

# Roots & Branches

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## Spring 2022: April, May, June

**Meeting Schedule:** All program meetings are at 6:30 pm. The speakers are first on the agenda. We look forward to seeing you. Please call, Vice-President and Program Chairperson, with suggestions for programs at 217-732-3200.

**April 18: Bill Donath** will present local research sources not available anywhere else. At the American Legion.

**May 16: Lesliegh Bennett** will entertain us with songs fitting the celebration of Memorial Day.

**June 22: TBA**

## Call for Article Submissions

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

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

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

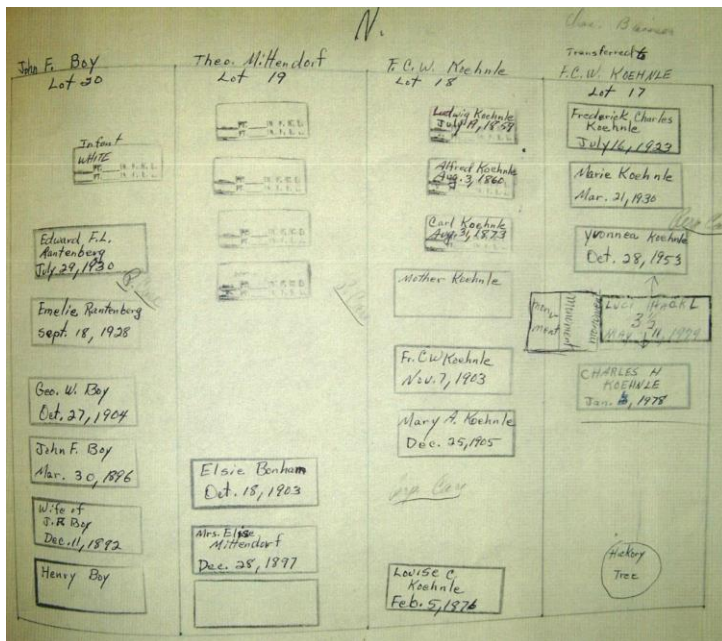
**Dues for 2022 are Due.**

John Fuller, 2021. John will be in Lincoln on April 10, 2022 for a book signing opportunity. The book signing will be at the Guest House from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Books will be available for purchase at that time. The price of the book is \$35.00. All of the proceeds are being donated to the Logan County Genealogical and Historical Society.

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was divided into six blocks. If you can increase the size of the plat, you will see that each plot is numbered. Each plot is divided into 8-10 graves. The plat of Block 1, the oldest block, is incomplete because of poor record keeping in those days. As you will read later, attempts were made in 1881 to identify lot owners and names of who might be buried there. That would have been forty-five years after the establishment of the burying grounds. In 1881 diagrams were made for each lot and names were added to the grave sites as they were discovered. Those same diagrams were used, even today, to add names as burials take place. The size of this portion of Union cemetery is approximately sixteen acres. To help the reader orient themselves to this plat, look at the top of the plat. See the line marked town line? That is the main road into the cemetery as it exists today. The main entrance is on the right at the point where the cemetery's east boundary follows the old Highway 4/66. The portion of the cemetery north of the town line would not exist until 1873. You will see that later in this issue. That part also was not a formal part of the cemetery. I have not yet seen when that part, Jones Addition, was merged to become part of the Union Cemetery Association responsibility.



My great-great grandparents, **John and Mary Vogel Boy** lived in Postville and are buried in Block 1, Lot 20, along with four of their six children: Infant is **Amalia 'Molly'**, age 15, buried in 1877, **Henry**, age 32, buried in 1880, **George**, age 58, buried in 1904, **Emilie Boy Rautenberg**, age 78, buried in 1928 and a son-in-law **E. E. F. L. Rautenberg**, age 82, buried in 1930. As you can see the diagram has an error. Looking at the plat the numbering of the lots is reversed in the diagram. So, we are looking South rather than North.

The following short article teaches us that an organization existed to take care of the cemetery prior to 1880. How a group of shareholders works is not explained. Making a profit from sales of grave sites does not sound like a good investment.

## Cemetery Shareholders Meeting

Lincoln Herald, Jul. 10, 1873, p5

"A meeting of the shareholders of the Cemetery, will be held at the Court House on Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup>."

## Cemetery Meeting

Lincoln Herald, Apr. 22, 1880, p5

"The meeting for the purpose of beginning improvements at the cemetery took place at **Judge Foley's** office on last Monday evening. Mr. **Fr. C. W. Koehnle** was called to the chair. The informal discussion following showed that it was deemed

desirable to re-organize the present cemetery association which is not in good working condition. Of the thirty or forty original stockholders, nearly one-half are dead and the title to the grounds seems to be in a very unsatisfactory

shape. The conclusion arrived at was that the proposed re-organization should be followed by clearing up the title, buying more land and beginning, improvements which should make the grounds worthy of the city. It was thought that the sale of additional lots would provide a sufficient fund, with the amount of money recently subscribed, to effect some very considerable improvements. Messrs. Koehnle, Beach and Bushway were appointed to a committee to see the stockholders in the present organization and procure their consent to the proposed change. From pledges already given, it was thought that

nearly all of them would be willing to go into the new association. The same committee was also charged with the duty of notifying **Col. Latham**, who owns land in the immediate vicinity of the cemetery, of the action taken at this meeting. **Judge Foley** was instructed to examine the title to the cemetery grounds. The meeting adjourned to meet at the same place on next Tuesday evening. The grounds are in bad order at present and are too small and some such action should have been taken years ago. The indications now are that the association will be re-organized and that the work of improvement will soon begin."

### Union Cemetery Association

Lincoln Herald, Apr. 22, 1880, p5

"The certificate of incorporation of the Union Cemetery association was received yesterday from the office of Secretary of State Harlow. The

directors named therein are **S. A. Foley, T. T. Beach, Fr. C. W. Koehnle, F. Fisk, David Hummell, Edward Rankin** and **N. E. Pegram**."

