

# Logan County Roots & Branches

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Happy New Year!

AS WE START A NEW YEAR WE'D LIKE TO INFORM YOU OF  
SOME SOCIETY NEWS AND NEEDS.

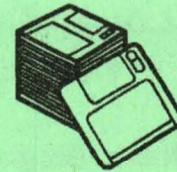
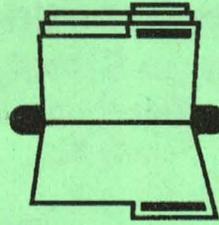
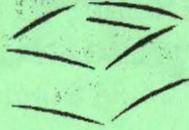
Though Christmas is officially past, we hope that the good will of Christmas still rest with our members. It is our desire and also need to move our society into a position where we can better accommodate the researchers that come into our research center. We now have three computers at the center. We would like to offer a number of CD's that would be complementary for our research center. So far we have a 1930 census for Logan County, Civil War Veterans, English Parish Records and the 1800 US Federal Index. We would like to offer the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1890, 1900, 1910, 1920 census records for Logan County of CD's also if anyone cares to donate funds for this.

Yes we have microfilm, but our microfilm machine is in very poor condition.

Cost factor would dictate that it would be better to purchase new information in the CD-rom format for our computers, rather than new micro-film info. CD's can be purchased for \$20 each. We have the Family tree index version 6, but would like to update to the Family Tree Maker version 10. We would also be interested in purchasing the "German's to America" CD for 1850-1874 and 1875-1888 these 2 CD sets are available to buy at \$59.99 each. We could purchase the whole 1880 Federal Census for \$60.

To raise income for the center, it would benefit us to have internet connection on at least 2 of our computers. Our local server is CCAonline and this service runs \$16.95 per month. We could then charge per 1/2 hour usage of internet time at Center.

We also could benefit greatly if we had at least two scanners. We could charge for photo editing/copying if people come in to use this service. And we could use it for our own publications and records. We would need to use a photo software such as Picture It or MGI Photosuite. ....



With a scanner available we can make copies of old documents or photos that people have to donate to our Society. We have a Photo Finisher at our employ that is able to do this kind of work. Also, we would like a paper Laminator for protecting pictures and documents, again we could also offer this at a charge to raise money.

Another tool our computers could benefit from would be a CD Burner so we could make CD's on our computers. We could then sell our own CD's or we could make CD's for individuals for a fee. That's the wish list, Thanks!

### ATTENTION ALL VETERANS AND FAMILIES OF VETERANS

We need your military histories and memories to add to our book we are putting together about all the LOGAN COUNTY VETERANS of the wars or conflicts from the Revolutionary war thru Desert Storm and current soldiers.

We have forms available at the Center to guide you in recording your information or you can send us a history by mail. We want this book to be done in time for Lincoln's Sesquicentennial Celebration, so we need to receive your information as soon as possible. We are excited about this new book and hope it will be a good way to honor our Veterans. So get busy and write up Great-grandpa, Grandpa and Dad's military stories.

### WHO ARE THEY?

**Hessians:** German troops sued by the British in the Revolutionary War.

**Walloons:** People from southern Belgium who speak a French Dialect.

**Melungeons:** A group of people of Portuguese descent who migrated into eastern parts of Appalachia.

**Huguenots:** French Protestants who fled persecution, first to Prussia, then to German Palatinate, on to England then Ireland before ending up in the Southeastern Coast of America.

**Quakers:** Founded in England in 1648; many Quakers settled in Pennsylvania.



Lasting Impressions  
by Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson



What's your plan for making a lasting mark on this earth? It doesn't have to be a big estate or lots of heirlooms. Of course, we all know such things are verry nice!! This type of legacy is determined, planned and very deliberate. Who gets the jewelry?, the house? how to divide the money that's left? Put it down on paper and forget about it.

The greatest legacy is of having given of yourself in ways that only you can do, not planned out and handed to a lawyer or executor. Can you measure the love you give to your family, friends. The smile and handshake of an acquaintance? The time spent volunteering for a worthwhile cause or on a worthwhile project. Often times doing things without telling anyone you would rather be hone with your feet up and the TV on and indulging in a big warm cup of tea. Do all this without expecting a pat on the back-maybe no one knows who carried all these tasks out-only you. These ar the things that define a life well spent. Your life will be so much more meaningful if you will practice every day and in everyway to be kind, loving an helpful to those with whom we come in contact. to lend a helping hand without being asked o prodded. "thank you" is such a wonderful reward.

At Christmas time and going into this New Year let's get started on a LEGACY that those who love and know us will always remember. A LEGACY that those who do not love and know us will wish that they could. Practice every day to live the life that will be left behind after you're gone. That LASTING IMPRESSION is all there will be.

Best if Health and Happiness in 2003!

**New Members:**

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IF WE MISSED YOU OR MADE AN ERROR LET US KNOW OR WATCH NEXT QUARTERLY FOR UPDATES, THANKS!!!

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And Barbara Seggelke*

*Our Website:*

*[http:// www.rootsweb.com/~illcghs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcghs/)*

**DONATIONS:**

NANCY ROLLINGS SAUL: 2 single trees, 2 draw knives, 1 brace & bit, 2 old fashion child's dresses, spats, weaving kit, old hat box, ironing pads.

BILL & DIANE DETMERS: History of county boundaries in Illinois 1790 to Present, Descriptive Inventory of Archives of the State of Illinois 2nd edition, Family Genealogy of Seefeldt, Will Morgan and Briggs Families, and Family Tree Maker Ver. 6 CD & 1 Family Tree Maker Marriages CD.

**LOGAN COUNTY SERVICE MEN**

This year we are honoring our Logan County service men. The following is an article about George David Fletcher during WWII.

**Logan Man Has Narrow Escape In Navy Blast:**

George David Fletcher, Hartsburg, seaman fist class, US NAVY, an instructor at the Norfolk, VA, Navy base miraculously escaped injury last Friday in the explosion which took 24 lives and injured approximately 250 persons.

Fletcher, in a telephone call to Lincoln friends, said he was within 50 feet of the blast, which was caused by the explosion of depth charges hauled in trailers. He said he lost all of his belongings in the fire, which ensued, with the exception of the clothing he was wearing.

**Important Reminder to All Members:**

Your 2003 Dues are needed to insure that you receive your Spring 2003 newsletter. So send them in now and don't miss out on any issues!

**Corrections to the Membership Index 2002.**

**Priscilla Wilkins-Hassen: Correct Zip Code to: 95350-5522.**

**Joanne Sedriks: Correct E-mail is: [ducksedriks@hotmail.com](mailto:ducksedriks@hotmail.com)**

**Charlotte Payne: Corrected Phone # is: 916-446-6433 and new address for her is: 200 Coloma Way, Sacramento, CA 95819 email: [clpayne@ucdavis.edu](mailto:clpayne@ucdavis.edu)**

**Norma J. Shehorn : Corrected spelling of surnames: Gates, Evans, Schroth, Letterle, Mattfeldt.**

**Donald Copeland: Phone Number # correction: (309) 827-5239**

**Sorry We Goofed, thanks for Corrections!**

## FORTY YEARS of ACCIDENTS and MISFORTUNES of EARLY SETTLERS in LOGAN COUNTY

Gleaned by Barb Seggelke from The Weekly Courier Newspaper February 1894

In the Month of February in Year 1894, the Weekly Courier Newspaper ran several articles one building on the next about conversations with OLD SETTLERS and their memories of how people had died in mysterious ways, by suicide, by violence, or by accidents. As soon as one article ran, people began to send in more and more memories and the paper ran four articles on this topic. To save space I've gleaned the info into a more compact format.

**CHRIS MOOS:** brother of John Moos, of Postville, was killed by the cars between Lincoln and Lawndale.

**OLD NAPOLEON:** wood sawyer, fell down stairs in the old frame on corner of Chicago and Pulaski Streets, breaking his neck.

**J.E. CUMMINGS:** fell down stairs about where Herald Office is today and broke neck.

**JOHN BRAGG:** brother-in-law of Sim (Stonewall) Jackson, and friend of Bill crane, fell from the cars at Lawndale & was mashed into jelly.

**WATTY BOWLES:** hung himself to bed post.

**Man named HOY:** was killed by Bill Hackney, near Yankeetown, with a fence stake.

**LEWIS SHAW:** had a son killed by cars of C&A, at Lincoln Depot.

**EATON:** was killed at the Lincoln House by John Warrick, with a pocket knife.

**SWITZER:** father-in-law of of Jake Wilmert, found hanging to a fence stake.

**Man named WATSON:** killed at Limerick by Perry Ashen, with pocket Knife.

**PATSY HARDIN:** killed at Limerick by a man named High, in a brawl.

**SMITH:** a farmer, fell from wagon after leaving the Limerick heading to near Edgars.

**CHARLEY ESTERS:** was killed by machinery in the woolen factory.

**JOHN D. SEICK:** fell from the bridge at the cemetery and drowned.

**MARY BOREN:** daughter of Ezra Boren, fell from wagon on Walnut street and was instantly killed.

**GEORGE YAEGER:** drowned himself from railroad bridge over Salt Creek.

**WM. DANKER:** assessor of West Lincoln township, drowned himself at the bridge near the cemetery.

**DAVID CUTLIP:** killed by C&A cars near Lincoln.

**C. H. GEER's SON:** accidentally shot while hunting with Charley Forsyth.

**PETER VAIL's SON:** shot accidentally by his brother.

**OLD MIKE BAKER:** killed by falling from wagon in West Lincoln.

**Wm. BAKER:** killed by his brother in a drunken quarrel near Rocky Ford.

**BOY EWING:** lived near Atlanta, was killed by a schoolmate with a stick.

**JOHN ECKERT's CHILD:** killed by the train cars.

**JOHN VOPEL's children:** 2 children killed by train cars.

**JOSEPH CALE:** fell from railroad culver and was killed.

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**STRANGE DEATHS CONTINUED:**

C.H. COUCH: was run over by train cars at the gas works and killed.

YOUNG CHILD HOY: killed at a picnic near Yankeetown: mystery still enshrouds the case.

BECKER's BOY: killed by getting entangled in the horse power of turning lathe.

FITZGERALD's BOY: killed by the turn table I. B. & W.

SEXTON: a bricklayer from Springfield, while trying to hop train car in Lincoln, fell and was run over and killed.

JOHN WILLIAMS: a bricklayer, killed while trying to hop train car, fell and was ran over and killed.

MURPHY: killed near Pulaski by a man named Turley.

DALEY: killed near Cornland, by one Fletcher.

PHIPP: shot his wife, then himself, on farm near Geer's bridge on Sugar Creek.

JOHN MILLER: a cooper of Postville, drowned himself in Goose lake by accident.

CLARK: a laborer, found dead near Goose Lake, died of exposure.

HARBERGER: who lived on old doctor Shaderick's place, found drowned in Indian Ford on Salt Creek.

MR. SHIRK's SON: of Postville, drowned while fording Salt Creek below Cemetery.

TOMPEY ROBINSON's Son: drowned in Salt Creek, while bathing near railroad bridge.

JOHN RUMP's SON: killed by blast in the coal shaft.

JOHN BURNS: killed by blast at same coal shaft.

MIKE GOESKEE: killed in shaft by falling in of roof of shaft.

JOSEPH SPITLEY's SON: drowned in Salt Creek.

GERMAN named WEIKEL: he and his wife drowned fording a slough south of Cemetery.

Wm. MCGALLIARD: committed suicide by a pistol shot over Mayfield's Bank.

THOMAS HUNGERFORD: drowned in Rothchild's Lake.

JOEL A. DALBY: found dead lying in the edge of the water of Lake Fork, foul play may have been involved.

Dr. WERLITZ: druggist, found dead in bed.

GEORGE FETRO: of Postville, found dead in the street.

GEO. STOWE: shot himself in Lincoln.

J.W. MILLER: blacksmith, jumped from the railroad bridge and was drowned.

MARTIN MOORE: killed by a sewer caving in in the back of Henry Ahren's.

JOHN MILLER: brewer, fell dead from his wagon in Postville.

SAM BOARDMAN: fell dead in Lincoln.

JIM O'CONNER: found dead in Barney Graham's shoe shop.

MOSES KAHN: found dead on his own premises.

OLD SQUIRE WHITTAKER: of Pulaski, found dead in streets of Pulaski.

ELI JONES: shot himself near Atlanta.

JOSEPH MOUNT's SON: killed by a mule dragging him around the field. NEXT>

JENNINGS: killed by a blow of a fist from man named Buzzard in Elkhart.

JOSEPH MOUNT's SON: killed by a mule dragging him in field.

CHARLEY WINDLE: killed by a mule dragging him in field.

FRED SUTLEY: killed by the kick of horse.

WETZEL's DAUGHTER: burned to death on Jack Wilmot's place, burning stalks.

JIMMY ROCHFORT: in drunken quarrel in Middletown with John Leonard, a shoemaker, was shot by Leonard and killed.

OLD DUDNEY: of Middletown, died of lock-jaw after receiving a cut at the saw mill.

ALEXANDER MECAY: while cutting wood in the timber, a limb fell on him.

JOHN MECAY: brother of Alexander, was drowned in Salt Creek.

JAMES D. EVAN's SON: at a family reunion of the David G. Evan's family, this little boy was burned to death when a kerosene lamp fell of stove covering him in oil.

WM. BLACKBURN: lived near Broadwell, died very mysteriously.

JOSEPH MILLER: once Street commissioner in Lincoln, went to Chicago and committed suicide by drinking poison.

OLD BOB GARDNER: found dead in bed, said to dye from opium.

OLD MAN BRYANT: of Middletown, shot by Dr. Frank Lockett.

DR. CHAMBERLAIN's SON: once of Middletown, moved to Prairie Creek where he killed his son by confining him and starving him to death.

OLD RIEL BIRK's 2 CHILDREN: His house south of Pulaski, burned up, destroying his 2 children.

ELLIS DENSMORE: killed by getting entangled in machinery on threshing machine.

EEL HUTCH's WIFE: found dead near the old mill at Coonsburg.

EEL HUTCH: went hunting after wife's death and was shot by accident.

Old MRS. GOLDSMITH: found dead in bed in Postville.

THOMAS SIMPSON's SON: committed suicide.

OLD MRS. CAMPBELL: mother of George & James Campbell, was burned to death when her clothing caught on fire.

ELIJAH MORRIS' WIFE: found dead at a woodpile.

PORTERFIELD HUDDLESON: while on a drunken bender started home following Salt Creek and was latter found froze to death.

PAT HICKEY: found dead in a mud hole on his way home.

JAMES BOGGS' SON: accidentally shot while out hunting.

WILEY ADANIS: of Sugar Creek, hung himself at Jacksonville.

HERMAN FOJOHN: jumped from window of Yager's boarding house and was killed.

JOHN NIBLACK: accidentally discharged his gun and killed himself.

JIM ADAM's CHILD: of Sugar Creek, was found dead in the bed.

ELIAS BOGARDUS: of Elkhart, went hunting and accidentally shot himself.

CLINT LOGAN: once known as the "orneriest" boy that ever struck Lincoln, was killed by train cars coupling near Peoria.

WM. MATHEW's SON: accidentally shot himself while standing on Fathers porch.

SALLY FRAIKES: died mysteriously in Atlanta.

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JAMES EDMONDS: was shot by brother-in-law in Iowa.  
HENRY SHRIVER: died fording the Arkansas river at Little Rock.  
ELIZABETH CROW: killed by train cars in Iowa.  
J. WHITE: killed by a horse on the Wm.P. Richards' farm.  
AB. VICKERY: fell from a shed in Postville and was killed.  
BILL PRINCE: was killed by running his horse while returning from a dance near Coonsburg. He was thrown against the tongue of the wagon where it met the road.  
MR. SOLOMON: drowned in a lake near Middletown.  
DR. BOOTH'S WIFE & DAUGHTER: poisoned by eating grapes.  
JACOB LANDIS: was killed by Lightning  
MR. ENSTINE: old citizen of Logan was killed by his mules.  
GEORGE MEIXELL: of Sugar Creek, killed by a kick from horse.  
JOSEPH RHODES' WIFE: was drowned in Sugar Creek.  
CHARLES L. WHEELER: once editor of the Herald, in a depression killed himself with poison out west where he had moved.  
BEN GODFREY: a crippled school teacher, killed by a threshing machine near Atlanta.  
BARNEY MCKIVETT: 12 year old boy, living near Lawndale, was dragged and trampled by a bull he was leading by a chain.  
DANIEL BRYANT: in 1870 drowned in Gaddis Ford on Sugar Creek, while washing buggy.  
JAKE EASELY: shot by hunting companion near Lawndale on the Kickapoo  
QUINCE MCKINNAN: shot himself in Atlanta.  
JOHN ALLEN HOWSER: shot himself in the foot from which he died.  
ED BENNET: Uncle of Pat Lanigan, was thrown or fell into Illinois river and drowned.  
CHARLIE CAMPBELL: accidentally shot himself at his home near Union Church, by throwing down his coat which contained a loaded revolver which discharged.  
TOM HOUSTON: drowned near Orendorff bridge on Sugar Creek.  
SCOTT HULL: hung himself in a corn crib near Atlanta  
Mrs. TOM CURRY: found dead in bed near Broadwell.  
ROBERT ROXBURY: hung himself near Harmony.  
Mr. EDGAR DENNY'S LITTLE BABE: fell in vessel of water and drowned.  
MRS. BARR and SON: Killed near Atlanta by being run over by train cars.  
BIETZELBERGER: near Emden, kicked to death by a horse.  
JOHN WILMERT: found dead in cornfield near Broadwell.  
FATHER OF MRS. SCHWARTZ: hung himself.  
JAMES GALLAGHER: found lying by the roadside, near his home.  
CHARLIE ZOLLARS: thrown against a tree and killed by runaway horse.  
UNCLE JOHNNY REECE: fell down stairs in home of Mrs. Hilcher, died instantly.

