mr. **Tankersley** on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1854, and has lived in Scott County ever since. She has always been a woman of noble character and a loving mother and companion, and is held in high esteem by all who know her. (*Scott Co Herald, Winchester, Illinois*) (Note: A very nice picture of the couple accompanies this write-up. A copy of this picture can be found at the front of this book under 'Sketches')

**Mason Long** of Ft Wayne, Indiana, died at his home in that city last Saturday. He was the well-known temperance worker, and singer who was a drunkard and gambler. He was converted by a little girl saying, "You will, won't you" as she handed him an invitation to a temperance meeting. He signed the pledge and became a great worker. Allenboro news: **Ray Hight** and bride are comfortably located on the **R Hight** farm owned by Mr. **R Hight** of Macon.

**Ida** and **Lawrence Christopher** attended the funeral of their grandmother, Mrs. **Jones** of Prairie Bird last Friday. (Allenboro news)

Henton news: Mrs. **Wm Jones** died Wednesday night and was buried here on Friday afternoon. Rev. **O P Wright** conducted the funeral services.

**Lige Graham** and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy – born Monday, 14 November 1904.

#### Thursday, 24 November 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:

**I B Gordon** of Prairieton was married to a lady in Maroa last week.

The little babe of Mr. and Mrs. **Dudley Porter** died Saturday morning, 19 November 1904. The little one has been quite poorly and a siege of whooping cough was more than it could stand. Six months and seven days marked its earthly pilgrimage. The funeral service was held at the residence Monday at 2 PM. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. Interment was made at the north cemetery.

#### Thursday, 1 December 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:

Tuesday evening sixteen little boys and girls gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **D A Adamson** to do honor to their little daughter, **Madge Adamson**, it being the occasion of her ninth birthday. The surprise as planned was a decided success. Miss **Madge** entertained her friends in a most pleasant manner, and after games and refreshments were indulged in, the company departed, wishing her many happy recurring birthdays.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. **J T Haslam** of this city was the scene of a beautiful, quiet home wedding. The contracting parties were their eldest daughter, **Maude E** and **Wm N McKee**. At two o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the presence of the family and a few intimate friends, the young couple stepped forth and publicly ratified the pledges that they had privately made to each other. Rev. **W F Stevenson**, the officiating clergyman pronounced them husband and wife, after which they were showered with the heartiest good wishes and congratulations. The bride and groom were attired in faultless taste, and the entire ceremony was performed with the becoming grace. The young people are two of whom our community is proud. The young lady is from one of our very best homes and is in every sense, a charming and cultured lady. She graduated from our public school. She attended the State Normal School and later taught in the home school. The young man is a Moweaqua boy that has risen by dint of determination and application to an honored place in his profession. He is an electrical engineer by trade and will remain in our midst, in the employ of the Moweaqua Electric Light Co. The young couple will go at once to housekeeping, taking charge of the home of Mrs. **J W Clark**.

Our Thanksgiving services were interminglings of joy and sorrow. **Frances Irwin**.

During the afternoon occurred the funeral of the little three months old babe of Mr. and Mrs. **Robt B Irwin**, which was conducted at the family residence by Rev. **J E Patterson**, assisted by all the ministers of the town. **Frances Irwin** lived just three months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Irwin**, yet those three months bound their heart strings about her in such a way as to be like breaking the heart to wrench them away. The little one's form was laid to rest in the North cemetery. **Roy Hardin**. While the services were being held at the home of Rev. **Irwin**, another tragedy was being enacted in another part of town, which was to bring sudden sorrow to many hearts. The nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Hardin** was caught beneath the wheels of the north-bound local train and one limb ground off at the hip joint. The boy seems to have been in the habit of flipping the trains for a short ride, which is a common custom among certain lads, in so doing, he was caught in the fall beneath the wheels and literally ground to death. He lived but a few hours after the accident. The physicians did all possible, but to no avail. This has cast a gloom over our town and should put an end to the habit of trespassing on the railroad right of way, and especially of riding the trains. Mr. and Mrs. **Hardin** are prostrated by grief. It is indeed a most pitiful sight and a terrible experience to be called to go through. The *News* voices the general expression of sorrow to the bereaved families. **Roy Clay Hardin**, son of **Henry** and **Pairlea Hardin** was born on 12 January 1896, near Findlay, Illinois, and he died 24 November 1904, aged 8 years, 10 months and 12 days. A short funeral service was held at the home by Brethren **Irwin, Thomas** and **Cooper**. The remains were laid to rest in the North Cemetery.

An estate valued at from \$3,000,000 to \$4,000,000 is being held in trust for the five children of Congressman **Vespasian Warner**. It descended to them from their grandfather, **Clifton H Moore**, whose daughter, Congressman **Warner** married. All the other heirs of Mr. **Moore** are dead, and Congressman **Warner** is sole executor for his children, **John Warner, Clifton Warner, Vespasian Warner, Jr., Mrs. Winifred Dowdall** and **Mary Frances Warner**. The big item in estate is 36,000 acres of land. (*Arcola Record*)

**Walter Humphrey Jr.** has been appointed executor of his father's estate, **Nathan Humphrey**, deceased.

The many friends of Miss **Gertrude Knowles** and Mr. **Wm McGinley** were agreeably surprised when the news was circulated around that they had quietly arranged to meet in Decatur Wednesday, and were to be united in marriage at the residence of Rev. **Bowyer** at 2 PM on that day. It was planned by the young people to be a surprise on their friends as well as a quiet experience for themselves. As to the first purpose, it may be said that they were successful, but as to the latter purpose, it would be much better to say that the married couple were the ones surprised. For upon their arrival, a host of their admiring friends met them, and gave them such a reception that in after life it will no doubt be a pleasure for them to recount how they succeeded in carrying out their plans for a quiet wedding. Rice fell like snowflakes, hand grasps were especially warm and hearty, and the cab ride and the vocal wedding march will long remain in their memories. The end was not yet, the after-supper serenade of the admiring friends was the event of the evening. A company of young people, who were loud in the praise of the groom's excellence, called upon him at his retreat. After a siege of several hours, the dignified hero of many conflicts, was compelled to surrender and allow himself to be marched up to Snyder's Cafe where he was looted to the extent of a treat all the way around. This being done, he was voted a good fellow with the best wishes of the boys who were determined that quiet, secret, weddings should receive special attention. As to the personnel of these young men, it is hardly necessary to speak either to *News* readers, as both are so well known. Miss **Knowles** is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Knowles** of our little city. Mr. **McGinley** is the well and favorably known son of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley**, who are residents southeast of Moweaqua. **Wm McGinley** is in every sense a self-made man, having battled with all kinds of obstacles, to secure an education. He graduated from our public school with honor, later he taught in it as Superintendent for four years, made the canvas for the nomination for County superintendent on the democratic ticket and came very near receiving the nomination. They returned to their home at Champaign where Mr. **McGinley** has furnished rooms in readiness for light housekeeping. They will both be in the University for the rest of the year.

Prairieton news: Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Jacobs** are the proud possessors of a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. **T J Radford** celebrated their golden wedding on Thursday evening. The relatives in this vicinity of Mrs. **Bill Workman** near Assumption surprised her Sunday by giving a big dinner.

Charter Oak news: **Bennet Bradley** was called to Springfield Friday to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. **Walter Bradley**.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **R A Patton** was very pleasantly surprised Saturday night by a number of friends, it being her birthday. Refreshments were served and everyone had a very enjoyable time. Her children presented her with a nice kitchen cabinet.

Obed news: The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Ed Cole** was buried at Little Flock on Wednesday. Mrs. **Cole** is very sick. Dr **Kerr** of Westervelt is attending her. Dr **Thompson** of Shelbyville was called in consultation last week.

**Thursday, 8 December 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Wm Whitworth dead.* Death sudden – ill only a few days, case critical from the very first. At 4:40 PM, Wednesday, 7 December, the dissolution of soul and body came to

**Wm Whitworth** of Moweaqua. No arrangements have been made as to the funeral at this time.

The many friends of Mrs. **Mary E Godfrey** was quite a little surprised when the rumor spread abroad that she was married some time at some place and to someone last week. The rumor has been verified, and it is a fact that on last Thursday at 3 PM, at Peoria, Illinois, Mr. **Robert Dood**, a well known stock buyer and seller, was united in marriage to Mrs. **Mary E Godfrey**, one of Moweaqua's well known and highly esteemed ladies. Mr. **Dood** is a widower, about thirty eight years of age, without children. Mrs. **Godfrey** has with her, little **Grace**. They went at once to housekeeping where they will be at home to their many friends.

With the death of Mrs. **Effie Cole**, the wife of **Edward Cole**, the community of Locust Grove was brought to universal sorrow and sympathy. The young couple had been married just a little over one year. Just one week before, they had buried their little babe, a son, and the mother soon followed. Mrs. **Cole** was 24 years of age. She died on Friday morning, 2 December 1904, and was buried on 4 December 1904. The funeral was held at the Locust Grove Church and burial in Little Flock cemetery. Revs **Longenbaugh** and **McLear** had charge of the services. The husband and relatives have the sincere sympathy of their many friends.

Mr. and Mrs. **Dawson** lost their little child while on a visit to Chicago last week. The little one was in the first stages of whooping cough and seems to have taken a heavy cold. Mrs. **Dawson** will be remembered as **Debbie Harris**. The relatives and many friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Dawson** are touched by their sorrow. The little one was about one year old. The infant child of **J G Murray** and wife died Tuesday morning. Mr. **Murray** is the carrier on Route 2. The little babe was about one month old. Short services were held at the home on Wednesday, by Rev. **A D Cooper**. Burial was at Little Flock Cemetery. Mr. **G M Lyon** and Mrs. **J M Lyon** and baby returned Monday from a three weeks' visit at Medina, Tennessee. Father **Lyon** visited the place of his birth, and the scene of his childhood. It had been fifty-three years since he saw the old home place and childhood friends. He saw relatives that had married, raised children, and had grandchildren since his leaving. It was truly a pleasant experience.

**Paul James Thomas**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Curtis Thomas** died Wednesday evening, 30 November 1904, with whopping cough. Rev. **A D Cooper** conducted the funeral service in the home and burial was in the West cemetery.

Mrs. **Josephine Cole** received word from her daughter, Mrs. **Lichtenwater** stating that she has the small pox and is quarantined in Chicago, consequently she could not be with the family during the sickness and death of Mrs. **Edward Cole**. (Obed news)

Prairieton news: Mr. **Justin Epps** and Miss **Elva Robison**, daughter of **Andrew Robison** were quietly married in Taylorville last week. They went from there to St Louis to visit the World's Fair.

Fame news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Mullins** on 3 December 1904, a son.

Fame news: The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **E McCarty** of Radford died Saturday morning and was buried in Assumption Sunday afternoon, a short service was held at the house by Rev. **A W Smith**.

**Wm E Mullens** and wife are the proud parents of a fine boy born 3 December 1904.

Mrs. **Mary Ann Cottrell** died 27 November 1904 at her home in Sycamore. Mrs. **Cottrell** was the mother of Mrs. Dr **L F Buck** of LaGrange, Illinois.

**Thursday, 15 December 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. and Mrs. **Lloyd Snell** are the proud parents of a fine girl born on Saturday, 10 December 1904.

Just as we were closing up the forms last week, word came that **William Whitworth** was dead. The message, while not unexpected to a few friends who knew his condition, came as a great shock to the community in general. It was but a few days before that he was about and looking after his affairs as usual. He was taken suddenly ill on Monday night, and the case at once assumed a serious phase. His physicians did all that human aid could do, but to no avail. On Wednesday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock PM, he passed from the scenes of time to eternity. Mr. **Whitworth** was one of the oldest citizens of Moweaqua, having been both a farmer and a business man. He with his wife have had charge of the *Moweaqua Republican* for a number of years, of which they were the editors and publishers. Mr. **Whitworth** has held a number of positions of trust in which the people have called him. He built him a splendid home and was improving it and planning to settle down to enjoy a quiet old age. He and his good wife enjoyed friendship of a large number of people. The funeral was conducted Friday afternoon at the residence by Rev. **A D Cooper**, pastor of the Baptist church. The funeral was attended by a large throng of people. The G. A. R. attended in a body, also the I. O. O. F., of which organization he was a member. A large assembly of friends followed his body to its last resting place and quietly laid it away in the West Side Cemetery, almost within the shadow of his own friendly roof. (*Picture of Mr. Whitworth in this issue; copy placed in 'Sketches' of this book*) **William Whitworth**, the son of **Abraham** and **Martha Whitworth** was born in Perry County, Indiana, on 25 May 1838. He died in his home on Wednesday, 7 December 1904, after a few days of intense suffering. William was one of a family of eight children. He came from sturdy English ancestors, some of whom came to America in the early colonial days. His father was a pioneer in Indiana. **William Whitworth** came to Moweaqua Township Illinois, in 1858. At the age of twenty, he began work by the month. and by industry and economy, became a well-to-do farmer. In 1861, Mr. **Whitworth** was married to Miss **Sarah Lamb**, who lived only four years. To this union was born **Clara Whitworth** and **Alice Whitworth**. In 1866, he was married to Miss **Isabela Doyle**. His wife, and one daughter, Mrs. **Alice Chance**, and eleven grandchildren survive him. Mrs. **Landram** having passed away 3 October 1903. Mr. **Whitworth** was engaged in the newspaper business the last ten years of his life, lived most of his life on the farm.

One of the most useful earthly lives came to an earthly close last Friday morning early as it began to dawn toward the day. Mrs. **L D Kirk** of whom the readers of the *News* have been reading during the last few issues came to the last embattlement and quietly surrendered to death. It had been a struggle for a number of days with the dreaded encroachment of blood poison. It was thought by those in charge that the conditions were most favorable during the first of the week, but developments were quick and fast, and the end came with a rush. Mrs. **Kirk** was one of the best types of home women. She was a plain, practical, useful woman whose life was great in its simplicity and genuineness. She and her husband, **L D Kirk**, and their exemplary family, have lived southeast of town for a number of years. She had endeavored herself to a large number of friends who gathered about her and who lovingly laid her away with tearful eyes. Her death was



attributed to gangrene which set in following a soreness in her right hand caused by peeling apples. The arm was surgically removed above the elbow in an attempt to halt the gangrene. The funeral services were conducted by **A R Spicer** at the Christian Church on Saturday at 1 PM in the presence of a large concourse of friends and neighbors. Mrs. **Kirk** was a devoted Christian woman and hers is one of those lives that 'being dead yet speaketh'. **May Ida Waltz**, sixth child of Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Waltz**, was born in Summit County, Ohio, 7 April 1860, and died near Moweaqua, 9 December 1904, aged 44 years, 8 months and 2 days. Her father and all her brothers and sisters, except **William L Waltz** of Akron, Ohio, have preceded her to that land of rest. In 1864 with her parents, she moved to Macon County. On 27 January 1880, she was united in the holy bonds of matrimony to **Lewis David Kirk**. To this union five children were born, one of which preceded her to the Heavenly home in infancy. The remaining four children, **Jacob Ray Kirk**, **Edwin Archie Kirk**, **Lenora Angelina Kirk**, and **Pearl Estella Kirk** are left to mourn her death. Mrs. **Kirk** was reared under the influence of the German Reformed church, but in 1886, under the ministration of **W W Weedon**, she united with the Christian Church at Blue Mound.

Mr. **Jas Doyle** of Decatur visited his sister, Mrs. **Whitworth** on Saturday. **Wm Whitworth** recently passed to eternity. **J O Armstrong** of Decatur was down on Friday to attend the **Whitworth** funeral. Mr. and Mrs. **Lewis Halls** of Vandalia visited with the latter's sister, Mrs. **Whitworth** over Sunday.

**Wednesday, 21 December 1904 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **J M Housh** was the scene of a beautiful home wedding on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock. A large company of relatives and friends gathered to witness the marriage of **Nellie Housh** to **Raymond F Gregory**. The ceremony was performed in a faultless manner, and the occasion was one long to be remembered by those present. Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Gregory** entertained a large company of an infair reception Thursday in honor of the occasion at their hospitable home. The bride is a popular and pleasing young lady. The young groom is a well-known and honorable young man. They will go at once to housekeeping.

Miss **Olive Brown** of Bement, Illinois, is to be married to a Mr. **Clark**. Miss **Brown** will be remembered here as the granddaughter of Mrs. **Martha D Brooks**. She was very popular during her residence here.

Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh** celebrated his 83<sup>rd</sup>. birthday on Saturday. About 70 of the near relatives were present to feast upon turkey, goose, chickens, cake and other good things. Lastly came the usual treat, which Uncle **Isaac** always gives, consisting of candy, oranges and nuts. (Obed news)

Rev **W S Herman**, a Christian preacher of Bethany, died Friday, and the funeral was held on Sunday at 11 o'clock. Remains were laid to rest at Bethany cemetery. Rev. **Herman** was well and favorably known here.

Mr. and Mrs. **L F Rettig** are the proud parents of a daughter born on Wednesday, 14 December 1904. **Frank Reedy** and wife are the parents of a child born on Wednesday, 14 December 1904.

Pleak news: Born to **Chas Dailey** and wife on 13 December 1904, a son.

Fame news: **John Hardin** received word yesterday evening that his brother, **Will Hardin**, near Vown had met with quite an accident while out hunting Saturday. His gun

exploded, also seven shells that he had in his pocket. Dr **Rockey** of Assumption was called and found Mr. **Hardin** to be in quite a serious condition, suffering from quite a wound in his side, also very badly burned from the effects of the powder. He also amputated one finger. At this writing, he is resting as well as can be expected. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Craycraft** died at their home Sunday evening. Rev. **A W Smith** conducted a short funeral service at the house on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock after which the remains were laid to rest at the Bethany cemetery. (Fame news)

The fourteen months old son of Mr. and Mrs. **J Weakley** died at their home Monday from the effects of chicken pox. A short service was held at the house on Wednesday morning by Rev. **A W Smith**, after which the remains were accompanied to Decatur on the twelve o'clock train where a funeral service was held at the grave in the presence of their many friends and relatives, at the Greenwood Cemetery. (Fame news)

Mrs. **Chance** of Nebraska, the daughter of the late Mr. **Whitworth**, visited with relatives and friends at Blue Mound a few days this week.

**Walter H Gregory**, who had charge of the **Gregory-Housh** wedding, had the *News* get out some elegant invitations for the occasion. **Walter** doesn't do things by halves.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. **Newt Corrington** will greatly sympathize with them in their recent bereavement. They lost both of their little children by diphtheria.

**Maurice**, about 3 years of age, and **Isaac Anton**, about two years of age. This is very sad news to our community who hold the friendship of Mr. and Mrs. **Corrington** in such high esteem. The *News* bears its message of condolence.

#### Wednesday, 28 December 1904 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Saturday, 24 December 1904, **Anna Workman**, the wife of **George H Workman**, died at the home of her father, **R M Armstrong**. Mrs. **Workman** had been in poor health for a long time and her death was not unexpected. It was a very sad death in that she left four little children to battle with the world without the attention and love of a mother. The oldest child was eight years of age and the youngest two years of age. Mrs.

**Workman** contracted a heavy cold, and it finally developed into consumption. The funeral was held from the Christian Church of which she was a member on Monday afternoon. **A R Spicer** assisted by all the other ministers of the town conducted the services. Her body was gently laid to rest in the Masonic cemetery south east of town. It is most fortunate that she carried a policy in the Loyal Americans in favor of her family.

**Anna M Armstrong**, daughter of **R M Armstrong** and wife, was born in Flat Branch Township on 1 May 1879. She united with the Fame Evangelical Church when 14 years of age. At 16 years of age, she was married to **George H Workman**. To this union four children were born. She was the seventh child of a family of thirteen. She is survived by three brothers and three sisters, besides father and mother and many other relatives, who mourn deeply, her loss. She died on 24 December 1904, being at the time of her death, 25 years, 7 months and 24 days. Had she lived one more day, she would have died on her wedding anniversary, that being 25 December 1895. She united with the Christian Church about 6 years ago of which she was a faithful member.

**Mildred Lucille Catherwood**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Catherwood** died on

20 December 1904, of whooping cough and pneumonia. A short funeral service was held at the home by Rev. **Irwin**, and the burial took place at Assumption.

It is stated that Miss **Alma Lyons** and a Mr. **Williams** were married in St Louis recently. They came back to Decatur for a visit and soon will go to Portland, Oregon, to make their future home.

**Lyman A Koonce** and Miss **Mamie Hanks** were married at six o'clock Wednesday evening, 21 December 1904, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **C E Hanks**. While only the relatives and a few of the intimate friends were present, the arrangements were as elaborate as if hundreds were invited and were of excellent taste. Green and white were the color scheme in the decorations. In one corner of the front parlor where the ceremony was performed was an arbor of evergreen. There was a background of evergreen and on each side, palms and ferns were banked. White carnations were used and together flowers were used in other parts of the house with pretty effect. Promptly at six o'clock while the wedding march was softly played by Miss **Lizzie Sampson** of Argenta, a schoolmate of the bride, Miss **Anna Hanks**, sister of the bride, came forward carrying the ring on a white satin pillow followed by the bride and groom. Rev. **A D Cooper**, pastor of the Baptist Church, stepped forward and pronounced the words that united them for life.

**Ira L McGinley** and Miss **Zena Rawlings** were united in marriage last Wednesday afternoon in Decatur. None but a few of the most intimate friends knew anything of the wedding until the following day. They came down on the evening train and drove at once to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob McGinley**, southeast of town. The surprise to their friends was in every way complete. The groom is the youngest son of the above named parents. He is a practical, straightforward young man who has decided to make a success of life by tilling the soil, and will locate on the home place east of town for permanent residence, and the parents will, in the near future, move to town. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **C M Rawlings** of near Yantisville. She was attending school in Decatur at the time of her marriage, and for this reason the surprise to her many friends was all the greater. She is a cultured refined young lady who is well known for her musical talent and her efficiency as an instrumental instructor. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Armstrong** on 25 December 1904, a son.

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## MEMORIES FROM MOWEAQUA

### VOLUME 5

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

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#### Wednesday, 4 January 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Monday evening, 5 January 1903, at 7:30 o'clock PM at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Scroggin**, occurred the marriage of their eldest daughter Miss **Edna L Scroggin** to Mr. **Frank \_\_\_\_\_**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm D Armstrong** on 25 December 1904, a son.

Miss **Vera Colbert** received a beautiful gold watch on her tenth birthday from her grandpa, Mr. **H Shuemaker** of Windsor.

Obed news: **Wm Hill** received a message from Wisconsin Monday stating that his daughter, Mrs. **Lydia Drake** is dead, and that her body and that of her youngest child, aged eighteen months, who died a few days previously will be here Wednesday.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

Fame news: **Thomas Syfert** of Altamont and Miss **Hester Ellrich** were united in marriage at the home of the bride's father, near Fame Church, on the evening of 1 January 1895 (*article states 1895, but believe it should be 1905*) at 7:30 PM by Rev. **A W Smith**, in the presence of a few friends. Light refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. **Syfert** will live on the groom's farm near Altamont.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **Mary Carpenter** and son, **George Carpenter** are expected home Tuesday after a six weeks' stay in Kansas, where she was called to see her father, **Lafayette Greer**, who died on Christmas Day, 1904.

**Bennett Bradley** received a very sad message Monday announcing the sudden death of his youngest brother in Springfield. His death was very sudden. Mr. **Bradley** has been quite frequently called to mourn the loss of loved ones during the past year.

#### Wednesday, 11 January 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**T A Bafford**, who recently obtained a divorce from his wife in the Mattoon City court was married to Miss **Lou Griffith** on Wednesday at the home of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. **T H Griffith** at Windsor, the father of the bride officiating. The bride is a splendid woman and the groom made many friends during a year's residence in Windsor. Mr. **Bafford's** former wife, **Anna J Bafford**, lives at Macon, Illinois. She deserted him three years ago, alleging that while they were living in Kansas he did not support her in the luxurious style she desired. Mr. and Mrs. **Bafford** have gone to Mattoon where they will reside. (*Shelbyville Leader*)

The eight months old child of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Huttes** died at the home of its parents in the south part of town Tuesday morning, lung fever and whooping cough being the cause of its death. Services were held Wednesday at two o'clock. Rev. **Cooper** officiating.

In a wreck which occurred on the 'Big Four' five miles west of Champaign last Monday, **Ralph O Roberts**, Captain-elect of the University of Illinois base ball team was instantly

killed and several other students severely injured. They were returning to the University after the Christmas holidays.

**A R Spicer** and **W L Morris** left Wednesday morning for Rantoul. Rev. **Spicer** will perform the marriage ceremony for a prominent young couple of that city, and Mr. **Morris** will probably buy several wood working machines for his lumber business.

**Wolf-Stringer Murder Trial!** Monday morning the jury in the case of **Sanford Wolf** of Prairieton township charged with the killing of **Thomas Stringer**, returned a verdict of manslaughter and sentenced the defendant to five years in the penitentiary. The case was given to the jury late Saturday evening, and on the first ballot its members stood six for conviction and six for acquittal. They arrived at a verdict shortly after midnight. The case had been bitterly and stubbornly fought on both sides. The defense was ably handled by Attorneys **Hogan** and **Wallace**, and the prosecution was attended to in their usual efficient and thorough manner by States Attorney **Neff**. The principal witness for the prosecution was **John Hiatt**, stepson of the deceased **Stringer**. **Hiatt** was a very poor witness. He was so dense that it was impossible for the attorneys to get him to tell an intelligent and connected story. He also got badly mixed on cross-examination. For the defense, **Wolf** testified in his own behalf. At times he was a good witness and at times he was rather dull. He alleged self-defense as an excuse for killing **Stringer**. It is claimed in some quarters that the jury, acting under the instruction of the judge, went beyond its jurisdiction in returning a verdict sentencing the defendant to a stated term of imprisonment for manslaughter. It is said that the jury should have returned a verdict of guilty and that the judge should have sentenced **Wolf** to the penitentiary, his term of imprisonment to have been determined by the state board of pardons. If the claim is true, **Wolf** may secure a new trial as a result of the technicality or possibly may secure his freedom on the ground that he has been placed in jeopardy once for this crime and can not be retried. (*Taylorville Journal*)

**Death of Rev. Auer.** The *Danville Democrat* of Wednesday contained the following brief account of the deceased Chaplin. Rev. **Auer** got cold at the cemetery and returning to the house ran much of the way, and it is believed that the over exertion---Rev **Auer** being a large man---caused his death. Mr. **Auer** lived but a few minutes after arriving at the house. A physician was summoned but he arrived too late to be of any service.