### Notice

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 03, 1880, p5

"All parties holding lots in Union burying grounds will please send the lot and block number of the same to the secretary of the Union

Cemetery Association so that a record of the same may be made. **L. C. Schwerdtfeger**, secretary.

### Union Cemetery Association

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 03, 1880, p5

"The managers of the Union Cemetery Association are busy making improvements in the long-neglected burying ground. All the stumps are being grubbed up, trees trimmed, grass cut, poison ivy removed from the trees and fences and the additional sixteen acres recently purchased and added to the cemetery will soon be laid out and beautified. **D. Hummell** and **D. L. Braucher** went to Springfield the first of the week and took observations in 'Oak Ridge,' the city cemetery, to give them suggestions useful in laying out the new ground here. The Catholics have also bought 15 ½

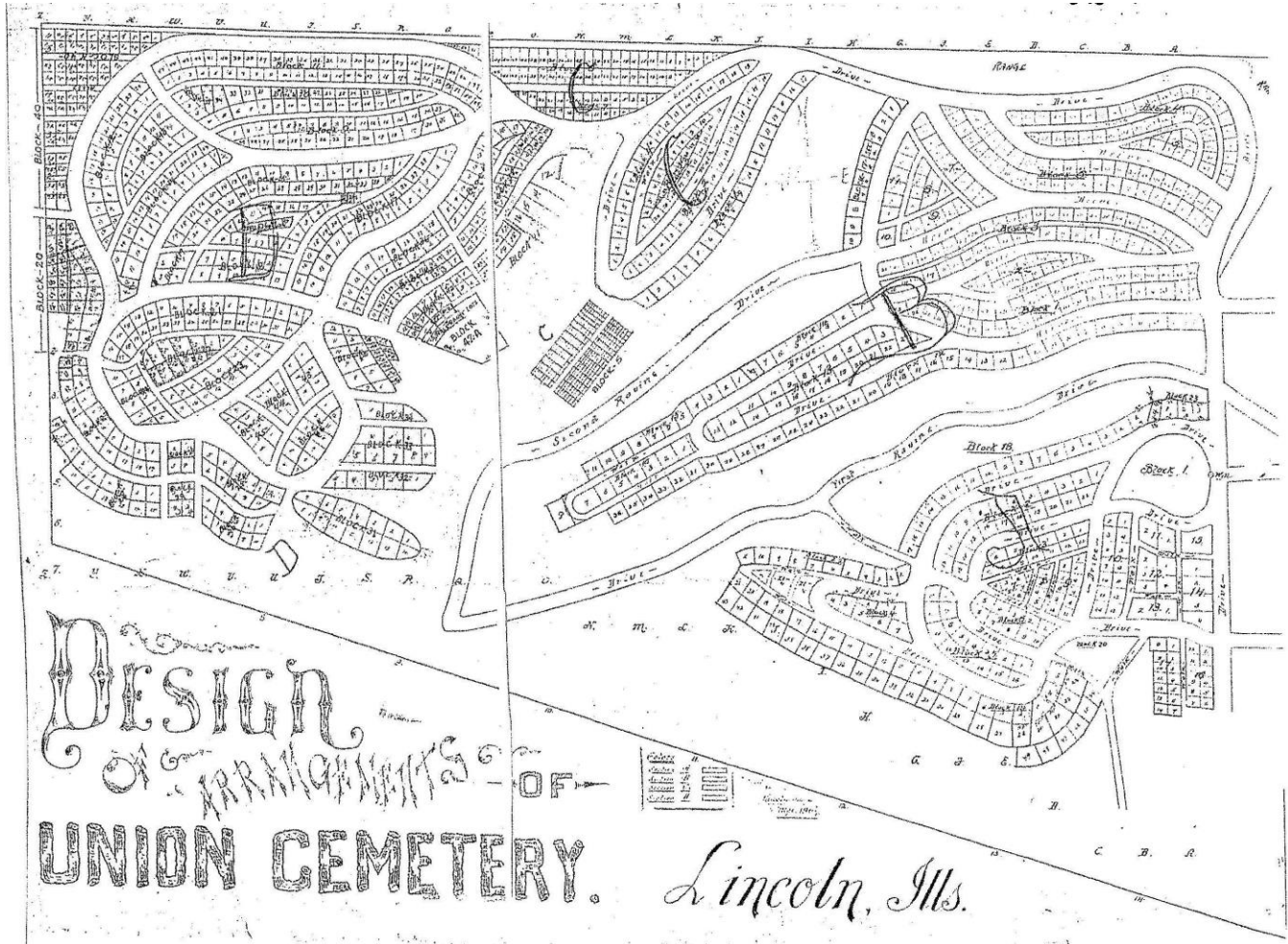
acres, just across the road from Union cemetery, paying \$1200 for the piece, and it will be cleared and improved. The bodies interred in the old Catholic cemetery will be removed into it. The persons having these improvements in charge deserve the highest commendation for the work they are doing." **Editor's Note:** If anyone has an idea where the old Catholic cemetery was, please give that information to LCGHS. We only know that it was south of Lincoln likely near the IOOF home.

## Union Cemetery Association

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 03, 1880, p5

"In order that the new Union Cemetery Association may get things in proper shape as soon as possible, it is very desirable that all persons owning lots in the cemetery, who have not

already done so, should at once report their deeds to the secretary for record. Some persons have been very slow about reporting and it gives the Association considerable unnecessary trouble."



This portion of Union Cemetery came into being after 1880. It was designed by a landscape architect by the name of **H. W. S. Cleveland**, from Chicago. Previous articles in this issue told us of the need for expansion of the cemetery since the Old Part was nearing capacity. This area is divided into four sections: A, B, C, and D. The progress of the development of this plan is pretty-well described in the following articles. I have noticed a roadway that either did not get developed or was abandoned at a later date. It is called Ravine Drive in the plat. It circles around Section B. In Section A, Block 1 is the site of Superintendent's Office, now the chapel.