HOPE YOU FOUND SOME INFO FROM THIS

OLD TIME SERIES OF ARTICLES OUT OF THE WEEKLY COURIER FEB. 1894.



## THE HARM DETMERS STORY

BY BILL DETMERS

Harms Detmers boarded the ship, USS Cleveland, leaving from Cuxhafen, Germany on March 27, 1925, and arriving at Ellis Island, New York on April 06, 1925. The ship was built in 1908, in Hamburg, Germany. It had four engines, and could travel at 16 knots. The ship was 588 feet long and 65 feet wide. It held a total of about 2800 passengers. When the ship was approaching Ellis Island, and Harm saw the Statue of Liberty, he threw his cap into the air, and into the ocean. His excitement was beyond belief. He had arrived in America! He was 18 years old and came by himself.

On arriving, he went directly to Emden, Logan County, Illinois, by train. The community of 45 was made up mostly of immigrants from Ostriesland, Germany, and their first generation American children. He could not speak English, but most all the residents spoke German, so this was not a problem.

When Harm married Anna Marie Trepel on June 22, 1929, he vowed to become an American citizen before their first child was born. He attended night school and worked during the day at his trade of home painting and wallpapering, which he apprenticed for in Norden, Germany, and qualified him as a "Malermeister" on completion. Harm achieved his goal of taking his citizenship exams before the first child was born. On March 19, 1930, he completed and passed the exams and their first child, Janette, was born April 28, 1930. Harm was given the oath of citizenship to the United States on September 16, 1930. He was proud to become a citizen of the United States of America.

Harm and Marie raised seven children and all were taught that being an American citizen came with responsibilities such as honoring our country and our church. The respect and closeness of our family can be reflected in many ways, and one was that all seven children married on June 22, in honor of our parents. Both Mom and Dad are gone now, but six children that are still living, are all-close, and enjoy spending time with each other. God has blessed us indeed!

EDDY'S GLEANINGS:September 25, 1879

Marriages: Thomas M. Russell to Liddie C.P. Eury, James E. Hall to Arabelia Richards, Henry Nicodemus to Henriet A. May, Charles A. Shores to Louisa Melrose, Logan Rayburn to Nettie Gritman, Michael Ryan to Johanna Hickey, Franklin K. Burns to Mary E. Richardson, Robert M. Hilliard to Martha A. McBride, George D. Mangle to Sarah Michaels, Valentine Emich to Mrs. Mary Young, Frank Bailey to Martha Walker, James w. Frakes to Eliza J. Snyder, Alvin M. Crayton to Emily Smith, John M. Hill to Josie Montague, Henry Theobald to Jane Douglas, George M. Smail to Nettie Shaver, John E. Schilling to Alice B. McBride, Thomas Sullivan to Annie Keible, John Niswanger to Hattie v. Johnson.

October 02, 1879

Deaths: Lucy Stone, Eliza Suttle    Marriages: J.E. Miller to Ida Hummell    Births: Son to Mrs. John A. Hogue, Son to Mrs. John E. Ritchle.

October 09, 1879

Deaths: Wesley Ritchart, Etta Curry, Stephia Hukill, John Wyatt, Isaac Dunagan.    Marriages: Charles A. Miller to Elvira A. Niswanger, Franklin H. Guy to Helen P. Stafford, Orin Reed to Lyssa Copper, George W. Harrison to Abbie A. Vaile, Michael Hardin to Emma Hawkins, George P. Noble to Jennie E. Jackson, Oliver P. Jackson to Pernelia Jackson, Phillip baker to Melinda J. Cain, William H. Raspberry to Hattie Stratton, Joseph Dixon to Helen E. Tramp, Abraham Nichols to Emma Bogle, Peter B. Leach to Julia A. Dunn, William J. Collins to Annie C. Jameson, Dane McNamar to Sadie Chord, Otto C. Gade to Laura F. Combs, Ralph Welch to Solie Larison, Fred Obermiller to Julia A. Boy, William R. Brown to Clara A Joynt, Albert Freeman to Eunice Deffenbaugh, William Barnes to Fannie Kelso.

Births: Son to Mrs. Francis J. Fitzpatrick, Son to Mrs. John Savage, Son to Mrs. George D. Wilson, Son to Mrs. Martin Miller, Son to Mrs. Samuel H. Lindsay, son to Mrs. Jacob Davis, Dau. to Mrs. Jacob Rhoades, Son to Mrs. John W. Primm, Dau. to Mrs. Moses M. Atterberry, son to Mrs. Frank Snyder, Dau. To Mrs. Alfred Binns, Son to Mrs. William Smith, son to Mrs. John Coyne, Dau. to Mrs. Julius E. Arnold, Son to Mrs. James Law.

October 16, 1879

Deaths: Child of George Rehrman, John Harlan Barber, Susanna Steinhauser

Births: Dau. to Mrs. Phillip Harubrecht, Son to Mrs. Robert Dunlap, Son to Mrs. Christopher Salsbury, Son to Mrs. George Schall, Dau. to Mrs. William Schall, Son to Mrs. David J. Gilchrist, Son to Mrs. Jakob Stanfield, Dau. to Mrs. Henry Gaulson, Son to Mrs. Thomas Brennan, Son to Mrs. Louis E. Turley.

October 23, 1879

Marriages: John E. Hardesty to Jennie R. Kecker, Ferdinand Seefeld to Johanna Juhl, Orin Reed to Lissie V. Copper, Richard Buchholz to Louisa Beck, Lot C. Judy to Ada Phillips, John C. Graham to Margaret F. Goodpasture, Joseph Foster to Evaline Smith, Robert Parker to Mrs. Pasty Lewis, John Becker to Sarah A. Richardson, Alexander Morrison to Georgeanna Morris, Erick Velde to Rena Burns, John Scroggin to Ella M. Grinsted, Edward Deuterman to Alice Butler, Howard Haley to Ellen M. Grinsted, Barney J. Munster to Minnie Nolte.

October 30, 1879

Deaths: Infant of George Schall, Darius Hall, Laura Piatt, William Irving, and dau. Jacob Switzer (Ollie May) Theodosia McLean, Henry Humason.    Marriages: John T. Gelsthorp to Lou Curry.    James T. Rodgers to Sarah A. Jefford    Births: Son to Mrs. Edward M. Allen, Dau. to Mrs. Frederick Landan, Son to Mrs. Joseph Lemons, Son to Mrs. Charles Tilbury, Son to Mrs. John T. Buckles, son to Mrs. William C. Maull, Dau to Joh M. Sapp, Son to Mrs. Joseph Straub, son to Mrs. E.J. Brummer, Son to Mrs. H. S. Buss, Son to Mrs. Henry Hellman, Son to Mrs. Garet Lubbers

**War Service Data**

The following chronology of wars can be used if your ancestor was between 18 and 30 years of age when below war occurred:

**THE MAJOR WARS OF THE COLONIAL PERIOD:**

- King William's War 1689 to 1697
- Queen Anne's War 1702 to 1713
- King George's War 1744 to 1748
- French & Indian War 1754 to 1763

**THE MAJOR WARS OF THE NATIONAL PERIOD:**

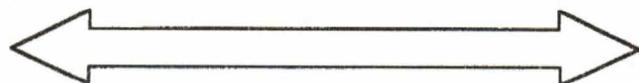
- Revolutionary War 1775 to 1783
- War of 1812 1812 to 1815
- Indian Wars 1780's to 1890's
- Mexican War 1846 to 1848
- Civil War 1861 to 1865
- Spanish-American War 1898
- Philippines Insurrection 1899 to 1902
- World War I 1917 to 1918
- World War II 1941 to 1945
- Korean War 1950 to 1953
- Vietnam War 1965 to 1973

**Federal Men Nip Lincoln Bootleggers  
March 21, 1929**

Bootlegging was to be found here in Logan County just like elsewhere in the Nation. According to the Middletown Ledger newspaper, a dozen Federal officers, from Springfield came on March 13, 1929 to Eight places suspected of catering liquor to their patrons. About 350 gallons of liquor was seized and 12 people arrested.

The twelve arrested included: Chas. Schneider, John Hayes, Edward Feldman, Mrs. Anna Gobar, Frank Petelinsek, May Petelinsek, Mrs. Ada Moos, Ella Sanders, Russell Grimes, Ted belcher, Dan Tarter and Alfred Logsdon.

While news that your ancestor sold bootleg liquor may not seem savory, it's interesting to speculate who would make the list if we outlawed liquor in our own time!



**Wampum:**

*that is, strings of shells ground down so that each piece was about the size of a grain of corn. This was used by the Indians for ornaments and barter. Early Americans became accustomed to this Wampum, through their dealings with the Indians. They used it to some extent among themselves. But no merchant in Europe would accept Wampums in payment for goods, so soon Metallic Currency was in larger demand among early Americans.*

**News from Monday Oct. 1, 1894**

**Taken from Morning Newspaper:**

- John Lutz, jr. is in Chicago on Business.
- Mace Gordon is in St. Louis to see the Veiled Prophets.
- Mr. Mezger rode over from Clinton on his bicycle today.
- Edward Huffman of New Holland, was in the city today.
- Miss Anna McMahon is still dangerously sick with malarial fever.
- Dr. Tinnon and two daughters attended the state fair Saturday.
- Albert Bree was over from Mason City to visit parents.
- Mrs. Samuel Scharff will return to her home in Monroe, Iowa on Wednesday.
- George Wirt has gone to Springfield to work at the Palace Hotel.
- Miss Cora King spent Sunday with home folks in this city, she teaches the Bethel School north of town.
- This is Pickle week don't delay getting yours!

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## SPRING IS IN THE AIR!



The feel of **spring** is in the air, **winter** decorations are coming down, we have flung open the doors, and are rolling up our sleeves. **There is work to be done!**

We found room for all the furnishings that the Department of Human Services gave to us on permanent loan. Included in this collection were lovely glass cabinets, large conference tables, wood filing cabinet, a large wooden cabinet, and two matching carved chairs from the original executive office of the Asylum for the Feeble Minded Children. We also were graced with other bookshelves and a small round table that go back to the beginnings of this same institute. **Bob Gephardt** was instrumental in obtaining these articles for our society because of his conviction that these items should remain in Logan County. Pat Kindred donated an enormous amount of newspaper articles about LDC she carefully preserved in scrapbooks. Volunteers are gleaning articles of historical value from these scrapbooks and placing them into files. We were also given pictures of the buildings and personnel of the Asylum for the Feeble Minded Children. This collection will be available in our files and are for view upon our walls for researchers to enjoy.

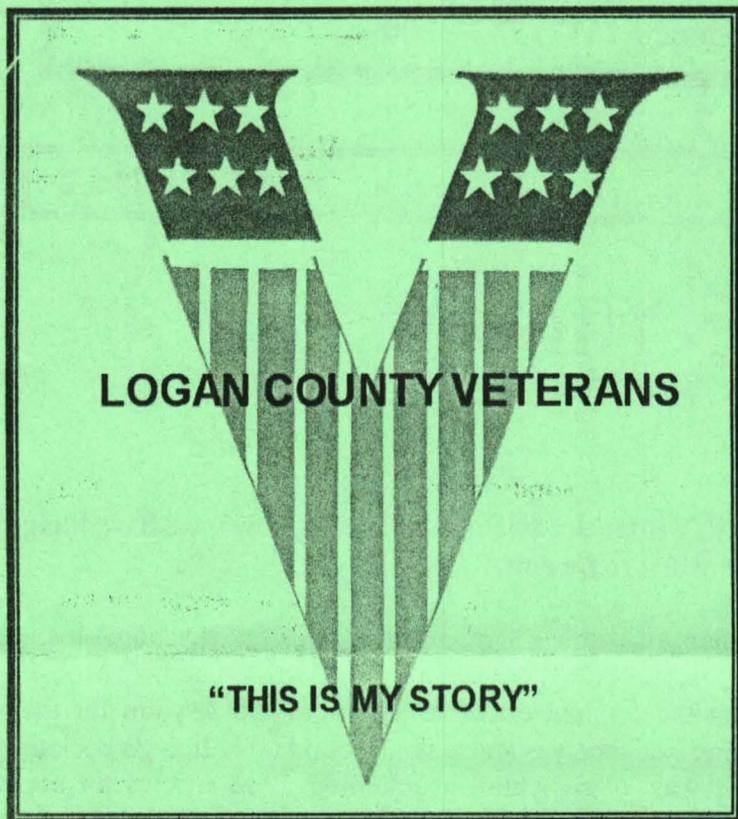
We are setting up our computers libraries for the convenience of researchers. Obituaries are being transcribed into our hard drives, along with cemetery records. We are planning to have Internet accessibility shortly, this way you may contact us instantly about your queries. Our staff will be better equipped to assist you. Angie Petro has set up a web page for our Society. You may find us at [hht://www.rootsweb.com/~illcghs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcghs/)



We have been committed to forming a book about our Logan county Servicemen. There has been an enormous response from the community, and inspiring stories have been submitted. Diane and Bill Detmers have been steadily typing stories and scanning pictures since last November. We will soon be ready for the publishers and ready for sale the last of August during our **Sesquicentennial Celebration right here at the Research Center. To reserve your copy please find an order form on the following page!**

Sincerely  
Carol Radespiel

# ORDER NOW!



## "This is My Story"

This book is a result of so many veterans and their families with connections to Logan County responding to our call for "their story". The stories shared with us in this book are an emotional roller coaster. Some stories are humorous, some are matter of fact, some are touching, and some will take you to the side of war that only those who were there can know the emotions involved. None of the stories are alike, and all are worth reading.

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## SPRING IS HERE

What a wonderful time of year! I don't know one person that isn't looking forward to warmer weather. Here in central Illinois we had a more difficult winter than usual. So we are very glad that the season has changed.

This past winter the research center has been a busy place. We have been taking in stories and pictures of Logan County servicemen. This has given the community the opportunity to acquaint themselves with the Research Center. The Center has metamorphosed over the winter months, glass cabinets, workstations, computers, large conference tables, thanks to the donations and gifts received. We have a vision to make Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society the most proficient Research Center in Central Illinois. We would like to thank all those that have made this possible. We have a long list of volunteers that have shared our vision. This past winter the Department of Human Services has graced us with a nice collection of LDC furnishings, some dating back to the late 1800's. This only adds to the antiquity of our place. We have people like **Bob Gephardt** that donated the use of his truck and time to transfer these furnishings

that we now enjoy at the Research Center. Another person like **Margie Ott** that has



**WE  
THANK  
YOU!**

spent hours transcribing cemetery recorders, also many other projects. **Dorene Smith** has donated many hours in helping with the quarterly productions, doing inventory, and many other projects. **Dorothy Dirks** has volunteered many hours. We must also mention the dedication of time and energy that our **Executive Board** continually has given to the Society. **Bill and Diane Detmers** have spent hours typing and scanning in preparation for the veteran book soon coming out. **Bill Bryson** has passed the title of Historian to Diane Detmers; also he is constantly in the center making sure everything is functioning correctly. **Willard Emmons** has recently joined the volunteer force in maintenance. **Eddie Dirks** is faithfully searching the archives. It is people like you that make our research center possible. **Bill Radtke** with **Bill Detmers** came in to set up our computers so that they will run on the same systems.

Written by  
Carol Radespiel

## DONATIONS

**Robert Doyle** donated a Pictorial History Of Logan Co., Ill, a Lincoln Evening Courier, Centennial Edition, 8/26/53 - Ill. Blue Book 1935-36; Ill. Blue Book 1941 - 1942; 2 State of Ill. Supreme court Record 10/1916; 2 State of Illinois Supreme court Record 10/1925 (statement, brief and argument) **Helen Hasley** donated 1 picture of E.H. Lukenbill and 1 Orthography and speller for the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades written by E.H. Lukenhill of Springfield. **France Ritterbush** donated a drey fruit jar.



