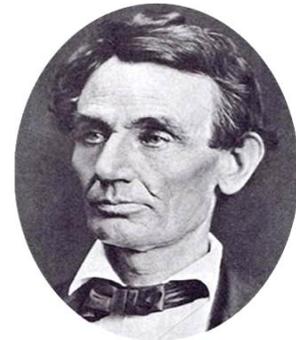


# Roots & Branches

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## Winter 2019: January, February, March

**Meeting Schedule:** All program meetings are at 6:30 pm. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call **Carol Farmer**, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-871-3510.

**January 21:** Join us for an enjoyable evening of stumping each other at identifying historical artifacts that are no longer used in daily life. Bring your own artifact to see if others can identify what it is.

**February 18:** **Ann Moseley**, Director of the Lincoln Heritage Museum at Lincoln College, will lay out the connection between Abraham Lincoln and the Founding Fathers.

**March 18:** **Pat Freese** will help the listeners understand how to use church records in her presentation: Can You Find Your Genealogy in Your Church?

**April 15:** **Bill Donath** has completed a thorough research of Logan County During the Spanish Flu Epidemic, 1918-1920. Follow articles in the Roots and Branches of 2019.

## It is Time to Renew Your Membership for 2019

### Call for Article Submissions

Members and readers who have a genealogical or historical story related to Logan County to tell can do so through the Roots & Branches. Stories can be submitted in writing or by email. These stories will provide a variety. **Bill Donath**, Editor

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## Holiday Closings

The Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society center will be closed for the following holidays: **New Year's Day, Good Friday, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving** and the day after, **Christmas Eve Day, and Christmas Day.**

In the event any of the holidays falls on a Friday, the center will also be closed the following Saturday.

## Spanish Influenza 100th Anniversary Observed

From Research by **Bill Donath**

The period of time from October 1918 through April 1920 is the 100th anniversary of the Spanish Influenza Epidemic in Logan County Illinois. During the period October 1918 through April 1920 many thousands of Logan County residents contracted the disease. Many hundreds of those infected with the disease died. The following paragraphs will help the reader understand what Spanish Influenza was and an overview of the epidemic in Logan County.

**"Grippe - Definition** - Usually referred to as the flu or grippe, influenza is a highly infectious respiratory disease. The disease is caused by certain strains of the influenza virus. When the virus is inhaled, it attacks cells in the upper respiratory tract, causing typical flu symptoms such as **fatigue**, fever and chills, a hacking **cough**, and body aches. Influenza victims are also susceptible to potentially life-threatening secondary infections. Although the stomach or intestinal "flu" is commonly blamed for stomach upsets and **diarrhea**, the influenza virus rarely causes gastrointestinal symptoms." (<http://medical-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/The+grip>)

Pneumonia was the cause of most deaths during this period of time. It was referred to as Influenza pneumonia or Flumonia. In the four years prior to the appearance of Spanish Flu the mortality rate from

pneumonia was increasing. The U. S. Board of Health personnel thought that the pneumonia was becoming more virulent and combined with the flu was able to infect more people during the epidemic.

The news articles and medical records indicated that the flu hit Logan County during the first week of October 1918. In Lincoln alone, by the end of 1918, approximately 2,000 residents had suffered the flu with about 100 deaths. The flu continued until the end of April of 1920 with several hundred deaths, due to the flu, in the county during that time. One article discovered said that in the U.S. there were 10 deaths from the flu for every death due to WW I. Logan County lost 74 men during the war so the several hundred deaths from the flu seems conceivable. Again the news articles and medical records indicate that the epidemic ended in April 1920.

## Brilliant Wedding.

The Weekly Courier, Lincoln, IL, Friday, June 8, 1894  
Contributed by **Gary Freese**

Salzenstein-Rosenthal Nuptials Celebrated With Eclat.

### **The Methodist Episcopal Church the scene of a High Jewish Marriage Ceremony With all Its Pomp and Elegance**

"Love is the Light of the World," was the motto chosen for the occasion, which called to Lincoln from so many distant points the descendants of an ancient race of people to witness the ceremony which united the hands and hearts of the representatives of two of Central Illinois' oldest Jewish families.

