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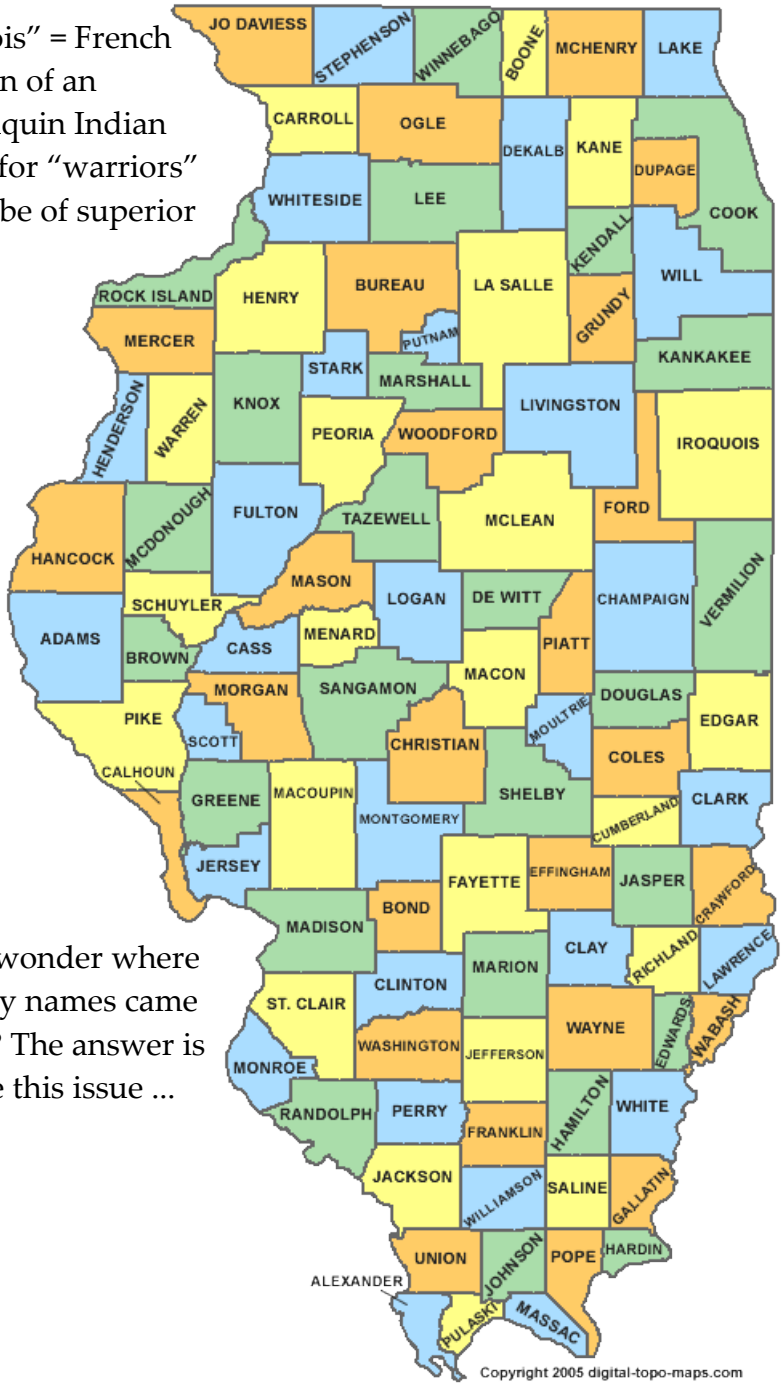
"Illinois" = French version of an Algonquin Indian word for "warriors" or "tribe of superior men."



Ever wonder where county names came from? The answer is inside this issue ...

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DCHGS meetings are usually held the second Wednesday of the month at Oak Crest Little Theater, 2944 Greenwood Acres Dr., DeKalb, 7:00 p.m. during the months of March, May, September, October, November. April and June meetings are often held off-site.

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Events of interest around the county . . .

Sept. 28 Fox Valley Genealogical Society. "Family Photos: Their Stories and Preservation," seminar. 9 am-4 pm. To register: ilfvgs.org.