**Dorene Smith** donated 1 desk lamp. **Gerald Snyder** donated CD's of a Family Tree Maker ver. 9 and a Family Tree Maker ver. 8. **Judy and George Knoblock** donated a UMAX Astral 220P scanner with 2 CD's for Photo Editing, 1 CD for printing, and 1 CD with a OCR program (text Bridge). **Eddie Dirks** donated 5 political ink blotters. **Karen & Loren Birnbaum** donated two Family Tree Maker ver 7 CD's.

Thank you!

Many of our members have brought in supplies of which we are very thankful.

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**US Military Medals**

US military medals were non-existent during the Mexican War. Valor under fire sometimes earned a certificate of merit for enlisted men or a brevet rank for an officer, but only two Congressional medals were struck, one each for General Zachary Taylor and General Winfield Scott. Back in 1782, General George Washington had established the first US medal, the Badge of Military Merit, which was awarded to only three men. After the Revolutionary War, there would be no military medals or decorations as they were unpopular with Americans who felt they smacked too much of European monarchies. The Congressional Medal of Honor came into being in 1862, and some 1900 Civil War soldiers received it. As for the Revolutionary War Badge of Military Merit, it became the Purple Heart in 1932.

*“As long as our government is administered for the good of the people, and is regulated by their will; as long as it secures to us the rights of persons and of property, liberty of conscience and of the press, it will be worth defending.”* Andrew Jackson

**BEN FRANKLIN & POOR RICHARD’S ALMANACK**

When Ben Franklin, at the age of 23, gained control of the “Pennsylvania Gazette”, he soon began to make a name for himself by the excellence of his printing and the spirit of his writing. He had spent some years abroad, and the success of an annual publication in London, edited by “Poor Robin”, possibly gave him the idea of adopting the name of “Poor Richards’s Almanack” for the Almanac which he began to publish late in 1732 and continued to write in the name of “Richard Saunders,” for more than twenty-five years. The issues of “Poor Richard’s Almanack” containing Franklin’s original work were those from the years 1733 to 1758. The annual circulation was approximately ten thousand copies each issue consisting of a dozen to sixteen pages.

Early to bed, early to rise makes a man healthy,  
wealthy and wise.  
A good example is the best sermon.  
Better is little with content than too much with  
contention.  
God helps them that help themselves.  
He that falls in love with himself will have no  
rivals.  
Lost time is never found again.  
Never leave that to tomorrow which you can do  
today.  
He that riseth late must trot all day.  
It is hard for an empty sack to stand upright.  
Keep thy shop, and thy shop will keep thee.  
The doors of wisdom are never shut.  
Better slip with foot than tongue.  
Who is rich? He that rejoices in his portion.  
By Ben Franklin

**EDDIES GLEANINGS**  
From the Lincoln Herald 1879

**November 13, 1879**

**Births:** dau. to Mrs. George Abel, dau. to Mrs. William H. Williams, dau. to Mrs. Levi Pitner, son to Mrs. Isaac M. Banty, son to Mrs. William T. Wright, son to Mrs. Stephenson Schryner, Child to Mrs. Isadore Altmann, child to Mrs. William Bradeway.

**Deaths:** Sarah Davis- wife of Judge David Davis of Bloomington.

**November 20, 1879**

**Births:** son to Mrs. J.F. Barrows, son to Mrs. George A. Dodd, son to Mrs. C. E. Ross, son to Mrs. Louis O. Gilhan, dau. to Mrs. Albert Armstrong, dau. to Mrs. James F. Davis, dau. Mrs. William G. Bates, dau. to Mrs. Charles H. Dixon.

**Deaths:** James M. Perry, Thomas Morris

**Marriages:** Robert J. Beggs to Miranda E. Wilson, Samuel M. Eury to Margaret J. Morris, John T. McNally to Estella B. Davis, John r. Nicholson to Hettie B. Blessing, Virgil L. Copeland to Jemimie A. Buckles.

**November 27, 1879**

**Births:** dau. to Mrs. James E. Strode, dau. to Mrs. James T. Smarts, son to Mrs. George Molsey, dau to Mrs. James McInturff, dau. to Mrs. Miles B. Gardner, son to Mrs. Joseph Steinaker, son to Mrs. C.P. Goff.

**Deaths:** son of George Hanselman, J.L. Coffman, \_\_\_\_\_ Longan, Emily F. Hughes, Edward Seabolt, and Leary Hall.

**Marriages:** John Osburn to Zelda Stewart

**December 04, 1879**

**Births:** dau. to Mrs. Scotie Wiggers, dau. to Mrs. Tjart Klockenga, son to Mrs. Lewis H. Billington, son to Mrs. Carl Ley, son to Mrs. David R. Landis, son to Mrs. Thomas A. Sorrel, son to Mrs. Thomas f. Dickens, son to Mrs. Charles Wood.

**Deaths:** Sallie Strong, infant dau. of John Linbarger, Nellie Hunt

**December 11, 1879**

**Births:** son to Mrs. Dennis Dee, dau. Mrs. Patrick Lyon, dau. to Mrs. Frederick Fenton, son to Mrs. Theron W. Cannon, dau. to Mrs. John Everman

**Deaths:** William Burger, robber Dennis, Eliza C. Johnson, Estella Curry, Catherine Keenen

**December 18, 1879**

**Marriages:** Joshua M. Sheridan to Elizabeth Baker, H. Armstrong to Maggie A. Holvey, Greenbury W. Mangold to Joanna B. Ryan, John Osburn to Zelda L. Stewart, Ray A. Wood to Lizzie Cruikshank, Charles C. Randolph to Ida M. Larison, E.T. McFarland to Emma Lancaster, William J. Hughes to Leatha I. Whitley.

The following are some inserts from **VETERANS OF LOGAN COUNTY** "This Is My Story".

**LEHNER, WALTER HENRY**

Walter was born Apr. 14, 1917, the son of Frank & Catherine Lehner. He married Elsie Louise Refrain, Sep. 7, 1935.

At the time of the draft, during WW II, Walter's boss asked if he would like to try for exemption or go to the military. Walt responded, "If my country needs me, I will go."

Walter went into the Navy Nov. 1943, and took basic training at Great Lakes. He studied diesel engines and taught diesels in MD for a year, then for one year at Berkley, VA.

Walter tells us "We took ships on shake down inspections to see if they were fit to go to Okinawa".

He also tells of a big fire at the shipyard in Northfork, VA. "On a Saturday, I had the day off, and was in my barracks. A chief Petty Officer came in and ordered all of us to go to the street, and get into a waiting truck. There were many fire trucks going by, and we saw a lot of smoke coming from the shipyard. The chief Petty Officer said, "We were going to help, the ship yard is on fire".

On arrival, we were told to get a hold of the hoses and follow them as far as we could, because we could not see due to the smoke. We were to get to the end, and relieve someone who had been there a long time, and we would be relieved too. After

we cleaned our eyes and noses from the smoke, we would go in again, until relieved by others. Ambulances were standing by to take care of those overcome by smoke. The Navy men pushed the ships from the dock to keep them from catching fire, as the wooden docks were oil soaked from ships. The docks were several blocks long. We were at the fire from 3 pm to 3 am, fighting that fire. This was a big, big fire, an experience I shall never forget, while serving in the Navy".

**LENHARDT, RAYMOND P. "RAY"**

Raymond served in the Navy during the WW II, in the ARM 2/C Combat Air Crew. He tells us "After participating in the invasion and occupation of Okinawa, part of our Carriers were in R and R in Tacloben, Philippine Islands. At 1600 hours, Tokyo Rose came on the radio and said that Adm. Martin and his Fly Boys had better enjoy their stay because where we were going would be no picnic. At 1700 hours we were on a landing craft heading for our carriers.

We were on the flagship with Adm. Martin, the Hoggatt Bay CVE 75. Three days later on V.J. Day, we were told that we were to locate POW's and drop supplies and medicine. One of our torpedo planes located Major Devereux, commander of

Wake Island and Army occupation bases on Hokkida. Later, we had 3 hours liberty in Yokohama, Japan. In all, while aboard our carrier, we covered ever 21,000 nautical miles at sea. I was a radioman and gunner on a torpedo bomber. After the first 3 missions, we were awarded the Combat Air Crew Wings.

Raymond was born Jan. 21, 1924 in Lincoln. He was the son of Raymond & Fern Nuckols Lenhardt. He married Doris M. Klemm Aug. 8, 1948 and they lived in Lincoln.



**Home For Christmas**

"Home for Christmas!" The sailor lad  
In alien ports across the foam  
Rejoices and his heart is glad  
To hear his ship is ordered home.

"Home for Christmas!" The soldier  
boy  
Fighting on Heart Break Ridge so grim  
In far Korea, laughs with joy  
To see the furlough granted him.

"Home for Christmas!" memories dear  
Cluster about our childhood days  
When Christmas crowned for us the  
year  
And blessed us in unmeasured ways.

"Home for Christmas!" God bless  
those  
Who have a home at Christmastide  
And bless him more who that day goes  
His lonely way - a home denied.

By Pliny A. Wiley



The Lincoln Weekly Courier  
January 15, 1897

**DRUNKEN MAN HURT**

Jacob Ryan Falls From a Chicago & Alton Freight Train.

A tramp giving his name as "Jake" Ryan, with Chicago as his headquarters, lies at St. Clara's Hospital with a severe wound in the head.

Monday evening he was beating his way north on a C & A freight train, from which he fell near Lincoln Junction. One of the brakemen saw him fall and told the agent at the junction of the accident. It was then about 6 o'clock.

Parties went and found him along the track in a ditch, so drunk he could scarcely talk. He was bleeding profusely from a scalp wound. In falling from the train he was struck by the trucks of one the cars. He was so badly under the influence of liquor that he could hardly move one foot before the other, but with some effort he was taken to the P.D. & E. freight station and the police called. From the station he was taken to the hospital and by the time he arrived there he had lost much blood and was very weak.

Dr. Ewing attended to his wants and found it necessary to take several stitches in the wound. The patient is resting easy and will fully recover. He will be well provided for the next few weeks, making sufficient compensation for the injuries he has sustained.

The Lincoln Weekly Courier  
(continued)  
October 15, 1897

**BURTON VIEW**

Chris Landour received a car load of coal Wednesday.

C.B. Snyder purchased a new wagon from John F. White.

Edward Sisson received a car load of brick and a car load of lumber the first of the week. He is building a fine new barn.

New corn has commenced to come in. Thomas Ryan received the first load Tuesday. It is dryer than usual at this time of the year.

There is complaint of some one poisoning the dogs in this neighborhood. This is a very mean trick and the guilty parties had better beware, as it is sure to cause trouble if they are caught. Suspicion rests on parties of this place and they are being closely watched.

John White is preparing for the winter by building a new coal house.

**Atlanta**

The school bell fell from its fastenings one day last week



and is still silent.

The Lincoln weekly  
Courier  
**BEASON**

October 15, 1897

Dr. Frank Houser of Lincoln was in the village one day last week.

Thomas Davy and family of Lincoln were visitors at Mrs. Mowry's last Sunday. Ecklin Chittick was notified of the death of a brother in Cass County last week. This makes two brothers he has lost by death in the last two months.

Bert Bringing, who lost his home by fire recently, has the foundation laid for a new house.

Rev. McGhee, the new minister of the M.E. church, was greeted by a large audience Sunday morning, which gave rapt attention to the excellent sermon.

Mrs. Perry has returned home from her visit to Indiana.

Miss Pearl Bruce, who is attending school at Normal, spent Sunday visiting home folks.

Rev. Murray will begin a protracted meeting at the Blue Grass church October 24.

**Middletown**



Deo Rayburn lost a fine horse from the effects of barbed wire cuts.

**FIRST HOUSE BUILT  
OUT ON THE PRAIRIE**

As written by David Bowles:

We put our house up and enclosed in 1849, with one room 16 feet square plastered. My wife had her loom and we cooked, ate and slept in that one room. All that winter we had my brother and my wife's brother with us and kept from three to five hog drovers. They would pile down on the floor to sleep and appeared to be happy and contented.

This room is on the NE corner of the house. The sills under this room are logs.

Phyllis Vaughn- Bryson submitted this article.



Have any great stories about your school days?

Any stories about your family homestead?

How about a story of a terrible winter storm?

We would love to know!

**Amanda Bowles Gimberling**

From her Scrapbook

The mail was carried from Atlanta to Delavan by stage, and how vividly I remember sitting on the fence at the Bowles place, over the next road waiting for the stage to pass so I could get a paper to get the (Civil) War news, tightly holding a paper ten cent piece to pay for it. The mail was left at the Big Prairie Post Office, at the residence of Uncle Norman Summer, just east of the Bethel Church, but papers were purchased from the driver of the stage. The Cobean Bros. Of Delavan were the principal drivers and they would carry passengers from Delavan and vice versa. The Post Office was moved later to the Dillon home, now the home of George Jeckel and had its name changed to Boynton Post Office. Later Levi Adams kept it where George Betzelberger now lives. Then the Peoria, Decatur and Evansville railroad came through and the mail came to Emden then called Snyderville. We went there for our mail and often did not get it but once a week. No daily papers were taken then. The weeklies were depended on for news so you may be sure if it was stale.

The Prairie Post Office looked like the one at Middletown.

Early Pioneer Wm. Ryan received a political litograph letter from Abraham Lincoln in 1856. Only the addressed envelope and Wm. Ryan's name were in Lincoln's own handwriting. Family members took good care of this letter for many years and then it was sent to the Bloomington Pantagraph and requested it be placed in the McLean Historical Society. For many, many years the letter has been in the archives of the McLean Historical Society.

The envelope was addressed:  
Wm. Ryan Esq.  
Big Prairie  
Logan Co.  
Illinois

(\*This article was typed by Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson, 16 January 2003, taken from the files of the Logan County Tourism Bureau, and is typed here as the handwritten copy was written. This is being copied here for the files of the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc., 114 N. Chicago St., Lincoln, Logan Co., Illinois 62656-2729.)

Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson submitted this article.

**VANHISE POND**

Vanhise Pond was a wonderful place in Mount Pulaski for youngsters to play and swim in the 1890's. A tract of land to the west of South Spring Street, near the railroad viaduct, you now would not find a trace of what was once a large pond. It is now called city-park, Frazier Park or the ball diamonds.

David Vanhise was born August 22, 1822 in Fairfield County, Ohio. He came to Mount Pulaski in 1856, and became a member of the general merchandise firm of George Mayer & Co., with George Mayer and W.W. Martin. He served in the Civil War and was given the rank of Captain. After the war, he came back to Mt. Pulaski. In 1879, he built a large tile factory at the west end of Cooke Street, and across the street north of the Old Peoria, Decatur & Evansville Railroad Depot.

Mr. Vanhise had secured clay for his tile and bricks from the area where the old Vanhise Pond was later located. Several men would go daily with their horses and wagons using spades to fill the wagons with clay to take back to the tile and brick factory. After digging for several years, many wagonloads of clay were taken away about two blocks long from east to west and a block wide from north to south. This place eventually became Vanhise Pond.