For the event 200 invitations were sent out mainly to the members of the families interested, which have

multiplied and increased beyond comprehension until such an affair arises to summon them to be present. It is a custom of the Jewish people to make marriage ceremonies events of rejoicing, consequently when one is decided upon the relatives and intimate friends are invited and the occasion becomes a festive reunion. Wednesday June 6, at 6:30 p.m., there were called to Lincoln from numerous cities and towns of various states, the representatives of perhaps a hundred different families to witness the marriage of Mr. **Emanuel Salzenstein**, of Springfield, Ill., and Miss. **Frances Rosenthal**, of Lincoln. It was a brilliant

through composing wealth, beauty and intelligence. Only once in many years is such an assemblage seen here and it is doubtful if ever before that such a galaxy of Jewish people were ever present on any occasion.

The place appointed for the marriage ceremony was the Methodist Episcopal church and the hour 7 o'clock. When the hands of on the dial of time marked the flight of 6:30 the guest began to arrive in carriages by twos and fours. Numerous admirers of beauty were in the neighborhood of the edifice to witness the arrival and the passage to the building. The ladies in their handsome toilets, attended by their gentleman escorts, presented a gala spectacle.

Promptly at the hour set for the service, 7 o'clock, the wedding train marched in as Mr. **Wilbur Gullett** played Mendelssohn's wedding march in a spirited manner upon the large pipe organ.

The party was headed by **Nate Landauer** and **Henry Traub**, two of the ushers, then followed the groomsmen, **Robert Rosenthal**, of Sterling, Ill., and **Saul Salzenstein**, of Virginia, Ill. Next came **Sol Rosenthal** and **Levi Rosenthal**, the other two ushers.

The bridesmaids were next in order. They were Miss **Jennie Myers**, of Springfield; Miss **Emma Kahn**, of Lincoln; Miss **Mamie Nussbaum**, of Springfield; and Miss **Rae Rosenthal**, of Lincoln. Following the bridesmaids were the mother of the bride with **Silas Rosenthal**, and the mother of the groom with **Albert Salzenstein**. Miss **Gussie Rosenthal**, a sister of the bride, was Maid of honor. She was followed by little **Irene Altman**, flower girl and ring bearer. The bride was leaning on the arm of her father. At the alter the groom, attended by **Louis Myers**, the best man of Springfield, met his bride and lead her before **Rabbi Michnick** of Springfield, and was married agreeable to the beautiful and impressive rites of the Jewish church. During the recital of the ceremony Mr. Gullett played Reginald de Koven's "Oh, Promise Me." As the newly made couple passed from the church at the conclusion of the brief ceremony, the little flower girl strewed flowers in their path, followed by wishes of everyone that their walk through this life may be as happy a one and that as many pleasures may be strewn along their pathway as flowers were strewn before them on this auspicious occasion.

From the church the bridal couple proceeded to the Lincoln House. From the place where the guests alighted from the carriages extending to the stairs of the private entrance, was stretched a strip of carpet to protect and shield the elegant trains of the ladies. A reception was held in the parlors from 7:30 till 9:30.

The parlors were very beautifully decorated. Suspended between the two parlors were pink and white roses arranged in the form of a lovers' knot.

The bride in her wedding gown looked fairer than a lily. The gown was made of white moiré antiques trimmed in point lace. She carried white and pink orchids and wore diamond ornaments.

Miss **Gussie Rosenthal**, the maid of honor, wore a costume made of white brocade silk, trimmed in lace and pink forget-me-nots. She carried pink roses and wore pearl ornaments.

The affair being a white and pink wedding two of the bridesmaids were dressed in white and two in pink.

Miss **Jennie Myers** wore a dress made of white, brocaded satin and carried pink flowers.

Miss **Rae Rosenthal**, pink brocade silk.

Miss **Mamie Nussbaum**, pink silk, carried with roses.

Miss **Emma Kahn**, white brocaded silk.

**Irene Altman** wore a dress made of white chiffon trimmed with pink forget-me-nots.

When it is taken into consideration that 150 ladies were present and all dressed richly, a description of all the toilets is impossible without enlarging the Courier.