Oct. 9 DCHGS program meeting, 7 pm. Barry Schrader & Terry Martin talk about researching and writing *Acres of Change: A History of DeKalb County, Illinois 1963 -2012.*

Oct. 12 DeKalb Co. Assn. of Historical Societies & Museums tri-annual meeting, 9:30 a.m., Hinckley Historical Society. All are welcome!

Oct. 13 Glidden Homestead. "Blacksmithing for Kids," activities, games, demonstrations, noon-4 pm. Brief presentation on the blacksmithing trade at 1 pm. Admission free. Sponsored by DeKalb Public Library's Big Read *True Grit.*

Oct. 16 Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Brown Bag, noon, free.

Oct. 26 Syc. Hist. Museum. Historic Homes Tour: "Movers and Shakers of Sycamore," 10-5. Tickets $25 ea. or 2 for $40, in advance or at any of the 6 sites.

Oct. 27 Glidden Homestead. "The Blacksmith Trade Yesterday and Today," 1 pm. Blacksmith demonstrations and homestead tours, noon-4 pm. Admission free. Sponsored by DeKalb Public Library's Big Read *True Grit.*

Nov. 3 Glidden Homestead. Barbed Wire Sites Bus Tours, 11 am and 2 pm. Guided tours of DeKalb sites by Steve Bigolin. Tickets $15, members $12. Advanced registration required, info@gliddenhomestead.org.

Nov. 9 Sycamore History Museum. Living history presentation: Civil War, 1863; Sycamore Depot, 7 pm; tickets $10 adults, $5 children.

Nov. 20 Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Brown Bag, noon, free.

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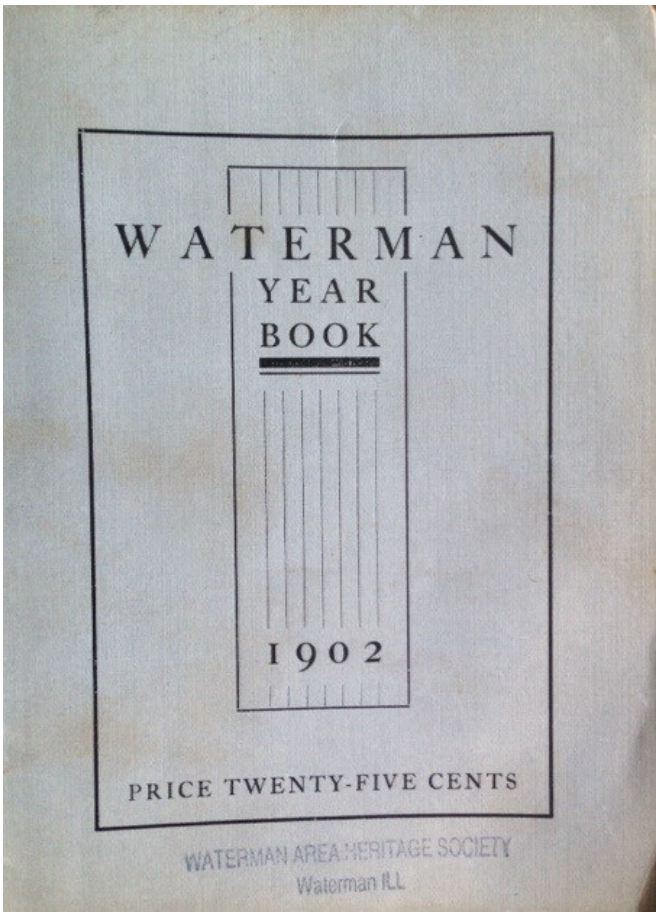
Congdon's Wonderful Waterman Year Books

By Sherrie Tuntland Martin

During the first decade of the 1900s, George Edward Congdon was collecting data and printing chronologies of what was happening in Waterman and the Waterman area. The booklets cost 25 cents, were soft covered, 5" x 7", and about 40 pages each. Sets are scarce and the Waterman Heritage Society appreciates those who have donated theirs to our collection. The books were entered according to Act of Congress, in the year 1903, by George Edward Congdon, in the office of the Librarian of Congress at Washington. They are treasures for Waterman and DeKalb County. The set being used for this article was donated by Patricia Woods and the original owner was Preston I. Woods.