## The Silent City

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 23, 1880, p5

### What the New Association is Doing toward Beautifying "Gods Acre."

"One of the best evidences of a refined taste and a liberal spirit in the inhabitants of a city is a beautiful cemetery. It is the manifestation of a disposition to rob the grave of a part of its terror of dreary loneliness, by making its surrounding fittingly beautiful and making it a place where remembrance and companionship are typified, and not forgetfulness and desolation.

"Comparatively very few people of this city and vicinity know how beautiful a place, naturally, the Union Cemetery is and what capacities for improvement and development it has. The site is just above the banks of Salt Creek, on rolling, abrupt bluffs, which are seamed with ravines and covered with forest trees. The ground is so high and the natural surface lies in such a shape that the drainage is excellent and it would have been difficult to have formed the face of the land to order with greater capabilities for improvement and beautification. As far as natural advantages are concerned it is much ahead of the justly famous Oak Ridge cemetery at Springfield.

"A great deal has already been done by the new Association since taking charge of it several weeks ago, but anyone who did not see it just before work was begun, could realize how much has been done, for it still has a new and 'raw' appearance and a great deal is yet to be done before the beauties of the place can be made to fully show. By way of showing what improvement has been made, we might state that before work was begun, the top of the Brewer vault, not far from the public road and now one of the most conspicuous objects in the enclosure, could barely be seen from the road on account of the accumulation of undergrowth and the untrimmed state of the trees. Poison ivy abounded and trained it noisome stems over all parts of the cemetery and unsightly stumps in various stages of decay were to be found in all parts of the enclosure. Since the work of clearing up was begun, from two to eight men have been constantly employed;

two hundred and eighty wagon loads of all sorts of debris have been removed from the grounds; one hundred and thirty trees have been cut out and those remaining properly pruned; fallen grave stones set upright; numberless stumps and old logs have been taken out; the poison ivy has been carefully removed; sixteen acres additional land purchased; the fence between the cemetery proper and the new addition taken away; a well has been dug; the grass mowed; a temporary superintendent's office built; the whole cemetery surveyed gratis; and the ground has been examined by a professional landscape architect, who has nearly completed the plans for its laying out and improvement.

"The officers of the Association are: **Fr. C. W. Koehnle**, president **L. C. Schwerdtfeger**, secretary; **Capt. F. Fisk**, treasurer; **T. T. Beach**, **D. Hummell**, **S. A. Foley**, **F. Fisk**, **Fr. C. W. Koehnle**, **N. E. Pegram** and **Edmund Rankin**, trustees, and **F. C. Bushway**, superintendent. It is to these that the city is indebted for the energetic manner in which the work has been pushed forward at an expense, thus far, of over six hundred and fifty dollars.

"The idea of forming the present company originated with Mr. Bushway, who has had many years of experience in cemetery management and is eminently fitted for the position which he fills. He started out in the first place with a subscription paper to collect some money for the purpose of clearing up the cemetery, but as the way seemed open, the idea was pushed farther and the Cemetery Association formed and carrying out of the plans which the Association has in view will give one of the most beautiful cemeteries to be found in the state. As soon as the treasury will allow, a neat, commodious and convenient brick office will be constructed; beautiful, winding driveways will be built: the ravines will be spanned by rustic bridges, the material for which is on the ground in abundance; sewers will be

constructed to thoroughly drain every part of the enclosure; paths will be laid out, opening here and there on a beautiful view; the trees and shrubbery will be more thoroughly and systematically pruned and cared for, and all unsightly objects will be removed.

“To obtain funds to carry on this meritorious enterprise, the officers of the Association, all of whom, except the superintendent, do all their work without any remuneration whatever, depend solely upon the sale of lots and whatever contributions may be made by persons interested in making the matter a success. The amounts obtained in the latter way should be liberal, for every dollar thus expended will be put into a permanent and needed improvement that will be worth more than all it costs to our city. The sums realized from the sale of lots should not be inconsiderable, as there are sixteen acres in the recent addition on the west side and it is intended, if the land can be procured at a reasonable rate, to make a still further addition of a strip along the north side, eighty feet in width, now belonging to the Donovan heirs. This strip is wanted because it is a continuation of the ground recently bought and will give better facilities for constructing drives and paths. A system of ‘grouping’ will probably be followed to some extent. That is, where there is a spot especially adapted to ornamentation, the lots will be sold as far as possible to persons who are willing and financially able to develop them fully. In this way several especially beautiful groups will be made to

give additional variety and interest to the cemetery.

“In two places in the enclosure are public graves and these, as well as some others have been much neglected. There is a surprisingly large number that are entirely unmarked and would have been completely unknown but for the tell-tale slight mound or depression in the surface. Some of these are near the driveways and have been habitually driven and trampled over for years past. Posts have now been put up to protect them from further desecration and more attention will be given to them hereafter. There are also several vacant lots whose owners are unknown to the officers of the Association, the deeds never having been recorded and the owners taking no pains to make themselves known, thus causing a good deal of trouble which could easily be avoided by having the papers correctly recorded. A plat is kept in the Superintendent’s office showing the location of every lot. It is the work of the secretary, **L. C. Schwerdtfeger**, who has done a great deal of valuable work gratuitously for the enterprise. A complete record is kept now of every interment, giving the name, age, sex, residence, exact place of burial, etc., which will be valuable for future reference. We sincerely hope that every citizen of public spirit, and Lincoln has many of them, will give all the aid possible, in every way, to this meritorious enterprise. We shall have more to say hereafter concerning the cemetery as the various developments take place.

### **The Landscape Gardener**

Lincoln Herald, Sep. 02, 1880, p5

“**H. W. S. Cleveland**, a landscape gardener of Chicago, was down taking a look at the Union cemetery last week. He is employed to lay out and

beautify the grounds and will set about the work at once.

### **Cemetery Association**

Lincoln Herald, Sep. 30, 1880, p7

“The Cemetery Association are determined to put a stop to nutting in the cemetery and will prosecute every person found thus trespassing.”