At 9:40 guests were invited to the dining room, which was also decorated in pink and white, where a wedding supper was spread for 165. Here guests lingered over two hours, partaking of the delicacies and passing time in conversation...

After supper the floor was cleared and dancing was in order. The program of dances consisted of eighteen numbers and was carried out to the satisfaction and happiness of all under the direction of **Henry Traub**, who acted as floor manager.

The music was furnished by French's orchestra.

Among the guests from other cities were the following:

Petersburg: **Mr. & Mrs. Albert Rothschild, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nussbaum, Mr. & Mrs. A. Nussbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Lillianstein, Misses Minnie and Birdie Katzenstein, Flora Rothschild, Mr. Julius Katzenstein.**

Mason City: **Lipp and Julius Frank.**

Peoria: **Maurice, Sarah and Hannah Salzenstein, Isa Myers and Charles Salzenstein.**

Bloomington: **Mr. Max Rosenberg** and family.

Mt. Pulaski: **Mr. and Mrs. Fred Myers, Lewis and Morris Salzenstein.**

Delavan: Miss **Tinnie Reinheimier.**

Chicago: **Joe Rheinback, Eugene Rothschild, Ralph Lowenbaum, Misses Martha Pollack, and Miss Simons.**

Farmer City: **Mr. and Mrs. Epstein, Mrs. E. Myers and Flora Myers.**

Athens: **Albert Salzenstein, Mr. and Mrs. M. Salzenstein, Mr. W. Weil, Minnie, Sophia, and Jennie Salzenstein, Misses Seligman, Myer and David Seligman.**

Springfield: **Mr. and Mrs. E. Salzenstein, Mrs. A. Salzenstein, Mrs. H. Salzenstein, Mr. and Mrs. S. Stern, Mamie, Alice and Sylvia Nussbaum, Albert Nussbaum, Albert, Louis, Julius and Jennie Myers, Eva Stern, Minnie and Dave Levy, Minnie Benjamin and Mr. Gutham.**

The groom is a young, handsome and dignified gentleman of 40 and is quite well to do.

The bride is a young lady 27 years of age, tall and stately - a beautiful brunette, She is a young lady of rare sense and captivating charms. She is the third daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Rosenthal**, the oldest Jewish family of Logan county.

The presents were so numerous that space cannot be given to mention them, but for ten days they have been shipped daily to Springfield to the future home of the couple. Many of them were articles of cost and rare value and usefulness.

The congratulatory messages numbered over one hundred and came from over a score of different states.

The bridal trip will extend to Kansas City, Denver and Salt Lake City. They will be home about June 20, in Springfield, where friends hope peace may ever abide with them and prosperity and health linger in their home.

## Eminence.

1898 0218 Regan Collection v15 p103

Last Saturday was **Lincoln's birthday**. How natural for every patriotic citizen to recall every personal memory of our martyred sage. In 1858 Lincoln was billed to speak in our county seat. Although only 9 years old, no one in Logan county was more anxious than I to see the man who in my boyish eye, was already the greatest living hero. Boy-like, I first appealed to my mother for the privilege to attend. My stepfather consented with the stipulation that my brother and I would dig all the potatoes and carry them in before the date. For once at least, we developed a great interest in potato digging. At late bed time the evening before the momentous day found all the potatoes carefully away. By sunrise next morning we started in company with **Jordan Bruner, Billy Bruner, Chris Haise, John Dunlay** and two or three other neighbors with a four horse team for Lincoln. Every little incident of that memorable day is as fresh in memory as

though only forty days instead of so many years intervened. Gladly again, if it were possible, would we feel that swell of enthusiasm that seemed as though it would explode our very being and lift us literally from the earth when he came in sight of the vast crowd, the waving flags and gay banners and heard the commingled roar of cannon, martial music and human voices. I think we sat for at least two hours and a half within ten feet of the platform on the north side of the court house and listened to that wonderful speech, of which we remember very little, save its effects. We sometimes laughed, and sometimes cried, but always cheered, for he talked of things we knew but little about, he who was our ideal of all that was wise, and good could not be mistaken. We have dug many a patch of potatoes since that time, but were never so well paid as for that job in the long ago.