The 1902 booklet begins with a somber portrait photo of a well-dressed Congdon. The title page states: Waterman Illinois Year Book, 1902, Compiled by George Edward Congdon, Printed By The Sac Sun, Sac City, IA. Eventually books were published for 1903, 1904, 1905, and 1906. Does anyone have a book for a different year? The Waterman society would appreciate such a book or a copy.

The "Preface" by Congdon describes his intentions.

> Great care has been taken to make the information in this book exact and complete. In preparing the chronology I sent letters to each person concerned and received replies from the greater part. In preparing the biographies the same care was exercised, but fewer replies were received and I had to rely largely on the local papers. Items gathered from my transcripts of early records and my genealogical gleanings were inserted. In the section devoted to the directory doubtless will be found the greatest number of deficiencies, not only to my lack of knowledge, but also to the fact that prominent persons in the societies, to whom I applied for information were neglectful or indifferent. Despite its imperfections, however, I feel that this little book will be a useful record of the year, and, while I do not commit myself to the publication of a year book for the present year, if I do undertake this task I feel sure I shall profit by my present experience, and that requests for information will receive answers more prompt, more exact, and more complete.
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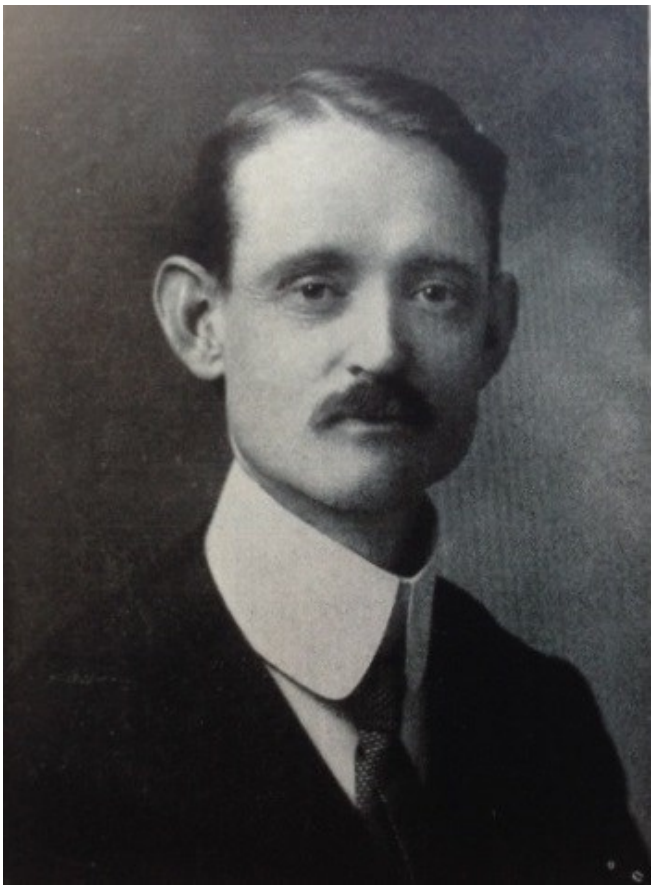
> G. E. CONGDON.



G. E. Congdon

The Table of Contents begins with an eleven-page, monthly "Chronology" of events. This includes meetings, programs, special events, births, and deaths, and in some cases included biographies.

In January 1902, babies were born to Wiltbergers, McCleerys, Alfords, Starrys, and Spencers. Marriages included Ephraim Jackson Wood and Mary Halloway; Charles Tompkins Jr. and Gertrude Ames; Ed Leifheit and Rosa Leifheit. Death came to John Stern, Catherine Woods Darnell, and Mrs. James McAllister. Special events included installation of officers at Waterman Camp, 1572, Modern Woodmen Association.

February brought births of a boy to Will Reingardts; marriage joined Fred Bend and Grace Merritt, Walter Wiltberger and Harriet Cook, and Roy Greenfield and Lydia Lawrence; village school gave a basket social and old fashioned spelling match with total receipts of $70.00; death came to G. W. Rollins.