Mr. and Mrs. **Malcolm W Stewart** are the proud parents of a son---born Saturday, 7 January 1905.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Scott Gregory**, Friday evening, 6 January 1905, occurred a very enjoyable social gathering, it being the forty-third birthday of Mr. **Gregory**. A large number of friends gathered to wish him well, and after a most delightful evening, presented him with an elegant pair of slippers with instructions that he should raise his boy in the way he should go, and in order to facilitate the matter gave one to his wife and himself. **Leo** fled from the room. It was unanimously voted that Ex-Judge **Clapper** was the feature of the evening.

The **VanHorn** brothers and sisters, eight in number, met in reunion at Mason City. The combined weight is 1,470 pounds, none of the brothers chew, smoke or drink.

As the result of a newspaper item ex-Alderman **Cass P Offit** and sister, Mrs. **Clara Webber**, will be reunited at Pana after a period of forty years.

Pleak news: **George** and **Sam Tolly** and wives attended the funeral of Mrs. **Lydia Drake** and baby at Union on Sunday.



Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Gregory** returned last week from Iowa where they went soon after their marriage on a prospecting tour. They also visited relatives and friends while there. They speak most encouragingly of that state.

**Wednesday, 18 January 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**Entombed in the mine!** A 1,000 feet below the earth's surface, six men are reported **dead**, and many were endangered by the flames and fumes from the burning **mine** at Decatur. The old mine at the **Decatur Coal Co** was the scene of one of the worst mine fires known in Central Illinois. The fire broke out Monday afternoon in the mule stables in the northeast part of the mine. The fire was 2,000 feet from the entrance, hence only those who were beyond that point were exposed to danger. The burning of the timbers and the straw caused such a dense smoke and stifling gases that it was impossible to withstand them long. Some fell on their faces, completely smothered and exhausted in their efforts to get to an opening. A number of acts of generous heroism was manifested by the imprisoned miners in behalf of their fellow miners, who were ignorant of the actual conditions facing them. It is supposed that the flame from a miner's torch set fire to the straw or rubbish. After a desperate fight by the fire department the flames were extinguished, and the bodies of the dead and those almost suffocated brought out. A throng of anxious and sorrowing people stood watch at the top waiting for any and every word as to those entombed below.

Prairieton news: **Si Bays** received the sad news last week that his sister, Mrs. **Jennie Campbell** of Sangamon was dead. Owing to the communications being so late in reaching him, he did not go.

Pleak news: Sunday, 15 January 1905, being **Sam Tolly's** birthday, his wife planned a surprise on him. When he returned from Church he found about thirty relatives and friends present to remind him of his thirtieth birthday. A long table was spread with everything that was good to eat. Late in the afternoon the guests departed wishing him many more birthdays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Beckham** a girl on 17 January 1905.

Radford: Mrs. **L A Green** received a message Sunday morning announcing the death of her sister's, Mrs. **Morris Kirkpatrick's** child, near Pana. The little one died very suddenly with heart failure. Mrs. **S J Jacobs** was called to Findlay on Sunday by a message stating the death of her sister at that place.

**Wednesday, 25 January 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John H Bilyeu** on 20 January 1905, a son.

Mrs. **Simon Primmer** left for Columbus, Ohio, to attend the funeral of her brother, **Henry Kline**.

It has been learned that **A L Ward**, a wealthy bachelor of Shelbyville, and Miss **Cora HINTERLY** of Brunswick were married on 5 December 1904. The marriage was kept secret until a few days ago.

Radford news: Born to Rev. and Mrs. **A W Smith** on 18 January 1905, a son.

Pleak news: A jolly crowd invaded the home of **G W Goodwin** last Tuesday evening to remind him of his birthday. About forty were present and the evening was spent in playing games. Refreshments were served during the evening and at a late hour all disappeared wishing George many happy returns of the day.

Obed news: **Grandma Swartz** died at the home of her son, **Charles Swartz** on Tuesday morning. She had been sick for quite a while.

**Wednesday, 1 February 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. and Mrs. **Wal Patterson** celebrated the tenth anniversary of their marriage on Tuesday evening.

Yantisville news: On account of the intense cold weather, not many from here attended the funeral of **Grandma Swartz** on Wednesday.

Mrs. **J Q Reighley** entertained a number of little folks to a six o'clock dinner one day last week in honor of Miss **Mattie Bradley**, it being her birthday.

Miss **Ula Corrington** received a beautiful and useful piano for her tenth birthday. It was a splendid piano, the gift of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Everette Corrington**.

Walker news: Quite a number of their friends were surprised to hear of the marriage of Mr. **Frank Timmons** of this place and Miss **Leta Giles** of Decatur which occurred at the home of the officiating clergyman, Rev. **Sutten** of Decatur on Thursday, 26 January 1905. Both parties are well known here. The groom is in the employ of the I. C. R. R. as station agent here. The bride is the pretty and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Giles** who were residents of Macon until last summer when they moved to a farm near Decatur.

Pleak news: Miss **Mollie Bryson** and brother, **Otto Bryson** entertained friends last Wednesday night. The evening was spent in dancing until a late hour when they dispersed, having a pleasant time.

**Wednesday, 8 February 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Elmers** on 4 February 1905, a son.

Mrs. **Dora Sieveking** of Clinton attended the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her brother, Mr. **Wal Patterson**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Atteberry** left Tuesday for Palmyra, Illinois, where they are to attend the wedding of the daughter of Hon **David Howser** who is her niece. She expects to meet Hon **John Howser**, Ex-Governor of Montana.

Miss **Catherine Estes**, who has been making her home with Mrs. **Keller**, left for Vandalia, where she is to be married today to Mr. **McLaughlin** of Brownstown, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. **Chas E Moore** will celebrate their seventh anniversary of their marriage at the home of Mrs. **Moore's** parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Gordon** on Thursday, 9 February 1905.

**Otis Blanchard** is dead. At his home in Blue Mound on 7 February 1905, at 3 o'clock, PM, **Otis Blanchard**, the brother of Mrs. **Jeff Jarvis**, surrendered to the summons that sooner or later must be read to all and to which all must respond. Mr. **Blanchard** was well known in this community, having often visited his sister at this place. He was a young man of about twenty-two or three years of age. He had been ailing for quite a while, but was not supposed to be so near death's door. He was a member of both the I. O. O. F. and K. of P. lodges. The funeral will take place at Blue Mound on Thursday at 11 o'clock A.M.

Mrs. **Polly Beck** who died in Bement at the age of 95 years was the oldest resident of Piatt County.

Yantisville news: **Jesse Pierce** received word Saturday morning that a sister living in Arcola had been fatally burned while trying to put out a fire which the children in some way started. He left at once for the bedside of the sister.

Relatives and friends assembled at the home of **Oscar Bryson** last Friday night, the occasion being **Oscar's** birthday. Refreshments were served and games and dancing were indulged in until a late hour. (Pleak news)

Miss **Belle Fry** and **Essa Armstrong** visited with **Mary Bryson** at Pleak on Friday.

**Wednesday, 16 February 1905 issue, Moweaqua News**

*Note: Date on paper states '16 February', but in keeping with a weekly date, it should say '15 February'.*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Redding**, 11 February 1905, a girl. Mrs. **Rosetta Redding** of Effingham came for a visit to her son, **Edward** and family.

Mr. and Mrs. **Alfred Burgener** are the proud parents of a son born on 14 February 1905.

Tuesday **N C Smith** and Mrs. **Joe Thomas** were called by telegram to Fulton, Indiana.

Two of their brother's children are at the point of death.

Saturday afternoon at three o'clock, Mrs. **O H Brookshier** of Springfield, Illinois, died.

Mrs. **Brookshier** had been a sufferer for a long while. Her son, **W I Brookshier**, our fellow townsmen and Mrs. **J W Stombaugh** are her children. Mr. and Mrs. **Brookshier** formerly lived in this vicinity and are well known to the older residents. The funeral was held on Tuesday at Springfield. **W I Brookshier** and **J W Stombaugh** attended.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Maude M Gorden** to **Isaac Bilyeu** at high noon on

21 February at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **J M Gorden** in Prairieton Township.

Mrs. **Phoebe Marshall** was very pleasantly surprised last Tuesday when at eleven o'clock her children, sisters and friends came in bringing their dinners to celebrate her fifty-sixth birthday. Those present were Mr. **Seth Marshal** and son of Walker, Mr. **Henry Marshal** and family, Mrs. **Richard Gregory**, **Debbie** and **Halden**, Mrs. **Jeff Gregory**, Mrs. **Wallace Gregory**, Rev. **A D Cooper** and wife, Miss **Zella Thomas**. The dinner was greatly enjoyed, and the afternoon was pleasantly spent in conversation intermixed with snowballing and face washing. The party wishes for Mrs. **Marshal** many happy birthdays.

One of the truly pleasant events of our community occurred at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Moore** in Prairieton township last Thursday, it being the seventh anniversary of their marriage. A large company gathered to remind them of the anniversary. Promptly at noon, Mr. and Mrs. **Moore** were escorted into the presence of the company where **A R Spicer**, in a few well chosen words, presented them with a beautiful rug, the gift of a number of their friends, and also a purse containing a snug sum of silver dollars, a gift of others of the company. A delicious and bountiful spread was eaten, the table fairly groaned with the good things. It was unanimously voted that Col **Hod Salisbury** was the feature of the day.

In County court last week **Hattie Roberts** brought suit against the estate of the late **Richard Cribbets** claiming \$500 as remuneration for services rendered the deceased during his lifetime. The claim was strongly contested by the heirs of Mr. **Cribbets**, but a jury rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and fixed the judgment of \$400. The

defendants prayed an appeal to the circuit court and it was granted, the bond being fixed at \$200 and to be filed within 20 days. (*Shelby County Leader*)

Allenboro news: Mr. and Mrs. **John Haner** and Mr. and Mrs. **Jacob Lindemood** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Haner** a relative near Mt Zion on Saturday.

Yantisville news: **J Pierce** and family went to Assumption Wednesday to bring home a little girl, two and one half years old, from Arcola. The mother of the child was so fatally burned that she died, leaving five small children. Homes have been found for them, **Fred Pierce** of Dunkel took one, **J Pierce** another, and the others were taken to an orphan's home.

**Wednesday, 22 February 1905 issue, Moweaqua News**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ewing Davis** on 16 February 1905, a daughter

On Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock, **Elza A Gordon** of Findlay and Miss **Ella Campbell** of Moweaqua were married by the Rev. **Robert B Irwin** at the Presbyterian manse. **John Braden** and Miss **Sadie Armstrong** accompanied the couple. Mr. and Mrs. **Gordon** will make their home in the country, a short distance from this city.

At high noon on 21 February 1905 at the hospital home of the bride occurred the marriage of Mr. **Isaac Bilyeu** to Miss **Maud M Gorden** both of Prairieton Township. Promptly at the selected hour, Mrs. **Ira Deem** took her place at the piano and began the sweet strains of the wedding march. The bridal couple stepped forth and took their place under a beautiful wedding bell, which was festooned, on either side by elaborate decorations. Rev. **A R Spicer** pronounced the words that made them man and wife. The newly married couple were then introduced to the assembly of 80 to 90 guests, and after most hearty congratulations, the bridal party made their way to an elegantly arranged and bounteously laden table where they partook of a wedding feast indeed. Mr. **Bilyeu** is the son of **J S** and **Malinda Bilyeu**, two of our well-known citizens of south Prairieton Township. Miss **Gorden** is the eldest daughter of **John M** and **Minnie Gorden** two equally well-known and highly respected citizens of North Prairieton Township. The groom is one of our very best young men, ambitious, honorable, and spoken well of by all who know him. The bride is a charming, self-possessed cultured young woman who is popular with her companions for her very worth's sake. It is stated that they are to move on the old home place of the groom's father. Present from out of town were Mrs. **J H Ziegler**, **Fred W Perry** and wife, **R R Gordon** and **Ida Moore**, all of Decatur; **Charles Woodrum** of Louisburg, Kansas, **Ida Schumaker** of St Louis, **Joseph Sac** and wife of Nebraska, and Mr. and Mrs. **Austin** of Pana, Illinois.

**Bella A Whitworth** and **J W Gregory** have been appointed administrators of the estate of **William Whitworth**, deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Daly** mourn the loss of their little babe, only four months old. It was found dead in bed last Thursday morning when the parents woke. The coroner from Shelbyville came over and held an inquest deciding the baby had died with the bold hives. Our sympathies to the bereaved parents.

Monday, 20 February 1905, being **W F Armstrong's** birthday, a number of relatives and friends assembled at his home Monday night, taking with them an abundance of oysters, cake, oranges, celery, etc. After supper games were indulged in until a late hour when they dispersed having had a pleasant time.

Yantisville news: Several from here attended the funeral of Miss **Middleton** at Bethany Church on Tuesday. Liberty School dismissed also because of the funeral.

Last Wednesday, while at the home place, it being the occasion of an infair reception to her newly married son, Mrs. **J S Bilyeu** fell from the top of the stairs and broke her arm, dislocated her wrist, broke two ribs and was badly bruised all over. It seems she tripped at the head of the stairs and fell clear to the foot. She is doing quite well under the efficient care of Dr **Day**.

Wednesday, 1 March 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*

Mr. and Mrs. **Atteberry**, **Oscar Frazee** and **Mattie McHenry** attended the funeral of Mrs. **E Hight** of Macon.

Master **Harry Doty** celebrated his fifth birthday last Saturday afternoon. Ten of his friends were invited in and enjoyed themselves largely.

Mrs. James Beard's father, **W S Aubert** was found dead in bed at his home at Lovington. The funeral was held Monday at Lovington. Mr. and Mrs. **Beard** left Sunday to attend the funeral.

Mr. **John Braden** and Miss **Sadie Armstrong** were married by Judge **Smith** at Decatur yesterday afternoon. Mr. and Mrs. **Ira McGinley** and Miss **Emma Armstrong** accompanied them. Mr. and Mrs. **Braden** will go to housekeeping at once on the **Armstrong** farm southeast of town.

The quiet little community of Macon was startled last Friday by the report that **I L Hull**, one of the prominent and well to do farmers, had taken his life by means of carbolic acid. This report was verified, and later it was followed by another even more startling report, that his son, **Clinton Hull**, a young man, had gone to another barn, and for some unknown cause, hanged himself. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery. The bodies were taken to Clinton Monday for burial. Our deepest sympathies.

Amazing story about the remarkable career of **Johann Hoch**, the modern 'Bluebeard'. Nearly sixty deserted wives claim him as lost life-mate, fourteen of his wives thought murdered, finding of poison in stomach of 'next-to-last' spouse points accusing finger at the versatile German whose record covers two great countries. (*Note: Very lengthy article, takes up entire page, very interesting article. Article includes a drawing of Mr. Hoch and 9 of his wives, including the wife for whose murder Hoch will be tried. The stories contained in this article are too numerous to copy in this book. Very interesting, amazing article*). Wife, Mrs. **Emily Welker Hoch**, 6030 Union Avenue, Chicago, died suddenly on 10 January 1905. Coroner's physician found a large quantity of arsenic in her stomach. One adventure is copied: This little adventure took him to St Paul. Here he is said to have introduced himself as a 'Count' to Mrs. **Hulda Nagel**, whom he married after a brief courtship in May 1902. Very soon after the simple ceremony, the Count induced the newly-made 'Countess' to turn her real estate and other possessions into cash, preparatory to taking a trip abroad, in which, incidentally, the pair were to inspect the estate of the 'nobleman' in Germany. He left the Countess to herself while he went to the city to purchase tickets for their trip. The Count was never heard of after that, although a warrant was sworn out for his arrest. Just at present, the 'Countess' conducts a boarding house at Austin, Minnesota, and upon being presented with a picture of Mr. **Hoch**, declared that the photograph was a life-like reproduction of her 'lost Count'. In another story, Mrs. **Leo Prager**, 1810 Cortez Street, has been added to the list of "Mrs.

**Hochs**". When she married **Hoch** some time ago, it is said that he gave the name of **Leo Prager**. Mrs. **Prager** secured \$6,500 through the death of her former husband, and shortly after the marriage to '**Prager**' she gave him \$3,500 with which he started a second hand furniture store located at 704 Sixty-third Street, and they fitted out a flat at 4431 State Street. One day '**Prager**' purchased \$1,200 worth of rugs from the **A S Klein Carpet** company, and when the goods were delivered the Sixty-Third Street store was found closed. "**Prager**" disappeared and has not been heard from since. **Amelia Hohn**, 5122 Princeton Avenue, declared she was married to '**John Healy**', 12 December 1900, and deserted him after he had secured \$100 of her money. She believes from the description that **Healy** was **Hoch**. In his own story, he gives the details of his life: 21 November 1860, born in Horrweiler, Germany, father **Wilhelm Hoch**, mother **Margaret Hoch, nee Schiller**. 1865-1876 – attended common school and gymnasium. 1876-1880 learned trade of sheet metal worker; 1880-1882 served as soldier, 1882-1884 served as reserve, 1884 – left native town and went to Paris. From 1888 to 1895 he lived in England and in 1895 arrived in Chicago. When speaking of events during his stay in Chicago, he becomes greatly confused. *How his downfall came about*: Last December, **Hoch** placed a matrimonial advertisement in a local German publication, stating his longing for companionship and asking that some kind woman become his life companion. Mrs. **Marie Welker**, a widow who owned a prosperous confectionary business replied to his appeal by answering the 'ad'. After a brief courtship, she allowed herself to be persuaded that she was the only woman who could relieve his loneliness. **Hoch** who has previously rented and furnished a small flat, took his latest wife to the house, which, incidentally happened to be near the location of the notorious **Holms** 'castle'. She had disposed of her store and turned the money derived from its sale over to her husband, Mr. **Hoch**, who, representing himself to be wealthy, said he did not care for the cash, but desired to invest it in a safe project for her benefit. The day following her marriage she became deathly sick. A physician was called and Mr. **Hoch** was informed that his wife was suffering from kidney trouble. The arrival of a trained nurse followed, but although sent away the following day. Then Mrs. **Fisher**, the sister of the sick woman came to care for her. One day later, while Mr. **Hoch** was alone with his wife, she died. Mr. **Hoch** went downstairs to inform the dead woman's sister, after which Mrs. **Fisher** went upstairs to clean the death chamber. Very soon after this operation, the alleged bigamist proposed to his dead wife's sister, Mrs. **Fisher** that she become his wife. "*I am an unfortunate man*". Mrs. **Fisher** reports **Hoch** to have said to her. "**Marie** was not my first wife. I was married before and my first wife was an invalid, and now, just as I thought I was to have another happy home, my new wife is dead. I am lonely and have no means. You are a good woman and a good housewife and I want you to marry me. I will bring your children here from Germany and you can be happy with me." Mrs. **Fisher** has nine children in Germany. Continuing her narrative of the occurrence, she said: "I resented his proposal and told him he should not talk of such things so soon after his wife's death. January 15, 1905, I rode with him to the cemetery and again, over his wife's grave, my sister, he asked me to marry him. The following Wednesday he came to my home and I consented to become his wife. He told me we would go out of town and no one would know of it until my sister had been dead a long time. I went with him to Joliet that afternoon and we were married. We came back and went to my house that night. The next morning he asked me to give him \$750 I had saved to pay off a mortgage

he claimed was held against the house and furniture on Union Avenue. I went with him to the bank and got the money and gave it to him. Then he disappeared." Mrs. **Fisher** says she believes that she and her sister, have been made victims of a deep-laid plot to deprive them of their earnings and savings. She declares that she believes that, seeing that he could not disappear from the presence of Mrs. **Welker** and marry her without the knowledge of both, he formulated the plot to murder the first wife by some system, and securing what money he could from Mrs. **Fisher**, disappear for all times. Poison was found in the stomach of Mrs. **Welker** and police believe, practically corroborates the statement of the latest wife of **Hoch**. Reports state that the following 14 women have been murdered by **Hoch** in furthering his plans: Mrs. **Emily Welker Hoch**, 6030 Union Avenue, died suddenly 10 January 1905. Arsenic found in her stomach. Mrs. **Julia Steinbrecher**, 333 Belmont Avenue, died suddenly. Mrs. **Lena Hoch**, died in Milwaukee 1897. Mrs. **Mary Becker Schutz Hoch**, St Louis, 1903, disappeared. Mrs. **Maria Schultz**, Argos, Indiana, died suddenly, 1900. Mrs. **Hoch**, sister of Mrs. **J. H. H. Schwartzmann**, Milwaukee, died 1898. Mrs. **Hoch**, another sister of Mrs. **Schwartzmann**, Milwaukee, died 1897. Mrs. **C A Meyer Hoch**, died May 1892. Mrs. **H Irick**, Chicago, died suddenly, 1892. Mrs. **Jacob Huss Hoch**, Wheeling, West Virginia, died suddenly 1896. Mrs. **Hoch**, Norfolk, Virginia, died suddenly 1899. Mrs. **Henry Bartel**, Baltimore, died 1897. Mrs. **Wilhelmina Hoch**, died Buffalo, 1898. Mrs. **Justina Loeffler**, Elkhart, Indiana, disappeared. Rev **W F Stevenson** conducted Mrs. **Ed Hight's** funeral at Macon on Sunday afternoon. It was a very large funeral, the floral offerings were beautiful. Yantisville news: Born to **Joseph Macklin** and wife on Tuesday morning, a son. Mrs. **Wm Right** received a telephone message on Thursday of the death of her uncle, Mr. **Hull** of Lovington. Fame news: Rev. **A W Smith** was called away last week to officiate at the funeral of Mrs. **Louis Floto** at his former charge at Dixon. Walker news: Mrs. **Ed Hight** passed away at her home. Quite a number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. **Ed Hight** at Macon Sunday.

### Wednesday, 8 March 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*

Born to **J R Drake** and wife on 1 March 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hugh Carsell** on 21 February 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Hiram Bilyeu**, a son, 6 March 1905.

**Frank Homrighous** and children were up to spend Sunday with **H F Day**. They celebrated his birthday a few days before.

Death came to Mrs. **Maggie B Cundiff** at their farm home, seven miles east of Moweaqua on Sunday,

5 March 1905. Mr. and Mrs. **Cundiff** were two hard working, highly esteemed young people living on one of Mr. **Sanner's** farms. The funeral took place at the Prairie Home Church on 7 March 1905 in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends. The body was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery in the Churchyard. **A R Spicer** conducted a short service at the home assisted by Rev. **Lehman**. **Maggie B McNeal**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Josiah McNeal** was born 7 March 1874 and departed this life on 5 March 1905, being at the time of her death, almost 31 years of age. She united with the Christian Church at Dalton City at the age of 19 years. She lived a faithful consistent



Christian life. She was united in marriage to **W H Cundiff** on 25 December 1900. She leaves a husband and three children, two girls and one boy, a babe, also a father, mother and three brothers to mourn her departure.

**Adam Ellrich** of Moweaqua and Miss **Annie Ford** of Bloomington were married. Mr. **Ellrich** is one of our substantial farmers living in the Fame neighborhood. Miss **Ford** is the sister of our estimable citizen, Mrs. **Joe Duncan**.

**Samuel Nelson** and **Grace B Wood**, both of Moweaqua, were married Saturday afternoon by Rev. **F B Jones** at his residence. They were accompanied by **S Leighton** and Mrs. **Bertha Minor** of Decatur. Mr. **Nelson** owns a restaurant at Moweaqua.

**Arley Wall**, a young lad aged 20 years, who died in Clinton, was the tenth member of his family to die with consumption.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Ireland Ahl**, 2 March 1905, a son.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. **H Munson** died Sunday at their home five miles east of Assumption of lung fever. Mr. and Mrs. **Munson** have the sympathy of their many friends in the Fame vicinity.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Jos Macklin** died Tuesday morning and was buried at Locust Grove at

4 PM. Grandma **Horsely** is quite sick with pneumonia, and her death is expected at any time. (Pleak news)

Prairie Home news: Saturday being Mrs. **Chas Sanner's** birthday about thirty-five of her friends came and spent the evening with her. Refreshments were served.

#### Wednesday, 15 March 1905 issue, Moweaqua News

We were assured last week that **Adam Ellrich** was married at Bloomington on Wednesday, but it proved to be a little previous. This week, however, we are all right as the item stated in last week's issue was a prospective truth but was just one week too soon.

Miss **Katie Dotson**, the seventeen year old daughter of **Richard Dotson** of Pooler, Georgia, was found dead and a double barreled shot gun lying near where the body lay. It was supposed to have been a fit of insanity over love affairs. Miss **Dotson** is a relative of people of that name near here.

**Lyman Koonce** is dead. After much intense suffering from abscesses which turned into blood poison, **Lyman A. Koonce** died Sunday, 12 March 1905, at the home of his sister at Sandoval where he was taken about three weeks ago. He was born in the year 1881 in Bond County, Illinois, and the greater part of his life has been spent on a farm. He was married to Miss **Mamie Hanks** on 21 December 1904. This happy union lasting less than three months. He was converted and united with the Baptist Church at this city on 22 October 1904 and died confessing his faith in his Saviour. Funeral services were held from the Dunkard Church near Sandoval, conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper** of the Baptist Church of this city. Interment was in Dunkard Cemetery. Our sympathies to the bereaved wife and family.

Monday, 13 March 1905, was the day of general rejoicing at Grandma **Stump's**. It was her 78<sup>th</sup> birthday, and about fifty relatives and friends joined hands and hearts in giving her a nice dinner. The affair was certainly a success from both a culinary and social standpoint as each one present enjoyed himself to the greatest extent of his capacity. Grandma is one of the oldest pioneer settlers of this vicinity, having come here from

Pickaway County, Ohio, in 1853 with her husband, **Jacob Stump**. **Bud Sims** was present and took a picture of the crowd. The guests departed in the evening expressing themselves well pleased.