## Latham, Growing Logan County Town

Regan Collection, May 15, 1900

Surrounded by Rich Country and Made up of  
Enterprising and Progressive People.

Latham, the fourth town in Logan county in population and commercial importance, is situated on the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railway, is eighteen

miles from Lincoln, surrounded by as fine territory as a crow ever flew over. Choice farming lands command \$70 to \$100 per acre. The farmers are thrifty and prosperous, having their lands well tilled and improved and in a high state of cultivation. The town was named in honor of Colonel **R. B. Latham**, a pioneer of Logan, and has made wonderful strides as a progressive element of population resides within its borders. The present inhabitants number 500 to 700. A few years ago it was a town of shanties and sheds, but fires swept away the tumbledown shanties and in their places are substantial brick structures.

The town has good schools and churches, three elevators, a newspaper, a bank and twenty flourishing business.

Among the live men are the following:

**O. J. Lucas**, owner of the bank of Latham, is the financier of the village and a clever man.

**J. H. Sallee** is not exactly a resident but a sort of suburbanite. He was a prominent resident of Morgan county and a schoolmate of Judge Eppes. Mr. Sallee has bright prospects before him.

**J. M. Allan** had one of the coziest barber shops in the state and is a man well respected by his neighbors. While waiting for the word "next" you will always find interest in the "people's popular paper" on file in the shop.

**P. M. Gilbert** is the humanitarian of the town, for he keeps the hotel, feeds the hungry and provides a place for the weary to rest. When in Latham give Mien Host Gilbert a call.

**E. L. Hunt** has a nice confectionery, lunch stand and restaurant. The representative of The Courier sampled his bill of fare and pronounces it first class.

**T. F. Doran** is one of the men who carries out the biblical injunction by keeping a place where one is able to follow Paul's command where he says "Take a little for the stomach's sake." He has an orderly place.

**J. E. Shively** is a man engaged in raising the standard of horses. Mr. Shively is a native of Kentucky and inherits his love for the horse. He owns fine stock and any one visiting Latham will find him one of the valuable men of the community.

**W. M. Turner** is the protector of the people, being city marshal, and a man who is a gentleman as well as an efficient officer.

**W. H. Bentley** is a prosperous young farmer living near town, always on the alert for that which will better the condition of the agriculturalist.

**J. A. Stinnett** is the keeper of a place of business where one is cheered by hospitality.

**A. R. Cutright** is a sound farmer who has done much to improve the town and country.

**William H. Henn**, as all know, is chairman of the board of supervisors, and as good a man as breaths. He gives dignity to the town and welcomes strangers to the prosperous village.

**Peter Maus** is one of the grain merchants and a substantial citizen of the progressive stripe, broad minded and liberal.

**Ab Gasaway** is a man of genial value. He buys grain imparts legal information and is interested in the progress of Latham.

**John S. Alexander** is one of the residents of the village it is a pleasure to meet. He is a dealer in agricultural implements and also conducts an up-to-date livery business.

The representative of The Courier appreciates the kindness shown him during his visit. No place in Logan county has more genuine hospitality. No town in Illinois is able to claim a richer country or more prosperous people in proportion to its size. Your representative will visit Latham another time with pleasure.

## Tenant Farming In Logan.

Regan Collection, v16, 156, 1900, 0529

How the Extensive **Scully Estate** is Handled.  
Twenty-five Thousand Acres.

Vast Improvements in Tiling the Past Few Years -  
Reasonable Renting Terms - Fair Treatment - Many of  
Our Prosperous Men Were Once Tenants.

Recently the agricultural reporter of the  
Bloomington Pantagraph visited the Scully, agency

and estate in this city and county, and wrote the following interesting story:

"There are from 25,000 to 30,000 acres of the Scully land in Logan county. The practice is to rent land for 5 percent of its actual cash value, and the best tenants are generally charged but 4 per cent. In such a computation the investment value of the land is considered - \$65 to \$85 - and not the value of the land

as a home, such land selling to actual farmers at \$75 to \$100 per acre.