March included an impersonator at the Methodist Church; a son born to Arthur and Amelia (Bossong) Burgin; the carom club closed their second season; a barn owned by Mrs. Fannie Hinds burned to the ground.

April featured a proposition to build a town hall and saw it defeated 51 to 41; Frank Greeley began a farm residence, 32 x 50, heated by furnace and piped for water and gas; W.J. Randles began a farm residence, 34 x 38, cost $2500.

In May the post office at Franks was discontinued; Memorial Day address at Johnson's Grove Cemetery.

June brought heavy rainstorms all over the county, heavy loss by winds, trains delayed; Dr. Macklin died.

July electrical storms destroyed the barn on H. L. Fuller's farm; Lafayette Carson lost by lightning seventeen head of cattle, two cows, and fifteen steers; David Hipple raised a new barn, 46 x 90 with 26-foot posts.

August found a new school being erected at Greentown; the *Waterman Leader* changed to an eight-page, six-column, all home, print paper.

September 3 was the 26th Old Settlers' Picnic held at Norton's Grove, near Shabbona; new barn 50 x 106 raised on the H. L. Fuller farm.

October—A special agent examined the route and recommended establishment of rural free delivery north of Waterman.

November—General Election, Clinton Township: Republican 117, Democratic 23, Prohibition 12.

December 17—Charles B. Broughton of DeKalb and Della Leifheit of Waterman married at the Great Northern hotel in Chicago.

This news is followed by 14 pages of short biographies, a seven-page directory of organizations, and three pages of last-minute miscellaneous. Biographies included in this issue are for W. G. Beveridge, Alfred Bradbury, Mrs. B. A. Cole, Mrs. Eli Darnell, Thomas Graham, Mrs. E. W. Hicks, Mertie E. Kirkpatrick, Dr. G. M. Macklin, Mrs. J. W. McAllister, Thomas McEachron, Mrs. William Potter, Mrs. R. M. Pritchard, G. W. Rollins, Mrs. H. M. Rose, Mrs. C. E. Smith, John Stern, Mrs. C. M. Stram, Mary Walker, M. D. Wesson, and Mrs. William Yearnshaw.

Also included in the directory are churches, W.C.T.U., Waterman Alumni, Woman's Club, T. S. Terry Post No. 463 G.A.R., Modern Woodmen, Eastern Star, Town officers, Old Settlers association, and Waterman School. A miscellaneous section includes "Old People of Waterman," births, and deaths. Also included is a photo of Rev. Isaiah Villars, D. D. Methodist Episcopal Church.

The "Directory" lists organizations available to citizens. The Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and United Presbyterian churches are listed. Other groups available to citizens were the Clinton Township Sunday School Association, Woman's Christian Temperance Union, Waterman Alumni Association, Waterman Woman's Club Organized in 1902; T. S. Terry No. 463 GAR; Modern Woodsmen, Eastern Star, Town officers, Village officers, Old Settlers Organization, and Waterman School. Miscellaneous includes Old People, Births, and Deaths for one year.

Illustrations included in this book include photos of G. E. Congdon, Rev. Isaiah Villars, Charles Pierce Burton, and Dr. G. M. Macklin. The "Miscellaneous" section on page 33 lists "Old People of Waterman and Vicinity" and the Births and Deaths for the given year.

There is a "Chronology" section featuring each month of the past year and includes a list of highlights. Church news, births, biographies, special events, and news of organizations are included. The chronology for the 1902 booklet begins with a January section. A son is born to Mrs. William F. Wiltberger; there is an installation of officers, Waterman Camp, 1572, M.W.A.; John Stern died; Mrs. Catherine Woods Darnell died; the McCleerys had a son; Benjamin and Dora Alford had a daughter; the Will Reingardts had a son. In February, Fred Bend and Grace Merritt married; the village school gave a basket sociable and old-fashioned spelling match with a total profit of over $70.