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## *Cemeteries of Logan County*

NAME	ALIAS	STATUS	TOWNSHIP
Atlanta		Active	Atlanta
Baker		Inactive	Chester
Barnes	Edgell-Barnes	Inactive	Corwin
Beason	Keys	Inactive	Oran
Bell		Inactive	Mt. Pulaski
Berryhill		Inactive	Oran
Bethel Union		Inactive	Orvil
Blue Grass		Inactive	Oran
Bowers-Templeman		Inactive	Chester
Bowles Infant		Inactive	Oran
Braucher		Inactive	Broadwell
Carlock		Inactive	Eminence
Carlyle		Active	Mt. Pulaski
Colvin	Lake Bank	Active	Lake Fork
County Home		Inactive	West Lincoln
Developmental Center		Inactive	West Lincoln
Donnan (moved)			Aetna
Downing		Inactive	Chester
Edgell-Barnes	Barnes		Corwin
Elkhart		Active	Elkhart
Evans	Springbank	Inactive	Corwin
Foster			Broadwell
Gardner, John L.		Inactive	Sheridan
Gilbert		Inactive	Eminence
Goldsmith			Broadwell
Greenhill			Prairie Creek
Harmony (moved)		Active	Aetna
Hartsburg Union		Active	Orvil
Hendrickson (moved)		Active	Aetna
Holy Cross		Active	Broadwell
Howser		Inactive	Eminence
Jolly (moved)	Timber	Inactive	Oran
Keys	Beason	Active	Oran
Kline		Active	Broadwell
Laenna		Active	Aetna
Lake Bank	Colvin	Active	Lake Fork
Latham-Thompson		Inactive	Elkhart
Lawndale Union		Active	East Lincoln
Lawrence			Elkhart

NAME	ALIAS	STATUS	TOWNSHIP
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**(Cemeteries Continued)**

Lincoln-Union		Active	Broadwell
Lucas Chapel		Inactive	Corwin
Memorial Park			West Lincoln
Metcalf	Orendorff-Metcalf		Eminence
Miller			Eminence
Morgan			Eminence
Mount Joy		Inactive	Eminence
Mt. Pulaski		Active	Mt. Pulaski
Musick		Inactive	West Lincoln
Niblick		Inactive	Eminence
Old Union		Active	West Lincoln
Orendorff-Metcalf	Metcalf		Eminence
Perry		Inactive	Oran
Pleasant Valley		Inactive	Corwin
Pool Hill		Inactive	Sheridan
Reece	Reese		Laenna
Reid	Reed	Inactive	West Lincoln
Richmond Grove		Active	Sheridan
Rimmerman			West Lincoln
Roach		Inactive	Atlanta
Skelton		Inactive	East Lincoln
Springbank	Evans	Inactive	Corwin
St. Mary's		Active	West Lincoln
Steenbergen		Active	Mt. Pulaski
Stephen's		Inactive	Sheridan
Thomas		Inactive	Prairie Creek
Thompson			Eminence
Timber (moved)	Jolly	Inactive	Oran
Turley		Inactive	Elkhart
Two Mile Grove		Inactive	Lake Fork
Union		Active	West Lincoln
Union Station		Active	Broadwell
Union Station		Active	Eminence
Walnut Hill			Hurlbut
Warrick			Broadwell
Wright			Broadwell
Zion		Active	East Lincoln

About the time the Mexican War was winding down, a man who would make an impact on the American scene for many years to come was immigrating to the United States. He was Levi Strauss, a Bavarian Jew, who soon found his way to San Francisco. There, he cut and sewed a piece of heavy canvas into the first pair of Levi jeans. The blue-dyed brown cloth, imported from Nimes, France, was called "serge de nimes - thus the word "denims". A similar cloth came from Genoa, Italy; the French name for Genoa was "Genes" which was Americanized into "jeans".

A few years later, Struass received a letter from a Nevada tailor, Jacob W> Davis, who had been making and selling his own brand of denim pants. He wrote, "The secratt of them pants is the rivets that I put in them pockets." The two men joined forces and thus were born the riveted blue jeans.

Considering the price of blue jeans today, you blue jean wearers might be interested to know that in the 1860's the price was \$13.50 - per dozen.

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## SUMMER IS HERE!



Summer is here and so are the many changes at the research center. Bill Radtke and Bill Detmers have all our computers up and running. We have a nice selection of CDs that researchers may view for a small fee of 50 cents per half hour. This selection includes the 1930 census for Logan and surrounding counties. We have a large assortment of Family Tree Maker that includes marriage, social security records, surname search and much more.

We have all our shelving on the south wall now thanks to Bill Detmers brainstorm. This leaves much more room to browse and more handicap accessible. This arrangement also allows more room for our monthly meetings. We have replaced the old wiring with new all along the north wall, thanks to Willard Emmons and Bill Bryson. New wiring has been added in the back room, so the lights don't blink while operating our copiers. Just minor problems.

"This is My Story" is on the presses even as I am writing this article. We should have the books in for you to pick up by the first of August; up to that time you may reserve your copy by sending a \$20 deposit.



Everyone is taking a rest before we start on the next military project. If we get enough stories we are considering another "This is My Story" addition. If you have a loved one, husband, son, grandson, great grandfather that ever lived in, or buried in Logan County, please submit their military story and picture, we would love to include them in our next book. We will be taking a little longer this time so we might have more time to prepare. We are also considering a book on Logan County Schools of yesteryear. You know the old one-room schoolhouses. Elvira Fleming has already submitted her story about "Lone Tree School Dist. 79 of Hartsburg, IL. Send those stories in to: Logan Co. Genealogical & Historical Society, 114 N. Chicago, Lincoln, IL 62656-2729

May 19, 2003 at our monthly meeting Bill Detmers gave an informative report on the progress concerning the veterans book. He said there has been approximately 3000 hours collectively donated in preparation, a total of 469 pages, and over 400 pictures edited. This is the most massive undertaking that the society has produced. He said we have learned much in the production of it. We look forward to its completion. We thank you for all your hard work!

Yours truly - Carol Radespiel

**Publications and Memorabilia for Sale:**

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<u>Old Lincoln High School, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Old Christian Church</u>	
<u>Old St. Johns Lutheran Church, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Main Building, Lincoln State School and Colony, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>The Mill Restaurant</u>	
<u>Broadway Street looking East at night, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Parsonage Lincoln, IL</u>	
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**Mary V. Shive:** 908 Wyatt Ave. Lincoln, IL 62656 **Surnames:** Lorton, Hodgson, Fletcher, McPherson, Schaster(sp?)

**Thank you!**

**DONATIONS:**

**Cheryl Rothwell** donated vital Records Index of British Isles, the Great migration newsletter, 4 New England Historical & Genealogical Register, 9 New England Ancestors



Magazines, 12 Harden-in-ing Newsletter, census fact sheet, and 8 Illinois State Genealogical society Quarterlies.

**Elvira Fleming** compiled and donated her story and pictures about Lone Tree School of Hartsburg.

**Diane and Bill Detmers** donated an assortment of office and paper supplies along with a portable telephone, 2 Hewlett Packard Tri -Color ink Cartridges.

**Bob Weimer** brought into the research center and donated a copy of the Feb. 11, 1944 Lincoln Evening Courier.

**John Regan** compiled another book of old news paper clippings and donated a copy to the Research Center.

**Dean & Geri McKinley** donated 2 large books. The Illustrated Historical register of the United States Centennial Exposition 1876 & the revised Edition for 1905 the Monarch standard Atlas of the Commercial, Geographical and Historical world.

**Images by James Coop** came to the research center and took pictures of which one will be presented in our "This is My Story" Veteran's Book. We would like to thank Mr. Coop for donating his time and professionalism.

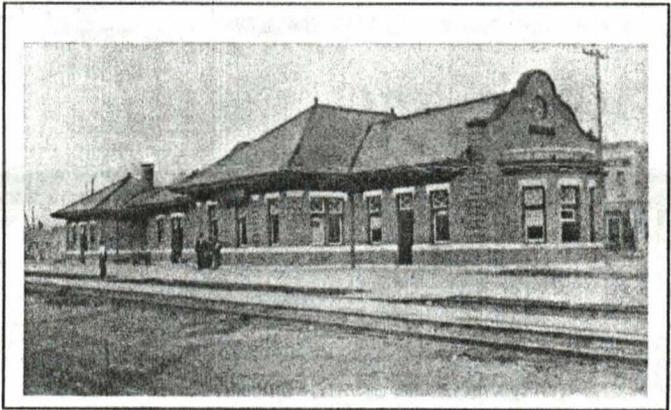


**VOLUNTEERS**

**Rita Duval** has been coming in to volunteer her time and helping with the obituaries. **Marie Ott** is helping with our membership and comes in to work on Lucille

Hendrichsmeyer's collection. She also came in to help proofread the Logan County Veteran's book; as well as **Phyllis & Bill Bryson, Diane & Bill Detmers, and Dorothy Gleason.** **Ron Rohlfs, Bill Bryson & Willard Emmons** came in to help place our shelving on the south wall and placing new wiring on the north wall and back room. **Bill Radtke** donated his time in upgrading our computers and running new telephone wiring.

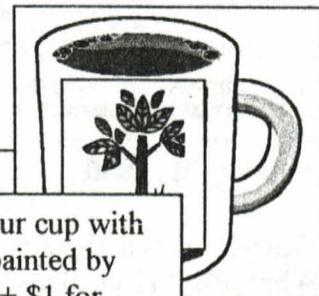
**We hope that you will come in and visit us this summer. If you have time to volunteer just come on in and I am sure to find something for you to do. We meet a lot of people with interesting stories and family histories.**



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**The Lincoln Herald**

**Elkhart**

**September 17, 1885**

**Farm Sale**

Mr. John H. Ewing has sold to Christian Moore, who owns and lives on the Fletcher Council farm, his farm near Irish Grove, consisting of 160 acres, for \$9,200-\$57.50 per acre. Mr. Ewing expects to move to Kansas next spring and will go in about two weeks to look out a location. He gives possession the first of March.

Notwithstanding our stock law, the town stock has been running at large all summer. The farmers are becoming tired of it, and have taken the animals up which are being held at \$1 per

(Lincoln Herald cont.)

**Chestnut**

**October 08, 1885**

That Hacking Cough can be so quickly cured by Shiloh's Cure. We guarantee it. At Newkirk's.

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**Middletown**

**November 02, 1885**

The businessmen of the town have had their wood sawed by steam. It looks like business.

There are two sawmills within three miles of town and both do a good business.

Ray Kirby seems to be pound master, as he has come close to town and the village cows know it. Ray says it is \$1 per head, cash.

**Lawndale April 1, 1886**

F.G. Sullivan, while trimming hedge met with a severe and very painful accident. A thorn pierced the eyeball, the effect of which will endanger the eye temporarily but it is thought not permanently.

**January 21, 1886**

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,  
When she was a child, she cried for Castoria,  
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria,  
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

**1918-MORE than one battle was being fought**

compiled by Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson, 2003

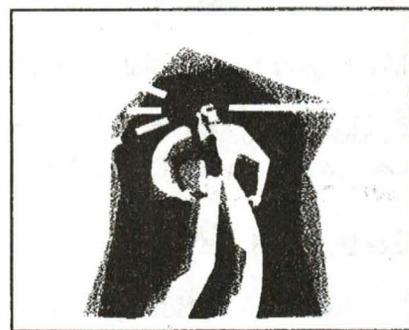
In all recorded history, the influenza pandemic of 1918 had only two rivals. One was the plague of 542 AD and the other, the Black Death of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Human efforts could do nothing to curb the epidemics. They ran their course, immune to the incantations of magicians and witch-brews of physicians. It was much the same way in 1918 the enlightened medicine of the 20<sup>th</sup> century failed tragically to make any headway against the modern plague. It came without warning, killed suddenly. And spread explosively; then, just as quickly, it vanished.

Its spread in several cities simultaneously and jumped from one end of the United States to the other. It leaped across oceans and appeared in remote regions (Africa, Japan, Labrador and the South Seas). It rolled across 5 continents like a tidal wave. This most terrible epidemic of modern times received little attention in the press. (There is only fleeting mention of it, if any at all-in history books.) Not surprising as the disease reached its peak in September, October and November, 1918, at the time when the Allies were battering down the last German defense after four years of war. Every day brought a war headline, big and black. And on November 11 the fighting ceased. There was little interest in anything but news from the front.

The flu epidemic became a subject of mildly alarmed conversation in early October and by the end of the month alarm changed to panic. In Philadelphia in one day 650 persons died. One week in Chicago saw more than 3,200 deaths. The telephone company appealed to subscribers to use phones only in emergencies-more than 1,600 of its operators were ill or dead. No one knew the cause or cure. Only more precautions were tried. People could be seen on the streets wearing facemasks; barbers and dentists had them on while treating customers and patients. In the backwoods of Canada a country doctor urged his patients to go to bed and stay there and keep bowels and windows open. In New York City, 1,400 children were orphaned. One of the cruelest aspects of the plague was that it was particularly dangerous to pregnant women. The onslaught of the disease became a double tragedy in many of the homes. A local author who grew up in Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois, wrote of how this terrible epidemic affected his family. William Maxwell, author of "They Came like Swallows", told of the death of his mother due to this epidemic. It was later learned that many of the deaths were due to secondary complications, chiefly pneumonia. There was none of the present day vaccines and wonder drugs to

combat the complications or prevent the initial infection.

In 1927, noted American bacteriologist, Edwin Oakes Jordan, published "Epidemic Influenza", revealed the extent of how far-reaching the flu had been. Thought to have started in Spain in the spring of 1918, it was to be called the Spanish Influenza". The number of casualties was not known for many years. The total of deaths totaled, 549,452 Americans; ½ million Mexicans; 44,000 Canadians and entire villages of Eskimos. The worldwide toll netted 21,642,000. With the development of the vaccine and antibiotics to combat secondary complications it is not likely that it could happen again. (????) Where is "SARS" going today? \* (American History, Illustrated, July, 1968/They Came Like Swallows)

**As the (genealogy)saying goes:**

- I used to have a life, then I started doing genealogy.
- I'm not stuck, I'm ancestrally challenged!
- It's hard to be humble with ancestors like

**My apology to Eddie Dirks. Due to oversight I did not include Eddie's total gleanings from the Lincoln Herald that he submitted for the Spring quarterly.**

## EDDIES GLEANINGS

From the Lincoln Herald 1879

### December 18, 1879

**Marriages:** John Leonard to Nanna Thomas, Silas H. Drake to Sarah Wright, Henry A. Robinson to Maggie McElhaney, Truman Kelson to Nancy Melton, A.L. Peavis to Mrs. Reliance Smith.

### December 25, 1879

**Deaths:** Guy C. Roberts, Lydia A. Judy, Charles Salesch, Peter Reinders, Adelaide M. Malloy, Mame Small, Mary Hughes, Jacob Huffield

**Marriages:** John W. French to Maggie B. Hathaway, William Hibbs to Harriet Abel, Charles N. Campbell to Lanetta H. Gregory, Rueben F. Druly to Sarah A. Brooks, A.C. Ford to Mary Parrish, J.H. Cardial to Nannie J. Coons, Charles Folkner to Mrs. Celia M. Mason, Charles W. Coates to Lydia A. Manley, John Hagan to Jennie McQuitty, John M. Buckles to Alice Rankin, Andrew Armstrong to Carrie Pegram

**Births:** Dau. to Mrs. James Gillespie, Dau. to Mrs. E.C. Walker, Son to Mrs. David G. Judd, Son to Mrs. Reuben Walker, Dau. to Mrs. J.S. Cole, Son to Mrs. John Lucans, Dau. to Mrs. I.R. Wingate, Son to Mrs. James H. Reece, Son to Mrs. James N. Acton, Son to Mrs. William Smith, Son to Mrs. Byron B. Hobli, Dau. to Mrs. Levi Hess, Dau. to Mrs. John T. Wooley, Dau. to Mrs. O.H. Anderson, Twin Sons to Mrs. Luther Higgs.

### January 1, 1880

**Deaths:** Sarah Spencer

**Marriages:** W.C. Ream to Mollie J. O'Brian, John Zollars to Emma Hays, John H. Coonrod to Louisa Hall, J.A. Irwin to Mary Hall

### January 8, 1880

**Deaths:** Gallagher Child

**Marriages:** Sol J. Woland to Carrie Hall, Albert G. Hageman to Nettie Roberts, John B. Humphries to Hattie James.

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Thomas G. Green, Dau. to Mrs. Thomas Leach, Son to Mrs. Harm Klock, Son to Mrs. Jacob Buttell, Dau. to Mrs. Simon Koons, Dau. to Mrs. Roswell T. Spencer, Son to Mrs. Henry Niewold.

### January 15, 1880

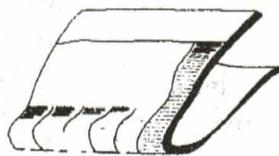
**Deaths:** James T. Hoblit, Marshall Smith

**Birth:** Son to Mrs. E.A. Shaver

### January 22, 1880

**Deaths:** Daniel Theobault, James Dacy

**Marriages:** John Gilchrist to Fanny J. Beach



THANKS EDDIE  
for the hours you put into researching.  
Hats off to you!

Oh yes, and to your side kick Dorothy.  
We thank you both for your time and  
dedication to the Society!