The little child of Mr. **John Newcombe** of Prairieton Township died on Thursday and was buried at Blue Mound on Friday. Mr. **Newcombe** is the tenant on the **W D Adams** farm.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Corrington** on 9 March 1905, a girl.

Mrs. **Margaret J Connett** died at 3:30 o'clock Tuesday morning at the family residence 1 1/2 miles north west of St Joseph after a brief illness due to pneumonia. Mrs. **Connett** weighed over 400 pounds and was but 4 feet 9 inches in height. A casket three feet in width and two feet deep is being manufactured in Indianapolis. On account of its dimensions, it cannot be taken to the house.

Madame Rumor says the wedding bells will be ringing in Obed for **Samuel Cole** and Miss **Jennie Ferris** on Thursday.

Pleak news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Claude Smith** on 7 March 1905, a girl.

Pleak news: Last Friday evening a crowd of young folks assembled at the home of **Otto Bryson** to help him celebrate his birthday. All report a good time.

#### Wednesday, 22 March 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*

Born to **J D Lambdin** and wife on 16 March 1905, a son.

Born to **James Smith** and wife on 18 March 1905, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. **Adam Ellrich** our newly married couple that we previously announced last week, were among the town callers today. Mr. and Mrs. **Ellrich** are most estimable people and the *News* bespeaks for them a royal welcome to our community life.

Cards are out announcing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell**. The occasion will be celebrated at the home on the evening of March 31, 1905. The couple was wed in 1880.

Mr. **Wm Federman** and daughter, **Anna**, went to Vera on the evening train, Sunday to attend the funeral of his uncle, **John Huffman**, who died on Saturday. Mr. **Huffman** leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn his death. He was an upright Christian man and was superintendent of the German Baptist Sunday School for thirty-five years. At the time of his death he was sixty-two years old. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**B F Harris**, the richest man in Champaign County, is hale and hearty at the age of 94 years.

Mr. and Mrs. **John Roughton**, living near Rantoul, have passed sixty-two years of wedded life.

Mrs. **Elias Snell** attended the wedding of Miss **Bertha Adams** of Decatur last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Duncan** attended the marriage of Mrs. **Duncan's** sister, Miss **Ford** and Mr. **Ellrich** on Thursday of last week.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Pierce** received a message Thursday of the death of her uncle at Columbus, Ohio.

**Wednesday, 29 March 1905 issue, Moweaqua News**

A large number of his friends most enjoyably surprised Mr. **A H Dotson** at his home west of town on 26 March 1905 in honor of his 49<sup>th</sup> birthday. An elaborate dinner was served after which the evening was spent in conversation, games and music. At a late hour all returned to their homes wishing Mr. **Dotson** many more happy birthdays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Jackson** on 27 March 1905, a son.

Born to **Joseph Peiler** and wife, 27 March 1905, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J A Prescott** of Flemington, Missouri, on 26 March 1905, a son.

Prairie Home news: Mrs. **Margaret Hoggarth**, who formerly lived here, but has lived in Shelbyville for the last few years, died on Wednesday morning and was buried in the Prairie Home cemetery on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock.

**Wednesday, 5 April 1905 issue, Moweaqua News**

**Wm Phelps** and wife are the proud parents of a girl born on 2 April 1905.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Adams** on Thursday, 4 April 1905, a daughter.

**James Higgins** and wife are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby girl born on 1 April 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Weatherholt** lost their little babe, born on Monday. It lived but two days.

Mr. **Cyrus Bays** and Miss **Lizzie Jacobs** were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last Wednesday at Decatur. Mr. **Bays** is one of our well-known highly respected young men. Miss **Jacobs** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Jacobs**. She is a most excellent young woman and quite popular among her friends. They will make their home in our midst for the present.

The evening of March 31<sup>st</sup> marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. **Frank Snell** and Miss **Josie Watson**. In response to the invitations, a large number of admiring friends gathered at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. **Snell** to make pleasant the memory of this twenty-fifth anniversary. The evening was pleasant, the decorations beautiful the welcome royal and the company socially at its best. Misses **Fannie Cole** and **Mable Sparling** received the guests. The bride and groom were awaiting in the parlor where they received hearty congratulations. The bride was gowned in white while the groom wore the conventional black. The decorations of ferns and roses were beautiful indeed. A pleasing program was rendered of a musical and literary nature. The trio was especially appreciated owing to the selection and rendition of a strikingly appropriate song that seemed to touch the heart and undoubtedly brought sweet memories of the past to the bride and groom. Refreshments were served in courses in elaborate style. The closing scene was the bringing forth of the granddaughter. Four generations were present. Father **Snell**, **Frank Snell**, **Lloyd Snell**, and Baby **Snell**. Those present from out of town were: Mr. **T C Watson**, Jerseyville, uncle of Mrs. **Snell**, Misses **Bell** and **Rilla McClusky**, Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Aydelott**, Assumption, Mrs. **A E Watson** of Assumption, Mr. and Mrs. **T Radford**, Radford.

*A good man gone – Octogenarian laid to rest.* Father **Duncan**, one of our oldest and most highly entertained citizens is laid to rest. (Note: *Excellent picture of Mr. Duncan is found in this article and has been recopied in this book – see the 'Sketches' section*)

Thursday 30 March 1905, at 12:30 AM, our well-known and aged citizen **Joseph Duncan Sr.** passed from the scenes of time to those of eternity. While his death was not unexpected it was sad. To one who had held with such tenacious firmness to life's affairs, it was truly pathetic to see the hour of surrender come. Mr. **Duncan** was an honorable and honored man. The funeral was conducted at the home of his daughter, Mrs. **Nathan Francis** on Sunday at 2:30 PM in the presence of a large number of sympathizing friends. The service was in charge of Rev. **A D Cooper**. The body was laid away in the West Side cemetery. **Joseph Duncan, Sr.**, was born in Washington County, Tennessee, near Jonesborough, on 27 February 1817. He was aged 88 years, one month and 3 days at the time of his death. He grew to manhood on the farm, receiving a common school education. On 13 October 1842 he was married to Miss **Susan DeVault**. This union lasted until Mrs. **Duncan's** death on 1 February 1899 in Moweaqua, Illinois, aged about 57 years. Father **Duncan** was one of the pioneers of Illinois, having settled near Jacksonville in 1851. Later he bought a farm and moved to Green County near Fayette. He was converted at age of twenty-two, uniting with the Baptist church. He has been identified with the same denomination while in this state. In 1866 Mr. **Duncan** bought a farm in Shelby County near Moweaqua, Illinois. He resided on this farm until a few years ago when he and family moved to the village of Moweaqua. Since the death of Mrs. **Duncan** he has lived with his daughter, Mrs. **Mary C Francis**. Through all his life, Mr. **Duncan** has been a hard working man, sober, of sturdy and industrious habits. He was a faithful useful Church member. Giving liberally of his time and means to the cause he loved. He was the honored senior deacon of the Moweaqua Baptist church. He gave an endowment fund to this church. He was a man of strong principles and decided convictions. His health began failing over two years ago, and since last November has been steadily declining until death came to his relief and went to rest, peacefully trusting in his Saviour. His children are Mrs. **Mary C Francis**, **Martin K**, **Sarah**, **Jennie**, **James T**, **Robert**, and **Joseph F Duncan**. Three children are deceased, **Sarah**, **Jennie** and **Robert**. Those in attendance from aboard were: **J D Francis**, Girard; **Joseph Duncan**, Palmyra; **Martin Owen**, Decatur, Miss **Emma Duncan**, White Hall, Mrs. **R P Duncan**, **D Sander**, **Oscar Owen**, Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse Owen**, all of Stonington; Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Duncan**, and Mr. **H Grooms**, Decatur, **Wheeler Brown**, Blue Mound, **M K Duncan**, Mrs. **Ada Corzine**, Mr. **Hight**, Assumption, Mr. and Mrs. **Hilvety**, Decatur, Mrs. **Edgar**, the nurse, of Decatur. Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Hall** lost their little babe last Thursday. It lived but eight hours after birth.

Fame news: **Lloyd Snell** and family visited at the home of their uncle, **E C Watson** of Assumption on Sunday afternoon. Mr. **Watson** is extremely low at this writing and is doing very poorly. Mr. **Snell** is the son of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Snell** who recently celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**Wednesday, 12 April 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M M Osbourn** on Saturday, 8 April 1905, a son.

**Jas Murray** and family attended a birthday dinner party at Uncle **Billy Hills'** on 9 April 1905.

Mrs. **Fred Eagan** was called to Decatur today to attend the funeral of her sister, Mrs. **Prescott**.

**Tom Adams** was called to Herrick on Saturday by the death of his mother. She was quite aged, and her death was not unexpected.

*Sudden death takes a well-known citizen.* After a brief illness, **August Meyerpeter** succumbs. Our people were surprised when the news was circulated on Saturday that **August Meyerpeter**, one of our respected citizens, was dying. The end came at 7 o'clock PM on Saturday, 8 April 1905, at his home. The immediate cause of his death was acute uraemia (*as spelled* – 'uremia') due to inflammation of the kidneys from which he had suffered for several years. Mr. **Meyerpeter** was born at Rich Fountain, Missouri, in 1864 and moved to Moweaqua in 1895. In 1896 he was united in marriage to Mrs. **Lou Livingston**. To this union, one child was born which died in infancy. He leaves a wife, mother, and two brothers to mourn his loss. Services were held Monday afternoon at the Catholic Church under the auspices of the Modern Woodmen and Red Men. Services conducted by Rev. **Father Lyon** of Macon who preached an excellent sermon in English. The body was laid to rest in the West Side Cemetery. Present from out of town were **Joseph and George Meyerpeter** of Martinsburg, Missouri, **Harry Stiegal** and family of Decatur, Mr. and Mrs. **Torrence** of Taylorville, **Jas Smith** of Taylorville, and **Robert Smith** and wife of Taylorville. Mr. **Meyerpeter** carried a \$3,000 life insurance policy in the M. W. of A. in honor of his wife.

**Wednesday, 19 April 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. and Mrs. **M E Snyder, Jr.** were in Decatur over Sunday to attend the funeral of **Edward Hill**, a cousin of Mrs. **Snyder**.

Mr. and Mrs. **E Prescott** left Tuesday for Flemington, Missouri, for an extended visit with their son. Uncle **Zeke** wants to see **Zeke Jr.**, the new arrival.

*Assumption, Illinois, 17 April 1905.* Three hundred citizens of this city and township have signed a petition to the state board of pardons protesting against a pardon for **Fred Sibley**, serving a life sentence for the murder of **Jane Brunet**, five years ago. (*Record Herald*)

Wednesday morning at 5:30 AM, Mrs. **Helen Wempen** surrendered to that invisible and relentless enemy, death. Mrs. **Wempen** has been a sufferer confined to her bed for about four months. She was taken down from blood poison, which resulted from paring of the toe nail, and finally in a gangrenous state, gradually absorbed her life. She was the wife and life long companion of **Wm Wempen**, who with nine children, five boys and four girls, survive her. Mrs. **Wempen** was married in Germany, and she and her husband came to this state forty-six years ago and have resided on the old home place almost continuously. She and her husband were members of the German Lutheran Church, but very recently united with the M E Church of this place. The funeral will be on Friday at 1:30 PM o'clock at the M E Church, the burial will be at the Long Grove cemetery.

Born to **Robert McCray** and wife, a boy, 15 April 1905.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **M C Hinton** on 14 April 1905, a twelve-pound boy.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Sam Longenbaugh** attended the wedding of their friend **Jane Martz** in Westervelt on Sunday.

**Mollie McCoy** has entered a plea for divorce from **Frank McCoy** in the Circuit Court of Shelby County, Shelbyville, Illinois. Affidavit is filed for non-residence of **Frank**

**McCoy** and was filed on the 15<sup>th</sup> of April 1905. Mr. **McCoy** has until 5 June 1905 to respond.

**Wednesday, 26 April 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

**William Wempen, Sr.** moved back to his farm following the death of his wife last week. *One of our oldest citizens succumbs to death.* The familiar and well known figure of Uncle **Dan Moll** will be seen among us in the walks of earth no more. Today at an early hour, 3:40 AM o'clock, the end came at his home in this city surrounded by his family and friends. His death was very sudden and even many of his intimate friends did not know of his illness until the end had come. He was taken sick while at the bank on Monday afternoon about four o'clock and taken home in a carriage. He grew worse and the end came on Wednesday morning at 3:40 AM. Uncle **Dan** has passed the three score and ten time and was living on borrowed time. He had been connected with the history of this County for over 50 years. He was best known as one of our extensive stock raisers and shippers. There will be a short funeral service at the residence Friday morning at eight o'clock, conducted by **A R Spicer**. After the service, the body will be taken to his home Church at Obed where the principal services will be held at 11:00 AM. His body will be laid to rest among his old friends and neighbors in the family burial ground. His faithful and devoted wife, with the five children, survive him.

**Helena DeBuhr**, daughter of **Heye** and **Auka DeBuhr** was born in Hanover, Germany, on 12 March 1839, and died at her home in Moweaqua, Illinois, 19 April 1905, aged 66 years, 1 month and 7 days. She was married to **Wm Wempen** in Germany in November 1856. She has walked the ways of life, hand in hand, with her devoted husband for nearly fifty years, making the sorrows and burdens easy and light, and intensifying the sunshine and joy of these long years of this most sacred of earthly associations. She was the mother of twelve children, three of whom are dead, one in infancy in Germany, one in Macoupin County, Illinois, and one at the farm north east of Moweaqua. The remaining nine children, five girls and four boys, are grown to manhood and woman hood and, except one, are residing in this community, and all are honorable citizens. She and her husband came to American in 1859, first to Macoupin County, thence to Shelby County, in 1868 where they have since resided on their farm about five miles northeast of Moweaqua until September 1904 where they retired from active life and settled in Moweaqua. She was reared a Lutheran, continuing in this fellowship until February 1905 at which time at her own request while on here sick bed, she was received into the M E Church and died fully trusting in the saving merit of the Lord Jesus. She was a faithful, devoted and industrious wife, a very kind and loving mother. For more than four months she was confined to her bed, but was a patient and uncomplaining sufferer. Services were held at the M E Church in Moweaqua on Friday, 21 April 1905, at 1:30 PM, conducted by **W F Stevenson**. The body was laid to rest in the cemetery at Long Grove.

**Everett Ponting** of Moweaqua, son of **Tom Ponting**, the well known Hereford cattleman, came to Decatur on Thursday and just after 3 o'clock in the office of Judge **O W Smith** at the court house, married **Stella B Rockey** of Assumption. Mr. **Ponting**, is with his brother, engaged in the farming and stock business. Mr. **Ponting** is one of Moweaqua's enterprising young business men with quite a reputation as a stock man, but more recently in the grain business.

Thursday at high noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. **James Taylor**, the parents of the bride, Mr. **Walter Foster** and Miss **Amanda Taylor** will be joined in the holy bonds of

matrimony. A number of invited guests will witness the ceremony at sit down to an elegant wedding repast. **A R Spicer** will officiate. Mr. **Foster** is one of Moweaqua's industrious, honorable and popular young men. The bride is a quiet unassuming lady who has won a host of friends among her associates. She is a graduate of the High School Class of 1902. Mr. **Foster** has purchased a new home and fitted it out ready for occupancy. The newly married couple will go at once to housekeeping in their new home.

Mrs. **Sarah Miner** died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Truman Wood** in this city at 12 o'clock today. Mrs. **Miner** recently moved here with her son-in-law, Mr. **Wood**, who came from Eureka, Illinois, and is engaged in the restaurant business. Mr. **Wood** lives in the Prescott property recently vacated by **Wm Moss**. Mrs. **Miner** was 73 years, 1 month and four days old. She was a life long member of the Friends Church, but has practically been an invalid for years. **A R Spicer** will conduct the funeral at the house on Thursday at 10:30 AM o'clock. The body will be laid to rest in the I. O. O. F. cemetery north of town.

Allenboro news: **Laurence Christopher** and **Wilber McCarty** attended a birthday party at Assumption Saturday night. They spent Saturday night at the home of **Frank Christopher** returning home on Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Harry Long** at Allenboro on 20 April 1905, a son.

**Wm Wempen Sr.** moved his household goods to the farm home on Monday and will make his home with his son, **Wm Wempen**. Mr. **Wempen's** wife died a few weeks ago. (Allenboro news)

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **O Brinker**, Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Sloan**, Mrs. **Bettie Cole** and **John Stump** attended the funeral of their cousin, **George Warren** at Pana on Sunday.

#### Wednesday, 3 May 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Alma O Jackson**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Charles Jackson** died at the home of her parents on Friday afternoon at 5:30 PM o'clock of a complication of diseases. The immediate cause of death was blood poison. **Alma Jackson** was born in Moweaqua on 16 March 1878, and at the time of her death was 27 years old. She was a graduate of the Bloomington Business College and held the important position of cashier at the general store of **A J Combs & Co** for several years. She was a member of the Baptist Church at Sterling, Kansas, and also a member of the Eastern Star. Services were held from the family residence on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper** of the Baptist church, assisted by Rev. Mr. **Stevenson**. Interment was made at the West Cemetery.

The will of **Joseph Duncan**, deceased, was made known on Thursday of last week. It gave to each of his four children an equal share of all moneys and all real estate. **N Francis** was designated as executor. Mr. **Duncan** made a benevolent gift to his local congregation, the Moweaqua Baptist Church, which is now in use by the church. He gave \$3,000 as follows: The interest on \$1,000 to go to the pastor's salary; the interest on \$1,000 to go to keeping up repairs, the interest on \$500 to go to Home Missions and the interest on \$500 to go to Foreign Missions. If the Church disbands, the principle is to revert to his heirs. otherwise it shall always remain as a monument to his love for the church.



The home of Mr. and Mrs. **James Taylor** was the scene of a very pretty home wedding on Thursday at high noon. Miss **Pearl Kirk** played the wedding march while the bride and groom, with self composed and stately step took their places beneath an arch of evergreens and other draperies. The groom wore conventional black while the bride's dress was a very light cream colored, silk mull, trimmed in silk lace, with white satin ribbons and spangled displays. After a brief ceremony the guests over forty in number, sat down to an elegant bridal feast. There were a number of beautiful and useful presents. The newly married couple will move at once to their new home.

*Lovingly laid away, **Dan Moll**, our well-known citizen goes to his final resting place.*

**Dan Moll** passes away at his home in Moweaqua on 26 April 1905. Early Friday morning at the home of **Daniel Moll** on East Main street, a large and representative body of people gathered to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of their former citizen. A very brief service conducted by **A R Spicer** assisted by other ministers with the music led by a select chorus constituted the simple but impressive service of the hour. His body was then removed to the Church at Obed where the Bishop of the United Brethren Church conducted the principal service after which the body was laid away in a most appropriate manner. There was a large number of outside friends in attendance. Two of his commission men friends of Chicago were present to represent their firms. The Church was not large enough to hold anything like all the people present. *Obit: **Daniel Moll***, one of the foremost stock dealers in the County and an extensive land owner, was one of our substantial citizens who in the successful management of this business has added to the wealth of this section and has helped to establish its prosperity on a solid foundation. He was born in Buck's County, Pennsylvania, which was also the native County of his father who bore the same name as himself. His grandfather was likewise a Pennsylvanian by birth and was of German antecedents. He spent his last years at his occupation as a farmer in Bucks County. **Daniel Moll** passed his life on his father's farm until he was eighteen years of age when his father gave him his time. He started out even with the world, his only capital being a clear brain, strong muscle, a courageous heart and right principles, but these were worth more to him than money, and by their aid he has been more than ordinarily successful in acquiring wealth. He made his way to Ohio after he left the sheltering roof of his old home and entered upon his career by working upon a farm by the months. He was so employed in the Buckeye State, until 1853, when, thinking that he could do better in this state, he came to Shelby County with a team, and at first farmed as a renter. As soon as his means would admit, he bought forty acres of land in Pickaway township, a half of which was under cultivation and a log cabin adorned the place. Busy years followed his location there, but prosperity smiled upon his efforts, and he often judiciously invested his money in land and at the time of his death owned about one thousand acres of valuable real estate. Mr. **Moll** continued his residence on his homestead until May 1890 when he came to Moweaqua and purchased a beautiful home where he resided until his death. He has for many years, been actively engaged in buying and shipping livestock, commencing in a moderate way and gradually building up a large business, he being one of the shippers in the County, all his stock going to Chicago. He was one of our solid businessmen, keen foresight and unerring judgment, united with honorable and generous dealings, marking all his transactions. He stood high in financial circles and public spirit, and was one of his characteristics, he being always willing to use his means and influence to advance all enterprises that would in any way benefit city or

country. He always gave of his time to help in the management of civic affairs, and did good service as Highway Commissioner and as a member of the District School Board. As to his politics he was a firm and unswerving adherent to the Republican party. He was of an earnest religious character and a faithful member of the United Brethren Church. In 1853, Mr. **Moll** was married to Miss **Caroline Wolfe**, who has ever been watchful of his interests and has cheerfully co-operated with him in the upbuilding of their home. To this union six children were born – two sons and four daughters, of whom five are living. These are Mrs. **Mary Weakley**, Mrs. **Martha Weakley**, and Mrs. **Clara Weakley**, all living east of Moweaqua and **J W Moll** and **W H Moll** of Moweaqua.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Siglowski**, 29 April 1905, a boy.

Mrs. **Custer** of Decatur and Mrs. **Stone** of Bloomington, sisters of Mrs. **C A Jackson**, attended the funeral of **Alma Jackson**.

Mrs. **Wm Watson** of Chrisman, Illinois, died Tuesday evening. She was as sister of Mrs. **Tom Hudson, Jr.** Mrs. **Hudson** and **Sam Riley Jr.** will leave to attend the funeral on Thursday.

Born to **Karl Newman** and wife on 25 April 1905, a girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J A Adams** on 2 May 1905, a boy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr **Shamel** of Gibson City are the proud parents of a fine ten pound boy born on 30 April 1905.

**Robert Murray** and **Steven Ladd**, Commission men of Chicago, came down to attend the funeral of uncle **Dan Moll** on Friday.

**Cecil Fogleson**, aged 23 years, a farm hand who recently inherited \$4,000, committed suicide at the home of his half-sister by drinking poison because of a love affair. The young woman to whom he was paying attention did not reciprocate his affections. His death occurred at Bement.

#### Wednesday, 10 May 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

**Perry Thomas**, the oldest living brother of Mrs. **Levi Hill**, **Joseph** and **J N Thomas**, of our town, and **Wm Thomas** of Assumption, died at his home in Denver, Colorado, on 26 April 1905. Mr. **Thomas** left Shelby County about thirty years ago.

The many friends of **Wm C Scehnet** and **Mary C Ross** will be pleased to learn of the happy consummation of their social associations. Thursday evening at 7:30 P.M. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. **A R Spicer**, the young people publicly ratified the pledges that they had privately made to each other. The parents of the bride and the brother of the groom and a few invited guests witnessed the ceremony. The attire of each was in faultless taste and the ceremony performed with usual grace. The young people will continue in their respective places of service in the employ of Mr. and Mrs. **Spicer**. Both are industrious and of good report, and a useful and promising life spans out before them. Mr. **Scehnet** is the energetic and painstaking foreman of the *News* office with no ordinary ability in his profession. The *News* speaks for a host of friends in wishing unlimited happiness and unalloyed pleasure to these young people.

The will of the late **Daniel Moll** who died at his home in Moweaqua on 26 April 1905 was filed for probate on Wednesday. All the personal property except moneys is bequeathed to his wife. The moneys and real estate are to be equally divided between his wife, **Caroline Moll** and **John Moll**, **Wm H Moll**, **Clara A Weakley**, **Mary E Weakley**

and **Martha J Weakley**, after all just dues are paid. The will is dated 8 April 1898.  
(*Shelbyville Union*)

**George H Workman** received a check for the settlement of his claim against the Loyal American for the death of his wife, upon whose life a policy was carried.

**H S Unruh** dies at Jacksonville, Illinois, on 7 May 1905. On the morning of 7 May 1905 at Jacksonville, Illinois, death knocked at the door of **H S Unruh** and beckoned him on.

Mr. **Harry Unruh** is known in this community as the son-in-law of **Geo M Keiser** having married his daughter, **Florence**. The body was taken charge of by **Scott Gregory** and shipped to Bridgeville, Delaware, for burial where his people live. Mr. and Mrs. **Unruh** have been married about thirteen years. They have no family. He was engaged in the wholesale grocery business at Atlanta City, New Jersey, before his health failed him. He was about forty-three years of age at the time of his death.

**Arnold Hargroves**, the son of Mrs. **A Gilliland** was married last Thursday to Miss **Jennie Schaeffer** of Logansport, Indiana. Both Mr. **Hargroves** and Miss **Schaffer** were in the employ of the **Jones Furniture Co** of Decatur. They spent Sunday with relatives here.

**Cyclone** comes at midnight and kills twenty-four persons, and over 35 injured in a tornado, the most disastrous in the history of central Kansas, which swept through the region near Marquette, Kansas. Many died in their sleep as the twister tore through the area, wiping out entire families and leaving a wide path of destruction. Cries of injured and frightened people could be heard on every land.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Woltz** and wife on 7 May 1905, a daughter.

**H E Travis** went to Jacksonville Friday to see his brother-in-law, **Harry Unruh**. From there he went to Peoria to meet his brother, **Tom Travis**, who is from St Joseph, Missouri.

**H Heitmeyer** and wife left for Hoyleton, Illinois, to attend the funeral of her uncle, Senator **Brink** who died on 8 May 1905.

Mrs. **Caroline Moll** will hold a sole of household goods at the home of her deceased husband, **Dan Moll** in Moweaqua. The sale will be held Saturday afternoon at the Moll residence.