So ends the "highlights" of one of George Edward Congdon's Year Books. Waterman area citizens and DeKalb County residents are fortunate to have these resources about our community and the DeKalb area. This was an amazing man who left a treasure of memories behind for all of us to enjoy and research. Thank you, Mr. Congdon. ❖

May 21, 1898
To Mr. Gross, Supt. of Schools

Dear Sir,

Our school [opening] is not taken. Mr. Paris goes to Savannah. When at our place you spoke of a teacher you thought would fill the bill. Wish you would lend us a good teacher (not Catholic). We will want 2 months fall and 4 months winter and 2 months spring term. I think we ought to get a good teacher at $40 per month for spring and fall term and $50 per month for winter term. Please let me hear from you soon.

Respectfully yours,
Robert Hampton
East Paw Paw

For the genealogist in you . . .

In Search of Invisible Women

By Alice Lintereur

Historically women were not considered as an entity and disappeared under her husband's identity. The males that our grandmothers married would consider women appearing in a court of law NOT fitting or proper. She could not vote and her husband transacted the family business. If her father left an inheritance to her, it would pass to her husband. Under English law, followed by all states but Louisiana, the husband and wife were considered to be one person and that person was the husband. Later, a respectable woman's name should not appear more than three times in a newspaper – birth, marriage, and death. Few women left diaries or letters, especially immigrants who spoke little or no English.

When genealogists research a female, learning the culture of the individual may help discover her identity. For instance, throughout much of Europe a woman's maiden name remained her legal surname the rest of her life.

Example: Searching for my husband's French Canadian ancestors. After five days of searching I happened on church records that identified his grandparents and each had retained their family surname. Antoine Ducros and Emerence Lesage. Her parents were Antoine Lesage and Angele Deblois. The pedigree chart expanded quickly.

Other customs brought to America from non-English confused genealogists. In Louisiana, the practice of using a husband's given name as the surname of a wife or daughter. Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony was Elizabeth Routh, wife of Anthony Bowker. People from the Scandinavian countries had a different naming practice. Slaves were named after their owners. Some Europeans used the mother's maiden name as a middle name for their children. This certainly made it easier to follow since many used similar first names in the family. I have many Henry, John, Samuel, Jacob, etc. used for children's names in the brothers' and sisters' families. Some countries had the first son named after the father's father and the first daughter after the mother's mother.

Having identified some hurdles, how do we tackle them?

First: Create a timeline.

Second: Look repeatedly at records you already have. For instance, if you found her in a census, did you copy all the information, place of birth, parents' place of birth, years of marriage. Do the neighbors follow in a group if found in a different location in the next census? If you can't find her in a census, don't assume she died. She may have remarried, she may be living with a child or is using her maiden name. Try variations of her name—misspellings or a nickname. Check an obituary for brothers or unmarried sisters that would use the family name.

Third: Search records of her husband, i.e., military records, land records, church records, wills, probate records, court records, marriage and divorce records, military pension rolls, naturalization papers, and/or newspapers that may help to identify her. Search county histories, records of children who may identify their mother's maiden name.

Fourth: She may not have moved, but the county lines may have changed.

Example: DeKalb County was formed March 1837 from its parent county Kane. Kane formed January 1836 from LaSalle County. LaSalle County formed Jan 1831 from Putnam and Vermillion County, etc.

Therefore you may have to check for records of family in the parent county – note date each county was formed. This information can be found in *The Handybook for Genealogists* published by Everton Publishers, Draper, Utah.

Fifth: Go online and check family trees – one may just identify her parents, therefore her maiden name. Place a query on the many genealogy forums.

It is conceivable that she disappeared. Perhaps there was an accident, a natural disaster, an epidemic in the area, or the possibility of a fire that destroyed records in public places and she became anonymous after that date because records were not available.

Check www.gendisasters.com for local disasters and www.eogen.com/Epidemics for epidemics. And if all else fails, take a break and come back later with a new vision and energy.

TIP: Locating Women in Naturalization Records: Between 1855 and 1922, wives and children became United States citizens when the husband did. After that time, women were required to file independently. After 1907, marriage determined a woman's nationality status completely. Under the act of March 2, 1907, all women acquired their husband's nationality upon any marriage occurring after that date. This didn't change the situation for immigrant women, but a female United States-born citizen could now lose their citizenship by any marriage to any alien. There were some exceptions.