**EDDIES GLEANINGS**From the Lincoln Herald 1880**January 22, 1880**

**Births:** Dau. to Mrs. William Venick, Dau. to Mrs. John J.C. Hall, Dau. to Mrs. Frank Aultman, dau. to Mrs. Henry B. Drake, son to Mrs. George S. Yost, son to Mrs. William H. Adams, Dau. to Mrs. George M. Foelmelmen, Dau. to Mrs. Wallace H. White, Dau. to Mrs. Adam G. Shields, Dau. to Mrs. Jacob Keuhrnberger, son to Mrs. Deetrich Gehrke, Dau. to Mrs. Patrick Ryan, Son to Mrs. John J. Baker, Dau. to Mrs. John Wetler, Dau. to Mrs. H. S. Beirenhers, Dau. To Mrs. C.C. Jeuness, Dau. to Mrs. Panela Stein, Son to Mrs. John Dinst

**January 29, 1880**

**Deaths:** Willie Sapp, James Day, William B. Bock, Anna Bock

**Births:** Dau. to Mrs. William H. Murry, Son to Mrs. Thos. W. Goldsmith, Son to Mrs. Frerk Manninger, Son to Mrs. Robert H. Bowles, Son to Mrs. Joseph Garber, Dau. to Mrs. John Martin, Dau. to Mrs. John Adkins

**February 05, 1880**

**Deaths:** C. E. Goff, Johnnie Fisk, Lizzie Thewalt, George Perefil, James Dacy, James P. Martin, Laura B. Miller

**Marriages:** Isaac Chenoweth and Minnie C. Goudy, Ed B. Maltby and Callie Talbott

**February 12, 1880**

**Births:** Dau. to Mrs. James H. Rodgers, Dau. to Mrs. David Gehlback, Dau. to Mrs. Robert J. Simpson

**Deaths:** David Gillespie, Phoebe R. Chamberlain

**Marriages:** John E. Howard and Susie C. Blair, William Wallace and Amelia Shaw, John Green and Emma Miles

**February 19, 1880**

**Deaths:** Louis Fautz, Anna e. Ewing, William Power

**Marriage:** James L. Holbrook to Hattie Monnett, Adam Beavinger and Carrie Frakes, Will Kirkpatrick and Martha J. Smith, Robert C. Gillham and Mary E. Dilkey

**Births:** Son to Mrs. John Mauger, Dau. to Mrs. Erastus W. Bates, Dau. to Mrs. Aaron Dyer, Son to Mrs. Smith Mann, Dau. to Mrs. John T. Turley

**February 26, 1880**

**Deaths:** Johnny Fishback, David Sims, Joel M. Butler, Julia Bresmer, Mrs. J.A. Durley (Mary Druly age 66 Typhoid and Pneumonia on 18<sup>th</sup>) Eliza Coffee Wilson, Mrs. William Matthews

**Marriages:** Frank F. Webber and Lucy Hoose, N. D. Longworth & Jennie Oldaker, William Beauman and Johanna E. Hagel, James Grennan and Ellen Murphy, Leeds Meir and Sarah McGee, J.H. Green and Martha A. Miles, J. A. Buckles and Lenyra J. Mier, George M. McElhaney and Sarah E. Woddetzky, Thomas E. Montgomery and Abigail Hoblit, John Hoose and Nancy E. Michaels, B. F. Nichols and Sarah P. Tilbury,

## (Eddies Gleanings cont.)

Edward Maurer and Orpha Hall, J. E. Barrett and Helen P. Ross, J.A. Danley and Almedo O. Nichols, Robert G. Gilham and Mary E. Dilkey, J. L. Holbrook and Hettie Monnett, John McKee and Elizabeth Goff, Nelson M. Adams and Bell McCain, Adam Bieinger and Carrie Frakes, W. J. Gillespie and Mrs. Minnie Wilson, Oscar M. Laughry and Melita A. Downing, John Wilmoth and Leafy A. Hoblit, Lewis E. Town and Ada M. Bowers, J. W. Childs and Jennie Ross, George W. Edgar and Hettie Musellar

**Births:** Dau. to Mrs. Leonard Armstrong, Son to Mrs. Patterson M. Gilbert, Son to Mary Myers, Dau. to Mrs. H. Hampton, Son to Mrs. John Crites

**March 04, 1880**

**Deaths:** James S. Martin, John D. Snyder, Child of Richard Diers, Katie Linbarger, Infant of China Allison, Phillip Thompson, Jasper Smith, Catherin Hoffman Redsecker, Joel Butle

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Theodore W. Sharon, Son to Mrs. E. B. Brewer, Son and Dau. to Mrs. George B. Hickman, Dau. to Mrs. Benjamin Darden, Dau. to Mrs. Thomas J. Turley, Son to Mrs. John B. Martin, Dau. to Mrs. D.C. Allison.

**March 11, 1880**

**Deaths:** Eliz Ewing, John Guinn, Mary Applegate, Rachel A. Short, John Fishback, William Powers, Rosanna Hermon, Willie Bruner Summer

**Marriages:** William P. Heiserman and Lena Kicker, Charles A. Barr and Emma c. Atterberry, Michael Schull and Amelia Barr, John W. Flowers and Vina Elliott, Warren R. Lee and Isabel Reinhart, Thomas G. Gardner and Mrs. Eliz Conklin, James Hartry and Effie McNeal, H.W. Middleoff and Sylvia B. Boss, L.W. Fletcher and Fidelia A. Downing, Albert Meyers and Louisa Sunk, Russell J. Rodgers and Sarah C. Mullen, Peter I. Buckles and Emma Lucas

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Thomas R. Reeves, Son to Daniel S. Patterson, Dau. to Mrs. George Kief, Son to Mrs. William H. Smith, Dau. To Mrs. John McCann, Dau. to Mrs. Adam Safly, Dau. to Mrs. Isaac Butler

**March 18, 1880**

**Deaths:** Benjamin Bean, P.J. Alberts, Bessie Sisk, Catherine Fuller

**Marriages:** Warren Lee and Isabel Reinhart, William J. Waters and Elizabeth J. Steel

**Births:** Son to Mrs. J.H. Johnson, Dau. To Mrs. Oliver Yockey, Son to Mrs. Richard E. Duff, son to Mrs. Alfred Sullivan, Dau. to Mrs. William Blankenship, Dau. to Hannah J. Mossberger

**August 03, 1893 from Lincoln Times newspaper. Compiled by John F. Regan**  
The following are the present prices paid for livestock:  
Hogs, per lb.  $31\frac{1}{4}$  @  $31\frac{1}{2}$  c  
Butcher's cattle, per lb.  $2$  @  $21\frac{1}{2}$  c  
Shipping cattle, per lb.  $31\frac{1}{2}$  @  $41\frac{1}{2}$  c.  
Sheep per lb.  $3$  @  $4$  c

Local grain market quotations are as follows:

Corn (new) per bu. 31c  
Corn (old) per. bu. 31c  
Wheat per bu. 48c  
Oats (old) per bu. 21c  
Oats (new) per bu. 21c

**Be glad you are a child of this century.**

Submitted by Bill Detmers

The Next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be. Here are some facts about the 1500s.

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath.

It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other critters, (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof- hence the the saying, **"Its raining cats and dogs"**.

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. This posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed- hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how **'canopy beds'** came into existence.

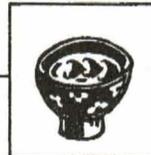
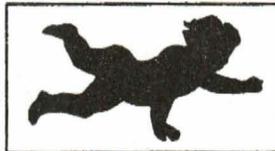
The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt, hence the saying **'dirt poor'**. The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway- hence a **"Thresh hold."**

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man **"could bring home the bacon."** They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and **'chew the fat'**.

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

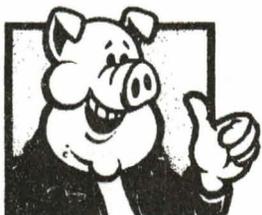


Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children-last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it- hence the saying, **"don't throw the baby out with the bath water."**



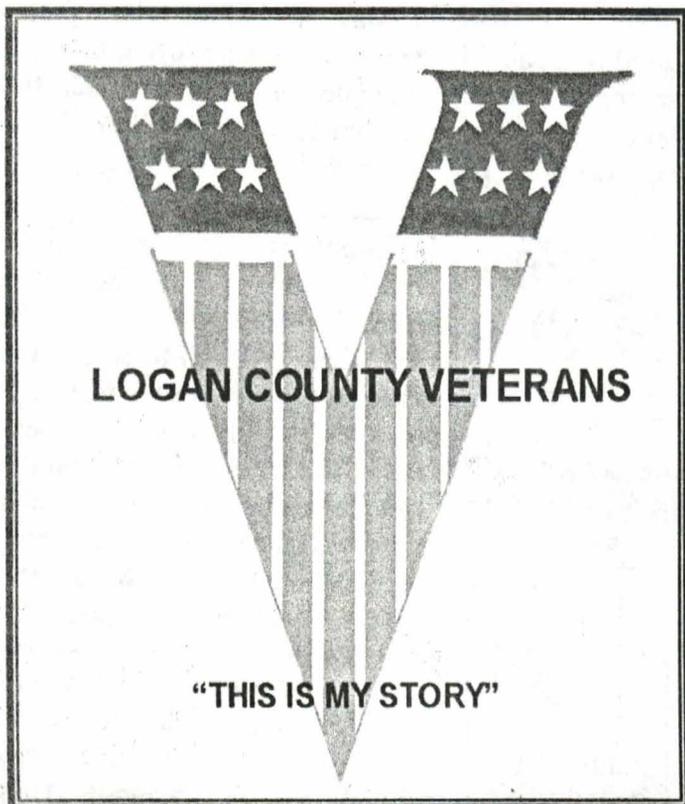
In the old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while-hence the rhyme, **"Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."**

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous. Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or **'upper crust'**.



Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait to see if they would wake up. Hence **"the Wake"**

# ORDER NOW!



The total cost including shipping will be \$55. "This is My Story" will be available the first part of August and during the Lincoln's Sesquicentennial celebration which is the last part of this coming August while they last. We already have over 80 books sold, so order early. There will be a second printing if needed.

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### "This is My Story" (Sample)

#### **Bahn, Albert C.**

Tech sergeant Albert Bahn was a World War II Army Air corps veteran, serving from May 1941- Sept. 1945. He completed basic training at Gieger Field, Spokane, WA. Albert departed by ship for England on May 10, 1943. He was stationed at Framingham 8<sup>th</sup> Air force Base near London, where he was appointed chief of the electrical shop, and received a commendation for outstanding work and performance on repairing combat damaged airplanes. His unit left England for the USA, arriving on Aug. 9, 1945, learning of the war's ending while at sea. Albert was honorably discharged Sep. 19, 1945. He was born Nov. 25, 1917 in Dewitt county, a son of Edward and Lydia Conner Bahn. Albert married Thelma Fletcher Apr. 16, 1942 in Bowling Green, MO. He died Feb. 28, 1996. Burial with military rites was at the Laenna Cemetery on rural Chestnut.

**HOW OLD IS GRANDMA?**

One evening a grandson was talking to his grandmother about current events. The grandson asked his grandmother what she thought about the shootings at schools, the computer age, and just things in general.

The grandma replied, "Well, let me think a minute, I was born before television, penicillin, polio shots, frozen foods, Xerox, contact lenses, Frisbees and the pill. There was no radar, credit cards, laser beams or ballpoint pens. Man had not invented pantyhose, air conditioners, dishwashers, clothes dryers, and the clothes were hung out to dry in the fresh air and man hadn't yet walked on the moon.

Your Grandfather and I got married first and then lived together. Every family had a father and a mother. Until I was 25, I called every man older than I, "Sir" and after I turned 25, I still called policemen and every man with a title "Sir". We were before gay-rights, computer dating, dual careers, daycare centers, and group therapy.

The Ten Commandments, good judgment, and common sense governed our lives. We were taught to know the difference between right and wrong and to stand and take responsibility for our actions. Serving your country was a privilege; living in this country was a greater privilege. We thought fast food was what people ate during Lent.

Having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousins. Draft dodgers were people who closed their front doors when the evening breeze started. Time-sharing meant time the family spent together in the evenings and weekends not purchasing condominiums.

We never heard of FM radios, tape decks, CDs, electric typewriters, yogurt, or guys wearing earrings. We listened to the Big Band, Jack Benny, and the Presidents speeches on our radios. And I don't ever remember any kid blowing his brains out listening to Tommy Dorsey.

If you saw anything with "Made in Japan" on it, it was junk. The term "making out" referred to how you did on your school exam. Pizza Hut, McDonald's, and instant coffee were unheard of. We had 5 & 10-cent stores where you could actually buy things for 5 and 10 cents. Ice-cream cones, phone calls, ride on a streetcar, and a Pepsi were all a nickel. And if you didn't want to splurge, you could spend your nickel on enough stamps to mail 1 letter and 2 postcards.

You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for \$600 but who could afford one? Too bad, because gas was 11 cents a gallon. In my day, "grass" was mowed, "coke" was a cold drink, "pot" was something your mother cooked in, and "rock music" was yours grandmother's lullaby. "Aids" were helpers in the Principal's office, "chip" meant a piece of wood, "hardware" was found in the hardware store, and "software" wasn't even a word.

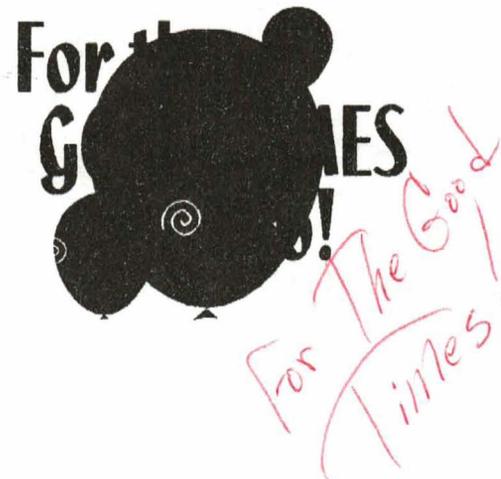
We were the last generation to actually believe that a lady needed a husband to have a baby. No wonder people call us "old and confused" and say there is a generation gap.

How old do you think grandma is?????????

**This woman would be only 59 years old.**

Pretty scary if you think about it and pretty sad at the same time, especially if you can relate to it.

Submitted by Bill Detmers



England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people, so they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a bone-house then reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, one out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside. At this discovery they realized they had been burying people alive. Their idea was that if they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell on the outside. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (**graveyard shift**) to listen for the bell to ring; thus someone could be "Saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer".

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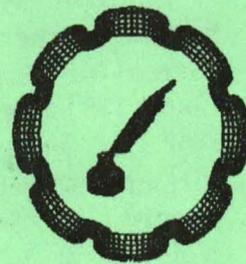
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## TIME FOR AN UPDATE

We are now celebrating the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of having moved into the FIRST Genealogical Research Center for Logan County, Illinois. We moved in September 2000, and have been progressing toward a more comprehensive collection of materials and information to help in preserving our history.

The most recently completed major project that has been accomplished is the publication of the Veteran's books, "This is My Story" as told by the Veterans of Logan County. We are continuing to offer these books for sale and making plans for a Volume II for those who have not been listed in Volume I. This next book will not be published until the year 2005 altho' we are collecting information and pictures for the publication of Volume II. So if you know of someone who qualifies, please send your information to us NOW. How much information we receive will determine if we need to publish a complete volume, such as the one that is now on sale, or if only an addendum will be needed. Our goal is to have as complete a listing of the Logan County Veterans as possible. We need your help in this endeavor, so please send your stories if they are not already entered. (See: Sale listing for "This is My Story" and price.)

At the Research Center we are also in the process of setting up our materials so that they are more readily accessible for research; this being the major purpose of acquiring our building. The computers are becoming a great part of research and record keeping. We have two additional computers thanks to State Farm, and with the efforts of Bill Detmers, we are planning to designate all three computers for specific purposes. Another goal in the near future is to have Internet accessibility. Bill Detmers, consulting with Cheryl Rothwell, has restructured and updated our Web Page. You may visit us at: <http://www.rootsweb.com/~illcghs/>

Our Annual meeting in November will also be time for elections. If you have any input or ideas, want to be an officer or nominate someone PLEASE do not hesitate to come forward. We are looking for new ideas. Leadership can become stale if it isn't refreshed periodically. **CALL OR WRITE IF YOU HAVE ANY IDEAS, SUGGESTIONS OR NOMINATIONS.**

Sincerely,  
P. Vaughn-Bryson, Co-President

## Sylvester B. Myrick/Mirick- Civil War Soldier

Sylvester B. Myrick/Mirick was born 3 March 1846, Union Township, Licking Co., Ohio, son of Beman Parker MIRICK and Lucretia R. (Green) Mirick. He enrolled on the 8May1864 in Co. B, 135<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Ohio Infantry. On July 3, 1864, he was captured at North Mountain, Virginia and became a prisoner of War. He was paroled at Savannah Georgia 17Nov1864, reported to C.P. Maryland 27Nov1864 and furloughed 6Dec1864 for 30 days. He was then transferred to Camp Chase, Ohio and honorably discharged at Columbus, Ohio 6Jan1865.

Sylvester B. Myrick was first married 20sep1868 to Jane Outcalt, in Licking Co., Ohio. She died 16Sep1873. There were no children. Soon after her death, Sylvester moved to Yankeetown, Logan Co., Illinois where three of his sisters had moved prior to 1870. On 20Dec1874, Sylvester married Alice Catherine Pattison, in Yankeetown, Logan Co., Illinois. She was born 4May1853 in Illinois, daughter of Thomas R. and Lodiska (Clark) Pattison. She died 30May1907 and both are buried in the Laenna Cemetery.

The following children were born to this union.

1. Cora E. was born 14Dec1875 & died 19Mar1946-married John M. Downing 3Dec1896. He was born 27Nov1860 and died 16Dec1943. They had no children.
2. Ezra Clark was born 14Mar1877 and died 5May1942. He married Ruth Elizabeth Williams on 28Nov1900, Logan Co., Illinois. Ruth was born 2May1876 and died 2Feb1943; both are buried at the Laenna Cemetery.
3. Lucretia M. was born 9Jan1880 and died 6July 1881 and was buried at the Laenna Cemetery.
4. Bertram S. was born 29Jan1882 and died 5Feb1943. He married Anna Anderson 17Dec1902 in Logan Co., Illinois. She was born 16Nov1882.
5. Dane was born 13Nov1889 and died 16Dec1936 and also buried at Laenna cemetery. He married Blanche Clem 17Dec1910.