"Careful note is taken of the exact condition of the land in making the rent price, and this accounts for many different rates for rent. The reporter saw one twenty acres of land partly covered by a pond and so wet that no rent at all was charged for it, although it furnished considerable pasture. When Scully lands were first cultivated the tenants were given the rent of the land the first two years for paying the taxes on it, or the rent the first year for breaking the ground and the second year for the taxes. Then the third year the rent was 50 cents per acre; the fourth year \$1 per acre; the fifth year \$1.50 per acre, and from that the rents were raised to \$3 per acre. Most of the land rented at \$2.50 per acre at the time tiling began, about 1877. When a piece of land was thoroughly tilled the rent was raised 25 cents per acre, and recently the best lands thoroughly tilled have rented at \$3.50 and \$4 per acre. None of the land is rented for more than \$4, and many farms are yet rented for \$3 and \$3.50. The tenant furnishes his own buildings and improvements. Mr. Scully pays the taxes.

#### Extensive Tiling.

"Mr. Scully has spent about \$250,000 in all in tiling his land in Logan county. The work began about twenty-three years ago. One year eight-five miles of tile were put in; last year forty-three miles were laid, and in all one and a half million of feet of tile have been put in.

"A large force of men had been kept constantly at the work for several years, and fourteen men are now employed in the ditching under the direction of **Mr. Sims**, the engineer, and superintendent in personal charge of the work. The tiling men camp out close to their work, and have convenient arrangements for cooking, etc. Twenty-five car loads of from four-inch to twelve-inch tile has just been ordered. The largest tile on the place are fifteen and eighteen-inch. A thorough and careful system is observed in this tiling. The ground is first gone over by the engineer to locate the necessary strings of tile and then is thoroughly surveyed in districts, the depths being taken every fifty feet, and the whole system planned before the tiling begins. Work is done in the most exact manner, avoiding the mistakes that would creep into less careful and complete measurements, records and requirements. It is the intention to keep at this work of tiling until all the Scully land is thoroughly drained. Many parallel branches of tile are not more than two hundred feet apart.

"It takes about three years to complete the tiling on one piece of ground. The main tile ditches are put in the first year, and these are multiplied and extended to all of the un-drained parts the third year. The tiling was preceded by a system of open ditches.

"In ordering tile 5000 four-inch tile are estimated for eighty acres; if the ground in exceedingly wet it may require 10,000, and if the eighty acres does not require 5,000 tile the surplus will make up the deficiency of another eighty acres. Before a drainage district or any part of its' tile is put in the prospective amount of water to be carried by that system is carefully figured and ample margin left between that and the capacity of the tile put in.

#### Faithful Farmers Rewarded.

"Under **Mr. Koehnle's** management the plan had been to put a premium on the best results, and to deal very liberally with the tenants who work the land in the best manner and are the most faithful to the terms of their lease. If misfortune overtakes them or some piece of ground fails to yield a crop an allowance may be made in collecting the rent or a part or all of the rent go over until the next year. In order to secure high-class work, carry out the desired farming methods and retain good men, tenants have been kept on the place one and even two years without paying rent, such cases being exceptional, of course. The plan is never to displace a tenant if he is doing his work well, and the renters are sure of a home there if they attend to their business.

#### Leases are Transferable.

"The way leases are regarded is indicated by the fact that any tenant can dispose of his lease for a bonus of \$500 to \$1000 beyond the actual value of his improvements, or about one year's rent for the number of acres occupied.

#### Rich Farmers Once Tenants.

**Harm Rohlfs**, a Scully tenant, owns 250 acres of land.

**John Hickey** was one of the first Scully tenants, He now owns about six hundred acres of land.

**Jan Weiland** got his start on the Scully land, and now owns 242 acres for himself.

**William Krusemark** started on the Scully land, and now owns 300 acres.

**William Mowen** commenced as a tenant on Scully land, and now owns 240 acres.

**Fred, August and Henry Berger** each began as tenants on the Scully land, and they each own about 320 acres.

**Gerd Harms** has just bought eighty acres of land at \$110 per acre. He started in as a tile ditcher on the Scully land.

"**John Suits**, a renter, has bought an eighty-acre farm of his own and rents it out while he himself remains on the Scully land.

"**Harm Klockenga**, who with his three sons, rents about 400 acres of the Scully lands, bought a 100-acre farm for himself at \$100 per acre.