## The Soldiers' Monument

Lincoln Herald, Sep. 30, 1880, p7

"A movement is on foot to remove the soldiers' monument from the courthouse square to the Union Cemetery. It is to be hoped that it will be done at once. There are so many soldiers buried there that it would be appropriate to have

the monument there. And then the cemetery is the appropriate place for it anyway."

**Editor's Note:** We are glad that this move did not take place. Perhaps veteran's from other parts of the county objected to the idea.

## Boston Hoblit

Lincoln Herald, Jan. 27, 1881, p5

"Died: On Thursday morning, Jan. 20th, of lung fever – **Boston Hoblit**, aged about 58 years. He was for many years in charge of what is now the

Union cemetery south of this city and resided near that place at the time of his death."

## Cemetery Clippings

Lincoln Herald, May 12, 1881, p7

"In pursuance of the notice of an election of trustees for the Union Cemetery, published in the Herald, a meeting of lot owners was held on May 5th, and the following persons were elected as trustees to serve for the ensuing three years: **S. A. Foley, Fr. C. W. Koehnle, T. T. Beach, Frank Fisk, N. E. Pegram, John A. Lutz and Edward Rankin.**

"On May 9th the new board held their first meeting and elected the following officers to serve for the ensuing three years: President, Fr. C. W. Koehnle; secretary, Louis C. Schwerdtfeger; treasurer, **James A. Hudson**; warden, **F. C. Bushway**. An executive committee to serve one year was elected, consisting of Fr. C. W. Koehnle, John A. Lutz and N. E. Pegram. The officers of the cemetery made their first annual report. From the secretary's report we clip the following facts, which may be of interest to our readers: 'The tracing out of titles to lots in the old ground and endeavoring to find out who the lot owners were, has been a stupendous piece of work. No stone was left unturned to attain the object and now I have the pleasure to report to the board that of the 464 lots, leaving but 38 which are unknown.

"The organization now numbers 413 members. Twenty-eight lots were sold during the year in the new ground. Seventy-seven lots in the new ground

are now platted and ready for sale, also 160 single graves.

"In view of the fact that 47 Union soldiers are interred in the cemetery many of whose graves are marked only by wooden head-boards. I would recommend that application be made to the War Department for marble headstones to be placed on such graves in pursuance of the act of Congress in such case made and provided and for which a liberal appropriation has been made. In this connection I would also call your attention to the fact that through the recommendation of Hon. **A. E. Stevenson** the cemetery has been favored by over 100 choice varieties of seeds from the Agricultural Department at Washington.

"The number of interments in our grounds during the year was 75, of which 7 were re-interments having been moved from their first resting place to lots purchased in the new addition, notable among these being **Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Bock** and **Mrs. S. A. Bushway** from Jones' addition, also **John Stoll, Belle Remmey**, and **Harry Talbott** from the old ground.

"Of the persons buried 69 were white and 6 colored, 39 were over the age of 21 years, 5 between the ages of 5 and 10 years, 6 between the ages of 1 and 5 years, and 17 infants under one year of age; among these were two sets of twins.



Forty were natives of the State of Illinois, five of Ohio, three of New York, three of Pennsylvania, two of New Jersey, two of Virginia, etc. Of the sexes 41 were male, 30 female and 4 not given.

## **Cemetery Clippings**

Lincoln Herald, May 19, 1881, p5

“The interments mentioned in the abstract of the Secretary’s report given last week do not include those of Jones’ addition, said addition not being under control of the trustees and no funds of the association will be expended either in mowing grass, destroying weeds or taking care of the same.

“During the year many monuments have been erected in the cemetery and it is expected that large improvements in this direction will be made on the new part this coming summer. A large number of lots are now being raised up and put in shape by order of lot owners and at their expense.

“The winter has been very severe and in consequence nearly every juniper tree in the cemetery is dead.

“The reckless manner of tramping over lots of graves will be summarily stopped in future and cautionary notices to this effect will be posted in prominent places in the ground. The lying down in the grass, loud and boisterous laughing, disturbing the quiet and good order of the place by noise or other improper conduct, are strictly prohibited. Persons driving within the enclosure must walk their horses. Visitors are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead and that a strict observance of the decorum which should characterize such a place will be required of all.”

## **State Journal**

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 02, 1881, p5

“The Lincoln correspondent of the State Journal has the following: ‘Lincoln is now decidedly a temperance town, and many improvements, attractive and useful, are being made. The cemetery, which has been so long neglected, now has a large force of men busily engaged in beautifying the grounds under the supervision of a prominent Chicago landscape

gardener. The natural advantages cannot well be surpassed. Hills and glens and a long stretch of clear water, more than 100 feet wide, magnificent elm and other trees are a few of them. All told, Lincoln is prospering, so that people seeking good homes to rear and educate their children, with the most desirable inducements, may know what we have to offer.’”

## **Monuments for Our Soldiers**

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 09, 1881, p7

“We publish herewith a letter received by the secretary of our cemetery in response to his application for headstones to mark the graves of our soldier dead. In making up the list, he has been guided only by the wooden headboards set up some years ago on Decoration Day. But there may be some who have been overlooked and who should be properly remembered. Anyone who can furnish any information as to unmarked graves or to the soldiers mentioned in the letter whose

record is unknown, will please do so by writing to the secretary of the Union Cemetery who will do all in his power to secure the erection of headstones:

Office of National Cemeteries, Washington D. C.  
Jun 1, 1881.

**L. C. Schwerdtfeger**, Esq., Lincoln, Ills.,

Sir: - Your letter of the 25<sup>th</sup> ult. has been received. Headstones will be furnished for graves referred to as soon as practicable, except for those

of the war of 1812 and Mexican war, as the law does not apply to those and for the whose record is not given viz: **George Moore, Bennett Parris and ?? Allen** (colored).

Very Resp't, your obedient servant.  
**Benj. E. Eads.** Quartermaster, U.S.A., in charge of National Cemeteries."