6. Dean B. was born 13Nov1889, twin to Dane, and died Nov 1960 in California, but was buried in Laenna Cemetery. He married Minnie LaVerne Troop 26Mar1912 in Decatur, Macon Co., Illinois. She was born 12 May 1895.

Two of Sylvester's sisters had graduated from Granville Female Academy in Granville, Ohio and moved to Logan Co. to teach school. Ann Augusta Mirick was born 6Apr1848, Licking Co., Ohio and died 6Nov1877, Hoopetown, Vermillion Co., Illinois. She married Asa Henry Dement 1Mar1870 in Logan Co., Illinois. She is buried in the Laenna Cemetery. Lucinda A. Mirick was born 25Sep1840 in Licking Co., Ohio and died 15Aug1871 in Newtonia, Missouri. Lucinda married De Grasse Brooks in Logan Co., Illinois on 21May1870. The third sister was Mary C. Mirick born 15Feb1844 in Licking Co., Ohio and died 14Sep1920 in Bartley, Nebraska. She married Albert Brooks in Mt. Pulaski, Logan Co., Illinois 1Nov1871. Mary and Lucinda married brothers.

Most of this material came from:

Mrs. Glenna Gandy Carlson  
1250 West Greenhaven Street  
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### Illinois Song: special verse

Written by Judge Lawrence Stringer

In the center of thy bounty, Illinois, Illinois  
Stands thy Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois,  
Illinois

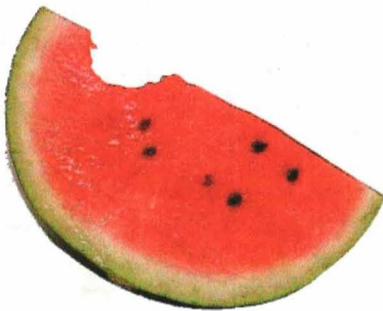
The only City that can claim  
That it took the Lincoln Name  
Ere that Hero rose to Fame, Illinois, Illinois  
Ere that Hero rose to Fame, Illinois



## LINCOLN SESQUICENTENNIAL

**ABE LINCOLN returned to Lincoln** to re-christen his namesake city on Wednesday Aug. 27, 2003. A large crowd including school children from Carroll Catholic School and dignitaries from the local, state and nation gathered for the re-enactment of the christening of Lincoln, Illinois. Joe Woodard of Lerna represented Abe Lincoln. He filled a cup with watermelon juice and poured it on the ground as Abe Lincoln did 150 years ago. Historian Paul Beaver gave the account of how Abe Lincoln and several men interested in developing a town along the Chicago and Alton Railroad gathered at the depot that day. The land developers suggested that the new community be named Lincoln. Lincoln is noted as the only city being named before Lincoln became the sixteenth president. The children from Carroll Catholic School sang a tribute to the city. Mayor Beth Davis is quoted as saying, "I believe in my heart we are making it happen and Lincoln would be happy to know his namesake is still growing and prospering."

State Treasure Judy Barr Topinka, Illinois top Republican officeholder, reminded the gathering that President Lincoln's Whig party was a forerunner of the Republican Party. Well wishes were also received from President George Bush in the form of a letter sent to Mayor Beth Davis.

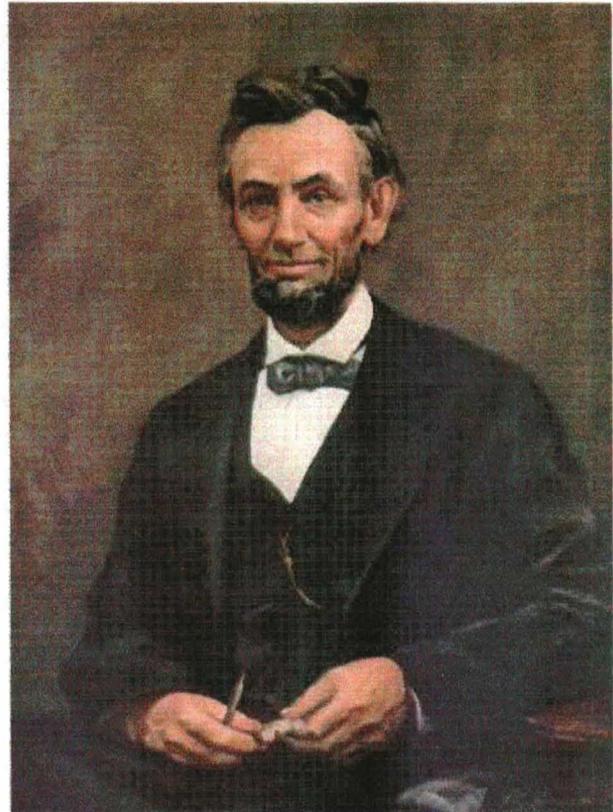


To name a few additional events:

In the evening of August 28, 1850 & 1860 music was played at the Latham Park and free watermelon

was served. On August 29, the 33<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Band gave a concert, ethnic food was experienced and Brian Fox Ellis at the Scully Park told ethnic stories.

Saturday August 30, was the Sesquicentennial parade, Civil War Union demonstration and Civil War ball in the evening.



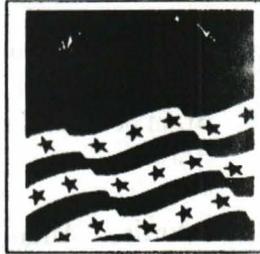
## Happy 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday



## Celebrating the Fourth of July

by: Bill Detmers

Growing up in Emden, life was pleasant and slow, but starting about the middle of June, Garber's Cafe on Main Street, put their fireworks on display, for sale. My friend Harlan and I would go to Garber's as often as possible to see what fireworks we could afford, hoping the firecrackers were inexpensive, and that Jess Garber had plenty of them. While there, we would check the "back room" to see if Harlan's Grandpa was there. This room was where the older men gathered each day to play euchre. If he was there, he would give us each a 5 cent "Garber's chip" that we used for an ice cream cone, which Jess dipped lavishly.



As soon as our parents would allow, Harlan and I bought our fireworks. The first thing we chose was the "Zebra" brand firecrackers, as we were told by the older boys that they were louder than the others. We were not allowed to buy "Cherry bombs" and "Silver salutes", as they were way too powerful for us (not our decision, but that of our parents). We lit firecrackers every day until the Fourth. On that night, we used up all the fireworks we had left, and it was over for another year.

The Fourth of July celebration that stands out in my mind took place at our house in the late 1940's. Our cousins, the Wibbens, Apers, and Trepels, plus some neighbors, including Harlan's family, were all there. In the back yard, there were sawhorses with planks across them, loaded with food and desserts. A galvanized washtub full of Vaughn's soda pop for the women and kids, and a few bottles of beer for the men was set out. The other washtub was for the watermelons. Each tub had a large block of ice in the water. The ice was bought at the icehouse located behind the Hatchery, run by the mayor, "Hank" Hildebrand.

After dark, we "shot off" our fireworks, got scolded for throwing firecrackers too close to others, for running through the area where the

adults were sitting, and we ate constantly. The soda pop was ice cold, and we could drink all we wanted as long as we didn't waste it, and put the empty bottles back into the pop cases.

The adults sat and visited, and the kids were all loud and probably obnoxious. Then, the older boys brought out the "big" fireworks that we were too young to buy, and we enjoyed watching them put a cherry bomb under a tin can, to see how high in the air they could send it flying. It was impressive that the bottom of the tin can always bulged after one cherry bomb. Our goal was to be able to buy them ourselves someday.

Eventually, firecrackers and some fireworks were outlawed in Illinois. There were still ways for us to get them, thanks to the older boys in town. Having two older brothers made it easier for me, but with them came threats of harm if I told where I got them. I never heard of anyone getting arrested for shooting firecrackers after the law was passed, but it added an element of danger and excitement to doing so. The Fourth was still a day to celebrate with family gatherings, and a few fireworks still always showed up.

Today, people get into their cars and drive to the parks to watch extravagant displays, costing thousands of dollars. They are beautiful, and safer, but I am thankful that I was able to go to Garber's and choose my own. They were no more than a loud pop or a little spray of light, but we had the feeling that we were celebrating this special day in a special way, and were not just a spectator, honking the horn and giving a big "ooohhhh" like we do as we watch them today.

Even though the Fourth of July is past, I thought our readers would enjoy this story. Here's to small town life, and the good old days gone by.

## THE OLD PEKIN TRAIL

C.R. BOWLES writes the interesting history of Pioneer Trail.

Submitted by Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson

Perhaps many people have asked about and wondered at the angling roads in front of the residents of Chris Eichelberger, George Betzelberger and John Kennedy. This is the Pekin road that was traveled in the early days when this was a vast prairie, when there were no fences and travelers chose the most direct route across the prairie, always trying as much as possible to dodge the many sloughs and ponds that were filled with water the year round. Finally when the Osage Orange fence fever struck the settlers, they planted their hedge fences by the trail instead of being governed by section lines. The result is that many fields adjoining these roads have 'Pints Rows'. We start to follow this trail at Waynesville in DeWitt County. From there to Atlanta the next important point was Morgan's Mill on Sugar Creek where a water wheel mill was run for many years to grind the corn and wheat for food for these pioneers. We cross the creek here and come to Pekin Hill, so named because it was the steepest hill on the Pekin road, and those who were engaged in hauling heavy loads were glad when they reached the top of this hill. Many yokes were broken on this hill and many heavy loads were divided at the bottom of the hill to be loaded up again at the top. From here the trail leads us near the north side of the Union Cemetery and on west to the outlet of Sugar Creek timber ¼ of a mile north of the home of Henry Quisenberry. Here a man lived by the name of Silvers. This man would lodge strangers over night especially if they were supposed to have considerable money on their person. Many bad reports came to the ears of the settlers in regard to the doings of this man, and he was given a very few hours in which to close up his business and make himself scarce. He knew they meant it and he vacated in a hurry and the Silvers place became a matter of history. From here the trail went near the Bethel Church, then across the Matlock farm (Bill Boerman's now) and just in front of the Bowles homestead, then across one corner of the Sheets farm to where the angling road now plainly marks the trail. If some one living on this old trail were asked the question so often asked, in this early day: "How far is it to the Devil's Jumps"? We wonder what the answer would be? The location of these places is on the farms of John Kennedy, John Betzelberger and Crawford farm. They are depressions in the earth's surface, and as the story was told, it was caused in this way:

A mean peddler was cheating the early settlers, the Devil got after him and these mark the jumps the Devil made. Livestock was delivered to market by being driven and the long journey required two and sometimes three days to make the trip. Several of the settlers would put their herds together and all assist in delivering them to market. On one occasion there came to the home of David Bowles, eleven men driving a large drove of hogs. It was late in the day and as this was the only house in several miles, they asked for lodging over night. They were not refused altho' the dwelling consisted of just one room sixteen feet square, which served as kitchen, dining room, parlor and bed room, and also contained a loom which my mother used to weave the cloth upon for their clothing. These good people often said that after they retired that night, no one got up for fear of stepping on someone, as there were sixteen persons in that room that night. Here let me ask: "Is hospitality practiced by us, the children of the noble pioneers, who endured so many hardships that we might have the comforts that we today enjoy, or are we woefully lacking in our kindly interest that we take in the welfare of not only strangers but of those whom we meet every day? The spirit that governed the pioneer was this: 'I have a little start and I want to help you get started'. With us of today too often the spirit that moves us is: 'You have a dollar and I'm after it'. And we often measure men by the size of their purse rather than by the size of a noble heart that prompts them to deeds of kindness and generosity."

(\*Copied from the scrapbook of Amanda Bowles Gimberling\*)

This trail is the one Faye Boerman was talking about that created the angling road past their house, etc. (look in the 2003 Spring quarterly from that article.)

(This article was typed by Phyllis Vaughn-Bryson, 16 January 2003, taken from the files of the Logan County Tourism Bureau, and is typed here as the handwritten copy was written. This is being copied here for the files of the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc., 114 N. Chicago St. Lincoln, and Logan, Illinois 62656-2729 with permission).

### Donations

**Carol Radespiel** donated a 23 hp inkjet tri-color ink cartridge.

**Marion Smith** donated 6 Lincoln Christian College albums and 1 Lincoln Christian College Catalog.

**Jackie Stites** donated a microfilm Reader and Typing table.

**Patricia Glenn** donated Charlotte Hopkins file, John Hopkins file, John Searle file, Philip Welch file, 14 Nexus magazines, 1 New England ancestor's magazine, and 23 New England Hist. & Gen. Registers.

### Environmental Management Corp

donated a load of rock for behind our building.

### State Farm from Bloomington

donated 2 large cabinets with locks, 5 drawer filing cabinet, 1 credenza, 2 microfiche viewers, 3 office chair on casters, and 3 conference chairs.

**Betty Hickey** donated a vase made in Germany of Lincoln Court House, a plate made at the Lincoln China Co., a Xerox copy of "1915 Logan County Rural Directory & Buyers Guide, a card with a 1982 penny set in Logan Co. clay, along with a map of Logan Co., a Lincoln cook Book by Ladies Aid Society, dated Nov. 1906, a May 1974"soil Survey of Logan Co., and a July 1938 Inventory of Logan County Archives of Illinois"; also 6 pictures of the Lakeside School and pupils, 1934-1938.

**Jean Mellott Cypher** donated George Washington Tate's Army memorabilia and other keepsakes which included "History of the 114<sup>th</sup> field Artillery", Honorable Discharge paper, Notice of call papers, Westerly news (Souvenir Edition), Victory Medal, A gold American legion 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary token, 2 Good conduct Medals, 1Basic Field manual, camp Maxey Texas leaflet, 1 Medical soldier's Manual, Army Song Book, State of Illinois Service Recognition Cert. Camp Kilmer leaflet, Army Life Book, Acknowledgement of pension claim, a book called "I Am A Doughboy". Also a 1936 diploma & cert. of elementary promotion, 1919, 1923, & 1924 Motor vehicle cert. of registration, 1923 - 1926 rules & regulations for the guidance of motor vehicle owners and dealers. A 1920 First National Bank book, 1927 St. Clara's Hospital billing statement, 1 cent postcard, 1927 Spellman & Company billing, 1936 Langellier Motor Co. of

Elkhart sales statement, American National Bank payment notice, Victory YMCA song book, Deaconess Home and Hospital billing statement, 1923 Illinois Central Railroad Co. employment notice, 1920 birth certificate of Arthur Clifford Tate born at the deaconess Hospital

**Vernon Gehlbach** donated a panorama Army group picture from Logan County taken June 24, 1918. He also donated 1853 - 1953 Lincoln, IL Centennial book and Aug. 26, Aug 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, Lincoln Evening Courier Series of 1953, and the large Aug. 26, 1953 Centennial Edition of the Lincoln Evening Courier.

**Diane Detmers** (foster granddaughter of Bert J. Morgan) donated a wood level and a wood scribe from the Hartsburg Grain Coal & Lumber Co. Both tools were used by Bert J. Morgan, who was a carpenter and long time resident of Hartsburg, last will & Testament of the "Will" Family, and Family Name History of Seefeldt, Will, & Briggs.

**Dolores (Duffy) Detmers** donated a bronzed baby shoe.

**James D. Dellinger** donated an antique doily, 1vogue pattern book of Feb./Mar. 1973, 1 patchwork book, 1 Geometric Patchwork book of patterns, 1 Creative American Quilting book, 1 McCalls Super-book of Quilting, 1 American Patchwork Quilts book, and 1 Traditional Patchwork Patterns book.

**HELP WANTED**

**Norma Morris Smith**  
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Is looking for a book on the **Morris Family of Logan County**. Does anyone know of this book, if so please contact Norma at the above address.

**HELP WANTED**

**DONATION CONTINUED**



**Thank  
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**Champaign County Historical Archives** donated a photo of Beason Harmony Church dated March 11, 1920.

**Eddie Dirks** donated a cemetery book of Island Grove Township, Mason Co. Naturalization 1859 – 1931, Mason Co. marriage records 1841 – 1861, Mason Co. marriage records 1860 – 1867, supplement marriage records index 1860 – 1867 and Menard Co. Schools.

**Vernon Gehlbach** donated a book "Northern Gasoline Automobiles", pamphlet "Visit the Dearborn Historical Museum, and a framed receipt- "To \_\_\_ Kahn from John Sheer" dated Oct. 31, 1881.

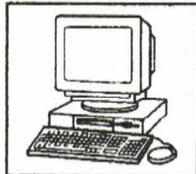
**Bill & Diane Detmers** donated hanging files folders & manilla file folders.