-Source: Lisa A. Alzo, M. F. A.

News from the Hinckley Historical Museum by Dolores Bastian

This year we were favored with a $1,790 grant from the DeKalb County Community Foundation to put UV protection on our windows, lights, and for additional archival storage boxes and binders. We also received a $1,000 grant from the Roberts Family Foundation for scanner/printer, dehumidifier, button machine, and display cases. The button machine and dehumidifier were purchased and used immediately. The scanner has glass for 11 x 17 inch scans and is wonderful for large photos.

Early in the school year it was suggested to a second grade teacher that we would welcome school classes to visit our museum. Plans were made and just a week ahead of the scheduled day of arrival we learned that there was not one but two second grades classes coming at the same time -- forty children along with teachers. What to do with so many people in such a small space available? "Have them all sit on the floor," suggested the lead teacher. So when forty-five kids, two teachers, and three aids showed, along with myself and Jerry Bahl as my assistant, the room was really full.

After a short presentation the children were given button machine cutouts with an outline of a baby mastodon to color and have Jerry put together for them. However, a couple of aids knew how to run the machine and took over. But it was not like the one at school; the students waited quietly in line for a long time for their turn while the aids figured out how to run the button maker. The children told their teacher that it was a good day, one of the best in the year.

Plans are already in the works for next year's second graders in May. Mastodon coloring will be done at school and given to us ahead of time so buttons can be prepared and presented to the children when they come. ❖

How Illinois Counties Got Their Names

Six counties were named for presidents of the United States: WASHINGTON, JEFFERSON, MADISON, MONROE, ADAMS (John Quincy), and JACKSON.

Four counties were named for the first, second, third, and seventh governors of Illinois: respectively, BOND, COLES, EDWARDS, and FORD.

Sixteen counties were named for other prominent citizens of the state from different walks of life:

ALEXANDER — for William M. Alexander, an early settler of the county bearing his name and senator of the second and third General Assembles of the state.

COOK — for Daniel P. Cook, a pioneer lawyer, first Attorney General of the state and Representative in Congress from 1819 to 1827.

DOUGLAS — for Stephen A. Douglas, an eminent lawyer, brilliant political orator, Secretary of State (1840), Representative in Congress (1843-1847), United States Senator (1847-1861), and candidate for the presidency in 1860.

EDGAR — for John Edgar, a pioneer merchant, politician, and land speculator.

KANE — for Elias Kent Kane, a pioneer lawyer, territorial judge, prominent member of the Constitutional Convention in 1818, first Secretary of State, and later US Senator.

LOGAN — for Dr. John Logan, a pioneer physician, father of General John A. Logan.

McHENRY — for William McHenry, a pioneer of White County, soldier of the War of 1812 and the Black Hawk War, Representative of the first, fourth, fifth, and ninth General Assemblies, and Senator in the sixth.

McLEAN — for John McLean, a pioneer lawyer, territorial judge, first Representative in Congress from Illinois (1818), and US Senator (1824-1825).

MENARD -- for Pierre Menard, a pioneer Indian trader, colonel of territorial militia, and first Lieutenant Governor of the State.

OGLE — for Joseph Ogle, pioneer politician and lieutenant of the territorial militia.

PLATT — for James A. Platt, Sr., who settled in the area in 1829, coming from Indiana.

POPE — for Nathaniel Pope, first territorial Secretary of State (1809-1816) and last territorial delegate to Congress from Illinois.

STEPHENSON -- for Benjamin Stephenson, prominent pioneer, a colonel of the territorial militia, and Adjutant General of the Territory (1813-1814).

WHITE -- for Leonard White, pioneer of Gallatin County, a major of territorial militia, member of Constitutional Convention of 1818, state senator in second and third General Assemblies.

WHITESIDE — for Samuel Whiteside, a colonel of the territorial militia, representative in the first General Assembly, and brigadier general of the militia during Black Hawk War.