### Union Cemetery Association

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 30, 1881, p5

"Morning Journal: The Union Cemetery Association have for some time back been considering the advisability of purchasing more land on the north line of the cemetery, for the purpose of squaring the same out and giving more chance to beautify the new parts, and also utilize the ravines for drives without going to the expense of bridging the same. When it was decided to take the land, negotiations were at one commenced with the heirs of **John Donovan**, deceased, who are the owners of the desired plat of ground. With

great difficulty the trade was closed. Yesterday **D. L. Braucher** was on the ground surveying the boundary lines. Mr. **H. W. S. Cleveland**, of Chicago, will immediately come down and lay the same out. This addition is one of eight acres, and will be the means of making a larger driving space and also more available lots. The cemetery now contains 32 acres, excluding the part known as the Jones Addition, which is not under the control of the association."

### Receiving Vault

Lincoln Herald, Nov. 03, 1881, p5

"The Delavan cemetery association lately decided to put up a vault to use for the deposit of bodies where, for any reason, it is not desirable that interment should take place within the usual time. This is an example that the authorities of Union Cemetery would do well to imitate. It often happens that a public vault is greatly needed, and the money laid out in the building of such a

structure would be well expended. The death of a babe at the Lincoln House some time ago, while it parents were en route from Texas to the northwest, is a case in point."

**Editor's Note:** A receiving vault was added to the Superintendent's office and the doorway is still there today.

### Monuments

Lincoln Herald, May 18, 1882, p5

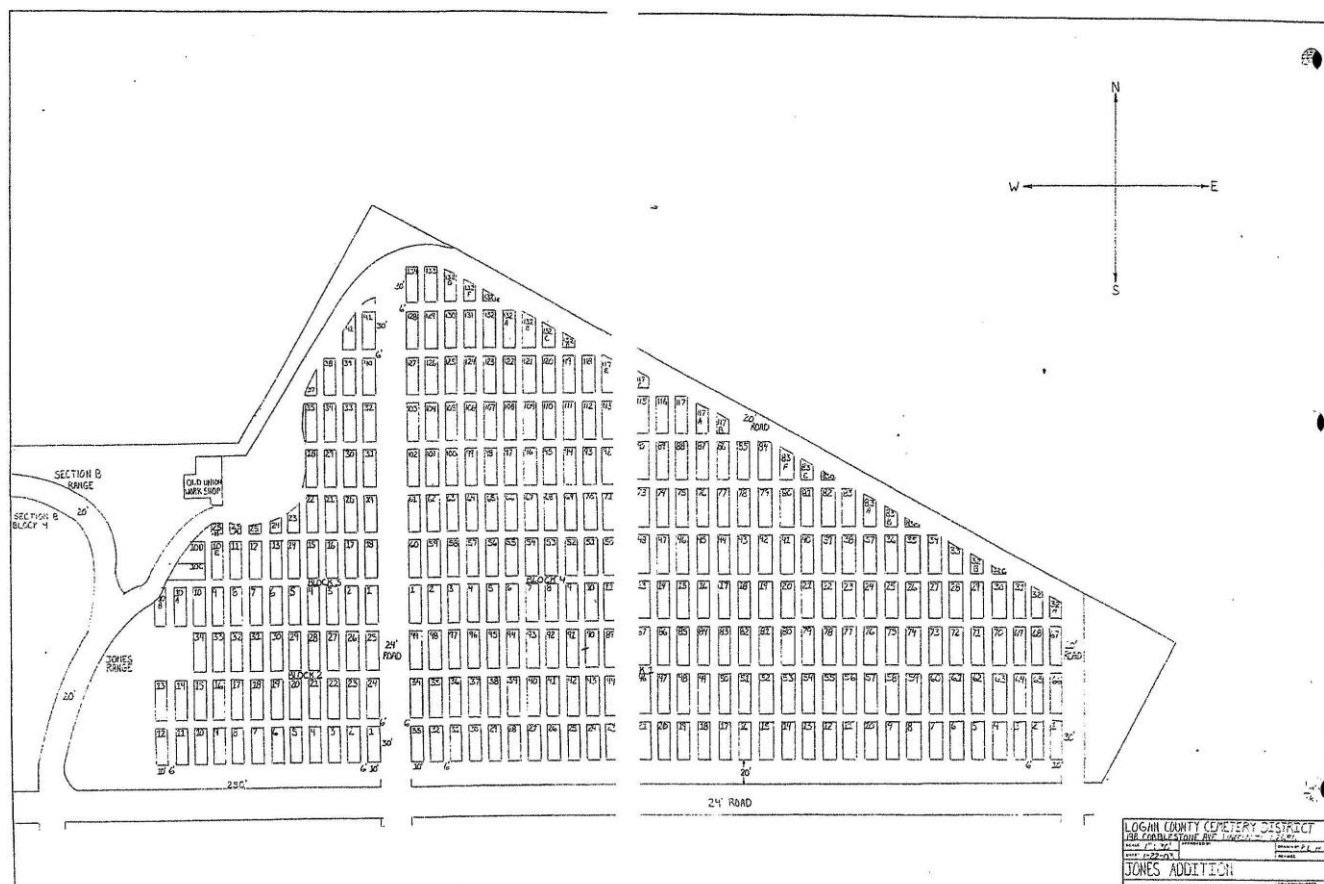
"Two fine granite monuments were unloaded at the C. & A. freight depot on Monday, one consigned to **Judge Foley**, the other to **W. N. Bock**."

### Two Fine Monuments

Lincoln Herald, May 18, 1882, p5

"The two handsome monuments just erected in Union Cemetery for **Judge Foley** and heirs of the late **William B. Bock**, were universally admired on Decoration Day. They are both ornaments of beauty and durability, being of granite from Maine

of the most superior quality, and original designs of **John H. Volk** of Chicago, who has just taken his departure with the full appreciation and satisfaction of his patrons."