**Maurine Orr** donated various old newspapers including High School Seniors of May 1961 from Logan County printed in the Bloomington Pantagraph.

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**WE ARE PROUD TO TAKE A  
VIEW INTO THE PAST, 1883**

This Lincoln High School Commencement Announcement is dated 1883 was donated. The Commencement was to be held at Gillett's Hall. Stringer's 1911 History of Logan County on pages 577 & 578 reads, "The Gillett's building was erected in 1868. The hall is 57 by 85 feet dimensions, was the largest hall in the town until the opera house was built and for many years was not only the theater of the town but the place where dances, lectures and entertainments of various kinds were held. The Gillett building was on the south side of Broadway, adjoining the alley on the west, occupied by the First National Bank."

## HISTORY OF EARLY MAIL PROCESS

**1800-** The first post office in present-day Illinois was established in Kaskaskia in 1800.

**1805-** Four post offices had been established in Illinois: Big Prairie, Cahokia, Fort Massac and Kaskaskia. The Postmaster General hired the local postmasters and contacted for mail carriers to travel the route or post roads. The first mail "contract" was with John Rice Jones, he was to leave Louisville on Thursday at 3p.m. every four weeks-traveling to Vincennes post office and then to Kaskaskia, returning the same route. He was paid a salary of \$600 per year.

**1801-** October 1, Henry Vanderburgh was awarded the contract to carry the mail from Vincennes to Cahokia. He was expected to leave Vincennes every other Wednesday at 8 a.m. and arrive at Cahokia the next Tuesday by 6 p.m.

Envelopes were not used before the uniform postal rates were established in **1845**. The letter was folded in half and then in thirds and sealed with wax. Prior to **1850**, almost all mail was sent collect. The postmaster at the receiving office collected from the addressee the postage amount. It was common for early newspapers to list persons for whom letters remained unclaimed.

**1847-** Postage stamps were first authorized in congress. These were recognized at all post offices as prepaid. Prior to **1845** rates were based on the number of sheets and the distance the letter was to travel. The sending post office calculated and wrote the amount on the face of the letter.

Problems were many and had to be handled by the Postmaster General from a long distance. Carriers would be fined for non-delivery and finally contracts were canceled. The mail was frequently left on the eastern bank of the Mississippi and then was delivered to the post office by a Negro boy (route between Cahokia and St. Genevieve). This, of course, was absolutely against all rules.

During the War of **1812** the Indians were waylaying the mail carriers and stealing the mail sack. Governor Ninian Edwards wrote to the Secretary of War on March 13, 1813, "were I certain that my former letters would reach you-but the uncertainty of the mail is so great that it cannot be depended on in this part of the World."

William Arundel, postmaster at Kaskaskia, requested guards to accompany the mail. While waiting for the request to be processed, Governor Ninian Edwards supplied guards and all were duplicated with one copy traveling the northern route and the other the southern route.

The increasing population in Illinois also brought more mail and the carrier from Shaweetown to Kaskaskia was instructed to use a pack horse if the mail averaged more than 70 pounds. Eventually this was solved by having two deliveries per week.

The first Postmaster of Mt. Pulaski was Jabez Capps, **1836**. Many problems continue to persist today, **June 2003**. Fortunately, there are speedier deliveries and harsher punishment for tampering with the U.S. mail.

The **ZIP** code, that string of numbers on virtually every piece of mail, is **40 years old**.

It was **July 1, 1963**, when the first ZIP codes went into use, time of 5-cent postage and one-third the amount of mail as today.

Postal officials say it's thanks to things like the ZIP code that they can now carry triple the amount of mail to 50 percent more people.

In 1963, the five-cent first-class stamp only covered 80 percent of postal costs, with taxpayer subsidies covering the rest. Today's 37-cent rate is close to the same price, considering inflation and the fact that the post office no longer receives a subsidy for operations, postal officials say.

S.O.I. - List of Letters Remaining in the Post Office (Chicago, 1970)

Territorial Paper of the United States (1934-1962)

Establishment of the first U.W. Post Offices in the Northwest Territory \* This article has been gleaned, modified, from the ISGS quarterly XVII, 1985, by M. Smith, Batavia, IL Submitted by P.M. Bryson

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History of Logan County 1878 .....	\$45.00 + \$5.00 S/H
History of Logan County 1886 .....	\$45.00 + \$5.00 S/H
Heirship Records of Logan County (1839-1849) .....	<sup>15</sup> <del>\$30.00</del> + \$4.00 S/H
1880 US Federal Census for Logan County 2 volumes .....	\$30.00 + \$4.00 S/H
Cemetery Records..... (Atlanta, Bethel, Green Hill, and Hartsburg, 3rd Edition)	\$30.00 + \$4.00 S/H
Atlas of Logan County (only two left)..... <b>There will be no more Atlas published!</b>	\$40.00 + \$5.00 S/H
Logan County Veterans Book..... "This is My Story"	\$50.00 + \$5.00 S/H
Railsplitter paper weights.....	\$7.50 ea. +\$2.00 S/H
Postcard Pictures 50cents ea. + self-addressed stamped envelope or \$1.00 S/H if ordering more than 4.	
<u>Postville Court House</u>	
<u>Logan County Court House</u>	
<u>Buckles Round Barn</u>	
<u>Lincoln Public Library</u>	
<u>Main Building IOOF Orphans Home, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Old Lincoln High School, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Old Christian Church</u>	
<u>Old St. Johns Lutheran Church, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Main Building, Lincoln State School and Colony, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>The Mill Restaurant</u>	
<u>Broadway Street looking East at night, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>St. Patrick's Catholic Church and Parsonage Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Deaconess Home and Hospital, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>South Shaft coal mine, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Chicago &amp; Alton Railroad Depot, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Lincoln House Block, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Arthur-Morgan Printing 1942, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>St. Clara's Hospital, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Lincoln Women's Club Bldg., Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Old Lincoln Community High School, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Street Scene Avery &amp; Comstock Bldg. Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Administration Bldg. Of Lincoln College, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Lincoln City Hall, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>East Cottage IOOF Orphanage Home, Lincoln, IL</u>	
<u>Old Logan County Court House &amp; Jail, Lincoln, IL</u>	

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**Family Tree Mugs**

Personalized  
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\$10.00 for one surname and \$1.00 per name after, given or surname plus \$2.00 S/H per cup.

Please print legibly!

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Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

First name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Candles**

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plus \$2.00 S/H per candle

<b>Totals</b>	
# of books \$	_____
# of cards \$	_____
# of mugs \$	_____
# of Candles \$	_____
# of paper weights \$	_____
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Total \$	_____
Thank you for your support!	

**EDDIES GLEANINGS**  
**From the Lincoln Herald 1880**

**March 18, 1880**

**Births:** Dau to Mrs. Levi Chambers, Dau to Mrs. Petrus, Son to Mrs. Fritz Rentschler, Dau to Mrs. Christian Vogt

**March 25, 1880**

**Deaths:** Dr. Benjamin Capps, Delcha/Della Lakin, Maria Miller, Gottlieb Gessner, Charles Schweitzer, M. Ettlinger, James Wilson, Solomon Woland

**Marriages:** Josephus foster & Katie Aston, Thomas Freeman Herrington & Anna Belle Wyatt, Peter Edgell & Martha A. Leonard

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Daniel Hines, Dau to Mrs. Mark Storan, Dau to Mrs. Edward Spellman, Dau to Mrs. William Pain, Dau to Mrs. John T. Anderson.

**April 1, 1880**

**Deaths:** Mr. Pierce, Mary Lindsay, David Holland, William Hodgdon, S.M. shields, Nora O'Brien

**Marriages:** Samuel R. Kirby & Nancy J. Warren, Clarence K. Black & Ollie Cox, William Landan & Nancy C. French, Charles O. Oglesby & Emma I. Laughlin, Daniel Brock & Chattie Grubb, George W. Tucker & Amanda Horn

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Zacharish Matthews, Son to Mrs. Ezra V. Baughman, Dau to Mrs. John O'Brien

**April 8, 1880**

**Deaths:** James Bowen, Mrs. L.D. Dana, Maude Watson

**Marriages:** Jacob A. Grove & Lydia J. Lucas, Charles Laughback & Mary Klinemicht

**Births:** Son to Mrs. William H. Henderson, Dau to John R. Hopp, son to Mrs. John Brucker, son to Mrs. Christian Layer, Dau to Mrs. John e. Cook, Dau to Mrs. E. B. Core, Dau to Mrs. Lawnore Comford

**April 15, 1880**

**Deaths:** Matie Hickok, Henry Boy

**Marriages:** Michael Coogan & Rosa Moore

**Births:** Dau to Mrs. George L. Oglivie, Son to Mrs. R.C. Fielder, son to Mrs. George H. Keckler, son to Mrs. Thomas G. Montgomery

**April 22, 1880**

**Deaths:** Walter Leslie, Joseph Hall Rayburn, Mary Lindsay, William I. Groves, Lola Hoblit, Hattie Shipman, Luetta Cox, Oliver A. Barger, Inez Nicodemus, George F. Yost, Mary Sullivan, Mary Ella Conover

**Marriages:** Anthony Buttell & Mary A. Wachter, Joshua M. Perry & Ida E. Thompson, Marion Smith & Mary Folis, William H. Bates & Georgiana Jones, Andrew D. Dilkey & Louisa J. Willis, Henry Fawkins & Dora Ropper

**Births:** Son to Mrs. Thomas G. Montgomery, Son to Mrs. William Atterberry, Son to Mrs. Allan Foster, Dau to Mrs. A. J. Ludlum, Son to Mrs. George R. Snyder, Son to Mrs. Augusta J. Reise, Dau to Mrs. John J. Hedge, Son to Mrs. George W. Hunting, Son to Mrs. E. C. Walch, Son to Mrs. William Crawford, Son to Mrs. William Reardon

**April 29, 1880**

**Deaths:** John Whitesides

**Births:** Son to Mrs. J. W. Wible

**May 6, 1880**

**Deaths:** Catherine Lutz, Sarah Deffenbaugh, Johnny Hollan, Larkin Montgomery, Andrew McGalliard, Annie Edgell, Tjark Thoelen, Benjamin Bean, Wenfield S. Atchison, Susannah Meixel

**Marriages:** Lincoln F. Todd & Mary E. Barnes, Thomas Strawbridge & Leona Westfall, Frank Corwine & Kittie A. Wright, Owen Dascay & Mrs. Ellen Kennedy, A. R. Museller & Ida R. Thomas

**Births:** Son to Mrs. James Ott, son to Mrs. Frederich Schall, son to Mrs. Bacchus Leach, Dau to Mrs. Benjamin F. Bice



**WISH LIST**

We can't pull rabbits out of hats, so we depend on the goodwill of our members.

Does any one have a paper cutter or paper laminator you would like to donate? This would be very useful in preserving our records and/or as a service to others for a small fee. We have had a great response to our need for a CD burner and scanners. We have also received a microfilm machine. We still need census index on CD's for 1850-1860-1880-1890-1900-1910-1920. We are always looking for good ideas on how we can better serve our members and those interested in research.

**\*SOMETHING NEW\***

Phyllis Bryson is at it again; she has used her artistic ability to create our new logo on a coffee mug. It is very attractive and great to show off to your family and friends. It will make a wonderful conversational piece. You may have one for a \$10 donation.



**NEW LOGO**

**Future Activates at the research center!**

Our membership meetings start at 6:30 every third Monday unless otherwise notified. Guests are welcomed!

**October 20, 2003**-Captain Bonnie Sanders will be our guest speaker. Her and her husband are directors of the Salvation Army in Logan County and have served the Salvation Army since 1985. They will be speaking on the history of the Salvation Army and their intention of building a temporary shelter for the homeless in Lincoln on Kickapoo Street.

**Nov. 17, 2003** - Annual potluck will be held at the Depot across from the research center. Rose and Ed Busch will be our guest speakers. The topic will be the Glenn Family and the Middletown Stage Coach Inn. A buffet (limited menu) will be served at 6 pm. Let us know if you plan to attend or have any questions.

Call (217) 732-3200

**Dec. 15, 2003**

Annual Ho Ho Christmas Party if weather permits! Please bring a finger food to pass. Refreshments will be furnished.

**The Weekly Courier**

**March 19, 1899**

J.H. Carlock is making regular rounds with his fine draft team and handsome new poultry carriage. His visits are quite a convenience to ladies having poultry to dispose of at this busy season. Mr. Carlock was reared in Eminence, where boys are trained to do the square thing, so good prices and fair weights are always assured.

Lay in a supply of sugar, have plenty of butter ahead and be on the lookout for home-grown strawberries. We will furnish the berries.

**March 21, 1899**

Harry Gilbert met with quite an accident on his way home Tuesday evening. West of town the team he was driving broke a singletree, pulled the lines out of his hands, cleared themselves of the wagon and ran about forty rods, then Dr. Russell met and caught them. The accident might have been a serious one, but no damage was done except the loss of the singletree and the fright of the horses, all the result of bad roads.

Elmer Horrom had a collision with another boy while attempting to catch a ball last Saturday. He was knocked insensible and severely bruised about the nose.

Any donations or queries received after September 1<sup>st</sup> will appear in the winter quarterly. We value our members and will do our best to serve you. Please come visit us and bring a friend. Our hours are 11am to 4pm Tuesday thru Friday. Saturdays we are open from 10am to 1pm.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES for 2004**

**(CIRCLE ONE)**

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**FIRST CLASS MAIL**

## SPECIAL MAILING

As a benefit for your membership in the Logan County Genealogical & Historical Society we have a special mailing. 1.) This is a compiled listing of all our members and the surnames that they are searching. Please note: Available for this listing is what is indicated on our "membership record". If there is an error or your search has advanced to another level, please notify us upon receipt of this mailing.

2.) **Index** of all Quarterlies you have received during this membership year.

**WE ARE COMING TO THE END OF OUR "MEMBERSHIP YEAR" YOUR 2005 MEMBERSHIP DUES MAY BE MAILED TO US AT ANY TIME. THE EARLY PAYMENT ALLOWS US TO CREDIT YOU FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AND ELIMINATES THE NEED FOR A "PAST DUES" NOTICE.**

**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN OUR SOCIETY. THANK YOU FOR A GREAT YEAR AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 2005.**

**\*See the notation at the end of the listing on page 6. Hope you find this information useful in your search.**

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NAME	SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED
ADAMS, Paul/Marian	
ADOLPH, Mike	Flick; Kief; Gruensfelder; Frey; Michael Adolph d. 1899 in Logan Co.
ALBRECHT, Laurie	David Ward Clark; Hannah Stout; James Parrish/Mathilda Stout family (Menard County).
ALEXANDER, Leah	Fred Alexander; Humphreys; Gupton; Hutchinson
ALLEN Co. PUBLIC LIBRARY	
ALSUP, Carol	Evans; Coates; Schroth; all spellings for Letterly, Litterly; Matfeldt
APPLEGATE, Richard	
AWE, Ted/Judy	Ritchhart; Shay; Awe; Schmid; Smith
BACON, Donald	Bacon; Pope; Sexton
BARRINGER, Mary	French; Payne; Carson; Cornwell
BARTELMAY, Shirley	
BASONE, Warren	Hoblit; Kelsey; Shelby; Lucas; Scroggin
BEGOLKA, Harold	
BELCHER, Evelyn Jean	Jacob & Anna (Bebrends )Oltmanns; Jacob & Clara (Steinhauer) Oyer;
BIRNBAUM, Loren/Karen	
BLACK, Robert	Black; Biggs
BOICE, Alice	Sarah Brokaw; Swick; Croft; Giles; Newman
BOSS, Janet	Adecock; Johnson; Razor; Diedrick; Craft; Finger
BOTTOMLEY, James	Thomas Denan Bottomley; Elizabeth (Folkes) Brown; Anna M. Shoup; Folkes; Henry Menzel
BREWER, Lucille (Greer)	Zaccaeus VanFossan b. 1837; Wilson VanFossan b. 1869(Middletown/Elkhart)-need info' of siblings-in Logan Co. 1800-1900. Arnig; Schmidt; Erlenbusch; Stroble
BURGE, Shirley	
BUSCH, Ed/Rose	
BUSSARD, Lawrence	
BUTLER, D.J.Paxton-	Charles Paxton & Elects Ingle-1749-1900's; Rolla Arbogast & Etta Williams-1749-1900's; Aaron Butler & Tobe Miller-1800-1959ox
CAMPBELL, Charles	John Sumners res of Logan, DeWitt, McLean Cos-1856-1882/ Charles L. Sumners b. 4-9 1868, Atlanta, Il(Grandfa. of member)
CASWELL, Jr. Wm.	
CLINE, Loretta	
COBB, Louise	
COCHRAN, Marilee	Anita & Marie Spidler; Johnn Warren Spidler; Magdalena (Starr) Spidler
Thomas	All at Mt. Pulaski
COERS, Roseann	Schrader(Schroeder); Karr; Smart; Spencer; Schreiber; Coers/ Daniels; Ites
COFFEY, Richard/Ella	
COOK, Anna J.	Geier(Gier); Eiseminger(Eisiminger); Staggers. Lived at Broadwell, Lincoln and bur. @ Mt. Pulaski
COOK, Ross	Descendants of Patrick & Margaret Jane Gallagher; Descendants of Lemuel & Elizabeth Warren; Brown
COPELAND, Donald	Copeland; Curtis; Buckles; Scroggin; Lucas; McDaniel; Mathews; Haynes; Kirkman; Goodpasture
DENNING, Robert	Denning; Kuhn; Zimmerman; McGinnity; DeSort; Currins Durchholz; Fitzgibbon; Ryan; VanMeter; Cleary; Lambert