**Thomas Botts**, father of **Otis Botts**, condemned to die on the gallows on 16 June 1905 at Peoria, for the murder of his wife, has finally decided that he will help the boy, and that he will carry the case to the supreme court. He now charges the jury, which found his boy guilty, with being crooked. (*Note: No previous mention of the Botts murder case or a marriage of Otis Botts, however, it will be remembered that in 1900, Otis Botts was the young man who was linked to Miss Birdie Hoffman when she was shot. An inquest was held and it was determined that the young woman committed suicide and Botts was released*).

**William P Presley**, 94 years old, a philanthropist is dead. He founded the Warren County Library of Monmouth, and endowed the chair of chemistry and physics at Monmouth college.

*News from other areas: Greenfield:* A seven year old son of **William Cluster**, a farmer residing about seven miles southwest of this place, was instantly killed by falling in front of an iron roller attached to a wagon his father was driving. *Maroa.* The death of Mrs. **Gus Meyers** occurred here. Mrs. **Meyers** came here from her home in St Louis two

months ago, and during that time took seriously ill, caused by the extracting of a tooth and causing nervous prostration. *Bunker Hill*. Mrs. **Christmuth Weidner** aged 76 years, was found dead in her bed at her home in Dorchester. *Pontiac*: **George W Weeks**, who attempted suicide by cutting his throat with a razor, is dead.

Fame news: The funeral of Mrs. **Coater** of Chicago was held at the Fame Church on Wednesday at 1 o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. **A W Smith**. Mrs. **Coater** was in her 85<sup>th</sup> year. She was formerly a resident of this vicinity. She leaves to mourn her loss, an aged husband and a son of Chicago, and Mrs. **Jas Osborn** of near Assumption. The remains were laid to rest in the German cemetery.

Prairie Home news: Sunday being Mrs. **May Sheffler's** birthday, her sister, Mrs. **Robert Beck** entertained her and her family to dinner.

#### Wednesday, 17 May 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

As we go to press the fact of the death of Mrs. **August Meyer** is made known. Mrs. **Meyer** was born in Germany in 1834. She came to Decatur in 1882 and later removed to Moweaqua. She has been an invalid for five years. Her husband has been a patient hard working man following his trade in our midst, that of a tailor. Mrs. **Meyer** died at her home in Moweaqua on Wednesday evening being at the time of her death, 71 years of age. The funeral will probably take place Friday afternoon. Definite arrangements have, as yet, not been made.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Norcas** on 13 May 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George E Burk** and wife, 11 May 1905, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W Leonard Snyder** on 13 May 1905, a girl.

Miss **Ella Smith**, daughter of **M W V Smith**, living southeast of Moweaqua, and Mr. **Marion Ruffner** of Millersville were united in marriage at Decatur on Monday. Rev. **W F Stevenson** officiating. Miss **Smith** was with Mrs. **Keller** for a long time. Mr. **Ruffner** is a substantial farmer.

*James E Beard's mother found dead at Tamaroa.* At her home in Tamaroa, Illinois, Mrs. **Ellen Corgan**, the mother of **Jas E Beard**, was found dead in her bed on Tuesday morning. She went to bed Monday night in her usual health. **Jas E Beard** is the only surviving child. Mrs. **Corgan** was sixty-five years of age and had reared a family of six children. Mr. and Mrs. **Beard** and Mrs. **Scott Gregory** left Tuesday evening to make arrangements for and to attend the funeral.

On 3 July 1905, County Court house in Shelbyville, notice is given for the purpose of settling and adjusting all claims against the estate of **Maria A Wyatt**, deceased. **Martha A Goodwin**, Administratrix.

Prairie Home news: Rev. **Valier** conducted the funeral of Mr. **McKiteric's** little daughter on Saturday at Little Flock.

Fame news: **I O Weakley** and family were called to Cerro Gordo on Sunday to attend the funeral of **I Hughes**, a cousin of Mr. **Weakley's**.

#### Wednesday, 24 May 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

The body of Mrs. **Mary Hooker** of Elgin, Illinois, was brought here for burial. Mrs. **Hooker** is a sister to **Elmer Bacon** and Mrs. **Mercy Hudson**. The funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at the M E Church. Mrs. **Hooker's** son came through with the

body. Two of her daughters will arrive today. The burial will be at the West cemetery where the body will rest beside her husband who preceded her in death.

Mrs. **August Meyer**, aged 70 years, died at her home on South Main Street on Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock of internal cancer of which she has been a sufferer for the past three years. Funeral services were held at the family residence Friday morning, conducted by Father **Lyon** of Macon. Burial was at the North cemetery. Mrs. **Meyer** was born in 1834 near Dantzig, West Prussia, Germany, and was married to **August Meyer** in 1864. In 1882, they came to the United States and settled in Decatur, where they resided until eleven years ago when they moved to Moweaqua. She leaves a husband and three daughters to mourn her passing. The daughters are Mrs. **Clara Schumacher** of St Louis, Mrs. **Martha Dryer** and Mrs. **Amalie Crowford** of Decatur. *Notice to the public.* All persons are hereby notified that my wife, **Mollie Portwood** has left my bed and board and that I will not be responsible for the payment of any debts or obligations that she may make from this date. **Henry Portwood**. Dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1905.

*Notice to the public.* Notice is hereby given that my wife, **Chresia Hudson** has, without cause, left my bed and board and all persons are warned not to sell her anything and charge the same to me. **Josh Hudson, Sr.**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **J Dodd** on 18 May 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **B Coletti** on 21 May 1905, a son.

**John F Smith** and wife are the proud parents of a daughter born 16 May 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Dial** are the proud parents of a fine boy born 18 May 1905.

*(Note: This issue of the News, as well as the recent issues were very hard to read, even being original copies, the print was blotchy, light, letters missing and extremely difficult to read. A magnifying glass was frequently used to distinguish names. All care was taken for accuracy.)*

Obed news: **William Hill** was called to Assumption on Tuesday on account of the death of a brother-in-law, **James Bryson**.

Pleak news: Word came to **Henry Bryson** on Sunday evening that his father was very low at his home in Assumption. *Later:* News received here was that he had died on Monday.

#### Wednesday, 31 May 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Mary Hooker**, aged about 88 years, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **John Conner** in Elgin, Illinois, Sunday night after an illness of five weeks. Mrs. **Hooker** was one of the early residents of Illinois, a pioneer. She was born in Cayuga County, New York, in 1817. When she was 15 years of age she moved to southern Indiana when the state was still a territory. For several years she was among the ranks of pioneer school teachers. In 1842 she became the wife of **Andrew Hooker**. In 1863 they moved to Illinois and settled in Moweaqua. Nine children were born to them, six of whom are still living. They are Mrs. **Bennington** of Decatur, **George D** and **Adeline Hooker** of Kansas City, **Alice Hooker** of Excelsior Springs, Missouri, Mrs. **John Connor** of Elgin, Illinois, and **Robert Hooker** of Elkhart. She also leaves seventeen grandchildren, nineteen great grandchildren, two brothers – Dr **B B Bacon** of Kansas and **Elmer D Bacon** of Moweaqua, and one sister, Mrs. **Mercy Hudson** of Moweaqua. Mrs. **Hooker** united with the Methodist Episcopal Church in Moweaqua about 35 years ago. She afterward

transferred her membership to Aurora, Illinois. She was a faithful consecrated Christian woman. The funeral was held from the M E Church in this city, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock PM. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. **R B Irwin**. Interment was in the West cemetery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Tankersley** on 30 May 1905, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Edward Day** on 22 May 1905, a son.

Mr. **Eph Adamson** and family attended the funeral of **Hugh Scott** at Blue Mound on Sunday. Mr. **Scott** was a brother of Mrs. **Adamson**.

**E O Smith** purchased the interest of another heir in the **E O Smith** estate at Dalton City. This gives Mr. **Smith** almost 160 acres of good rich black Dalton City land.

Pleak news: Several from this vicinity attended the funeral of **James Bryson** near Shelbyville last week.

#### Wednesday, 7 June 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mr. and Mrs. **E J Kilborn** left for Marshall, Illinois, to attend the funeral of his brother's wife.

Thursday being Mrs. **Edith Compton's** birthday, her friends gave her a surprise. Her mother, brothers and sisters with their families being present with a few other friends.

Refreshments were served. (Prairie Home news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Hopkins** on 1 June 1905, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Samuel Sanners** on 5 June 1905, a daughter.

**E J Kilborn** received word Friday of the death of his brother's wife in California. The body will be brought back to Marshall, Illinois, for burial. **L S Kilborn** of Monticello, father of **E J Kilborn**, made a flying visit here on Friday.

**J W Greaves** left Tuesday for Pawnee Rock, Kansas, for an extended visit with his sister, Mrs. **Jennie Lamb**. Mr. **Greaves** located at Pawnee Rock in '73 at that time buffalo hunting was said to be had in that country.

The badly decomposed body of **William Green**, aged 54 years, was found in the woods a mile from the city with his throat cut from ear to ear. A note saying he was despondent and poor, and asked the County to bury him was found. The death occurred near Barry, Illinois.

#### Wednesday, 14 June 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Alice Taylor** formerly Miss **Alice Ahl** died at her home at Tobinsport, Indiana, on Tuesday, 13 June 1905, at eight o'clock PM. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs.

**Nathaniel Ahl** of this city were at her bedside. Her sisters, Mrs. **Luther Hilvety** and Miss **Frankie Ahl** were on the road, but she died before their arrival. The funeral was held at Tobinsport Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

**James Heriot**, superintendent of the Moweaqua coal mine, died at his home in Moweaqua after an illness only a short time. His last hours were of intense suffering.

**James Heriot** was born in Jackson, Michigan, 22 May 1858, and with his parents came to LaSalle, Illinois, in the spring of 1880. He began work in the mines when very young, thus depriving him of the advantage of an early education. But being of a studious and persistent nature, coupled with unusual ability and keen foresight in the science of mining, he advanced rapidly and rose from one position to another, higher and more responsible, and was finally rewarded for his efforts by being appointed mine manager at

one of the large Collier's of the Spring Valley Coal Company, which position he honorably and ably filled for nearly eleven years, resigning that to accept the position of Superintendent of the Moweaqua Coal and Mining Company, which position he held to the time of his death. Deceased was married twice and leaves a widow, and three children, **William**, 21, **Elizabeth** 19, and **Joseph**, 13 years of age. He died at his home in Moweaqua at 2 PM on 8 June 1905, aged 47 years and 16 days. A large concourse of friends followed the body to the train where it was taken to his former home at Spring Valley, Illinois. The M. W. of A. the Masons, and the Knights of Pythias marched in a body, he being a member of each of the organizations. Rev. **R B Irwin** read an appropriate selection from the scriptures and offered prayer. Present from out of town were **N R Storer** of Chicago, Mr. **Delevin**, Superintendent of the Assumption mine, who was a life long friend to Mr. **Heriot**, also Mr. **Heriot's** daughter and mother, both of Chicago. Mr. **Heriot's** death came as a great shock to the community as few knew that he was even seriously ill. He was a valuable man and made many friends among all classes of people.

Miss **Mary Sprague**, daughter of Mr. **Albert** and Mrs. **Lizzie Sprague**, was born near Argenta, Illinois, on 29 September 18768. She had been afflicted since eleven months of age and endured suffering all her life. She had been losing strength for the past week. On Friday, 10 June 1905, she grew much worse and passed away the same evening about ten o'clock. Funeral services were held from the Presbyterian Church Saturday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Services conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper**; remains laid to rest in the West cemetery.

At her home near Smithshire, Illinois, Mrs. **Sarah Godfrey**, mother of the late Dr **J W Godfrey**, died on Sunday, 11 June 1905. Burial took place on Tuesday, 13 June 1905. Mrs. **Godfrey** is quite well known here.

**Clara E J Heriot** has been named Administratrix of the estate of **James Heriot**, deceased.

**Samuel Worsham**, a former resident of this city, died at his home in Decatur on Tuesday. Deceased was the father of **Albert Worsham**, south of Moweaqua, also a brother-in-law of Mrs. **Frank Gregory**, east of Moweaqua, and Mrs. **M M Ross** of this city. He had been a resident of Decatur for the past twenty years. Funeral was held at Decatur on Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. **J J Atteberry** attended the funeral of Mr. **Hight** at Macon on Friday.

The case of the estate of **I R Mills**, late revenue collector, against the Wabash railroad has been settled. Mr. **Mills** was killed in a wreck at Litchfield last July. The estate sued for \$10,000, and the railroad has agreed to pay \$8,500, and the case, which is now in Federal Court will be dismissed.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Rex Townsend**, 11 June 1905, a boy.

Mrs. **Chance**, daughter of the late Mr. **Wm Whitworth**, came on Tuesday and is spending some time with Mrs. **Whitworth**, who is doing quite poorly.

**Wenoa Gillham**, 16 years old, shot and fatally wounded her father, 18 miles from Peoria. **Gillham** was abusing his daughter when his wife interfered. He dealt her a blow on the head with a club, knocking her senseless. The daughter then secured a shotgun and fired both barrels at her father, inflicting a mortal wound. Miss **Gillham** surrendered to the sheriff here.



The body of **Dell Dasso**, who shot his rival, **Charles Peet** and his former sweetheart, Miss **Harrison** near Hebron, was found in Nippersink Creek, a mile from the scene of the shooting. It is believed Dasso committed suicide. Both **Peet** and Miss **Harrison** will recover.

**Mattoon.** Mrs. **Margaret McDonough Tivnen** died here aged 103 years. She was a native of Ireland, but had resided in this country 63 years.

**Decatur:** Miss **Lena Alberts** is dead of lockjaw, brought on by a broken ankle sustained in being thrown out of a buggy in a runaway accident.

**Wednesday, 21 June 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

After a long and patient, lingering illness, Mrs. **Charles Kirkman**, died at the home of her father, **John C Adams**, east of Moweaqua today at 6 AM. The funeral services will be held on Friday morning at 10:00 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Rev. Irwin will conduct the services; burial will be in the Adams' cemetery west of town.

Born to **Andrew Bender** and wife on 19 June 1905, a son.

*(Note: It should be noted that this issue of the News was in very bad condition. Some parts of the paper were badly torn and/or completely missing. I tried to extract all the information that was readable. All possible care was taken to extract as much information as possible.)*

Born to Mr. and Mrs. ---- **Thomas** and wife on Saturday, June ---- 1905, a daughter.  
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**Wednesday, 28 June 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*(Note: It should be noted that the obituary of Mr. Hudson was in extremely bad condition and that parts were unreadable, the paper was badly torn and part of the obituary was missing. I tried to extract all the information that was readable. It is unfortunate that the tribute to a gallant pioneer is missing. Anyone doing research on this particular individual might try the Shelbyville Leader for his obituary.)*

**A Pioneer's Departure.** One of Moweaqua's oldest and most highly respected citizens enter the home at the end of the way. The death of Mr. **Thos Hudson, Sr.** was not unexpected, yet it was with regret to all who place a value on men ---- worth's sake that --- must lose the ---- hospitality of such a man. Death came on Sunday, 25 June 1905, at ---- death was peaceful; his family was at his bedside. ---- were such that it ---- to adjust himself --- Mr. **Hudson** has --- book nature read ---- The funeral was held at ---- after which the ----- in the Presbyterian ----- A large number of friends and neighbors followed the remains to their earthly resting place where they were lovingly laid away. A large number of friends from other towns came in to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. "A wits a feather, a chiefs a rod, but an honest man is the noblest work of God." **Obit:** **Thos Hudson, Sr.**, son of **Thomas** and **Elizabeth Hudson**, was born in Warrickshire, England, on 1 May 1827, and entered into rest at the dawn of the beautiful Sunday, 25 June 1905, aged 79 years, 1 month and 25 days. In early life he gave his heart, hand and purse to the service of his Master and ever lived an humble follower of Christ in going about doing good. He was married to Miss **Betsy Day** in Birmingham, England on 10 March 1850, and to them were born three children, **Thomas Hudson, Jr.**, Mrs. **Elizabeth D Hughes** and **John Hudson**. Mrs. **Hudson** died in 1877, and on

13 March 1878, he was united in marriage to Mrs. **Rebecca M Pollock**, who survives him. September 1859 – Mr. **Hudson** and family came to Moweaqua, where he lived as an open book until called Home. He was conscientious in all of his duties—as a farmer he was painstaking and industrious—as a citizen he was upright and honorable, firm in all of his positions for the right. Few men there are who would be willing to stand alone even upon questions of citizenship as he. From principle he was a third party Prohibitionist. Loyal in his antagonism against the saloon and the liquor traffic in all of its forms—yet tender and loving in his dealings with those who had fallen under its deadening influence as many in this community can testify. His hand and his purse were always open to the poor and his giving was strictly scripted. There are many who will, in days to come, continue to thank God for the gifts which came from his hands in times of great need. As a friend he was a true as could be, but aside from the loss to his devoted wife and his children, that part of the community to sustain the greatest loss in his death is the Church of which he was a member. To his plans, time and money to a very large extent in the Presbyterian Church, was a force in this town for righteousness. He was elected to the office of Ruling Elder in the Moweaqua Presbyterian Church twenty-nine years ago and has been continuously faithful since that time to definite power in the Church by this presence, influence and money. He was busily engaged in the Lord's work in active service to within a week and a half of his departure. Truly a good man has gone to his reward.

**Thomas McCray** was crushed to death by being caught in some manner between two trips of loaded coal at the mine about 11:30 AM, today. Mr. **McCray** was bringing in a trip of five cars following another trip. It seems the other cars stopped for some reason, and **Tom** was unable to get out and was caught in the jam. He is a married man with a wife and child. The burial will probably be on Friday.

Miss **Bertha Wilson**, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **R B Wilson** of Moweaqua and Mr. **Charles Dunkle** of Macon were married in Decatur this afternoon. Mr. **Dunkle** is in the restaurant business at Macon. They will make their home at Macon. Miss **Wilson** is held in high esteem by her friends and associates.

After a long and patient siege of suffering, Mrs. **Ada Kirkman**, wife of **Charles Kirkman** was released from the infirmities of the flesh on Wednesday, 21 June 1905. Mrs. **Kirkman** was at the home of her father, **John C Adams**, east of Moweaqua, at the time of her death. A large number of sympathizing friends gathered at the Presbyterian Church on Friday at 10 AM where Rev. **Irwin** conducted a most beautiful and sympathetic service. The body was laid to rest in the family burial ground known as the Adams cemetery west of town. A large concourse followed the bier to its repository. *Obit:* **Ada Lee Adams**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Adams**, was born in Christian County, near Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1868. She was married to Mr. **Charles Kirkman** in the Presbyterian Church in Moweaqua by the Rev. Mr. Winchel on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of January 1891. She took her departure from the home of her parents, three and one half miles east of Moweaqua, Illinois, on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of June 1905, aged 37 years, 5 months and 18 days. After the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. **Kirkman**, they made their home in Clinton, Illinois, remaining in that city until August 1894 when they came to Decatur where they have resided until the present. Mrs. **Kirkman** has been in poor health since last August. Although everything was done that loving hands and medical skill could do, it was impossible to stay the power of the disease. She was never

a member of the Church, but said she often prayed and expressed a hope that she was saved. One daughter, **Wanda**, a devoted husband, father and mother, three sisters, and one brother and other relatives, and a host of friends are left to mourn her loss. The funeral was conducted by Rev. **Robt B Irwin**, pastor of the Presbyterian Church on 23 June 1905. The services were held in the Presbyterian Church and interment took place in the Adams cemetery. The following were in attendance from abroad; Mrs. **Tom McGrath** and Mrs. **John Taylor**, of Santa Cruz, Mexico, Mrs. **Tom Hardy**, Mrs. Dr **H J Wiles**, Mrs. **Geo P Hart**, Miss **Eva Ryan**, Mr. and Mrs. **Morehouse** and **Sidney Dedman** of Decatur.

**Charles Kirkman**, Misses **Daisy** and **Mollie Kirkman**, and Mrs. **Kirkman** left Monday for Decatur. They will make their home with **Charles**.

Miss **Mabel Fortner** gave a delightful party on the evening of 28 June 1905, it being the occasion of her 17<sup>th</sup> birthday. Refreshments were served and a pleasant hour spent.

**A Anthony** of Hillsboro, Illinois, came on Thursday to visit with relatives for a few weeks. Mr. **Anthony** is nearly 80 years of age and can repeat the Declaration of Independence from memory.

Several from the Yantisville area attended the funeral of Grandma **Syfert** at Henton on Friday.

#### Wednesday, 5 July 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

At 9:30 PM, 29 June 1905, **Emma May Proctor** of Moweaqua, Illinois, departed this life, leaving a body racked with pain and disease. Mrs. **Proctor** had been a patient sufferer for several years, and her death was not unexpected and came as a sweet release though tinged with deep regret and sorrow at leaving her beloved children and her devoted husband. Services were held at the Baptist Church on Saturday, 1 July 1905, at 10 AM, conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper**. The burial was at the I. O. O. F. cemetery north of town. Miss **Emma May Smith** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, in 1872. She passed away on 29 June 1905. She was married to Mr. **Edward Proctor** of Moweaqua in 1895 and has been a resident of Moweaqua for the past nine years. Mrs. **Proctor** has suffered intensely, being an invalid for several years. She was converted in her childhood days and united with the Moweaqua Baptist Church about seven years ago. She has lived a worthy Christian life, was devoted to her husband and family, and was always kind and patient. Her last request was for her husband and children, **Goldy** and **Roy**. Her father, mother, and one sister were laid to rest before the death of Mrs. **Proctor**. She leaves five brothers and two sisters living, **Edward**, **John F**, and **William Smith** who resides between Shelbyville and Henton; **George Smith** of Indiana, **Noble Smith** of Moweaqua, and two sisters, Mrs. **Lida J Thomas** of Moweaqua and Mrs. **Effie Hall**, who lives near Henton, Illinois. All were present except **George Smith**. Mrs. **Proctor** was conscious until the last moment. She expressed repeatedly her faith in God and her willingness to go. Services were held from the Baptist Church on Saturday, 1 July 1905, at 10:00 o'clock AM, conducted by the four pastors of the town. **A D Cooper** preached the funeral sermon, burial in the North Cemetery.

On Thursday morning of last week, the children gathered at the home of the late **Thomas Hudson, Sr.** to read the will of the deceased. The will gives the 240-acre farm, east of town to the three children, **Thos Hudson**, **John Hudson** and Mrs. **Hughes**, to be divided equally. Mrs. **Hudson, Sr.** reserves the brick building and lot occupied by **Adamson &**

**Miller**, also the residence property occupied by **Chas Bendsley** and the lumber yard site in fee simple. She is also to receive the home place her life time, after which it is to go to the Presbyterian Church. By private agreement among the children, the rent of the place this year is to go to Mrs. **Hudson**, who is to pay all funeral expenses and outstanding indebtedness.

**James B Riley** and Mrs. **Josephine Eames** of Shelbyville, were quietly joined in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. **Joseph Thomas** on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at his home. Mr. **Riley** is one of our carpenters who owns his own home in the east part of town where he and his wife will continue to reside. Mrs. **Riley** was a widow lady living near Shelbyville, who is well spoken of by those who know her.

Wednesday, 28 June 1905, at 11 AM, **Thomas Chadwick McCray** was caught between two trips of loaded cars and his life crushed out of him almost instantly. The funeral was held at his residence on 30 June 1905 at 2 PM in the presence of a large concourse of friends. Rev. **R B Irwin** conducted the services assisted by Revs **Stevenson** and **Cooper**. His body was laid to rest in the North Cemetery. **Thomas Chadwick McCray** was born in Diamond, Illinois, on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of December 1881. He was christened by the Rev. Mr. **Harold**, a Presbyterian minister, when he was a small boy. He came to Moweaqua, Illinois, about eight years ago, and has held the places assigned to him with credit to himself and his people. He was a quiet, honest, industrious young man, being respected by all who knew him. He was married to Miss **Ethel Jackson**, less than two years ago. He was a member of the Red Men and also a member of the United Miners' Union. He came to his untimely death in the Moweaqua Coal Mine on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June 1905. He leaves to mourn his loss his father, one brother, his devoted young wife and infant daughter.

Former Editor of the *Moweaqua Republican*, which she presided for about ten years, Mrs. **Wm Whitworth** is dead. At the hush of midnight's hour, 3 July 1905, at 12:07 AM, the spirit of Mrs. **Bella A Whitworth** took the departure from the weary and worn house in which it had lived for over 58 years. The community was not surprised at the death of Mrs. **Whitworth** as it has been known for quite awhile that her career was drawing to a close. The funeral service was conducted at the residence Wednesday, and was under the care of the I. O. O. F. Lodge. *Obit:* **Isabella A Doyle** was born in Madison County, Illinois, on 4 March 1847, and died at her home in Moweaqua on 3 July 1905. Being at the time of her death, 58 years, 3 months and 29 days old. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **E M Doyle**. In 1866 she was married to **William Whitworth** of Moweaqua. No heirs came to this union. In 1894 she and her husband began the publication of the weekly newspaper known as the *Moweaqua Republican* of which she was practically the head for about ten years. She was a woman much in business and in her home. She was a member of the Eastern Star and Rebecca Lodges, both of which she remembered in a bequest. For reasons all her own and known only to those of her own household, she has given little attention to the social and religious life of the community. She was of ambition spirit and strong determination. She leaves five brothers and one sister to mourn her departure, three of whom were at the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. **George Roff Jr.** are the proud parents of a boy born Saturday.

The Good Shepherd gathered in one of his little lambs from the home of Mr. and Mrs.

**Samuel T Stanger**, of Macon, Monday, 11 AM. **Clinton Stanger**, the little two and one half year old son was called to come up higher. The burial was at the I. O. O. F.

Cemetery, Wednesday at 2 PM. A short service was conducted at the grave by **A R Spicer**.