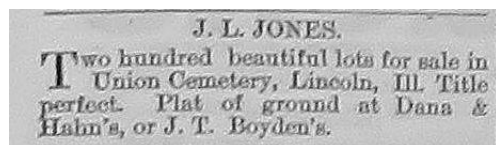


As was mentioned in the opening article, Jones Addition was a private venture begun in 1873 by **J. L. Jones**. It was not included in the Union Cemetery improvements described in this issue. At some point in time, it became part of the responsibility of the Union Cemetery Association. The road at the bottom is on the town line so this portion of the cemetery is in West Lincoln Township. The curvy roads to the left were added in 1880 as part of the improvements begun then by the Union Cemetery Association

### Jones Addition

Lincoln Herald, Jun. 26, 1873, p5

“The city council has granted **J. L. Jones** permission to lay off six acres as an ‘addition’ to the cemetery.”

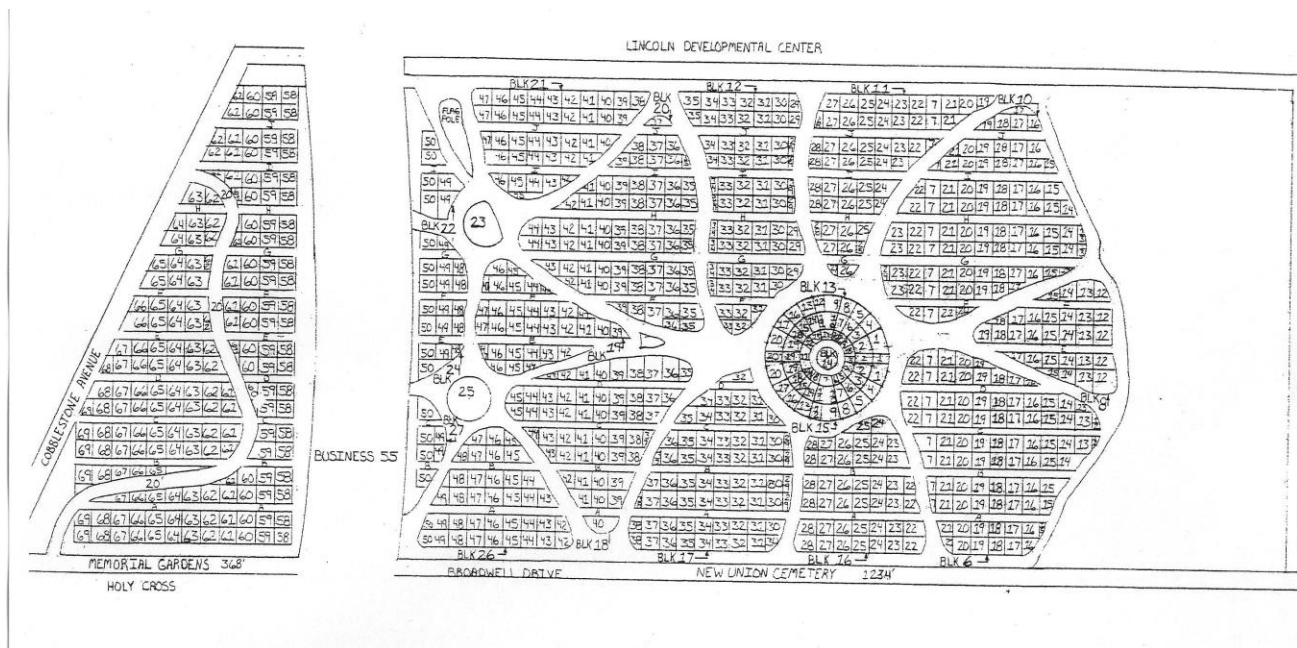


This is the advertisement that Jones placed in the Lincoln Herald every month throughout 1882. We know then that the merger was after 1882

In 1880 the size of the cemetery was increased to thirty-two acres. With the addition of Jones addition at some later date, the size of Old Union, as of now, is thirty-eight acres.

Two more expansions of the cemetery occurred at an unknown time and will likely make a future story for Roots and Branches. Those additions are New Union Cemetery and Memorial Gardens seen in

the plat below. Both of these areas are in West Lincoln Township. I believe New Union has about thirty-three acres, including the undeveloped portion to the east. It looks like Memorial Garden is about five acres. The total for Union Cemetery then is approximately seventy-six acres.



When using this plat to locate burial locations you will need to know where the walkways are located. The description of the lots includes language such as: North of Walk G, South of Walk J, or in Walk B. Walk A is near and parallel to Broadwell Drive and Walk J is near the fence of the old LDC grounds. Ignore grave numbers that might be given. They add an unnecessary level of confusion for researchers. Once you have located the Lot all you need do is look for the stone you seek, if there is one. Sometimes, when fulfilling a request at Find-a-Grave for a photo of a stone, if no stone is present, is to take a picture of the grave site showing neighboring stones as well.

## Accident

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Dec. 05, 1878, p5

"A five or six-year-old boy, son of **John Gleason**, and employee at the tile works, met with an accident last Friday that was certainly a narrow escape from death. At the works mentioned, a belt several hundred feet long, running over rollers, is used to carry the tile from the drying sheds to the kilns. At the kiln end, this belt runs over a large pulley, the lower part of which its axle rests. The child in playing about the kilns put its hand on this pulley, when it was caught under the belt, drawing in the whole arm and jerking the boy over the axle. Of course, the arm was drawn down between

the timbers mentioned and the boy's face struck violently on one of them, while the clothing, catching in spokes of the pulley, drew the body down at the middle until it was bent backward nearly double. A small belt near the engine flew off, stopping the carrying belt, but it was with some difficulty that the child was extricated, terribly bruised and seemingly lifeless. The worst injuries are about the face, lower ribs and stomach. At first it was supposed that the child could not live, but at last accounts it was rapidly recovering."