"**William Fogarty**, who commenced as a tenant of the Scully lands, later purchased a farm of 530 acres and now owns about 1400 acres.

"**Thomas Christy**, supervisor of West Lincoln township, started with nothing as a tenant on the Scully lands and now owns 160 acres.

"**C. Schroeder**, one of the Scully tenants, has already paid his rent for this year, getting the discount for payment in advance, and besides he has in his cribs yet about 5,000 bushels of corn not sold.

"**D. M. Burner** of New Holland was a school teacher in the earlier days and got his start on Scully land. He owns today, about 100 acres of land, is a grain and lumber merchant, and worth from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

"**Estert Ruben** commenced as a tenant on the Scully land and will leave the place next Spring. He now owns three eighty-acre tracts, Ehme, Peter and John Ruben, also Scully tenants each own farms of their own.

"**Sweeter Wiggers**, who has been a tenant on the Scully farms for twenty years, has just sold his lease for \$2,250, because he did not have land enough. Mr. Wiggers improvements are worth from \$1200 to \$1500, the rest of the \$2250 being a bonus for his lease.

"**Michael Mowen** came over with Scully, worked as a hired hand and his wife kept house for Mr. Scully, while he farmed for himself in Logan county for a short time. Mr. Mowen became a tenant, and still remains a tenant, although he owns 240 acres of land.

"A large per cent of the tenants are Germans, some are Irish and some are Americans. The character of their improvements is just as the tenants desire to make them. Some of the houses are cheap cabins, some are cottages and a number are good two-story houses.

"**Wicker Albers**, a tenant who has been on the Scully farms thirty-one years and broke up some of the

original sod, has recently bought a 160-acre farm for himself, paying \$100 per acre, and put his son on the land, while he himself remains on the Scully lands. He has bought three leases of the Scully land for his sons and son-in-law, and is worth besides the above from \$25,000 or \$30,000.

"**Harm Stratenmeyer** came to Logan county as a hired man twenty-seven years ago, helped break up some of the Scully land and got his start upon it. He afterward got a lease. He started two sons-in-law on the Scully lands, and has bought a lease of 160 acres for \$2300. This price includes the ownership of a house and stable.

#### Crop Conditions.

Oats are in excellent condition this spring, showing a uniform growth and good color.

One of the tenants on the Scully land has had a yield of corn as high as eighty-seven bushels per acre. A number of the best tenants have raised from sixty to seventy bushels of corn per acre. The average yield on all farms is estimated at from forty-five to fifty bushels per acre.

Some excellent patches of clover were seen. One of the plans used in rotation of crops to thoroughly renew the corn land is to follow corn with oats and clover or wheat and clover. In either case the clover makes pasture in the fall after the harvest of oats or wheat, and the second year makes pasture or meadow as desired. In the fall of the second year the clover on the ground may be turned under and wheat sown again, the wheat crop of this, the third year being followed by corn. If so long a rotation is not desired the clover may be turned under in the spring of the third year and corn planted. If thought best, this one year of corn may be followed again by small grain with clover.

Not much of the wheat looks well. Some has been plowed up, and it was a question and reconsideration whether to plow up much more at this date. Ten or twelve bushels per acre is all that is expected from the wheat now standing. There is scarcely a stalk that has not Hessian flies eating away at its base, three generations of the Hessian fly get a chance at one crop of wheat. Their work is begun in the fall and two generations of them work on the wheat in the spring and summer.

## Rushing Interurban Work

Regan Collection, v3, p247, July 10, 1906

Fourteen Miles of Track Laid South of Lincoln -  
Grading Being Pushed South.

Fourteen miles of track have been laid between Lincoln and Elkhart and the work of pushing the Springfield & Northeastern branch of the Illinois Traction Company, is proceeding rapidly. The grading is well along and it was announced yesterday that the cars would be running between Lincoln and Springfield by September 1. The poles are being dumped along the line as rapidly as the rails are laid.

The surveyors reached McLean Thursday, working this way from Lincoln and will likely reach

Bloomington Friday. The first survey brings the line west of the C & A. track north to Lincoln. The next survey will be along the east side of the Alton.