**W C Durkee** and wife are rejoicing in the arrival of a fine boy who came to their place on Sunday.

*Mustered out.* There has been recently almost one unbroken line of pilgrims to the silent city of the dead. The old, the middle aged and the young have been called. Uncle **Jesse Calvin** was one that had been waiting patiently for his release. It came noon on 30 June 1905 and found him living on borrowed time. Services were held at the Methodist Church on Saturday, 1 July 1895, at 2:30 PM o'clock under the auspices of the J C Clements Post No. 365 G. A. R. Rev. **Jos Thomas** officiated at the services. *Obit:* **James Garner Calvin** was born near New Castle, Lawrence County, Pennsylvania, on 16 June 1832. He died at his home in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 30 June 1905. His age at the time of his death was 73 years and 14 days. In the spring of 1860 he moved with his mother to Hardin County, Ohio. His father having died previous to this date. In August 1861, he was joined in marriage to Miss **Roxana Pool**. To this union were born seven children all of whom are living except one, **Adalade Lelah**, who died on 12 February 1885. On 21 September 1864, Mr. **Calvin** enlisted as a private in Co H, 179<sup>th</sup> Reg Ohio, Vol Infantry, and was honorably discharged on 28 June 1865, at Columbus, Ohio, at the close of the war. In March 1867, he removed with his family to Rice County, Minnesota, going by wagon, arriving there in June of the same year. In September 1873, he started with his family for Illinois, arriving in Shelby County near Moweaqua in November 1873, where he resided until his death. In the winter of 1879, he united with the Protestant Methodist Church and has ever been a devoted member and worker. His family has always resided in the immediate vicinity of home. He is survived by his wife and six children, **William R** and **John T** of Shelbyville, Illinois, Mrs. **Adam Boyer**, Mrs. **J W Hartman**, Mrs. **DeLos Scarlette**, son **Jesse H Scarlette**, all of Moweaqua.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of **Ethel Irving Burge** to **James J Steidley** of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The marriage occurred at the home of the bride in Vinton. The local paper speaks in the highest terms of each of the contracting parties. Many friends of Mr. **Steidley** will be glad to know of his good fortune.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Harris** on 1 July 1905, a 10 ½ pound boy.

#### Wednesday, 12 July 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Prairie Home news: The news of **Myers Brenhisser's** death which occurred at his home near Shelbyville was received here Friday. He had moved from here this spring.

Prairie Home news: Mr. **T G Travis** of St Joseph, Missouri, is a visitor among us for a few days. This is Mr. **Travis'**, former home in the bygone years. He is combining business and pleasure. In addition to enjoying his friends he is placing some stock of the Southwest Smelting and Refining Co of which he was recently elected second treasurer. The proposition he submits bears the marks of genuineness, and inasmuch as Mr. **Travis** has resigned a \$5,000 per annum salary, it must certainly be a promising enterprise. Mr. **Travis** has been quite successful in his part of the work thus far while only giving it a part of his time.

Allenboro news: Mrs. **Sarah Thompson** returned to the home of her daughter, Mrs. **H Wempen** for an indefinite visit. She was accompanied by her two granddaughters. The

Misses **Martin**, who spent a few days visiting with their aunt and family, returned to their home near Sullivan on Sunday.

Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh** is on the sick list at Obed. **H F Day** continues to decline in his health. His condition is not looked upon favorably.

Mr. **James Cooper** circulated a paper last week to assist the widow and children of **Albert Watson** who were in destitute circumstances. A hearty response was made and a neat subscription resulted in enough to pay the back house rent and up to 1 August, also to lay in a supply of groceries. *"He who feeds his hungry neighbor feeds three. Himself, his hungry neighbor and me"*.

The **Whitworth Will** (*copied in part only*). I, **Bella A Whitworth**, of the village of Moweaqua, in the County of Shelby and State of Illinois...do make and declare this to be my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me at any time made.

...To **Joseph Threlfall** my green bed room suite and the bedding belonging to the same, the green sofa or couch, the green rocker and the oak center table. ...To **Mary Landrum**, daughter of **Wm Landrum**, my oak bed room suite, now in the west bed room upstairs in my residence including the bedding that belongs to the same, also the family Bible and one oak rocker. ...To Mrs. **Ida Rettig**, wife of **David Rettig**, my bedroom suite, including the bedding that belongs to the same, situated in the East room upstairs in my residence, also one walnut stand table. ...To my brother-in-law, **Lewis Hailes**, I give my oak book case, located upstairs in my residence, and to my sister, **Lizzie Hailes**, I give my walnut bedroom suite in the North room upstairs, including the bedding that belongs to the same. Provided, that is in case I deliver the last named bedroom suite and bedding to my sister, then this last provision for my sister shall be void. ...To **Mattie McHenry**, my oak book case. ...To **S S Clapper**, my set of Century Dictionary and desk in which they belong....I give and devise other of my books and pictures in the manner following: My executor shall deliver any book or picture to the person whose name he shall find written on the fly leaf of the book or on the back of any picture. ...Insurance money from my Royal Neighbor insurance policy to the grandchildren of my late husband in equal parts in the manner following....the money shall be paid to my executor, and he shall hold the same in trust till they consecutively arrive at the age of 21 years when, as fast as they arrive at the age of 21 years, they shall be given the part that belongs to them, namely, **Mary, William Jr., Bessie, Anna, Flora,** and **Lena Landrum**, children of **Wm Landrum**....My executor is to sell at public sale as soon as the same can be done any property not herein devised, and any and all my real estate including that which I owned as an undivided half interest with my late husband, **Wm Whitworth**. ....The moneys derived from the sale of my property both real and personal shall be divided as follows: ...Firstly to pay my last debts, to **Joseph Threlfall**, the sum of three hundred dollars; to **May Reighley**, daughter of **W S Reighley**, the sum of one hundred dollars, to **J C Wilson** in trust for Shelby Lodge No 275, I. O. O. F. of Moweaqua, Illinois, to apply to the indebtedness on their building, five hundred dollars. To each of my brothers and sisters as follows; To **B F Doyle** the sum of two hundred dollars; to **Harvey Doyle**, three hundred dollars, to **James C Doyle** three hundred dollars, to **George Doyle**, three hundred dollars, to **Charles Doyle**, three hundred dollars, and to **Lizzie Hailes**, three hundred dollars. Provided if there be not sufficient funds to pay the above sums to my said named brothers and sisters in full, then I direct that my executor shall pay them in the proportions as in herein set out so far as there may be

funds to do so. If there be funds sufficient after the payment of the forgoing bequests I direct that my executor shall loan out the sum of one hundred dollars, and use the interest from the same to have our cemetery lot properly cared for, and if there should be a cemetery fund established for the West I. O. O. F Cemetery, I direct that the said principal sum of one hundred dollars last above mentioned shall be paid to said fund. ....to The Eastern Star and the Order of Rebekahs each, the sum of one hundred dollars should there be enough funds. If there be any remaining funds after all the foregoing bequests have been paid I direct that it shall be equally divided among my brothers and sister. I nominate and appoint **J W Gregory** to be the executor of the said estate.

**Wednesday, 19 July 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

***H F Day Joins the Almighty Savior.*** On the beautiful Sunday morning of 16 July 1905, the almighty Scribe wrote 'finis' to the eventful and most unique record – the pen was laid aside and the book closed, that contains the life of **Henry Franklin Day**. Just as the sun was mounting toward its zenith when, but a fourth of its journey was finished, the tired and jaded spirit of **Henry Day** freed itself from the pain-pierced body that held it captive and betook itself to the regions beyond. While Mr. **Day's** death was not unexpected by those who knew best his condition, and even those outside, yet it came to the community as a shock of sadness. Mr. **Day** had been so conspicuously identified with the public, business and social life of our town that it seems hard to eliminate his presence from it. His well-known and familiar figure will continue to haunt his usual places, at desk, at home and on the streets. Services were conducted from the residence on Tuesday afternoon, Rev. **W F Stevenson** assisted by other ministers. A large concourse of friends gathered to pay their tribute of respect to his memory, many out of town visitors were present. The boys of the pig roast provided a large floral piece in his memory. The boys of the pig roast are as follows: **I H Shelly, C C LeForgee, J M Gray, C F Shilling, F F Wills, E C Bassey, D W Tait, C S Hankins, Owen Scott, Geo W Kraft, B K Hamshere, Mont Pentwell, C E Unler, V W Henley, Weeden Smith, Joe G Bixby, O W Smith, J M Lee, Julius Marienthal and John J Hogue.** Attending from out of town were **J Tabor Mathers**, and **Andrew Bacon** of Jacksonville, **Thomas Day**, a brother from Memphis, Mrs. **M E Morton**, a sister of Mrs. **Day** from Chicago, **William Day**, a son from Kansas City, Missouri, and Mrs. **Mary Freeman** from Decatur. The body was laid to rest in the west cemetery and was followed by a great concourse of friends. Moweaqua has lost one of her most prominent and useful citizens in the death of **Henry F Day**, who passed away Sunday morning, 16 July 1905, after a week of intense suffering. Some weeks ago, Mr. **Day** had a stroke of paralysis, which rendered his entire left side useless, although he retained his speech, but slightly impaired, and his mental powers in full vigor. Until about a week ago hopes were entertained that he might regain his powers so that he could walk about, though he might not again be able to use his left arm. A relapse came and during the past week, he has slowly sunk until gracious relief from suffering came in the peaceful sleep of death. Few men were more widely or favorably known in Central Illinois than **Henry F Day**. In business in the same spot in Moweaqua for 48 years, he knew almost every man, woman and child in that section. By a long life of faithful service of the public he has as many friends as he has acquaintances. He was always a potent factor in the affairs of the community in which he has lived for almost a half century. He was born in Birmingham, England, on



7 March 1835, and had, therefore, reached man's allotted three score and ten years. His grandfather was a manufacturer of fine guns and was a lifelong resident of Birmingham. Mr. **Day** came to America on 24 January 1850, and for five years was engaged as bookkeeper and clerk in Boston. After a year spent in England he returned to this country and on the advice of **Tom Ponting**, located at the newly formed village of Moweaqua, Illinois, where he has since resided and been in active mercantile business. Mr. **Day** has been actively interested in the affairs of state and nation, and has always been a democrat in politics. Since 1866 he has been an ardent and enthusiastic Odd Fellow. For 25 years he was the journal clerk of the grand lodge. Few men in Illinois are better known as an odd Fellow than **Henry F Day**. He will be greatly missed when the annual session comes next November. Since 1886 he has filled the important position of state secretary of the Knights of Honor. His long service in this order has been highly appreciated by his associates. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias. These three orders had charge of the funeral services. His Domestic Life: On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June 1862, Mr. **Day** was married in Jacksonville, Illinois, to Miss **Louisa M March**, who survives him. For more than 40 years these two were spared to each other and a more ideal home is not to be found than that from which the noble husband and loving father has so lately been taken by the silent messenger. Two sons and six daughters constitute the heretofore unbroken family circle. **William L Day** is in business in Kansas City, **Harry M Day** succeeds his father in charge of the business at Moweaqua. The daughters are Miss **Edna**, **Aileen**, **Harriet M**, Mrs. **E J Kilborn** of Moweaqua, Miss **Mary C** of Chicago and Mrs. **Frank Homrighous** of Assumption. A brother, **Thomas Day** of Memphis, Tennessee, and a sister, Mrs. **Rebecca Elsum** of Moweaqua also survive. During the past weeks of Mr. **Day's** sickness he completely adjusted his business, and to him it was a source of great satisfaction in his last days that his business was to be left with out a single compilation. He was successful and leaves a considerable fortune as the result of a life of economy and fair dealing. For many years "**Henry Day's** pig roasts have been the occasion of an evening of great pleasure in Moweaqua or Decatur where they have been held. In these he has always been the price of social hilarity and pleasure unalloyed. A capital story teller and endowed with a ready wit and rare common sense, he was easily the very soul of the occasion. He leaves the rich heritage of a good name and the sweet memory of a man of good deeds and noble impulses. Though no longer able to hear 'the sound of a voice that is still' and feel 'the touch of a vanished hand', his family and friends can look upon the monument he erected and say he 'hath done what he could'.

The stores of Moweaqua closed Tuesday from 2 to 4 PM out of respect to the memory of **H F Day**, the oldest merchant of the town.

**H M Day** was appointed Grand Dictator **Gillmore** of the Knights of Honor to succeed his father until the finance committee meets in September. **Harry** is thoroughly familiar with all details of the work and the appointment is well placed.

The **Day** will is very simple and most sensible to its contents. It gives the entire property to his wife during her lifetime, and at her death it is to be equally divided between the eight children or to their heirs if they have children. It consists of two business houses and one stock of goods, two residence properties, six vacant lots, sixty-seven acres of ground north of town worth at least \$100 per acre, and cash on hand, making a total of

about \$30,000. The business will be continued under the name of **H F Day Estate** with **H M Day** as manager.

Mrs. **Wm Day** and family of Kansas City came in early Tuesday morning. **E J Kilborn** met them at Decatur and drove down. Mrs. **Morton** of Jacksonville, Illinois, came in Sunday. She is a sister of Mrs. **H F Day**. Mr. and Mrs. **Turner** of Macon attended the funeral of **H F Day** and visited with the **McHenry** sisters on Tuesday.

**Thos Day** of Memphis, Tennessee, came in Thursday to be at the bedside of his brother, **H F Day**. **William Day** of Kansas City and **Catherine Day** of Chicago also arrived to see their father, who was quite low at that time.

The State adjuster of the Illinois life Insurance Co was here on Thursday making proof of the death and claim of Mrs. **Bella Whitworth**. Settlement will be made soon.

One hundred and twenty-five members of the **Heriott** family, from all parts of the United States are in reunion in the city of Peoria. The president of the association is **D S Heriott** of Mahomet, Illinois.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **David Rettig** on 12 July 1905, a boy.

*Sterling Illinois.* **Roy Snavely** was instantly killed in a runaway on his father's farm north of here. He was thrown from a hay rake, breaking his neck.

**Hugh Maley**, long a resident of this place, died at the age of 103 years at Minonk.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Schnackle** on 16 July 1905, a daughter.

#### Wednesday, 26 July 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

As the sole legatee in the will of the late **Henry F Day**, who died 16 July 1905, I hereby announce that the general merchandise business carried on by him for so many years in Moweaqua, will be continued without change under the name of **H F Day** and under the management of my son, **Harry M Day**, who has been associated with his father in the conduct and management of the business for twenty-five years. Signed: **Louisa M Day**, Executrix, 22 July 1905, Moweaqua, Illinois

Mrs. **Carrie Keating** and daughters, **Julia** and **Helen** of New Haven, Connecticut, are here and will spend about two months with her sister, Mrs. **W H Moll**. Mrs. **Keating** will be remembered as Miss **Carrie Smith**, who resided here a number of years ago. This is her first visit here for about twelve years.

**Elijah Walker** died at ten o'clock Sunday night at his home in Assumption after a stroke of apoplexy, the death was sudden, about five o'clock Sunday afternoon, he was out driving, but returned shortly saying he was feeling ill. Until that time he has had the best of health. **Elijah Walker** was one of the most prominent farmers and grain men in the vicinity of Assumption. He was born in St Clair County, Illinois, but moved to Macon County when a young man and lived west of Macon for a number of years. Of late he has been in the grain business at Assumption. A wife, three sons, **Walter**, **Oliver** and **Arthur**, two daughters, Miss **Mamie Walker** who lives at home and Mrs. **John Van Gundy** of Macon survive him. **George W Walker** of Decatur is a nephew of the deceased. He also has three brothers, **John W Walker** of Berkley, Virginia, **Joel T Walker** of Denver, Colorado, and **Edmund P Walker** of Blue Mound, Illinois. The funeral was held today at Assumption. His brother, **J T Walker** was recently one of our best known and highly respected citizens.

Blue Mound lost one of the eldest and best known citizens in the death of Dr **D T Kyner**, Sunday at midnight, the end came, after a long illness. He was a practicing physician for

over 50 years. The greater part of the professional career was spent at Macon, where it is said that at one time he had the most extensive practice of any physician in the state. The Eastern Star Home of Macon is the old homestead which he turned over to the Masons. He is the father of our esteemed citizen **A D Kyner**, who is a practicing dentist. The funeral was held at Blue Mound on Tuesday at 2:30 PM o'clock, and the burial was at Macon.

**Dudley Watson is dead.** **Dudley Watson** of Harristown died at his home very suddenly. The body was taken to Assumption where the funeral will be held from the Christian Church of which he was a life long member. **A R Spicer** conducted the service. Mr. **Watson** was at one time one of Assumption's most widely known businessmen.

Mrs. **Elias Snell** attended the funeral of Mrs. **Long** of Assumption on Tuesday.

Miss **Julia Dowd** celebrated her twelfth birthday Saturday, 22 July 1905. Fourteen of her little friends being present to enjoy the occasion. Refreshments were served consisting of ice cream, cake and bananas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Hemer**, 22 July 1905, a girl.

Born to **Wm A Warren** and wife on 15 July 1905, a son. (*Macon Tribune*)

A child was born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Jesse** on Saturday, 22 July 1905, at Allenboro.

#### Wednesday, 2 August 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Miss **Mattie McHenry** attended the **Baird-Waggoner** reception last Thursday at Macon. Moweaqua's old time friend, **J T Walker**, made his many friends a brief call this week.

Mr. **Walker** came back to attend the funeral of his brother of Assumption. He is located at Breckenridge, Colorado, and speaks in terms of praise of the local enterprises and prospects. Mr. **Walker** is engaged quite extensively in the mining business. He is now putting up a stamp mill which will be in operation by the end of August. Mr. **Walker** is also a large land owner in western Kansas wheat land, from which he hopes to receive a good revenue.

Monday afternoon, 24 July 1905, after an illness of only about four hours and one half, **Dudley Watson** died at his home about four and one half miles north west of Harristown, Illinois. The cause of his death was paralysis. The funeral was held from the Christian Church at Assumption Thursday, 27 July 1905, conducted by **A R Spicer**. The burial was in the Glenwood cemetery. Mr. **Watson** left a wife, son and daughter and an adopted son, five brothers and three sisters living. **Dudley J Watson** was born in Anderson County, Kentucky, on 11 June 1841. He came to Illinois with his parents at the age of sixteen, located on a farm west of Moweaqua. He was married to Miss **Sadie McDaniel** on 28 October 1868, farmed one year when he went to Assumption, entering into the grocery business with his brother, **John Watson**, and afterward with **S M Conrad**, leaving that to enter the hay business, being the pioneer of that business in Assumption. He left Assumption on 3 August 1897 for Decatur where he lived three years. From there he went to Dalton City where he resided two years, from thence he went to Harristown where he lived on a farm until the time of his death. He united with the Christian Church more than forty years ago, and was the prime mover in the erection and maintenance of the Assumption church. He was the second eldest of a family of twelve children, eight of whom survive him.

**Elijah Walker obituary:** **Elijah Walker**, son of **Edmond B** and **Rebecca Walker** to whom were born nine children, seven boys and two girls. The sisters both died in the

year 1856 near Lebanon, St Clair County, Illinois, where all of the children were born. **Elijah** and **Elisha** were twins, born on 3 March 1843. **Elisha** lived to be four years old. He and his father both died upon the same date, namely, 22 December 1847. Both father and son are buried in the same grave. The widowed mother and two sons, **Elijah** and **Edmond** came to Macon County in 1863, and settled near Macon. The mother died at **Elijah's** home two miles south east of Macon on February 27<sup>th</sup> 1893, and was buried in the cemetery at that place. There are three brothers living. **Joel Walker** who resides at Breckenridge, Colorado, **John W Walker** at Greatbridge, Virginia, and **Edmond Walker**, the youngest of the seven sons, residing at Stonington, Illinois. On last Sabbath, the subject of the brief sketch walked out into the sunlight of that beautiful morning in his accustomed health and vigor. Then at the call of the Sabbath bell that fall upon so many inattentive ears, in harmony with his usual custom he and his wife attended church, and listened to a sermon by the pastor. He ate the noon day meal with his family, full of home and sunshine. An hour later, he lay down to rest for an hour, little dreaming of the long unbroken slumber into which his body would enter before the passing of the midnight hour, or that he should so soon see the King in his beauty and hear him say, "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the job of your Lord.*" Our brother was converted and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church when fifteen years of age—he not only professed the religion of the Son of God but he did that which is the high privilege of every man and woman; he lived it. And to live it is to dine in the triumph of the faith of the Son of God. On the thirtieth day of March 1868, he married Miss **Carrie L Allison** at Macon, Illinois. Seven children were born to them—four daughters and three sons. Two of the daughters preceded their father to the city which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God. Two daughters still live, **Clara** the wife of **J F VanGundy** and Miss **Mamie**, the youngest child. The three sons, **Walter**, **Oliver** and **Arthur** with their mother and sisters, mourn the departure of a beloved husband and father. Brother **Walker** was smitten with apoplexy while out riding with his family, 23 July 1905, about four o'clock in the evening and died at ten o'clock PM on that day, having lived 62 years, 4 months and 20 days.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wm Suppes** on 25 July 1905, a boy.

Born to **David Adamson** and wife on Sunday, 30 July 1905, a daughter.

Born to **Steve Peterjohn** and wife, 28 July 1905, twins—a boy and a girl.

Pleak news: **W H Lindsay** and Mrs. **Sarah Scribner** surprised their many friends last week by going to St Louis and getting married. They returned on Friday and are living in one of **M F Pleak's** houses at this place.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Will Bridgman** are the happy parents of a son who took up his abode with them on Tuesday, 1 August 1905.

#### Wednesday, 9 August 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Miss **Margaret Snyder** was reminded of her birthday on August 8. (*Note: This entry difficult to read. The date appeared to be '8', but could have been '2'*)

Born to **Samuel Robb** and wife on 2 August 1905, a boy.

Through a mistake of some one, Mrs. **Frank Chew** is in a very critical condition. Mr. **Chew** made the following statement of the facts. He sent his child to **M G Ellis'** drug store for some calomel, which the druggist put up and marked it *calomel*. Mrs. **Chew** opened the box and took a usual sized dose, but no sooner had she taken it than she

discovered that it was not the calomel she had been used to taking, and she told her husband. He gave her some milk to drink and started for the doctor. Upon investigation it was found to be bi-chloride of mercury, but for the amount she took, would have caused instant death. Mr. **Ellis** said the child called for calomel for rat poison and he gave the calomel with that idea in view. He says a mistake may have been made by the wholesale people in shipment. How the mistake occurred no one seems to know, but that a mistake was made is most evident. Mrs. **Chew's** condition is quite low but seems to be improving.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isaac Bilyeu**, 4 August 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Andrew Bates**, 6 August 1905, a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Isom Bilyeu** on 4 August 1905 a son.

Mrs. **J L Douthit**, wife of the manager of the Lithia Springs Chautauqua, died suddenly on the grounds there last Tuesday. She had been afflicted with a tumor for some time, and her death was not wholly unexpected.

Mr. and Mrs. **Joe McGrath** of Fame have a new daughter who arrived 6 August 1905.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **John Ekiss** on Monday, 31 July 1905, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **L Davis** of Allenboro on Friday, 4 August 1905, a girl.

#### Wednesday, 16 August 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Lou Meyerpeter** and son, **Wilbur**, are in Missouri at the bedside of **Joe Meyerpeter**, her brother-in-law who is quite ill.

Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Nichols** are the proud parents of a son born on Sunday.

Our community was agreeably surprised to learn that one of the best known and highly respected young men, **Charles S Rodman** had crossed the borders of our neighboring state, and had captivated and actually captured one of Indiana's most popular and cultured young ladies. Inasmuch as Mr. **Rodman** is given to doing things out of the usual, such a feat is not to be wondered at. Mr. **Rodman** is one of the best known young men, if not the best known outside of our own borders, as he has made an unusual record as a singer, athlete and debater. He is one of the class of 1895 of our own high school and of the class of 1904 in the University of Illinois. He is at present engaged in business as a member of the firm of **J M Rodman & Sons**, grain dealers. The wedding was a great surprise even to those most closely identified with the contracting parties and came as a culmination of a World's Fair romance. Mr. **Rodman** was throwing discus for the Chicago Athletic association at the World's Fair Contest in St Louis where he met the brother of the bride, who was captain of the Perdue Track Team, who in turn, introduced him to his sister. Cupid did the rest. The bride is the daughter of **P M Hearn**, of Portland, Indiana, an extensive real estate dealer. Miss **Laurena J Hearn** is an adept young lady in Domestic Science and is quite talented in painting. She was one of Portland's most popular young ladies, being a consecrated Christian young woman. The marriage was consummated with a very quiet simple service at the home of the bride's parents. Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock, Rev. **Stout**, pastor of the Christian church, united their lives in the bonds that hold til death. Mr. and Mrs. **Rodman** will arrange to go to housekeeping about 1 September. While their house is in preparation for occupancy they will go to Bloomington, 23 August 1905, where Mr. **Rodman** delivers the address at Miller's Park, Bloomington. A most delightful informal reception was held at the house of Mr. and Mrs. **J M Rodman** on Monday evening from 8 to 11 in

honor of the bride and groom. Mrs. **W J Rodman** had charge of the arrangements for the evening. The program was carried out in a most pleasing manner.

Tuesday night at 9:40 death came to Mrs. **Frank Chew** as a welcome relief from her sufferings. She leaves a husband and three children. The funeral services will be held at the home at 9:00 o'clock Thursday morning. Rev. R B Irwin will have charge of the service. The burial will be at north cemetery. Mrs. **Chew** was accidentally poisoned almost a week ago by taking what was thought to be calomel. **Roxie Haycraft** was born on 13 August 1873, and departed this life on 15 August 1905, aged just 32 years and 2 days, at the time of her untimely death. She was married to **Frank Chew** in 1895. The father and three young children survive the mother, one 8 years of age, another 6 years and a baby 15 months old. Our sympathies and the sympathy of the entire community in the loss of the beloved mother.

Former resident, Mrs. **Mary Abbott** died at her home in Decatur on 10 August 1905.

Saturday morning at 10 AM occurred the funeral of Mrs. **Mary Abbott** of Decatur. The body was brought down on the 10:00 AM train and taken directly to the Christian Church where the services were held. **A R Spicer** preached the sermon. The body was taken to the Tolly cemetery southeast of town where it was laid to rest in the family burial grounds.