WILL — for Conrad Will, a pioneer politician, territorial recorder of Jackson County, member of

the Constitutional Convention of 1818, and member of the General Assemblies from the first to ninth, inclusive.

Twenty-two counties were named in honor of military heroes, generally of the Revolution, but some of later wars:

BROWN — for Jacob Brown, major general during the War of 1812 who won distinction at Sackett's Harbor, Chippewa, and Niagara.

CLARK — for George Rogers Clark, a soldier of the Revolution who, as colonel of Virginia militia, established Colonial control in the Illinois country by the capture of Kaskaskia and Fort Vincennes.

DeKALB — for Johann DeKalb, a German baron who served in the Colonies during the Revolution and was mortally wounded at Camden, SC in 1780.

GREENE — for Nathaniel Green, a major general in the Revolution who distinguished himself as commander in the Southern Colonies.

JASPER — for William Jasper, a sergeant of the Revolution who, during the action in Charleston Harbor, replaced the flag shot away at Fort Moultrie and later was killed at Savannah in 1779.

JoDAVIESS — for Joseph Hamilton Daviess, prominent lawyer of Kentucky, United States District Attorney, and major of the militia; killed at the battle of Tippecanoe, 1811.

JOHNSON — for Richard M. Johnson, a colonel of Kentucky militia who served in Indian wars and the War of 1812 and was reputed to have killed the Indian chief Tecumseh at the battle of the Thames; representative in Congress and United States senator from Kentucky; vice-president 1837-1841.

KNOX — for Henry Knox, a soldier of the Revolution who commanded the storming party at Stony Point, later major general and Washington's Secretary of War.

MARION — for Francis Marion, a soldier of the Revolution who distinguished himself as a partisan commander in the Carolinas.

MERCER — for Hugh Mercer, a general of the Revolution, killed at the battle of Princeton.

MONTGOMERY — for Richard Montgomery, a Revolutionary general of Irish birth who was killed before Quebec, December 31, 1775.

MORGAN — for Daniel Morgan, a general of the Revolution who, as commander of the "Rifle Brigade," served with distinction at Quebec, Saratoga, the Cowpens, and other important engagements.

MOULTRIE — for William Moultrie, a general of the Revolution who built Fort Moultrie and successfully defended it.

PIKE — Zebulon Pike, an early explorer of the Louisiana purchase. Pike's Peak was named in his honor. He was a general in the War of 1812 and was killed at York, Canada.

PULASKI — for Count Casimir Pulaski, a Polish exile who espoused the cause of the Colonies during the Revolution and was killed at the attack on Savannah, 1779.

PUTNAM — for Israel Putnam, a major general of the Revolution.

SCHUYLER — for Philip Schuyler, a soldier of the French and Indian wars, a major general of the Revolution, a member of the Continental Congress, and United States Senator from New York.

STARK — for John Stark, a soldier of the French and Indian wars, a major general of the Revolution who served with distinction at Bunker Hill, Trenton, Princeton, and Bennington.

ST. CLAIR — for Arthur St. Clair, a soldier of the French and Indian wars, a major general during the Revolution, Commander-in-Chief of the army after the Revolution, and governor of the territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio.

WARREN — for Joseph Warren, a physician and soldier who served at Lexington, a major general of Massachusetts militia; killed at the battle of Bunker Hill.

WAYNE — for Anthony Wayne, a surveyor and politician of Pennsylvania, a major general during the Revolution, Commander-in-Chief of the army after General St. Clair, and successful Indian fighter in the Northwest Territory.

Three counties were named in honor of naval commanders:

LAWRENCE — for Captain James Lawrence, Commander of the Chesapeake who was mortally wounded in an engagement between that vessel and the British vessel Shannon during the War of 1812.

McDONOUGH — for Thomas McDonough, a commodore of the United States Navy who commanded the fleet on Lake Champlain in a successful engagement with the British fleet near Plattsburg, 1814.

PERRY — for Oliver Hazard Perry, a commodore of the United States Navy who won distinction as commander of the fleet in the Battle of Lake Erie in 1813.

Twenty-one counties were named for statesmen and politicians, not citizens of Illinois, some of whom had distinguished themselves in military as well as civil life.