## Miller's Brewery Burned

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Jul. 18, 1878, p5

"The burning of Miller's brewery, supplemented by the furnace-like heat of the past two weeks, has made lively work for our express men in handling beer kegs. The beer comes from St. Louis, East St. Louis, Springfield, Havana and Bloomington and arrives at the rate of almost thirty quarter barrels or sixty kegs a day. As the empty packages must be returned, this makes a considerable amount of extra work."

## Disturbed Sleep

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Aug. 22, 1878, p1

"Arch, a friend of mine, came up town the other morning looking rather dull and grave. This is his experience of the previous night: 'It was awful hot and I and Maria sat on the front piazza till late in the night to get cool enough to sleep. We had barely got still when the mosquitoes began to cousin', cousin', cousin', and the way they bit it was torturing. I did not mind the biting so much, but I did not have the blood to spare. Finding it impossible to rest, we got up and closed the doors and windows to keep the critters out and tried it again. I must have dosed a little, for I dreamed I was crossing the Gulf of Mexico in a ship, and had fallen overboard, and I waked scared, and found myself as wet as if I had the night sweats, and as hot as a man in a Turkish bath. I told my wife, Maria, this would never do we were bound to have air. So, we got up and

opened the doors, and after cooling a while we made another endeavor to repose. It was late in the night, and everything was serene, and I was sure we would get a nap: but alas! A horrifying scream was heard, and I bounced up and says to Maria: 'What was that? Says she: 'It sounded like **Mrs. Van Horne**; wonder if the baby has had a spasm, or the lamp exploded!' By this time, we were out on the piazza, when, Oh, my! That infernal tom cat gave such a yell that Maria came near fainting, she was scared so bad. I gathered up a brick and blazed away, and at the first lick I knocked the handle off the pump and broke a pane out of the dining room window. But the cats adjourned their meeting, and I and Maria hadn't got fairly asleep when **Read's** corn-sheller reminded us that it was time to get up."

## Civil War Dead

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Oct 10, 1878, p1

"There were 2,854,812 officers and privates in the union army to put down the rebellion of 1861. Of these 286,438 were killed or died of wounds or disease in the service. At the lowest estimate 45,000 died soon after discharge from wounds received or diseases contracted in the service, while 180,000 were permanently disabled for work, and became a

tax upon friends or the state for the cost of their support. And all this fearful sacrifice has resulted in placing the government the southern democracy sought to destroy, almost at the mercy of its enemies, in less than fourteen years after Lee's surrender. — *Rockford Gazette*"

## Co G 4<sup>th</sup> IL Inf

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Dec 05, 1878, p6

“The Pekin *Times* gives a history of Co. G 4<sup>th</sup> Illinois Infantry which was made up at Pekin in May, 1846, and served in the Mexican War. The surviving members of the company are thus enumerated by **John M. Gill: W. A. Tinney, J. M. Gill, S Roads, J. A. Naton, T. B. Briggs, J.**

**Drury, J. G. Hamer, F. L. Roads, Thos. McKasson, Robert, Sullivan, D. Kelso. J. Hornbaker, T. Sheppard, D. C. Franzier, John Norris, S. Woodrow, M. Mount, John Page, T. Page, M. D. Tanney. G. W. Burton.”**

## Toothin

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Aug. 9, 1878, p5

“One evening, not in the long, long ago, a friend of mine and myself did ourselves the pleasure of riding over a little of that part of Logan county, which lies north of Lincoln, to view the fields of growing grain and to breathe the fresh, sweet air of the country. We had ridden and observed and were directing our course homeward just as ‘the shades of night were falling fast,’ allowing our horses to go slow in order that we might enjoy more fully the peculiar influences of the hour, when we saw in the distance, toward the city, an object moving swiftly toward us, which we were soon able to perceive was a man on horseback hastening along at the greatest speed. The man, who appeared as he shot by us to be quite young, scarcely out of the teens, was laboring under a high-pressure head of excitement. We are not mistaken in this for he gave us sufficient evidence to warrant any one in coming to such a conclusion. His appearance, his manner and his frequent ejaculations were all indicative of a high degree of mental perturbation. His bare head, his hair erect, his linen duster floating to the breeze, the vigor with which he lashed his flying steed, his wild exclamations, all impressed us with the idea that the man had lost his mental equilibrium. As we met him, we could distinguish such expressions as ‘Confound it!’ ‘Blame the luck!’ ‘Darn croquet!’ ‘Get up here; go on!’ ‘Drat my old nose!’ – all of which tended to strengthen our conviction that the poor young man’s mind was deranged. Feeling, however, that it was one of those things that need not concern us, we gave the matter but a passing thought, until

it was recalled to mind when we stopped on the street next morning for a few moments chat with a friend who related to us a little story in substance as follows:

“Young Mr. A---, a tony young gent of Atlanta, was captured by and became enamored of a young lady of this city last fall during the fair, since which time he has occasionally made his appearance on the streets of Lincoln, invariably bringing up at the residence of the fair one at sometime during his stay. Sometimes he traveled the distance between the two places by rail, but often came down on his ‘faithful Bob’ as he was wont to call the horse he rode. On the preceding day, Bob had been his locomotive. As he cantered along, the horse little appreciated that his was a mission of love; little could he enter into the feelings of Mr. A---, whose heart bounded with joyous anticipations as he neared the home of the object of his affections and looked forward to another evening spent in bliss. But, alas! how truthful the statement, ‘There is more pleasure in anticipation than realization.

“It was about seven-thirty, p. m. and Mr. A---, his sweetheart and a few others were engaged in an exciting, mind-strengthening game of croquet. Nothing had occurred to mar the pleasure of the evening, but all things seemed to combine to add to the happiness of our young friend. At this eventful time, when he seemed in his happiest, merriest mood, his ball was unluckily knocked far off the playground. Going to recover it his nostrils were tickled by the pollen from the weeds or flowers, and he sneezed with all his energy, once,



twice, thr-e-e times, and then began a wild hunt for something he seemed very anxious to find. The rest of the players gathered around and were painfully pressing in their inquiries as to what he had lost and as painfully industrious in their efforts to find the missing article. Mr. A--- insisted on their continuing the game, saying he had simply dropped his penknife, and was protesting against their aiding him in the search when he was startled by his hostess exclaiming, 'there are some

one's false teeth.' Then there was a sudden seizure of those teeth, as sudden a spring over the front fence, a hasty donning of a linen duster, and an unceremonious departure, and 'faithful Bob' and his rider disappeared in a cloud of dust Atlanta-ward.