**Mary McMullen** was born on 9 April 1847 in Portsmouth, Ohio, and died at her home in Decatur, Illinois, on 10 August 1905. She had attained the age of 68 years, 4 months and one day. She was married to **Andy Lord** in 1855 and again married to **John N Abbott** in 1867. She united with the Christian Church in 1880. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. **Lou Howse** of Decatur and Mrs. **Rebecca Housh** of Moweaqua; and one son, **Thomas Lord**, of Peoria, three sisters, four brothers, eleven grandchildren and one great grandchild also survive her. A short service was held at the house at 7:30 Saturday morning after which the remains were taken to Moweaqua where the funeral services were held from the Christian Church at 10:30 AM. Interment at the Tolly cemetery northwest of town.

Col **Jerome B Nulton** is dead at his home in Greenville. He was colonel of the Sixty-first Illinois infantry volunteers during the civil war and was a member of the lower house of the Twenty-eighth general assembly in 1875.

**S S Clapper** received a telegram Thursday stating that his brother, **T J Clapper** of Bellfontaine, Iowa, was dead. His wife's condition was so critical that he could not be present at the funeral.

Pleak news: The remains of Mrs. **Mary Abbott** was brought down from Decatur and laid to rest in the Tolly cemetery on Saturday.

#### Wednesday, 23 August 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

*Married.* Sunday evening promptly at 8 o'clock, Miss **Bertha Pierce** of Prairieton township, and Mr. **Edward Manes**, also of Prairieton, were united in the bonds of holy wedlock by Justice **J B Simpson** at his residence office.

Mrs. **J M Rodman** left today for Bloomington to attend the **Rodman-Ijams** family reunion

**J M Rodman** and family, **Chas Rodman** and wife, and **W J Rodman** and wife left for Bloomington today where they will attend the **Rodman-Ijams** reunion at Miller's Park. **C S Rodman**, newlywed, delivers the address of the day.

**Fred Snell**, our well known citizen was privileged to pass his eightieth birthday mark on Saturday. **Frederick P Snell** was born in Hamilton County, Ohio, on 19 August 1825. He was the seventh child of a family of 13 children. He was married to Miss **Eliza Clark** in 1853. In 1855 he settled in Illinois out southeast of Moweaqua where he lived until he moved to town 21 years ago, and Moweaqua has been his residence ever since. He has reared four children, three boys and one girl, **Frank Snell**, **Elmer Snell** and **William Snell**, and **Cora**, the daughter, who is married to our townsman, **Karl Snyder**. He had nine grandchildren and one great grandchild, **Frances** by name, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Lloyd Snell**. He has four sisters and two brothers living. Two of the sisters, Mrs. **Martha Spence** living southeast of Moweaqua and Mrs. **E A Armstrong** of Assumption, visited with him on his birthday. He is still hale and hearty and hopes for many good days before he shuffles off this mortal coil.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Fred Eagan** on 19 August 1905, were assembled the children and grandchildren of Mr. **Henry Evans** in honor of his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. As a token of love they presented him an elegant Bible knowing this to be the greatest gift to man and that the word of God was more precious to him than any of earth's treasures. Mr. **Evans** has five children, **Charles Evans**, **Erma Evans** and Mrs. **J Fred Eagan** of Moweaqua, Mrs. **J Gordon Parish** and Mrs. **Warren G Turnbull** of Roseville, all of whom were present.

The second annual reunion of the families of **Elijah** and **John Smith** was held on 17 August 1905 at **C I Smith's** Grove, three miles north of Henton. Present were Mrs. **Sarah Smith**, grandmother of **C L Smith**, **J F Smith**, **W N Smith**, **E M Smith**, **G H Smith**, **D A Smith**, **Frank Smith**, **Wm Beckett**, **Cyrus Hall** and family and Dr **C H Allen**, all of Henton, Illinois, **Jacob Golster**, of Westervelt, **H R Morrison** and **Jane Morrison** of Assumption, **J C Munson** and child of Lakewood, **Grace Middlesworth** and **Lydia Warner** of Shelbyville, Mrs. **Mary Munson** and granddaughter, and **Elsie Munson** of Arcola, **Ezra Stephenson** and son, **Rhyley** of Logansport, Indiana, **N E Smith** and family, **Ed Proctor** and children, **Delmar Parks** and family, **Jos Thomas** and family of Moweaqua. A large table, forty-two feet long, was laden with delicious eatables until it literally groaned beneath the burden. The company did ample justice to the meal, and the day was spent in games and music. The **Smith Orchestra** rendered some excellent numbers. All went home feeling that it was a great day and occasions. **John L Moll** of Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, came in Monday for a visit with relatives and friends in our midst. He is a cousin of **John** and **Henry Moll**. He lived here some 30 years ago. He has a son living at Decatur who has been quite ill, and it was this circumstance that brought him from the East.

Yantisville news: Friday was another good day for the people at Yantisville this occasion being uncle **Joe Reed's** 71<sup>st</sup> year of his life. In the morning he was taken by **Charles Hall** to Westervelt, and during his absence about fifty people hustled around to get things in readiness for his return. When he returned he was completely taken, at the back porch. He wanted to climb a tree, but was prevented. After greeting the people, they were seated at the table where were all the good edibles the heart could wish and more too. The dinner was finished with ice cream and watermelon. **Elmer L Corley** talked about the gizzard before dinner, but afterward, said he was satisfied. The afternoon was spent in social chat until time to depart when all wished uncle **Joe** many more happy days.



Wednesday, 30 August 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Joe B Whitehead**, son of Mr. and Mrs. **L C Whitehead** entertained quite a number of his friends at his home in the east end of town Tuesday afternoon. The event was in honor of his sixth birthday. Refreshments were served and quite a few presents were presented to him.

The **Day** and **Hudson** families enjoyed a pleasant outing at Stumptown today.

Stumptown is becoming quite a resort and these dinner parties quite popular. **Glen Corrington** of Decatur was down Tuesday evening for the **Humphrey** party.

Mrs. **Lizzie Adams** of Cerro Gordo visited her brother, **Chas R Howell** and sister, Mrs. **Jas Curtis** last week.

Pleak news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Gregory** on 28 August 1905, a son.

**Rodman-Ijams Reunion.** Mr. and Mrs. **J M Rodman** and sons, **C S** and **W J** and wives, attended the reunion of the **Rodman-Ijams** families at Miller's Park, Bloomington, where **C S Rodman** delivered the address of the day. In 1656, the founder of this family came to the Island of Barbadoes in the West Indies after a years record in Scotland. At the reunion were representatives of one family of eight that aggregate five hundred fifty years in age. Over three hundred enjoyed the noonday dinner in the park, and it was voted to hold the affair annually in the park.

On Tuesday morning Mr. **P P Ludwig** received a telegram from his daughter at Los Angeles, California, announcing the death of her husband, Rev. **Emil Baab**.

**Thomas-Casey Reunion.** At Prairie Creek, Indiana, 24-25 August 1905, was held the **Thomas-Casey Reunion**, which alternates between Illinois and Indiana. Next year, it comes to Illinois. Present from Illinois were **J N Thomas** and wife, **F M Thomas** and two sons, **Reiley Thomas**, Mrs. **W J Thomas**, son and daughter, and **Charles Hill**. The assembly, which consisted of two or three hundred, was called to order by **J N Thomas**, who presided as chairman. After song and prayer, a most interesting and helpful letter was read from **Joseph Thomas** of Illinois, the corresponding writer of the family who was not able to be present. Dinner was served and the day spent in games, singing and speech making. The second day was spent fishing in the Wabash River. About one hundred pounds of fish were caught, and so an old fashioned fish fry took place. It was an occasion of great delight. It was voted to meet one year from date in Illinois, which will be carried out subject to the goodness of God in sparing their lives.

The many friends of Miss **Maude Godfrey** will be pleased to know that she was married Saturday, 26 August 1905, at Galesburg, Illinois, to a Mr. **Ernest Wells** of Media, Illinois. Miss **Godfrey** is well and favorably known here, and her many friends join in wishing them a long, happy and prosperous life.

Mr. and Mrs. **Mike Walters** are the proud parents of a girl born on Tuesday.

The children of Mrs. **Robert Radford** came home on Saturday to celebrate their mother's sixty-second birthday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Ray Gregory** on Monday, 28 August 1905, a son.

**Preston Hunter** of Yantisville opened the doors of their palatial home to a number of invited guests Thursday night. The occasion being Mr. **Hunter's** birthday. The finest of refreshments were served consisting office cream, cake, bananas, candy and nuts. After supper music and singing concluded the entertainment. Miss **Laura Durkee** of Tower Hill was among the guests at the party.

Obed news: **Sam Cole** was given a birthday surprise on Saturday night. A jolly time was reported.

Obed news: **John Smock** writes from Goodwin that he and his family are now located in their new residence, and that a son came to gladden the household on 20 August 1905. This is the third addition to the family.

**Wednesday, 6 September 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mr. and Mrs. **Leslie Scribner** are the proud parents of a baby boy born Saturday, 2 September 1905.

A 11-pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gid Housh** on Sunday, 3 September 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. **Bert Tolson** are rejoicing over the arrival of a son, born 3 September 1905.

A new preacher arrived at the home of Rev. and Mrs. **A D Cooper** on Tuesday, 5 September 1905. He preaches without a text too.

**Emil H Baab** was born in Nashville, Illinois, on 11 February 1860. He was married to **Josephine Ludwig** on 1 March 1883. He was pastor of the Salem German M E Church from 1881 to 1884. During 1889 he went to California on account of failing health.

*Obit.* Rev. **Emil H Baab**, pastor of Zion's German M E Church in this city, was almost instantly killed by being hurled from a buggy in a runaway accident at East Main and Gates Street near Eastlake Park on 28 August 1905, at 5:30 PM o'clock. The accident was a peculiar one and though the lives of his two sons, **Carlton** and **Albert** aged, respectively 10 and 5 years, were imperiled, and horse and buggy narrowly escaped destruction, the minister alone was injured. Rev. **Baab** was hurled from the buggy as it swerved on East Main street and struck his head on the curb. His skull was fractured and he was dead when picked up a few moments later. He was returning to his home, No 515 East Pico Street from Alhambra with his two sons. He was driving a spirited horse attached to a light buggy, but the animal appeared under perfect control. In Alhambra the minister was building a new home, and he had just been out to inspect the structure which is about half completed. While passing Eastlake Park, the horse became frightened at a passing car and started to run. Mr. **Baab** turned the animal's head into East Main Street and apparently had it under control when it attempted to pull sharply across the street near the junction of Gates and East Main. The horse shied, narrowly missing the curb, and as the buggy swerved, Mr. **Baab** lurched forward and fell, striking his head on the curb stone. Sixteen years ago, when he was but 29 years of age, Rev. **Emil H Baab** came to California from Illinois and has served his denomination all over the Coast. Five years ago he retired from the position of presiding elder of this district and was appointed to take charge of the Los Angeles congregation. During that time he has greatly endeared himself to his people, and the sorrow of those who called last night to comfort the family, marked a deep affection for their late pastor. He is survived by his wife, two grown daughters, and two sons, aged 5 and 9 years of age.

*Valentine Winters Dies.* **Valentine Winters**, was born in Germany on 31 December 1832, and died at his home near Radford, Illinois, on 2 September 1905, at the age of 72 years 8 months and 1 day. His death was caused by nerve and spinal trouble. He immigrated to America in the spring of 1853 and settled in Green County, Illinois. From there he moved to Boody, Illinois, and thence to Christian County near Radford where he resided until his death. He was married 25 February 1858 to Miss **Rosena Iff**. To this union were born nine children, five boys —**Henry, Edward Wesley, John** and **Arthur**,

and four girls – Mrs. **Chas Zeitz**, Mrs. **Richard Osborne**, Mrs. **Chas Isabel** and **Carrie** who preceded her father to the other world at three years of age. There remains to mourn their loss, a faithful, devoted wife, eight children, two brothers, one sister, twenty-two grandchildren, and one great grandchild. He was converted in 1857 and jointed the Methodist Church of which he remained a loyal and a faithful member until his death. He never doubted the willingness for Christ to forgive sinners nor his ability to keep that which he committed unto him. He came to this country, without means and worked hard, struggling against many difficulties in the rearing of a large family, and while it was not his lot go get many of the material things of this world, yet he came into possession of that pear of great prize, which he guarded and protected until death. The bereaved wife will miss a faithful companion, the children a devoted father, his Church a loyal member and the community a good neighbor.

Mrs. **Mary E Smith**, wife of **Peter Smith**, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Renfro** on 28 August 1905, at the age of 59 years, 8 months and 28 days. She is a sister of Mrs. **J J Atteberry** of this city. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper** at the home of Mrs. **Renfro** on Wednesday, 30 August 1905. Interment at Long Grove cemetery.

Mrs. **Lou Meyerpeter** received a telegram on Monday announcing the death of **George Meyerpeter** at Martinsburg, Missouri.

About eight o'clock Thursday night at the home of Mrs. **Jas Hawley** about forty-five of their friends gathered in honor of his brother, Mr. **Weston Hawley** of Elm Grove. All enjoyed his amazement. The evening was spent in games and music until about eleven o'clock when the boys began hunting their partners for supper. Ice cream, cake, grapes and bananas were served. At a late hour the guests departed wishing Mr. **Hawley** many peasant surprises. Among others, Miss **Eva Walker** of Macon, Miss **Notie Tuttle**, and Miss **Grace Dickson** of Decatur were present. Mr. **Hawley** started for Marion, Indiana, on Monday morning where he is going to attend school.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Nancy Corley**, beloved wife of **Bryant Corley** was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, on 10 October 1843, and she died at her late home in Westervelt on 30 August 1905, being aged 61 years, 10 months and 20 days. She had been a sufferer for some time with cancer of the liver, but bore it all with great fortitude until death came as a great relief. The funeral was held on Thursday at 3:30 PM at the Union church, the rites being conducted by Rev. **B Smock** in the presence of a large crowd of sympathizing friends. She was the mother of eight children three of whom had preceded her. Those living are **Naoma Smith**, **Lydia Bryant**, **Etta May**, **Elson C** and **Edith**. **Etta May** remains at home, the others are married. The husband and children mourn the loss of a good mother.

Obed news: Mr. and Mrs. **Arthur Gregory** are the happy parents of a daughter born on Friday.

**Nancy E Corley**: **Nancy E Corley** was born in Pickaway County, Ohio, 10 October 1843, and died on 30 August 1905, aged 61 years, 10 months and 20 days. She moved with her parents to Shelby County, Illinois, April 1865 and professed a hope in Christ in the spring of 1866, and united with the United Brethren Church at Locust Grove, this being the Church of her choice, and remained a faithful member until her death. She was married to **Bryant Corley** on 22 September 1870. To this union were born eight children, three of whom have preceded her to the spirit world—**Mary Duckett** and two

dying in infancy. The children that survive here are: **Naoma Smith, Lydia E Bryant, Elson O, Etta May and Edith N Cordway**. They with their father are left to mourn their irreparable loss. They have lived on the farm known as the **Nathan Corley** farm one mile east of Yantisville where **Bryant Corley** was born and raised. He inherited this part of the farm, and it has been their home until a few months ago when they moved to Westervelt, where they might live easier in their declining years, but their prospects were soon blighted, disease came and the messenger of death summoned her away from her earthly home to her beautiful home, and her maker who is God. She was a faithful Christian, a kind and benevolent companion and a tender, affectionate and loving mother. The funeral was held 31 August at 4 PM o'clock at the Union Baptist church. On this home farm the funeral was preached by the writer to a large concourse of sorrowing friends and relatives. Rev. **B. Smock**.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Gid Housh** and wife on 3 September 1905 at Pleak, a boy.

**Wednesday, 13 September 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Bloody Work with a Razor. Henry Portwood in a fit of rage, cuts wife's throat; both die shortly afterward; Funerals Held Tuesday.* About 10:30 o'clock Sunday morning, the citizens of Moweaqua were horrified to learn that murder and suicide had been committed at the home of **Henry Portwood** in the north east part of town, that **Henry Portwood** had cut his wife's throat with a razor, and then committed suicide by cutting his own throat with the same weapon. **Everette Portwood**, Mr. **Portwood's** son, by his third wife, was the first to know of the awful crime. He was in the sitting room south of the bedroom, where his father and step-mother were. They were quarreling, but as they frequently had quarrels, the boy thought nothing of it, and knew nothing of what had happened until his father opened the door and told him to call the neighbors that he had killed his wife. Even then the boy did not know the real truth, but alarmed by the father's voice, he ran out, and went to the home of **J B Riley** and got Mrs. **Riley** to go back with him. He did not tell her what was the matter, but told her to come and see. They went back, and there were met with the most horrible sight that human eyes could witness. Mr. and Mrs. **Portwood** were lying on the floor in pools of their own blood with gashes in their throats. Neighbors were summoned and a doctor sent for. Mrs. **Portwood** was still breathing but unconscious, and died in a few minutes without speaking. Mr. **Portwood** was asked if he could talk, and he nodded his head that he could. He was then asked who did this, but he didn't want to talk about it. He tried several times to get up, saying "I ain't hurt, am I". But he was made to lie still as every time he moved the cut in his neck opened and blood spurted from it. He was further questioned as to who did it but all he would say was that he didn't know. But on being told that his son might be blamed if he didn't speak and clear it up, he finally admitted that he did it. He wanted to be turned over several times saying that he was suffering. A few minutes later Dr **Pratz** arrived and examined his wound but said he could do nothing for him that the jugular vein had been severed and his life could not be saved. The real motive which prompted the deed will never be known as **Portwood** died without telling. He said once that trouble did it, but would say no more. It is evident that the crime was committed on the spur of the moment, and without meditation, but how he came to have the razor in the hands is unknown. The neighbors say they were seen about half an hour before the crime was committed and both seemed to be in good spirits. It might be that he had taken the razor

out with the intention of shaving before the mirror in the dresser and became enraged and slashed her with it. It is also evident that he had not intended killing himself as the empty razor case was in another room on a bureau. There were finger prints of blood on it which shows that after cutting his wife he had put the razor back into the case, but on discovering the extent of her wound he again got the razor and cut his own throat while the boy was out after the neighbors. Mrs. **Portwood** was evidently sitting in a chair by the north window when her husband came up, and throwing her head back, gashed her three times in the throat. Signs of a struggle were few, a fact which leads to the belief that the murder was committed suddenly and in a fit of rage. Mr. and Mrs. **Portwood** were well known in and around Moweaqua. They were married about two years ago. They lived on Mr. **Portwood's** farm about two miles east of town until a year ago when Mr. **Portwood** retired from active farming and bought a little home of **H C O'Dell**. He and his wife then moved to town. Dr **R M Doyle** of East St Louis, a brother of Mrs. **Portwood** secured a special train and a number of relatives came on it. The special train was run through Decatur and a number came from there. The train arrived here about 7:30 Sunday evening, making the run in about two hours and thirty minutes. Following is the story as told by witnesses at the inquest: *Everett Portwood*: **Henry Portwood** was my father. He told me to go out and tell the neighbors. I went out and told them. I was not in the room where father and mother were. Was in another room when he called me. They had quarrels, were quarreling that morning. Did not hear what was said. Did not see them at all. Door was locked to room they were in. She was packing up her clothes. Thought she was going to leave. *Mrs. J B Riley*: Mr. **Portwood's** little boy came after me. I went over and went to door, saw both lying on the floor in blood. He was lying on left side facing his wife. They were both dressed. I went out and called Mrs. **Scroggin** the next door neighbor. We went back in the house and when we got in he had rolled over on his back, away from her. I then called Mrs. **Ahl**. I did not understand what he said only that could not do anything for him. *Mrs. Susan Scroggin*: It was between 10:30 and 11 o'clock AM. I saw the boy run across the street crying. He got Mrs. **Riley** and came back. Mrs. **Riley** called to me to come over. I asked her what was the matter and she said come and see. She said she couldn't go inside but wanted me to go inside. I went in and saw them lying on the bedroom floor. She was lying on her back in a pool of blood. They were both alive. I asked Mr. **Portwood** if he could talk, he nodded his head he could. I went to **Chas Ahl's** to phone for a doctor. Then went back to the house. I asked him what this was done for and he said 'trouble'. I fanned him until someone came in. She lived about ten minutes after I got there. There were signs of a struggle in the room. There was a chair between the bed and dresser and the cushion had blood on it. The vessel was turned upside down and the handle was broken off of it. Under the chair lay her glasses and side comb, they were covered with blood. We looked around to see if we could find anything that would show how it was done. We couldn't find anything at first. I stepped into another room where there was a safe with a drawer open; on top of the safe lay an empty razor case—it had blood on it. I went back in the room and looked under his left arm and saw an open razor. When asked who did it he said 'the Lord did it', but on further questioning admitted that he himself had done it. He said, 'Trouble caused it all.' *Nat Ahl*. I was one of the first ones in the house. I thought she had been cut about twenty or thirty minutes. She breathed about three times. Looked as though there was some struggling done. Saw razor; looked like it had fell from his hand. Heard

Mr. **Portwood** say he did it. He said he cut **Mollie's** throat and also his own throat. At first he said the Lord did it. He had just cut his throat when I went in. I saw he was cut badly. He talked some and tried to sing. Did not know what time it was. Must have been about 9 or 10 o'clock. **H T Richardson**. The first I knew of it, Mr. **Combs** came to my home and called me. He told me there had been a murder at Mr. **Portwood's**. He and I went there. We found Mrs. **Portwood** lying on the floor in a pool of blood, dead. We looked at her and saw two or three cuts on her throat. Her pocket book was lying of the floor beside her. I took possession of pocketbook and opened it. It contained another small purse, a small gold watch and chain, a bottle of perfume, a paper of pins, a pocket knife, an empty envelope and a due bill. Mr. **Combs** picked up her glasses, which were lying on the floor and handed them to me. They were covered with blood. I picked up the razor, it was also bloody and had some of her hair hanging on it. This was at about 11 o'clock AM. Mr. **Mitchell** asked Mr. **Portwood** who did this. He first said he did not know. He said the Lord did it. Then he said he cut his own throat, also **Mollie's**. **Dr F D Pratz**. I am a physician. Mrs. **Portwood** was dead when I got there. I examined her and found three wounds in her neck. These wounds were all on the left side of her neck. One the outer of the three, was about four or five inches long angular in shape and very deep. *(Note: This testimony was very lengthy, graphic, and very detailed; the medical description given of the cuts; very descriptive, not copied here)*. **J H Kirker**: I went there. She was on the northwest bedroom floor of the house, dead. Her face was covered, some one uncovered her face. I saw her wounds. This was at about 11:15 o'clock AM. I did not know who cut her throat. Someone soon began questioning **Portwood**. He said, 'I reckon I did it'. Didn't say what he did it for but said, 'I did it, that's all'. She said several words I could not understand. **Mrs. Lillie Clark**. When asked if she knew anything about this affair, answered 'no'. When asked if they lived agreeable, she answered, "Do not know anything about their troubles". She was asked if she was her daughter (Mrs. **Portwood's**), she answered, "No, I am his daughter". **W W Scroggin**. I was up town when I got word what had been done. Mr. **Mitchell** and I went down together and went in. Mrs. **Portwood** was lying on the floor dead; her husband was also lying on the floor with a cut in his neck. He was living. He said the Lord had done it, but later admitted that he had done it himself. **A C Doty**. When I went in Mrs. **Portwood** was dead. The razor was lying under his arm on the floor. Looked as though she had been sitting on a chair. Heard Mr. **Portwood** say he did it. **Dr M R Doyle**: I live at East St Louis, Illinois. I am a physician. I know nothing, only what I have heard. She was between forty-five and forty-six years old. She was born at Bunker Hill, Illinois. Had lived in this state all her life. She was married about two years ago to **Henry Portwood**. She was my sister. The inquest over the two bodies was held Monday morning by Coroner **Hayden**. Two separate juries were used – one for Mr. **Portwood** and one for his wife. *The verdicts*: We find **Mollie Portwood** came to her death by razor wounds in her throat by the hands of her husband, **Henry Portwood**. We find that **Henry Portwood** came to his death by his own hand, caused by the cut of a razor at his own hands with the intent of suicide. *Obit*: **Mary Helen Doyle**, daughter and eldest child of **E M** and **Helen Doyle** was born in Bunker Hill, Macoupin County, Illinois, on 23 April 1860. She died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Sunday, 10 September 1905, aged 45 years, 4 months and 18 days. She removed with her parents to the vicinity of Moweaqua when but a child of 3 years and has resided in this community all her life. She united

with the M E Church when about 18 years of age. She was always faithful in attendance at the Sunday school and Church services. Funeral was held on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M E Church, Rev. W F **Stevenson** officiating. Interment in the West cemetery. *Obit:* **Henry Portwood** was the son of **Simpson** and **Annie Portwood**, was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, about the year 1845. He died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on Sunday, 10 September 1905. When but a very small child he came to Shelby County with his parents. He enlisted in the army in 1862 when but seventeen years of age. He was always known as a quiet and industrious man, honest in his dealings. About two years ago he married Miss **Mollie Doyle**, she being his fourth wife. He leaves a son, **Everette**, by his third wife, and a daughter, Mrs. **Frank Clark** by his second wife, besides brothers and sisters and other relatives to survive him. The funeral was held on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at the residence conducted by **W F Stevenson**. Interment was in the Hayes cemetery.

**Chas Elliott**, a well-known citizen of this city, died at his home in the south part of town Tuesday evening at about 5 o'clock. Although his condition was regarded as serious, his death was a shock to his relatives and friends. He had been ill only a little over a week, and it was only within the last few days that typhoid fever developed, which caused his death. He was a member of the M. W. A., and leaves a wife and four children. Services will probably be Friday morning as his parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Jas Elliott** are coming from Texas, and they cannot be here before that time.

Mr. and Mrs. **J W Stombaugh** gave a birthday surprise last Saturday from 2:30 to 6:30 PM to their son, **Rollie Stombaugh** in honor of his fourteenth birthday. About 45 guests were present and all report having a fine time. Many presents were received, among them a gold watch from his parents. Miss **Carrie Brookshire** of Kentucky who is visiting them, and having a birthday the same day, was presented a gold ring from Mr. and Mrs. **Stombaugh**. The guests departed wishing them many happy returns of the day. Refreshments of cake and fruit were served.