The next line to build, after the two lines now being constructed (the Champaign and Decatur and the Bloomington and Peoria) are out of the way, will be from Bloomington to Springfield. Then will come the Springfield-Jacksonville line and later in all probability the Champaign-Bloomington line. The last line is not altogether assured at this time.

## Gunman Masterson Former Logan Boy

Lincoln Evening Courier, Lincoln, IL, Oct. 28, 1921, p2

**Bat Masterson**, sporting editor of the New York Telegraph, and former plainsman, gunman and Indian fighter, was born and raised near Middletown, in Logan county, according to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, which prints a story of his career.

Masterson died at his desk this week in New York. He was credited in his earlier days, with having killed twenty-eight men. most of them outlaws, gunmen and Indians.

Old timers will recall the Masterson family that formerly lived near Middletown. Bat began his

gunman's career in the adobe walls country when he was 20 years old by shooting a card sharper. Besieged by Indians, who had a negro leader, he killed several of the attackers.

Later as sheriff at Fort Dodge, Kan., and at Denver, Masterson's quick trigger accounted for many outlaws.

He was always reticent about his frontier experiences.

## Martin Denger Came to Lincoln 52 Years Today

Lincoln Evening Courier, Lincoln, IL, Oct. 29, 1921, p3

**Martin Denger**, residing at 622 N. Kickapoo street, came to Lincoln 52 years ago today, coming here from St. Louis. At that time there were no electric lights in this city. The streets were lighted by coal oil lamps at the corners, and there were no pavements. He

has seen many changes in Lincoln within the past 52 years. Mr. Denger is 81 years of age and is an uncle to **Adam Denger, G. W. Esders** and **Mrs. S. LaPanse** of this city.

## Commercial Club To Talk Factory Tonight

Lincoln Evening Courier, Lincoln, IL, Nov. 3, 1921, p8

A special meeting of the **Lincoln Commercial club** is called for 7:30 o'clock this evening at the Commercial club rooms, when the garment factory proposition will be acted upon. All members of the club and business men are invited to be present. The Commercial club

proposes to furnish ground for a site for the factory to be built by the company represented by **N. A. Levy**, who has been in the city for the past week.

The project was discussed this noon at a joint luncheon of Kiwanis and Commercial club

members, and final action was deferred until tonight's meeting.

## Lincoln's Log Cabin at 1933 World's Fair

March 8, 1932

Wigwam, Where **Old Abe** was Nominated for Presidency, and Store in Which He Clerked, Planned as Exhibits - French Envoy Selects Site of Chicago Exposition Buildings.

Chicago, Ill., Apr. 7. - The log cabin in which **Abraham Lincoln** was born, the Wigwam in which he was nominated for the presidency, and other buildings intimately associated with the life of the martyred president, will appear in replica on Chicago's lakeshore as part of the **Century of Progress Exposition** in 1933.

Application to erect, equip and operate the Lincoln Group on a site adjacent to the replica of Fort Dearborn, has been accepted by the exposition from the **Congress Construction Company**, of Chicago.

According to the concessionaire, the group will be ready to open by June 1st, a full year before the exposition's official opening on June 1, 1933.

For Lincoln's birthplace, the concessionaire proposes to erect a reproduction of the real cabin at Hodgenville, Kentucky, which has stood as a shrine of Lincoln worshippers for a century and a quarter. Nearby would stand a replica of Lincoln's boyhood home in what is now Lincoln City, Indiana. A few paces away would be a duplicate of the grocery store at Salem, between Springfield and Petersburg, Illinois, where the youthful rail-splitter clerked, studied Blackstone, wrestled with backwoods opponents, demonstrated his ability to raise a barrel of whiskey to his

lips, and did the hundred odd things that are part of the Lincoln tradition.

One of the most interesting buildings of the **Lincoln Group** would be a replica of the Wigwam - this large frame building in which Lincoln was nominated for the presidency in 1860 and which stood at the corner of Lake and Market streets in Chicago. In the Wigwam replica would be reproductions of rooms in the Springfield, Illinois, home which Lincoln left for Washington, and one or two rooms of the White House of Civil War days.