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**DURCHHOLZ,**

Albert/Agnes

**DURDLE,** John W**EDGEELL,** Garland**EICHELBERGER,**

Rebecca

**EMMONS,** Williard**EVANS,** Connie Walters

Ostfriesland (Emden &amp; Hartsburg)

Edgell; Boyer; Montgomery; Squire; Davy

Eichelberger; Wrage; Behrends

**FERINGTON,** Barbara**FINE,** Helen**FORTMAN,** Margene**FRAZIER,** David

William White; John Steele

Fortman; Helton; Downey; Compton; French

Silas Frazier in Logan Co ca. 1856-1870, ser'd 106<sup>th</sup> Il. Mar. Hattie Curtis, 1866. Left IL 1870. Where they lived, own land, arrival, etc.? East**FREESE,** Gary**FRENCH,** Philip**FULLER,** Ella**GEHLBACH,** Nancy**GEHLBACH,** Vernon**GEPHART,** Robert**GILLESPIE,** Barbara**GINGER,** Esther/John

French; Hickman; Alexander; Clark; Barnhart

Gehlbach; Werth; Kinder; Eberle

Daniel; Smedley; Morrow; Dugan

Fortman; Dawson; Pattison; Harcourt; Jensen

Geo. W.&Nancy Bishop-bur:Lawndale-grt gr par -lived in southern Indiana then moved to IL. Their son, Li or onza H. bur:@ Atlanta, 1950

Alfter, Peter, from Atlanta; Gaus, Xavier, from Lincoln

John &amp; Rosie (Hoblit) Huff; Musick; Hoblit; Smith/Mowery

Frances Rosenthal(1865-1914) mar. Emanuel Salzenstien; Rosenthal; Rothschild

Huffman; Edwards; Bowen; She/a/ue nk; Pa or u cel(l); R or Hoenkai**GLADBACH,Jr,** MaryKay**GLEASON,** Virginia**GOLD,** Frances**GONSHOR,** Mary**GOODPASTER,** DonSharp**GOSSETT,** Wm. E.

Verna Bright(mar. \_\_ Horney), Bloomington-believed to be dau. Of Charles E. Gossett

**GRANDA,** Jeff

Mary Ellen Breslin(adopted)-gr mo.of member. Her family,parents?

Grt,grt. Grandfa's origin. Lived in Pana,Macomb,Spngfld-then to Lincoln.

**GRESHAM,** Stuart**GUNDERMAN,** Eleanor**HARP,** John**HARP,** Suzanne

Wagner; Schafer; Vonderleith; Houseworth; Benscoter; Warren; Mavin

Harp; Stone; Powell; Olson

Billings; Crocker; Shoup; Heft; Dorsett(Dossett)

**HARRISON,** Lula Mae**HASSEN,** Priscilla(Wilkins)**HENSON,** Kathryn

Braucher

Wilkins; Altic; Eveland

John &amp; Lucinda Edwards lived south of Lincoln dur 1840's-dau, Amy, mar: James Braucher. Hines(Heinz); Edwards; Burrows(Burroughs) Bitler; Earl; Diday; Buechler; Kehbel

**HENSON,** Leigh**HINES,** Marcene**HOPPIN,** Ruth**HUBBARD,** Thomas**HUNTER,** Elizabeth

Miller, Hines

Nicholas Hubbard; George Hubbard

Ralph Coorts family(1848-1925-9 children); Ackerman; Kest; Schrader; Paulus; Baker; Behrends; Hunter

<b>HUSTON, Richard</b>	
<b>IRWIN, Jr, Norman</b>	
<b>JENKINS, Mary Elaine</b>	
<b>JOHNSON, Bob</b>	
<b>JONES, Brenda</b>	Beaver; McBride
<b>KAUFFMAN, LaRene</b>	
<b>KERSHNER, Brent/Susan</b>	Haffey; Shannon; Bear; Schroeder
<b>KILHOFFER, Michael</b>	Any info' on Emil Gehlbach house, built 1882/carriage house? Homesteaded by Gehlbachs in 1850 Charles Bryson; C.C. Bryson 1863; Elizabeth Waters
<b>KLINGER, Grace</b>	King; Roberts; Musick; Judy
<b>KING, Richard</b>	Larison; Snook
<b>KNOBLOCK, Judy</b>	Knollenberg; Starcvich
<b>KNOLLENBERG, Dwayne</b>	
<b>LANGELLIER, Virginia</b>	Fletcher; Hershey; Myers
<b>LASSEN, Dallas</b>	Musickville & Musickville Christian Church
<b>LAST, Doris</b>	Lohmeier; Leininger; Buttell; Knochel; Gschwindt; Riechel; Warnisher; Huston
<b>LOHMEIER, Ken</b>	Hawes; McIver; Miller; Phillips
<b>MacIVOR, Charles</b>	
<b>McKINLAY, Don/Betty</b>	
<b>McKINLEY, Deane/Gerrie</b>	
<b>McKNIGHT, Thelma</b>	Day
<b>McLELLAN, Betty</b>	Rouland Brandt from England 1867-69; in Hopedale, Tazewell Co 2-3yr. Then to Atlanta, IL ca 1875-naturalized citizen?
<b>MARLIN, JoAnne</b>	
<b>MAUGHAN, Ruth</b>	
<b>MILLER, Carol Ellis</b>	Ellis; Montgomery; Stone; Gray; Perry
<b>MILLER, Chris</b>	McKinney; Boles; Chamness; Brown; John & Mary(Berry) Musick
<b>MILLER, Judy (Burger)</b>	Burger; Pfau; Gaus; Rentschler; Ott
<b>MILLER, Yvonne Hume</b>	Fredrick McLean m. Louise McMullen, Cowin Twsp; Robinson; Irish; McCoy; McMullen
<b>MORGAN, Ed</b>	Arthur; Swille; Weaver; Morgan, Sheley
<b>MUSICK, Ruth</b>	Musick; Wren; Johnson; Gudge
<b>MYERS, Virgil</b>	Will
<b>NOLTING, D. Nadine</b>	Menzel; Plaster; Musick; Kline; Cutlip; Young; Adkins; Badger
<b>PALMER, Dorothy</b>	Holmes; Grathwohl; Palmer; Luker
<b>PAYNE, Charlotte</b>	Jacob Stoll b. 11/9/1849 Mary Roos b. 2/6/1852 m. 2/21 /1875
<b>PENCE, Norman</b>	Musick; Gallagher; Davis; Pence
<b>PETERS, Warren/Jean</b>	
<b>PETERSON, Don</b>	Zimmerman; Comstock
<b>PHILLIPS, Dr. Richard</b>	
<b>PITTS, Virginia</b>	Cronin; Kirnberger; Welch; Hegele
<b>POLLACK, Helen</b>	Read; Sams; Lloyd; Day; Kline; Briggs; Wilday; Wills; Wiley
<b>POWERS, June</b>	Powers; Adams; Hatfield; Coyle
<b>PYLE, Jean</b>	Miller; Patterson; Smith; Adams; Mountjoy; Atteberry; Stroud; Brawley
<b>RADESPIEL, Carol</b>	William Stallings m. 1830 sons- Wesley, William, Silas, John; Holmes; Tyson; Ducker; Wagner;

<b>RADEMAKER, Gary</b>	Rademaker; Lessen; Bruns; Ringering
<b>RADTKE, Mary Ann/Bill</b>	
<b>RANKIN, Howard</b>	
<b>READ, Lyle</b>	Mahler; Read; Day; Martin
<b>REINERS, Judy</b>	Clare; Verdein; Reiners; Muller(Miller)
<b>RHOADS, Katrina</b>	
<b>ROSS, Roberta James</b>	James
<b>ROBY, Shirley Rouse</b>	
<b>ROHLFS, Ron/Michele</b>	Gallagher; Reckrodt; Dehner; Rohlfs; Long
<b>ROCRSCHEIB, Mary</b>	Centers; Cutright; Shenneman; Wendling; Walters
<b>ROMSTAD, Barbara</b>	Meyer; Mathein; Rock; Lohrenz; Musick; Lechleiter; Ryan; Hickey; Yarcho
<b>ROSENFELD, Gwen</b>	(author of "Life is like a box of Chocolates" a history of Elkhart, IL
<b>RUCH, Judith Shores</b>	Shores; Ewing; Musick; Harless; Pulleybank
<b>RUDER, Laramie</b>	Keen
<b>RUSSELL, Tammy</b>	Kief; Flick; Kiest
<b>SANDEL, Angelina</b>	Brummer; Sandel; Conrady
<b>SAPP, Laura Beth</b>	Newhouse(Neuhausen); Crane; Brown; McBride; Hogan
<b>SCHAUB, Marcia</b>	William Holmes b. 3/6/1831 d. 1/20/1904; find siblings
<b>SCHWERDTFEGER, Jane</b>	Schwerdtfeger; Koehnle; Houser; Orthwein
<b>SEELYE, Joyce</b>	Altman;
<b>SHEHORN, Norma(Schroth)</b>	Coates; Evans; Schroth; Letterle; Mattfeldt
<b>SHIVE, Mary</b>	Lorton; Hodgson; Fletcher; McPherson; Schuter
<b>SHRADER, Charles/Betty</b>	Logan County history, Lake Fork
<b>SIMMONS, Frank</b>	Bair; Simmons; Sailemstien
<b>SIMMS, Wilma(VanMeter)</b>	Ely; Taylor; Boss; VanMeter
<b>SMITH, Carolyn/Fred</b>	
<b>SMITH, Dorene(Craig)</b>	Craig; Smith
<b>SMITH, Norma</b>	Morris; Young; Richards; Coady; Winterbauer
<b>SNYDER, Pat</b>	
<b>SPANIER, Carolyn</b>	Bernard; Martha McElroy McGinty(1-13-1876)
<b>STEPHENS, Tnomas/Waneta (Febus)</b>	Febus; Bryson; Peddicourt(various spellings)
<b>STEWART, Delmar/Sue</b>	
<b>STEWART, John</b>	Bryson; Haynes; Stewart; Eikelberry
<b>STITES, Jacqueline</b>	Allison; Hamilton; Lapin; Turley; Thompson; Weber; Weindorf(f)
<b>STOCKTON, Brad/Kathleen Oliver</b>	Davenport; Fouts; Hoover; Stockton//Bacon; Baker; Buckles; Gasaway; Hurley; Jones; Mayer; Oliver; Pope; Sexton; Staley; Turley; Winters; Oliver; Smitherman; McKinney; Pierce; Lersch; Treft
<b>STRINGER, Stan</b>	
<b>TEICHMANN, Nelson</b>	Teichman(n); Summers; Fletcher
<b>TENNANT, Grace</b>	Newtson; Culp

<b>TERRY, Shirley</b>	Theoba or old; Lawrence; Campbell; Tomlinson
<b>THEOBALD, Darin</b>	Will; Habeck
<b>THOMSEN, Roland</b>	Drake; Andes; Showalter
<b>TROTT, Barbara Martin</b>	Smith; Manley; Hayes
<b>VILLARREAL, Marqurite</b>	Wm. O. Rickords; James Z. Powers; Michael Mann; Shilling; Icy (Lawson)
<b>WEBB, Shirley</b>	Rickords
<b>WEBSTER, Lois Shand</b>	Taylor; Brady; Leslie; Haas; Schafer
<b>WEESE, Clara</b>	
<b>WENDELL, Jr., Walter</b>	Grady; Campbell; Card; Blair; Mann; Wiles; Shanholtzer
<b>WILES, Phyllis</b>	Coogan; Edwards; Barnett; Heinzl; Hardin
<b>WILHAM, Kathleen</b>	Buffington
<b>WILLETT, Kathy</b>	Small; Biggs; Austin; Cook; Myers; Carter; Chapman; Goodloe; Hager;
<b>WOGH, Dorothy</b>	Humphries
<b>WOOD, Douglas</b>	Hoblit; Haughey; Wood; Ritts; Bredenkamp; Stahlhuth
<b>ZETER, Leon</b>	Zeter; Hoelscher; Dorsett
<b>ZIMMER, Jayne</b>	

**LIFETIME MEMBERS**

**SURNAMES BEING RESEARCHED**

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| 1. <b>BARTMAN, Fannie Mae</b>   |  |
| 2. <b>BEGOLKA, Donald</b>       | Begolka; Coleman; Wilson   |
| 3. <b>DETMERS, Clara</b>        |  |
| Bender                          |  |
| 4. <b>BLACK, Janet</b>          |  |
| 5. <b>BROWN, Roberta</b>        | Lakin; Haracourt; Hetzler; Kuntzi; Charles G. Shulta; Sykes; Leffler |
| "Bobbie"                        |  |
| 6. <b>BRYSON,</b>               | Bryson; Harris; Eikelberry; Haynes; Vaughn; Kessler; Close;          |
| Bill/Phyllis(Vaughn)            |  |
| 7. <b>COX, Marlyn</b>           |  |
| 8. <b>CYPHER, B. Jean</b>       | Leathers; Huffman; Welker; Jackson                                   |
| 9. <b>DETMERS, Bill/Diane</b>   | Trepel; Rademaker; Utech; Krusemark; Smith/Schmidt                   |
| 10. <b>DIRKS, Eddie/Dorothy</b> |  |
| 11. <b>DONATH, William</b>      | Donath; Boy; Obermiller; Heinzl; Hoffert; Rautenberg; Wilson         |
| "Bill"                          |  |
| 12. <b>GLEASON, Dorothy</b>     | Damarin; Gasaway; Buckles; Scroggin                                  |
| 13. <b>GLEASON, Paul</b>        |  |
| 14. <b>GORDON, Jack</b>         | Gordon; Laughlin; Smith; Laing; Gregg                                |
| 15. <b>GRIFFIN, Laura Marie</b> |  |
| 16. <b>HATFIELD, Clarine</b>    | Stumpf; Mowen; Hickey; Bushell; Gleason                              |
| 17. <b>HICKEY, Betty</b>        |  |
| 18. <b>IRWIN, Arthur</b>        |  |
| 19. <b>CHAPMAN, Marylou</b>     | Dalzell  |
| 20. <b>KOONTZ, Jane</b>         | Holmer; McCann; Buttell  |
| 21. <b>LEESMAN, Jean</b>        |  |

- 22. **LUHRS**, Larry
- 23. **LUMPP**, Michael/Judy
- 24. **MADIGAN**, Matthew
- 25. **MARDIS**, Sheila
- 26. **MARTIN**, Mary Ellen

W.C.R. Kaesebier family; Harry Abraham Osborn; John Theobald; Fanny Lawrence. Mr. Burton responsible for Burtonview School-"we have records that show he lived east of the settlement-where?"

- 27. **McELHANEY**, Emily
- 28. **McGRATH**, Robert
- 29. **NAUGLE**, Robert
- 30. **NEWMAN**, Carol
- 31. **PALUMBO**, Sandra
- 32. **ROHLFS**, Steven Ike
- 33. **ROTHWELL**, Cheryl
- 34. **SCHARF**, Alice
- 35. **SCROGGIN**, Bill
- 36. **SLOMAN**, Catherine
- 37. **LERCHER-SMITH**, Darlene
- 38. **SNYDER**, Jerry(Gerald)
- 39. **VANNOY**, Nancy
- 40. **WENDELL**, John
- 41. **WILHAM**, John D.
- 42. **WYLDER**, George & Carol

Naugle; Rentmeister; Broughton  
 Roach; Harbin; Holbrook; Mills  
 Johnston; Evans; Dorsett; Brunton; Garfield; Armstrong; Gardner; Keys  
 Rohlfs; Long  
 Downing; Clark; Harding; Lucas; Wood; Scroggin; Buckles  
 Stumpf; Hickey; Mowen; Stahl; Hoffman  
 Scroggin; Amberg; Mileham; Musick; Wren

Lercher; Irving; McCue; Fay; Watts; Doty

Snyder; Coil; Stevens  
 Vannoy

Wendell(Windle/Windal); Warren; Sparks; Ashbaugh; Dick;  
 John Henry & Arthur Jay Wendell were b. New Holland.  
 Michael Mann; Hugh Collins; George Girtman

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