Births: To Mr. and Mrs. **Anton Bono** on 2 September 1905, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. **Jesse York** on 7 September 1905, a daughter. To Mr. and Mrs. **Nathan Smith** on 8 September 1905, a son. A son was born to **John Fortner** and wife on Tuesday, 12 September 1905.

Mrs. **S E Atteberry** was given a surprise on Sunday in honor of her birthday by her friends and neighbors. Quite a number were present in spite of the inclemency of the weather, and quite an enjoyable day was spent.

**Walter Querry** and family went to Argenta Wednesday to attend the funeral of his father, who died very suddenly Tuesday.

Radford news: Mr. **Vard Janes** was given a surprise dinner on Sunday, it being his thirty-seventh birthday. Forty-three of his friends took dinner with him, quite a number kept away on account of rain. The evening was spent in singing and music. The guests departed wishing Mr. **Janes** many happy birthdays.

#### Wednesday, 20 September 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

The three months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. **Chas Seylor** which died in St Louis was brought here on Monday. The funeral was held at the home of **W R Penny** on Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. **W F Stevenson**. Interment was in the North Cemetery.



Macon County has offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest and conviction of the murder of **Joe Ricketts**, who was clubbed to death in Decatur a few weeks ago. It is probable the state will offer \$200 more, making the total \$400.

The funeral of **Chas E Elliott** took place at the family residence on Friday afternoon, 15 September 1905, at 2 o'clock PM. The attendance was notably large, the Modern Woodmen of which he was a member turned out in great numbers. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper**. Remains were laid to rest in the North Cemetery. **Charles Eugene Elliott** was born near Moweaqua in 1875, on December 16. He died in Moweaqua, Illinois, on 10 September 1905, aged 30 years, 6 months and 24 days. He was the son of **James** and **Mary Elliott**. **Charles** was born and raised near Moweaqua, and it is well known by the people of this vicinity. He was a hard working man honorable in his dealings. Seven years ago on the 21<sup>st</sup> of May 1898, he married Miss **Belle Jarvis**. To this union, 4 children were born—**Hilda, Mearl, Ruth and Harry**. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen Brotherhood. Besides his four young children and wife, Mr. **Elliott** has four brothers and four sisters – **Thomas, Elliott** and Mrs. **Sadie Wilson** of Sherman, Texas; **Ora, Carl** and Miss **Ida Elliott**, Mrs. **Clara Hays** of Moweaqua, and Mrs. **Savage** of Kansas City, Missouri. His father and mother were present at the funeral. Mr. **Elliott** was sick about two weeks—was in bed only four or five days when the summons came Tuesday, 10 September 1905 at 4:30 o'clock. (*Note: Resolution from the M. W. A. Camp 313 dates...sad farewell and to lay at rest our worthy brother, Charles E Elliott who died 12 September 1905; discrepancy in death date*) Misses **Belle** and **Rilia McCluskey** of Decatur were down on Friday to attend the funeral of **Charles Elliott**.

**W P Brinker** of Goodland, Kansas, is visiting his brother, **O Brinker** and family. Mr. **Brinker** was called here on account of the serious illness of his sister, Mrs. **Nancy Corley** but did not get here until after her death and burial.

Wednesday, 27 September 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Mrs. **Clara Fieker Ludwig**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Fieker** of Walker, died very suddenly at her home in Iowa. Particulars are not known at present. The body will arrive at Walker on Thursday morning. A short service will be held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Fieker** on 15 Friday 1905, 12:30 PM o'clock. The funeral sermon will be preached at the German M E Church about four miles southeast of Moweaqua on Friday at about 3 o'clock. This comes as a sudden and sad shock to the many relatives of both Mrs. and Mr. **Ludwig**. They were held in high esteem by their many friends to whom the death will come as a great shock.

*Aunt Nancy Gorden stricken.* In addition to lingering illness, Aunt **Nancy Gorden** was stricken recently with paralysis. At present, her life seems to be pausing at the border land. Her son, **Isom** and daughters are at her bedside. Monday evening, Mr. and Mrs. **T J Gordon** and Mrs. **John M Gordon** were called by special message. They returned Tuesday with the report that she was very low and death might be expected at any moment.

**Edward L Hight**, cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank, and Miss **Catherine Moreland**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **J W Moreland** of the Masonic and Eastern Star Home, were married last Wednesday. (*Macon Tribune*)

Mrs. **W J Rodman**'s condition is not what it should be and her friends are concerned. The report of last week that she had recovered is a mistake and she is still quite poorly. Sunny Side news: **Chas Scheller** has returned from Nebraska and brought a wife home with him.

**Rain-In-The-Face**, one of the leading chiefs in the **Custer** massacre and who is said personally to have killed **Gen Custer**, died at the Standing Rock reservation, South Dakota. He was 62 years of age.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **George Walter** on 22 September 1905, a son. (Fame news) Fame news: Mr. **George Winter, Sr.** received a message on Saturday from Morrisonville announcing the death of his sister at that place.

**Wednesday, 4 October 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Mrs. **Theodore Ludwig** dead. She died at her home at Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and she is well and favorably known in this community. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Fieker** of Walker, one of our best families. **Clara M E Fieker** was born on 2 September 1876 in Washington County, Illinois. When three years of age, she moved with her parents to Moweaqua, Illinois, where she was converted nine years later at the age of twelve years and united with the German M E Church, five and one-half miles south and one mile east of Moweaqua. She was a faithful Sunday School and Church worker in this charge when married to Rev. **Theodore Ludwig** on 18 September 1900. Her early religious training and Church work well fitted her for a faithful pastor's wife, which position, though often sick, she filled with Christian meekness and loving service. Their union was a very happy one and blessed with one bright little boy, now two years and six months old. Mrs. **Ludwig's** health began to fail about five years ago. Nervous troubles which resulted in her failure was the cause of her death. She seemed to have some presentiment of her departure as on 4 September 1905, she presented her husband with a beautiful gold watch for a birthday present which birthday is 23 October 1905. Mr. **Ludwig**, though delighted with the gift, intimated it was too much for her to give, then she said, "I may not be with you long and want to give you something worth remembering me by." Sunday previous to her death, she was found by her husband several times in secret prayer. Sunday night an attack of nervous neuralgia set in, still she arose the next morning and got breakfast, but was soon compelled to lie down. She seemed to realize that she would not get well again, and as the attack grew, she seemed to forget all earthly things, occupying her mind with higher and purer thought and talking to her Saviour. The little son came in, put his little arms about his mother's neck and kissed her when she prayed, "God Bless and keep my boy", then she kissed her beloved companion goodbye and fell asleep in Jesus. Services were preached in the German M E Church of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, of which Rev. **Ludwig** is pastor, and on 29 September 1905 at the German M E Church near this place. She leaves to mourn her passing, her deeply bereaved husband and little son, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. **Chris Fieker** of Walker, three sisters and four brothers.

Tuesday evening at six o'clock, occurred the marriage of Miss **Essie Manley** to Mr. **Elmer Mathias** at the parsonage of the M E Church at Macon. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **M N English**. The groom is the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. **William Mathias**, one half mile south of Macon. Supper was served at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's parents. There were about eighty relatives and friends

present. They received many presents, among them was a check for \$100 under the bride's plate, a gift from her father. Wednesday evening, the groom's parents gave them an elegant supper. Over fifty guests were present. They also received many presents here.

Sunday night at 10 o'clock occurred the death of Mrs. **D N Sanders** at their old home place near Stonington. Mrs. **Sanders** had been quite poorly for some time. She was a woman of sterling worth and will be long and lovingly remembered by the many friends. She was the mother of two children who survive her—Mrs. **Henry Garwood**, and Mrs. **Robert Duncan** who makes her home with her parents.

**J. W. D. Fortner** surprised. At the home of his son, **Jesse Fortner**, last Sunday, by his children and grand children, the event being his eightieth birthday. Those present were Mr. **Jas Fortner** and family, Mr. **Robt McCray** and family, Mr. **Albert Tate** and family, Mr. **Jesse Fortner** and family. In all there were thirty present, four children, twenty grand children. He was 80 years old on Saturday when he was surprised on Sunday. He was born in 1825.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W B Foltz** on 27 September 1905, a boy.

Aunt **Nancy Gordon's** condition is reported very serious—no reasonable hope for her recovery is entertained by her friends.

#### Wednesday, 11 October 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Former resident, Mrs. **Rachel Rettig** dies at the home of her son. Mrs. **Rachel Retting**, for many years a well known resident of this city, died very suddenly at the home of her son and daughter near Ransom, Kansas, on Friday morning, 6 October 1905, aged 73 years, 5 months and 21 days at the time of her death. Mrs. **Rettig** had been in her usual health on that morning and was up stairs when her daughter heard a fall and went to her at once, only to find she was breathing her last. It was indeed a sad shock to her many friends and relatives here. Miss **Katherine Rettig** and **D N Supe** (*part missing*) ... of Ransom accompanied the remains which arrived here on Sunday morning.

**Christina Rachel Heinman** was born near Bucyrus, Crawford County, Ohio, on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 1832. She was united in marriage to **Jacob Rettig** in 1852 who preceded her to the better land in February 1893. To this union seven children were born, all living except one child who died in infancy. They are Mrs. **Sarah Freeland** of Nauvoo, Illinois, Mrs. **Emma Corzine** of Pierce, Nebraska, **Jacob J** and **Kathrine** of Ransom, Kansas, **Lewis F** and **David N** of Moweaqua. All were here to attend the funeral except her son, **Jacob** who was traveling in the West and knew nothing of his mother's death. She also leaves four brothers and two sisters to mourn their loss. She united with the M E Church about 30 years ago and continued a faithful and devoted member up to the time of her death. Deceased left Moweaqua in March of this year and went to the home of her daughter in Nauvoo, Illinois, where she spent four months, when she went to make a visit with her children in Kansas, and was preparing to return to Moweaqua when death called her home. The funeral was held Monday morning at the M E Church, services conducted by Rev. **A B Peck**. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband in the West Side cemetery there to await the resurrection morn.

Mr. **Otto Bryson** and Miss **Ella Simpson** went to Shelbyville last Wednesday and surprised their many friends by returning as man and wife. They were accompanied by a few very intimate friends. A wedding supper was served at the home of the bride's

parents, Mr. and Mrs. **James Simpson**. Thursday the couple went to the home of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **John H Bryson**. That night they were visited by a charivari crowd whose noise made up for the quietude before hand. Mr. and Mrs. **Otto Bryson** will reside in Fourth Flat at Shady Lane, north east of Pleak.

Sunday evening at 5:30 o'clock PM, a happy crowd of young people drove to the home of **A R Spicer** and in the presence of a few relatives, the future fortunes of **D A Stanger** and Miss **Debbie A Roff** were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock. The service was quiet, simple and impressive. The father of the bride drove the young couple to Macon where Mr. **Stanger** is engaged in the restaurant business and which, for the present, will be their home. Mr. **Stanger** is a young man who has been connected with the industrial life of our town and is known as an industrious young man. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Geo Roff** and is popular among her associates and friends.

At the home of **Tom Richardson** on Friday evening last the brothers and sisters met and enjoyed a hearty supper in honor of Mrs. **John Keiser's** sixty-third birthday. Present were **Jas Richardson** of Stonington, **Wm Richardson** of Barnett, Illinois, **Abbie Snell**, **Rebekah Peel** and **Thomas Richardson**, the youngest brother. About twenty guests enjoyed the occasion being relatives and near friends of Mrs. **Keiser**.

Obed news: Father **Stoddard** attended services at Locust Grove on Sunday. He was the pastor here about forty-five years ago. He is now ninety-three years of age and is very feeble.

Mrs. **C W Freeland**, daughter **Beulah** and son **Edlow** of Nauvoo, Illinois, and Mr. and Mrs. **B F Corzine**, daughter **Fay** and sons, **Wayne** and **Herald**, of Pierce, Nebraska, were called here by the death of the ladies' mother, Mr. **Rachel Rettig**.

#### Wednesday, 18 October 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

The marriage of Miss **Lella Gladys Thomas** of Indianapolis to Dr **Frank W Foxworthy**, was celebrated at the home of the bride in that city last evening. The young lady is very accomplished and stands high in leading Church circles. The ceremony was performed in the presence of about fifty guests at the bride's home. An elaborate wedding supper was served after which the young married couple left for a wedding trip through the East.

The groom is the son of the late Rev. **Foxworthy**, formerly of Pana. He is a rising young professional man of Indianapolis and stands high in business circles. **Frank Foxworthy** is well known to Pana people. He resided here with his parents a number of years and has many old schoolmates and friends. (*Pana News*)

The many friends of Miss **Edith Ayers** were quite surprised to hear that on Saturday afternoon at Decatur, **Edward E Doody** of Wellsville, Ohio, and Miss **Edith Ayers** of Moweaqua, Illinois, were united in marriage by Judge **Smith**. Mrs. **Doody** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Frank Ayers** of this city. Mr. **Doody** is the son of **Patrick Doody** of this city and is a passenger conductor on the Cleveland and Pittsburg R R. His home and headquarters will be at Wellsville, Ohio. He has been in the employ of the company for over fourteen years and is a trusted employer.

**Jesse Fortner** of Bethany, Illinois, well known here and a brother of **J D Fortner**, died at his home at Bethany on Monday night about nine o'clock. The funeral was held today at the Christian Church of which he was a faithful and honored member. Mr. **Fortner** was held in the high esteem by his community.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder** to Rev. **Walter Lowrie Whallon** on the evening of Thursday, 26 October 1905, at 8 o'clock at the M E Church.

**W H Pontius** received word from his son, **H W Pontius** of Ashville, Ohio, stating that his little son, **Lloyd Pontius** died of diphtheria on Saturday night. This came as a great shock to the grandparents who had recently visited the family.

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. **A B Lawrence** on Wednesday, 11 October, a pleasant day was spent, the occasion being Mrs. **Lawrence's** sixty-fourth birthday. The nearest relatives and neighbors were invited. It was arranged for Mrs. **Lawrence** to go on an errand that morning and during her absence the guests gathered in and took possession of her home. On returning she found a merry crowd and a table loaded with everything good to eat. Mrs. **Lawrence** was completely surprised. She was seated at the table and on raising her plate discovered five dollars as a token of love and esteem from the children, all of whom were present except Mrs. **Henry Ziegler** of Decatur who was sick at the time. The day was spent in good conversation and having a good time.

Mrs. **Zeally Snell** received an invitation to be present at the golden wedding celebration of her brother who resides in Milford, Ohio.

Mrs. **Keller** attended the **Webb family** reunion at Decatur on Monday night. There were five states represented – Missouri, Ohio, Iowa, Kansas, and Illinois.

**John Polazzo** and wife are the parents of a daughter born 15 October 1905.

**Wednesday, 25 October 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder** was honored at numerous receptions and showers in her honor by her many friends. A towel shower was given at the home of Mrs. **C A Hedges** in Miss **Snyder's** honor. When she departed she was richer by 19 towels. Miss **Dorothy Kautz** served as hostess at an informal supper for Miss **Snyder** and the ladies of her bridal party. Saturday afternoon, **Thos I Ahl** gathered a number of young women friends into a big farm wagon and drove them at a rapid gait to his home a mile east where Mrs. **Ahl** gave them a hearty welcome and set them to work hemming dust clothes for the future bride. A delightful luncheon was served before the wagon brought them back to town with Miss **Snyder** carrying one dozen beautiful and artistic dust clothes with which to brighten up her new home. A linen shower was given to the prospective bride by her sister-in-law, Mrs. **Ralph Snyder**.

The undersigned will sell at the residence of the late **Jesse G Calvin** on Saturday, 28 October 1905, at the same time of the sale of the personal property of said deceased by the executor, one new rag carpet woven for parties who refuse to pay for the labor and material in said carpet. Terms cash. **Susana Linn**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman** returned Friday from a visit with his brother, **W F Bridgman** at Farmer City. They went to attend the Golden Wedding on 18 October 1905, marking the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. **Bridgman's** marriage. The relatives were present from various actions and a most enjoyable time was had by all.

Miss **Gertrude Parks** has died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Parks**, three and one half miles east of town on Friday afternoon. The family, friends and physicians were at her bedside when the end came. Services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the Baptist Church of which she was a faithful member. Services conducted by Rev. **A D Cooper**. The body was laid away in the new I. O. O. F. cemetery

with all provisions of tender regard for a loved one. **Gertrude Parks**, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Walter Parks** was born in Shelby County, Illinois, on 26 September 1879, and was called to her final rest on 20 October 1905, aged 26 years, 0 months and 24 days. **Gertrude** was converted in a revival conducted by Rev. **Blunk** at Sanner's chapel in 1895. Two years afterward she united with the Moweaqua Baptist church. She lived a life that is without reproach. **Gertie** was seized with typhoid fever and after two weeks of sickness, she quietly passed away surrounded by her own loved ones. She leaves a father and mother, sister and two brothers, **Delmar, Oscar and Pearle Parks**.

Mrs. **Clarence Snyder** and children came home to attend the wedding of **Lillian Irene Snyder**. They are visiting with **Carl Snyder** and other relatives. Mr. **Andrews** came in today.

Mrs. **Martha Goodwin** has purchased the **Goatley** property on the **Moll** estate and will move to Moweaqua.

Tomorrow evening at eight o'clock at the M E Church will occur the marriage of Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder** to Mr. **Warren Lowrie Whallon**. Miss **Snyder** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr.**, one of the best-known and highly respected families in this area. Miss **Irene** is one of our most charming and truly popular young ladies. Her cultivated voice, sweet spirit, and noble nature are endowments natural and acquired that have gathered her to the friendship of all with whom he has been associated. Mr. **Whallon** comes to us with the credentials of a clean character, a bright mind and a consecrated life. A reception will be held at the home of the bride's parents on the West side.

**Frank Elrick** and Mrs. **Bertha Hutchins** of Macon were quietly married last Friday evening at the residence of **George Daniels**, 854 North Monroe Street. The ceremony was performed by Justice **McCoy** at 6:30 o'clock. Mr. and Mrs. **Elrick** will reside in Macon. (*Decatur Herald*). Mrs. **Elrick** is the daughter of **W R Penny** of this place.

Obed news: Friends and relatives to the number of fifty met at Obed Brinker's on Sunday to remind him that he was passing the three score milestone of life. The dinner was great, consisting of two turkeys, numerous chickens, cakes and – well—'twould fill more space that correspondents are allotted to tell half the good things we did have.

Attending were Mr. and Mrs. **O Brinker**, Rev. and Mrs. **Longenbaugh**, Mr. and Mrs. **Henry Bridgman**, Mr. and Mrs. **Hardin Jordan**, Mr. and Mrs. **Will Shride**, **Grandma Angel**, **Grandma Stump**, **Silas Brinker**, **Allie Brinker** and Miss **Munson**.

**Alonzo Carroll** of Mulberry Grove, **Lyman Donnel** of Sullivan and **J M Carroll** of Mulberry Grove, Illinois, were among the outside attendants of the funeral of Uncle **Jesse Donnel**.

Miss **Myrtle Gregory** of Champaign came home to attend the funeral of her cousin, Miss **Gertrude Parks**. **Harley Gregory** was called back from his vacation to the funeral. He will leave in a few days for Chicago where he will spend the remainder of the vacation period.

*A Pioneer Laid Away.* The body of Uncle **Jesse Donnel** arrived here Saturday morning on the 11:43 train from Vandalia. It was taken directly to Little Flock Church where Elder **Levi Corley** conducted the funeral service. Uncle **Jesse** was well known here having spent the greater part of his life in this vicinity. **Jesse H Donnel** was born in Fayette County near Vandalia, 29 June 1831, and died on 19 October 1905, aged

74 years, 3 months and 2 days. He was married to **Elizabeth M Williams** in January 1851. To this union was born seven children, two sons and five daughters, **Jane Mallory** who died twelve years ago, **Lyman** of Sullivan, Illinois, **Sarah Atteberry** of Peck, **Idaho**, **Grant Donnel** and **Carrie Carrol** of Moweaqua, **Hettie Denson** of Dalton City, Illinois, and **Ella Carroll** of Mulberry Grove, Illinois. Mr. **Donnel** moved to Shelby County in 1854, and lived here forty-nine years an active citizen, filling many official places of trust with credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. Deceased moved back to Fayette County near his youthful homestead in 1903 where he died, and his body was brought to Moweaqua and taken from here to Little Flock Church, where the funeral services were conducted by **L Corley**, an old friend of the deceased. His mortal remains were buried in Little Flock cemetery to await the resurrection of the dead.

**Wednesday, 1 November 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

A marriage of unusual interest and brilliancy took place on last Thursday evening at the M E Church when Miss **Lillian Irene Snyder**, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **V Snyder, Jr.** became the wife of Rev. **Walter Lowrie Whallon**, pastor of the Broad Avenue Presbyterian Church at Altoona, Pennsylvania. The Church was decorated lavishly in autumn foliage. (*Description not copied in this book*). The bridal party entered the Church at eight o'clock led by brothers of the bride as ushers, **Clarence E, Karl R, and Ralph W Snyder** and **Wm K Andrews**. Following these came the six bridesmaids: Mrs. **Ralph Snyder**, Misses **Dorothy Kautz, Aileen Day** and **Frances Hudson** of Moweaqua and Miss **Daisy Armstrong** of Decatur, **Birdella Collings** of Pana, all wearing dainty white gowns with green sashes and carrying dainty bouquets of asparagus ferns. The matron of honor was the bride's sister, Mrs. **Wm K Andrews** of Crowley, Louisiana. She was preceded by Master **Clark Snyder**, the bride's manly little nephew, who carried the ring in the center of a large pink chrysanthemum. By his side walked his little cousin, Little Miss **Helen Snyder**, who dropped tiny pink flowers in the path of the bride as she followed, led by her father. The color scheme of pink and green was very pleasing. The bride wore an unusual gown of silk mull combined with heavy lace and carried a shower bouquet of roses and lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was the pearl pin which held her tulle veil in place. The groom, attended by his brother Mr. **Albert Whallon** of Marquette, Michigan, his father, Dr **E P Whallon** of Cincinnati and Rev. **Peck**, Pastor of the M E Church, entered the door near the altar to meet the bridal party. Dr **Whallon** performed the ceremony, which he had written for the occasion, in a very impressive manner, and the entire party left the Church while the organist Miss **Helen Aydelott** played Mendelssohn's Wedding March. One hundred guests attended the reception at the bride's home where a wedding supper followed. Woodland berries, cut flowers and smilax were used in profusion in the house decorations while the bride's table was festooned with wide pink and green ribbons from the chandelier and had a large pink cake as its chief ornament. Rev. and Mrs. **Whallon** left for West Baden, Indiana, at eleven o'clock where they will spend a part of their honeymoon before going to Cincinnati to visit the bridegroom's parents. The bride's suit of dark blue cloth was plentifully showered with rice. The gifts are remarkable for their quantity and value, and are a visible token of great love, which Mrs. **Whallon's** friends have for her. Among them is a check for \$135 from Rev. **Whallon's** congregation in Altoona, but in the eyes of the bride, one of the most precious of all is a little card which



came with a purse of \$25 in gold from the older members of her own home Church which read, "*A small appreciation of very faithful service*".

*Notice to the public:* All persons are hereby notified that my wife, **Eliza J Roff** has without just cause, left my bed and board, and that I will not be responsible for the payment of any debts or obligations that she may make from this date. **George W Roff**, dated 30<sup>th</sup> day of October 1905.

The many friends of Miss **Mame Smith** were grieved to learn that she died Tuesday morning at her home at Staunton, Illinois. Miss **Maude Standley** received a message conveying the sad news of her death. Miss **Smith** was employed at Mr. **Combs'** store, also was a bookkeeper for **Henry Moll** while in the meat business. She was a most pleasant and popular young woman. The funeral will take place at her home on Thursday.

**Maude Standley** and Mrs. **Cartalege** left for Staunton to attend the funeral of Miss **Mame Smith**.

Miss **Elizabeth Snyder** came up from Edwardsville Thursday for the **Snyder-Whallon** wedding and to enjoy a few days at home.

**Mike Snyder, Jr.** celebrated his 71<sup>st</sup> birthday on 23 October 1905 in a quiet manner. **Tom Ponting** and wife and **J W Gregory** and wife shared his hospitality at the dinner hour, much to the pleasure of all.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Clifton Winchel** of Roanoke, Louisiana, 26 October 1905, a son. *Later.* The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. **Clifton Winchel** died on 29 October 1905 of hemorrhages.

Prairieton news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Wib Workman** on 24 October 1905, a daughter.

Yantisville news: **Wesley Warner** was at Clarksburg last week to look after the affairs at the sale of his late father's personal property. **Wesley** is administrator of the estate. Mrs. **Jos Macklin** and Mrs. **Preston Hunter** visited the new baby at **Frank Rogers'** home in Yantisville on Friday afternoon.

Allenboro news: Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Chester Giles** on 23 October 1905, a girl.

Elm Grove news: Mrs. **Caroline Cassidy** died at her home Friday morning at about three o'clock. She had been a victim of consumption a little over a year and for the past three months has been confined to her room most of the time. She professed faith in Christ and joined the Baptist Church at the age of sixteen. Her's was a purely Christian life. The remains were laid to rest in the Little Flock Cemetery. Mrs. **Cassidy** leaves a husband and one son, father, mother and one brother and three sisters, besides her other relatives to mourn the loss of a loved one.

After a long and patient struggle, death came as a welcome messenger to release the pain stricken body of Mrs. **Caroline Cassidy**. Mrs. **Cassidy** was the daughter of our well known citizen, **Peter Barbre**. The funeral was attended by a large concourse of sympathizing friends and sorrowing relatives. **Caroline Barbre** was born on 29 July 1860, and she died on 27 October 1905, aged 45 years, 2 months and 27 days. She professed faith in Christ and united with the Baptist Church at the age of 16 years, and has never departed from the faith once delivered to the Saints. She was united in marriage to **James Cassidy** twenty-one years ago on 9 March 1884, last. She leaves a husband and one son, a father, mother, one brother and three sisters with many other relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was sick since August 1904 and for the past three or four months was quite helpless and a sufferer from lung trouble, patiently

waiting her release from sickness, pain and sorrow, to rest in sleep til awakened in the bright resurrection of bliss and glory. Funeral services were conducted at the Little Flock Church by Elder **Levi Corley**, and the remains laid to rest in the Little Flock cemetery.