"We now knew whom we had met."

## A Dastardly Crime

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Dec 5, 1878, p5

"On Friday night last, **B. F. Corwine's** barn, at his farm about five miles south-west of this city, was burned by incendiaries. The barn contained a lot of harness, some implements, about 900 bushels of corn, 1,000 bushels of oats and twelve horses, all of which were burned. Mr. Corwine and his men were awakened at about 12 o'clock, but at that time the fire had run through the interior of the building and was breaking out of the roof. All that could be done was to save an adjoining corn-crib from burning. Just as Mr. Corwine reached the spot one of the horses, the fine young trotting stallion 'Tribune,' which will be remembered by many persons who attended our last county fair, walked out at the door, but almost instantly fell dead. After the barn burned the remains of twelve horses were found which was the number known to be in the building the previous night. On Saturday morning, however, one of Mr. Corwine's horses, which had been left in the barn, was found in the road harnessed and another, his son's horse, was found in the pasture with a saddle on. This last one has never been broke to ride and it is believed the incendiaries were forced to give him up because they were unable to ride him. The saddle was one which was taken from **John Richards'** barn on Wednesday

or Thursday night. One of the dead horses had a bit in its mouth. The tracks of a wagon which had been drawn by a horse and a mule led up to the barn-lot. The appearances indicate that horse-thieves had exchanged the animals they had originally stolen elsewhere from some of Mr. Corwine's: loss is estimated at fully \$3,000 on which there is only and insurance of \$500 in the American of Chicago.

"The Board of Supervisors has offered a reward of \$500 for the arrest and conviction of the thieves and Mr. Corwine offers \$50 in addition. Mr. Corwine says: 'The following described horse is no doubt stole, Bay horse, about 5 years old, blocky square built about 15 hands high, weighs about 1,200 pounds. Roman nose, a few gray hairs in forehead (but no regular star), rather a rough traveler when trotting -, Clyde horse. The following described horse, also may have been taken: Bay horse, about 9 or 10 years old, weighs about 1,400 pounds, white spot in the forehead, blocky, square built, about 15 ½ hands high, - Clyde horse.'

"This horrible occurrence has excited a most intense feeling of indignation, and if the thieves are caught, every exertion will be made to punish them to the fullest extent possible."

## The Joust

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Aug. 15, 1878, p4

"The few remaining bumble bees under the Broadway sidewalk near Pilgrim Chapel have as

much pluck as if a regiment of fellow stingers was at their back. It was only last Monday that one of

them, full of the wrongs of his race, attacked a woman and a girl, and when Mr. **J. W. Bell** came to the rescue with a piece of calico which the woman handed him, the bee left the girl and attacked his new enemy with the fiery courage which takes no note of size or superior arms. It was as pretty a fight as one could wish to see; first Mr. B. on top, then Mister bee, while the air was full of flying legs and arms and ablaze with red

calico. In a few minutes the small combatant, having wound hands in Mr. Bell's hair forced the gentleman off the sidewalk, and thinking doubtless to beat his enemies in detail, fell upon Mr. B's. dog with unabated fury. Just here he missed it, for help came up and he was dispatched before he could extract a single howl from the dog.

## Eclipse

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Aug. 15, 1878, p4

"The moon has had a 'bad spell' lately. On the 29<sup>th</sup> ult. She eclipsed Old Sol. Last Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>, a conjunction with Jupiter occurred and on Monday evening she came above the Horizon

almost half obscured by the earth's shadow. This last eclipse covered nearly three-fifths of the moon's disc, but the shadow had passed the point of greatest obscurity before the orb."

## Poodo Ghost

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Aug. 22, 1878, p1

"Poordo has a sensation; a ghost in the shape of a mermaid has taken possession of the Big Pond and can be heard nightly making the most doleful and piteous murmurings, splashing the water and cutting up other pranks entirely too mysterious for the living or any other fellow to find out. A query among the Poordo people is as to whether it's a make for female ghost. Their modesty is too great to intrude, should it be the latter.

"That Poordo ghost story turns out a good deal fishy. The mysterious noise and splashing of water occurring in the big pond are now supposed to be the result of great schools of fish chasing each other – millions of minnows, perhaps, trying to

keep out of the way of their enemies, the larger fish, which appear in great numbers. Mr. **Jerry Davis** has been keeping a thorough watch of the place for some time, his latest one last night and he concludes from his best judgment that all the phenomena arise from the above cause. Thus, it turns out a fish story instead of a ghost story."

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Nov. 7, 1882, p1

"They call it a 'water loon,' it has been seen in the big pond on Lake Fork for some time, but after many vain efforts by a number of marksmen, it fell victim to Mr. **Russell Scroggin**'s unerring aim of the rifle. It's a monster fowl unlike anything ever seen on the lake."

## Herald Office

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln. Illinois, Aug. 22, 1878, p5

"The Herald office has been mistaken for the post-office so often that the apparition of a woman with a letter in her hand and an expression of doubt on her face merely moves us to say, 'Three doors to the left.' Sometimes it's a man with a morbid appetite for robberies, rapes and seductions who thinks he has found a news depot and demands, 'Give us a Chicago *Times*.' Once a burly loafer decidedly drunk but blissfully ignorant of the fact that he had had enough,

walked up to the counter and blurted out, 'Gimme a glass of beer.' This was a sad blow, but the feather that broke the camel's back was added the other day by a misguided traveler who asked: 'Is this a bank!' Shades of Horace Greeley? The idea of mistaking a country newspaper office for a bank! The English language fails to furnish a sentence equaling the above in concentrated sarcasm."

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