**Paul Claudel**, French ambassador to the United States, visited the exposition grounds a few days ago to select a site for the French building or buildings at Chicago's 1933 World's Fair. He was accompanied by **Paul Philippe Cret** of Philadelphia, and **Prof. Jacques Cariu**, of Boston, who have been commissioned by the French government to design the French exhibit buildings.

"There is no question but that Chicago will have the greatest, finest exposition in the history of the world." **Mayor Cermak** told the ambassador.

"My government is planning extensive participation in the fair," said the ambassador. "I expect that many Frenchmen will visit it." ...

## Mt. Pulaski Weekly News Sold to Mt. Pulaski Times

July 27, 1932

The **Mt. Pulaski Times**, published by **Harry J. Wible**, on Wednesday, July 27, 1932, completed negotiations for the purchase of the **Mt. Pulaski Weekly News**, published since May 2, 1908 under the partnership of the **Beidler Bros.**, with **Rell C. Beidler** as manager and **Paul E. Beidler** as editor, and we wish to announce that commencing with next week's issue, the paper will be known as the Mt. Pulaski Times-News, and will continue from the plant of the Times on the east side of the square.

The Mt. Pulaski Weekly News was started in the year 1884 by the late **Thomas H. Smedley**, and the following year was purchased from him by the late **S. Linn Beidler**, and from then on to the present time the paper has been in the Beidler family, a period of about 47 years. Mr. Smedley continued in the employ of The News until May 1, 1902, about six months after the death of **S. Linn Beidler**. During all these years it has

been the earnest endeavor of The News publishers to serve the community well, and we greatly appreciate the business and good will accorded us by the people generally, and take this opportunity to again express our thanks.

**Paul E. Beidler**, who has been editor of The News for over thirty years, will become a member of the Times-News working force, and will gladly give whatever assistance he can in making the Times-News a valuable asset to the community, and hopes his friends will feel free to give him all the news information they can.

**Rell C. Beidler**, the other member of The News partnership, will retire from active newspaper service, serving steadily in that field since a young man.

Mr. Wible, publisher of the Times-News, announces that the policy of the paper will remain practically the same, and with the joining of these two

newspapers, is confident that the transaction will be a welcome one to both subscribers and advertisers.

Mr. Wible extends a sincere greeting to The News subscribers, and sincerely hopes that you will learn to appreciate and respect the Mt. Pulaski Times-News as you have The News.

This issue of the Mt. Pulaski Weekly News, Friday July 29, 1932, brings to a close the publication of the paper as an individual unit, and also closes the career of long standing of **Beidler Bros.** as newspaper publishers.

Mr. Wible came to Mt. Pulaski from Lincoln on May 1st, to assume control of The Times, and in this short space of time has made many good friends in this city, and The News publishers extend to him best wishes, and hope for him much success in the newspaper field. He is a young and progressive newspaper man, and we hope the people of Mt. Pulaski

will co-operate with him to make the Times-News an outstanding publication in its particular field.

All subscription business will now be in the hands of the Times-News, while all advertising and other business up to this date will be handled by Beidler Bros.

We take this opportunity to again thank everyone for their patronage and past favors, and as Beidler Bros., newspaper publishers, but you a kind farewell, wishing everybody success and happiness.

**Rell C. Beidler**  
**Paul E. Beidler**

**Editor Note:** Very few issues of either paper, prior to this merger, exist today. The microfilm collection at ALPL begins with the Times-News of 1933. Rumors tell us that the issues of the News were destroyed at the time of the merger rather than move them to the office of the Times.

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### Logan County Heirship Records - The Final Images

The remainder of this Quarterly is devoted to presenting a portion of the collection of Heirship Records for Logan County. This collection was microfilmed in 1970. It was transcribed by Lucille Henrichsmeyer, a member of the Logan County Genealogical Society, in 1982. This collection was digitized by **Bill Detmers**. Book one has already appeared and can be found in the Roots & Branches Archives at LCGHS. This issue completes the images of the Heirship Records in the archives of LCGHS. In the next issue we will begin presenting images of historical artifacts discovered in the Shew Collection of the Lincoln Herald.

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 Mathew; (The following names are children of Mathew Wagner), Charlo  
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 (Mathew) Wagner, grandson; Carl Wagner, grandson; Wallace Wagner,  
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