**Wednesday, 8 November 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

*Died by his own hand!* The community was shocked on Thursday afternoon to learn that **Wm Wempen, Sr.** had been found dead at the home of **Wm Wempen Jr.** known as the old home place, about four miles east and one mile north of town. His son, **William**, was in the field husking corn, and his wife had gone to one of the neighbors about 1 PM and returned at 3:30 PM. They left Mr. **Wempen** in his usual health and good spirits having no intimation that he might take his life. On returning Mrs. **Wempen** saw an object hanging from the limb of a tree near the house, which she thought she recognized as his body. She ran to her husband and told him she thought his father had hung himself, and went to the house and verified the fact, and then the neighbors were called in, and the coroner phoned too. Mr. **Wempen** had taken a barrel and placed it under the limb of a tree just under a pulley. He tied the rope to a post and drew it through the forks of a tree and arranged it so it would slip when the fall came. He then placed the barrel on end and arranged the noose with the knot just under the chin. The barrel was then kicked over. It did not roll away, but remained where it fell. The limbs were dangling at the end and could have easily been placed on it. One foot was not over three inches from the ground, in this condition he was found by the children and neighbors. The verdict of the coroner's jury was death by his own hand, by hanging, caused probably by dread of a disease which he had, also by the gradual loss of his sight, as he was almost blind. It was thought that the dread of blindness, and a slow certain death by disease, prompted him to the act. His death came as a shock to his children and the community. He was held in high esteem by a large number of friends and neighbors. He had held a number of public offices and was a faithful public servant. He leaves a large well-improved estate to his nine children who survive him. Services were conducted by Rev. **A B Peck** of the M E Church at the home place on Saturday afternoon at 2:00 PM. *Obit:* **William E Wempen** was born on 2 October 1834 near Hanover, Germany, and died at his home near Moweaqua on 2 November 1905, aged 71 years and 1 month. He was married in Hanover, Germany, in September 1856 to **Helena DeBuhr**. Mrs. **Wempen** went to her rest on 19 April 1905 at Moweaqua. To this union were born twelve children, six boys and six girls, nine survive, five boys and four girls, as follows: **Edward, Henry, John, William, and Herman Wempen**, Mrs. **Herman Slaughter**, Mrs. **Frank Wooters**, Mrs. **Anna Pyatt** and Mrs. **J G Corrington**.

The daughters of Mr. **A Rosenbarger** delightfully surprised their father last Friday night by calling in ninety-two of his neighbors and friends to celebrate his fifty-third birthday. Half an hour after the first party came, the second, thirty in number, being in mask made their appearance and serenaded the host and his older friends. Ice cream and cake was served at 9:30 o'clock after which games were indulged in. The guests departed at a late hour wishing the host many more such birthdays, also leaving him the proud recipient of a beautiful Morris chair, album, gold spectacles and other presents.

**Mike Gilletthal's** little child was horribly burned Tuesday at noon so bad that it seems impossible for it to live. It was playing with matches and its clothing was almost entirely burned from the body. The flesh, in places, was literally cooked.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Katharyn Silver** to Mr. **John Wheeler Myers** on the evening of 15 November 1905 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. **W H Silver**.

Miss **Ida Rahler**, well and favorably known young lady living at the home of her parents, southeast of Moweaqua was called to come to a higher home. Two sermons were preached, one in English, another in German. Death came after long and patient suffering. *Obit:* **Ida Rahler**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **John Rahler** was born near Boody, Illinois, 27 August 1875, from which place the family moved to Perry County and then to Fayette County, and then to Shelby County—three miles south and one mile east of Moweaqua, where she lived with her parents until 2 November 1905, when at four o'clock AM, the Death Angel came and relieved her from her long suffering. Miss **Rahler** was aged 30 years, 2 months, 15 days at the time of her death. The cause of her death was weakness of the heart, which she suffered with while yet a child, but especially did she have many pains to endure during the past few years, yet she bore its burden patiently as well as her parents and sister, seemed to realize that the end was nearing, yet the smile upon her face which she had for everyone, did not cease. She was converted in the German M E Church during the pastorate of Rev. **H J Pennwitt** and united with the same church. She remains a faithful member until death. Even though she was not permitted to attend Church but once during the past eighteen months, on account of ill health, she always had a longing to be here and that some one of the family must be represented at the Sunday service. She leaves to mourn an aged father and mother, whom she desired so much to take care of in their old age and one sister, Mrs. **Clyde W Poole** of Decatur. The two sisters were very closely attached to each other, being the only two children of father and mother **Rahler**. Services held 3 November 1905 at the home and at the German M E Church conducted by Pastor **H R Kasiske**. Remains were laid to rest in the cemetery near the church.

In running through the old papers of **H F Day**, deceased, among them was found a receipt from '*The Chicago Times*' dated 10 November 1866 (thirty-nine years ago!). It says, "Received of **H F Day** - \$12 for one years subscription to the *Chicago Times*." Think of your daily now at present price and your weekly at one dollar a year—what an evolution in reading opportunities. There was also a copy of the '*Moweaqua Register* of 1879'. If you think there is no change in this old world go read those pages and be convinced that all things change here.

Mrs. **M E Snyder** received a funeral card announcing the death of **Elizabeth Smith** of Springfield. She died in Springfield on 2 November 1905. Funeral services were held at Ashland on Friday morning. Mrs. **Smith** was well known here. She visited Mrs. **Mike Snyder** last summer.

The heirs assembled at the office of Attorney **Clapper** on Monday afternoon and selected **Edward Wempen** and **Frank Wooters** as administrators of the **Wm Wempen** estate.

Fame news: New Arrivals to – Born Mr. and Mrs. **Thomas Syfert** of Altamont on 2 November 1905, a son. Mrs. **Syfert** was formerly Miss **Hester Ellrich** of Fame. Born to Rev. and Mrs. **Kasiske** on 2 November 1905, a son. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Will Eversole** of the Ridge on 6 November 1905, a son.

Prairie Home news: **Ira T Baird**, **F P Sheffler** and daughter attended the funeral of Mrs. **Grace Southcott Worley** in Shelbyville on Saturday.

Prairie Home news: Another daughter now gladdens the home of Mr. and Mrs. **Milliard Cutler**.

Allenboro news: **John Portwood** of Decatur was buried at this cemetery, Sunday afternoon.

Allenboro news: **Wm Wempen**, a well respected resident of this place committed suicide by hanging himself on Thursday at his old home place while his son and wife were away. The funeral was held Saturday afternoon from the family residence conducted by Rev. **Peck**, pastor of the Methodist Church in Moweaqua. Interment was made at the Long Grove Cemetery.

Miss **Lizzie Hoewing** came down from Decatur on Friday for the funeral of Miss **Ida Rahler** and returned home on Monday. (Sunny Side news)

Sunny Side news: Miss **Ida Rahler** was gently laid to rest in the cemetery of the German M E Church on Friday in the midst of many sorrowing relatives and sympathetic friends. Funeral services ere conducted by Revs **Kasiske** and **VanEvers**. Pallbearers were **Edwin** and **Floyd Ludwig**, **George** and **Frank Hoewing**, **Arthur Fieker** and **Arthur Heitmeyer**.

Wednesday, 15 November 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

The marriage of Miss **Katharyn Silver** and Mr. **John Wheeler Myers** took place at the home of the bride's parents at 8:30 Wednesday evening. The ceremony, which was both solemn and impressive, was performed by Rev. **A D Cooper**. The bride looked unusually handsome in a traveling suit of French silk sublime and carried a bouquet of bride's roses. The groom wore the conventional black. After congratulations Mr. and Mrs. **Myers** led the way to the dining room, which was most beautifully decorated with roses and smilax. At the bride's table sat Mr. and Mrs. **Myers**, Mr. and Mrs. **Cooper**, **Roy Snyder**, Miss **Marie Stillwell**, **Archie Gregory**, Miss **Beatrice Graybill**, **James McKay** and Miss **Grace Angel**. The color scheme, which was green and white, was nicely carried out in the table decorations. The out of town guests were from Shelbyville, Assumption and Carlinville. The bride was the victim of many showers of blessing and the recipient of many beautiful gifts.

Miss **Katharyn Silver**, the bride-to-be, but now the bride, was the recipient of several social functions in the form of various showers of blessing upon her matrimonial state. The gifts came in the form of towel and kitchen showers, of which were all delightful occasions and many serviceable presents were given. On Monday night, 6 November 1905, Miss **Rose Cutler** gave a towel shower in honor of Miss **Silver** at her home. On Friday night Miss **Fannie Cole** gave a similar function at her home, and on Monday night, 13 November 1905, Miss **Lizzie Marshall** gave a kitchen shower in her honor. **John W Myers**, well known here, dies. The body of **John Myers** came in from Maroa on Saturday night and was taken to the home of **George Hays**, where the funeral services were held Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. **A B Peck**. Mr. **Myers** died quite suddenly on Saturday morning at his home in Maroa. The burial took place at the Adams Cemetery, west of town, where his first wife was buried. Mr. **Myers** was a remarkable man, with a most exceptional record. His personality was unique. He was born in Girard County, Kentucky, fifty-six years ago, and came to Illinois when about eighteen years old. He was married to **Millie Adams** eight years later. Two children were born to this

union, **John W Myers** of Moweaqua is the surviving son. He was later married to **Mary Hays** who survives him.

*Resolution of Sympathy....* Our beloved sister, **Mayme Smith** has been removed from our American Home circle to the Heavenly circle... The Charter of the Moweaqua Circle will be draped in mourning for six months.

Mrs. **Chris Burgener**, one of our well-known and highly esteemed women living on their farm southeast of Moweaqua, found release and peace in death on 3 November 1905. **Fannie A Baker**, daughter of **J L Baker** of Henton was born on 23 July 1859 in Meggs County, Ohio, and moved to Shelby County, Illinois, at the age of five years. On 10 March 1880, she was married to **Christopher Burgener**. To this union were born seven sons, **Alfred, Amos, Christopher, William, Clarence, Ira and Everett**. She died in Flat Branch Township, Shelby County, Illinois, on 3 November 1905, aged 46 years, 3 months and 10 days. She was a member of the Christian Church at Henton, Illinois. Executors Sale in the matter of **Lebbeus McNaul**, deceased, and in pursuance to the last will and testament of **Lebbeus McNaul**, public auction for real estate will be held on 16 December 1905, Shelby County Courthouse, Shelbyville, Illinois.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Preston Hunter** and Mrs. **E B Rawlings** visited the new baby at **Wm Eversole's** in Ridge on Tuesday evening.

Obed news: A message was received by friends here that **J N Porter**, a former resident of this place, had died at his home in Amanda, Ohio, 6 November 1905. He had been an invalid for several years. Mrs. **Porter** is expected here this week.

Obed news: The many friends of Mrs. **Maggie Abrams** helped her celebrate her birthday on Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. **Albert Smock**.

**Aaron Schrader** and wife are the proud parents of a girl born 12 November 1905.

**Wm Tolson** received a letter from a relative stating that **D A Shepherd** of Pueblo, Colorado, was dead.

#### Wednesday, 22 November 1905 issue, *Moweaqua News*:

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Salina Fairlee Adams** to Mr. **Angus DeLloyde Ire**y of Monmouth, Illinois, in the evening of 29 November 1905, at 8:30 at the home of the bride.

The case was a suit on an indemnifying bond brought by Mrs. **Mathilda Stringer**, whose husband was killed by his brother-in-law, **Sanford Wolf** on 6 August 1904. **Wolf** was plainly intoxicated when he committed the crime, and the plaintiff had little trouble in showing that the liquor was purchased from **Louis and Joseph Jurica**, two coal miners who were handling Reish beer and had the brewery on their bond. The saloon men were not in court, but the case was hotly contested by the brewery. Mrs. **Stringer** sued for \$3,000, and recovered \$1,500, the jury retiring at noon on Thursday and returned a verdict at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. **John Hardin** was the subject of a most complete surprise on her thirty-fifth birthday. Last Thursday morning about forty friends and neighbors met at **George Jacobs** place and drove in on Mr. **Hardin's** about ten o'clock at their farm home about three miles east of Radford and seven miles south east of Moweaqua. The surprise was complete. An elegant dinner was prepared and the jovial crowd indulged in all sorts of merriment. Mrs. **Hardin** was the recipient of an elegant set of dishes, rocking chair and a buffet. Present were **W A Starr** and family of Springfield, Mrs. **C B Courier** of

Decatur, **R T Hardin** and family of Assumption, Mrs. **J R Vaughn** of Taylorville, **Geo Smiser** and family of Assumption, **J E Hardin** and wife of Clinton, **Geo Jacobs** and family of Macon, and Mr. and Mrs. **W C Durkee** of Moweaqua.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. **John Myers** treated them to a neat surprise on the night of their wedding. They accompanied (without invitation) the bride and groom to Macon and to cap the climax there audacious enough to make **John** pay the fare for the entire crowd. We suspect **John** was glad that they were only going to Macon.

Thursday being Mrs. **J F Kimmerly's** birthday, a large number of friends and neighbors gathered with well-filled baskets to remind her of the fact in the way of an oyster supper. The evening was spent in social chat. The crowd departed at a late hour wishing Mrs. **Kimmerly** many more such parties.

The sad death of Mrs. **J L Johnson** occurred at the family residence, 603 West Seventh Street, of parturition. Mrs. **Johnson** had given birth to twins and passed away, and one of the infants following her to the great beyond. The death was a very sad one in as much as her departure leaves the husband with four young children to look after, ranging in ages 9, 5, 2, and the newborn infant, and Mrs. **Johnson**, in his sadness has the sympathy of the entire community. Mrs. **Johnson** was but thirty years of age and one of the most patient and devoted mothers, a loving and true wife, and leaves a vacant chair that can never be filled. (*Pana News*) *Obit*: Miss **Allie B Denton** was born on 4 October 1874 near Audibon, Illinois. On 2 October 1895, she was married to **Joseph L Johnson** at Pana, Illinois, in which place they have made their home almost continuously. She departed this life at the home located at 603 West Seventh Street at 6:40 PM on Sunday, 12 November 1905, aged just 31 years, 1 month and 7 days. Her infant son, **Alma Denton**, shortly preceding her. She leaves to mourn her loss a husband and four children, **Clara**, aged nine, **Elenor**, aged five, **Joseph Elden**, aged three years, and little **Allie**, the surviving twin of the little one who is buried with its mother. Also the deceased leaves two sisters, Mrs. **McKeefer** and Mrs. **Mattie Small** reside near Moweaqua, and a brother, **Harvey Denton** in Haskell, Kansas, **Edward Denton** in Honolulu, South Sea Island, and a half brother, **A C Simmons** of Pana, with many other relatives and friends who loved her. She united with the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints about three years ago and remained a consistent member to the end. To know her was to love her beautiful life. Services were held from the Church of the Latter Day Saints on Sheridan Street at 2 PM, 14 November 1905. Elder **J E Wildermuth** gave the sermon. Interment took place in the Mound cemetery at Pana. Our sincere sympathies. Sunny Side news: Friends and relatives of Mrs. **John Hardin** helped her celebrate her birthday last Thursday. They gave her a complete surprise by coming in on her about 10:30 AM.

Fame news: Mrs. **Clyde Pool** returned to her home in Decatur on Friday. She had been at the home of her parents since the death of her sister, Miss **Ida Rahler**.

Mr. and Mrs. **Elmer Kinney** are the proud parents of a son born 19 November 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. **Wesley Zeitz** are the proud parents of a daughter born 16 November 1905.

**Wednesday, 29 November 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

Little **Lauren** and **Laurence Clark** entertained a number of his little friends to a party on Thursday afternoon, 23 November 1905, at their home, the occasion being their fifth birthday. It was a delightful affair.

**Isom Adams, Jr.** and **Eva Tanner** both of Moweaqua, were married Tuesday at the Brunswick Hotel at Decatur. The ceremony was performed by Rev. **S H Bowyer**, pastor of the First Baptist Church and witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. **Roy Chesebro** of Stonington. Mrs. **Chesebro** is a sister of the groom. The groom is a young farmer and the son of **Isom Adams**. The couple will reside on the farm of the groom's father near Moweaqua. (*Shelbyville Union*)

After a determined struggle, **Fred Kitch** surrendered to the inevitable at his home on Thursday, 23 November 1905. Mr. **Kitch** was one of our well-known citizens of Moweaqua, having at one time, held a number of offices of trust. He was an old soldier and received a soldier's burial. He was buried at the West side cemetery on Sunday afternoon. **Fred C Kitch** was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on 21 January 1840. He passed away from this life on 23 November 1905, having lived sixty-five years, ten months and two days. He was married to Miss **Sarah E Sponsler** on 24 March 1864. Mr. **Kitch** served his country in the war between the States, having lost an arm in the service. He was the father of eleven children of whom only three survive him, **Fred**, **James** and Mrs. **Mattie Skiff**. Mr. **Kitch** has lived most of his life in Moweaqua, having practiced law for a good many years. He was raised a Methodist and afterward united with the Disciples. Mr. **Kitch** has been poorly for several years, almost helpless for the past eight months. He passed away quietly at his home. Attending the services from a distance: Mr. and Mrs. **Joseph Birt** of Springfield – Mrs. **Birt** is a sister of Mr. **Kitch**; **Wm Birt** and **George Kitch** of Decatur, Mr. **Sponsler** and sons of Niantic. Services were conducted at the home on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, by Rev. **A D Cooper**. Interment was in the West Side Cemetery.

**Wm McGinley** and wife are the proud parents of a fine eight pound boy born on Friday afternoon. Will is not sure just what kind of a man he will make, but thinks from all developments at present that he will either make a lawyer, insurance man or horseshoer. His lungs, mouth, eyes and hands indicate one of the three.

*A horrible death.* A very sad accident resulting in the death of Mrs. **Ophelia Sprinkle**, the wife of a farmer, living two miles south of town on the old **Eldora Boeger** farm occurred Friday morning of last week at about 11 o'clock. The circumstance which led to the fatal accident was of the most ordinary, and this fact but lends horror to it and forcibly drives home the thought one knows not what moment he may be most abruptly brought face to face with death. Mrs. **Sprinkle** engaged in her usual routine of household work, was preparing the mid-day meal for her family, composed of three little ones and her husband. The fire in the range was a brisk one and as the contents of one of the vessels had sufficiently cooked, she lifted it from the front to the rear of the range. Then, taking her apron by its lower end, she reached across the stove for the purpose of lifting to the front, a pot in the rear, and in so doing, the apron, a light cotton fabric, touched the top of the range, which was at a red heat, ignited, and so started the unfortunate woman she ran out of doors, agonizingly screaming for help, in the meantime, making every effort to subdue the flames. Her screams brought to her assistance the hired men and later her husband arrived, but to no avail. She was so horribly burned that she died after several hours of untold suffering in spite of all medical aid. She leaves a husband and three small children. (*The Lariat, Davis City, Iowa*)

Yantisville news: Miss **Wells** employed in the household of **Eugene McDonald**, was seriously and perhaps fatally burned on Tuesday while working around the cook stove



with gasoline. She is still in critical condition. Her sister, **Rena Wells** of Macon came to her bedside.

**M L Downey** was in Prairie Home from Decatur on Wednesday, erecting a monument for Mrs. **Taylor** to the graves of her husband and daughter.

Pana news: **Cyrus W Rayhill**, aged 70 years, one of the most prominent farmers as well as influential citizens died here after a short illness. Mr. **Rayhill** was lieutenant in Company B, Sixteenth Indiana infantry.

Carlyle news: **August Huene**, a farmer living eight miles southwest of here, while pulling a bucket of water with which to water livestock lost his balance and fell headlong into the well and was drowned. He was 64 years of age.

**O J Austin** of Pana is wearing a smile as big as a cabbage leaf over the arrival of a fine boy, a ten pounder, born on Friday afternoon. Mr. **Austin** says five years is a long time to wait, but all things come to those who wait. Mrs. **Austin** is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. **Tom Gordon** and is well known here.

#### Wednesday, 6 December 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

**Haney Grooms** of Decatur died at his home on Saturday, 2 December 1905. His death was quite sudden. The funeral took place at Decatur on Monday afternoon. Mr. **Grooms** was an uncle of Mrs. **Jas Duncan** of Decatur and **Chas Grooms** living southeast of Moweaqua. Mr. **Grooms** was well known here having been a resident. He owned a large farm south east of town at the time of his death.

At the spacious country home of the bride's mother, Mrs. **Mary E Adams** in Prairieton Township on Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, occurred the marriage of her youngest daughter, **Salina Fairlee Adams** to **Angus DeLloyde Ireby** of Monmouth, Illinois. Rev. **Nichols**, a college class-mate of Mr. **Ireby's** performed the ceremony. Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. **Ireby** led the way to the dining room where the minister, Miss **Elliott** and Mr. and Mrs. **Ireby** were seated. The other guests were served in various rooms with an elegant lap supper. Miss **Adams** was one of our modest, highly esteemed and cultured young women. Mr. **Ireby** was a college classmate at Eureka, with his home at Monmouth, Illinois, at the latter place he is in business. He is held in high regard by all who know him. Present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. **Steve Brooks** of Shelbyville, Miss **Ireby**--a sister of the groom, Miss **Elliott** and Mr. **Stone**, college friends, Mrs. **Lena Dedman** and daughter of Decatur.

Mrs. **Ella Graves**, while visiting her father, **W H Weir**, last week received a message stating that a brother of her husband had been killed while out hunting. Accompanied by her father, she left at once for her home. (Yantisville news)

Born to Mr. and Mrs. **Trainor** on 23 November 1905, a son.

Mrs. **Morris**, matron of the I. O. O. F. Orphans' Home at Lincoln, died very suddenly at Bloomington on Monday of last week.

#### Wednesday, 13 December 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss **Jeannette Dinkins** to Mr. **Louis I Gordon** on Wednesday, 27 December 1905, at high noon, at the home of the bride's parents in Prairieton township.

**Wednesday, 20 December 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

The annual custom of celebrating the anniversary of **Isaac Longenbach's** birthday at his home, located a mile and a half southeast of Obed, was participated in by relatives and friends on Sunday, 17 December 1905. The event this year was to commemorate the 84<sup>th</sup> year of **Grandpa Longenbach's** existence and the event had been planned more elaborately than on former occasions. The relatives and friends assembled about noon and a dinner, which was sufficient to tempt various appetites was served and all indulged in the luxuries with appetites difficult to satisfy. **Grandpa Longenbach**, though somewhat enfeebled, continues to enjoy these events even with more interest and joy than on preceding anniversaries. He had arranged a nice treat for each one present—there being one hundred and sixteen present, many aged and some from a distance—and after the social intercourse was over, the treat was distributed and goodbyes were said hoping to meet on many other such occasions.

Yantisville news: Mrs. **Yantis** and daughter, **Ruth**, of Foosland came down on Friday night to be present at Uncle **Isaac Longenbaugh's** 84<sup>th</sup> birthday dinner on 17 December 1905. Mrs. **Mat Stivison** of Louisiana also came the same day to attend her father's dinner. She was accompanied by Mrs. **Lewis Cox** and baby. Mrs. **Louis Cox** of Louisiana is also visiting with her brother, **Henry Andricks**. **Grandpa Longenbaugh** received a handsome overcoat from the children for his birthday.

The children of Mrs. **Mary E Groninger** celebrated her 47<sup>th</sup> birthday on Sunday. She received a handsome silver crumb tray and brush for the occasion.

**Wednesday, 27 December 1905 issue, Moweaqua News:**

At the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. **J P Dinkins** at high noon, 27 December 1905, occurred the marriage of their youngest daughter, **Jeannette Dinkins** to **Louis I Gordon**, son of **I B Gordon**. The couple is two of Prairieton Township's most popular people. About fifty guests were present to witness the service and partake of the elegant wedding feast. Promptly at the appointed hour, Miss **Luella Robinson** of Stonington began the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march. **A R Spicer** was the officiating clergyman. The mystic rights were performed making them man and wife, after which congratulations were extended, and they were ushered into the dining room where a large table was laden with all that could tempt the sense of taste. Decorations were holly and evergreens. The groom wore conventional black while the bride was adorned in Persian lawn made in beautiful taste. The presents were many and of the useful kind. Mr. and Mrs. **I B Gorden** will tender a reception on Thursday noon. Attending from a distance were Mr. **Waters** from Pawnee, Illinois, Miss **Ella Kinder** of Indian Territory, Mrs. **Sebolt** of Indiana, Mrs. **Cramer** of Chatman, Illinois, and **R B Gorden** of Decatur. **L W Beaumont**, deceased, estate – notice of final settlement – will come up for approval on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of January 1906 at Shelbyville. **Maybelle Beaumont Smith**, Administratrix.

**William Franklin Croucher** was born in Lawrence County, Indiana, on 10 January 1843. He was married to **America Ayars** on 14 February 1861, and to this union was born six children – **John W, William, Mary I, America C, Lina J** and **James W**. The last named preceded him to the spirit world in infancy. Mr. **Croucher** professed a hope in Christ in the year 1879 and united with the Little Flock Baptist Church in the said year. He was licensed to preach the Gospel on 21 April 1883 and ordained 26 July 1884,

remaining a faithful servant in the Master's vineyard. He was stricken in the pulpit and was taken to the house of Brother **George Simpson**, and a physician was summoned but every effort was in vain. His companion and son-in-law were at his side when the summons came. His body was removed the next day to the home at Henton where he has resided for about thirteen years. His body was in the care of the M. W. A. of which he was a member. Services conducted by Rev. **H Etter**. He was a volunteer in the Army in Company H, 24<sup>th</sup> Regiment of Indiana, in 1865 and received an honorable discharge in 1865. He passed away on 11 December 1905, aged 67 years. He was a loving husband and devoted father and esteemed as a worthy counselor by all who knew him. He leaves a wife and five children, seven grandchildren and one sister, all being present except one child, **Mary Schwartz**, whose health would not permit. Born to Mr. and Mrs. **W Fleming** on 23 December 1905, a daughter.

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