CALHOUN — for John C. Calhoun, a lawyer and statesman, Representative in Congress and United States Senator from South Carolina, Secretary of War under Monroe, Vice-President of the United States, and Secretary of State under Tyler, and was recognized as the "Father of Nullification."

CARROLL — for Charles Carroll of Carrollton, a statesman of the Revolutionary period, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and United States Senator from Maryland.

CASS — for Lewis Cass, a soldier as well as statesman, Territorial Governor of Michigan, Minister to France, United States Senator from Michigan, Secretary of War under Jackson, Secretary of State under Buchanan, and at one time a prominent candidate for the presidency.

CLAY — for Henry Clay, a statesman and political orator, Representative in Congress and United States Senator from Kentucky, three times Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, famous as the author of the political measures known as the "Missouri Compromise," and a prominent candidate for the presidency.

CLINTON — for DeWitt Clinton, a distinguished lawyer, financier and statesman, mayor of the city and governor of the State of New York, United States Senator and chief promoter of the Erie Canal.

CRAWFORD — for William H. Crawford of Georgia, United States senator, Minister to France, Secretary of War, Secretary of the Treasury, and a prominent candidate for the presidency in 1824.

DeWITT — for DeWitt Clinton. (See Clinton County.)

FRANKLIN — for Benjamin Franklin, philosopher, statesman, diplomatist, author, printer, a member of the Continental Congress, Ambassador to France, and (before the Revolution) Deputy Postmaster General of the British Colonies in America.

GALLATIN — for Albert Gallatin, a statesman and financier, representative in Congress from Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, and Minister to France and England.

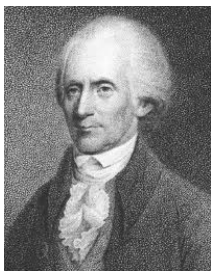
GRUNDY — for Felix Grundy, a lawyer and politician, United States senator from Tennessee, and Attorney General of the United States.

HAMILTON — for Alexander Hamilton, a soldier, statesman, author and financier, aid on the staff of Washington during the Revolution, a member of the Continental Congress, first Secretary of the Treasury (1789-1795), and Commander-in-Chief of the United States Army in 1799.

HANCOCK — for John Hancock, a prominent figure of the Revolutionary period, a major general of militia, president of the Continental Congress, first signer of the Declaration, and first governor of the State of Massachusetts.

HENRY — for Patrick Henry, a lawyer, orator and statesman of the Revolutionary period, a member of the Continental Congress, and governor of Virginia.

KENDALL — for Amos Kendall, a successful politician and journalist, Postmaster General under Jackson; and as partner of S.F.B. Morse, the inventor of the electric telegraph, he contributed largely to the commercial success of that invention.



LEE — for Richard Henry Lee, an orator and statesman of the Revolutionary period, a member of the Continental Congress, a Representative in Congress and United States Senator from Virginia.

LIVINGSTON — for Edward Livingston, a lawyer and statesman, mayor of New York City, representative in Congress from New York and later from Louisiana, United States Senator from the latter state, Secretary of State under Jackson, and United States Minister to France.

MACON — for Nathaniel Macon, a colonel during the Revolution and later a Representative and United States Senator in Congress from North Carolina. He strenuously opposed the adoption of the United States Constitution as conferring powers on the federal government that should be reserved to the states.

MARSHALL — for John Marshall, a soldier of the Revolution, statesman, author and jurist, Ambassador to France, Representative in Congress from Virginia, Secretary of State and Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

RANDOLPH — for Edmund Randolph, a soldier of the Revolution, a lawyer and statesman, member of the Continental Congress, Attorney General and governor of Virginia, Secretary of State of the United States and Attorney General under Washington.

SHELBY — for Isaac Shelby, a soldier of the Revolution and Indian wars, Governor of Kentucky (1792-1796) and again (1812-1816). He commanded the Kentucky troops in the battle of the Thames in the War of 1812.

TAZEWELL — for Lyttleton W. Tazewell, an eminent lawyer, Governor, Representative in Congress, and United States Senator from Virginia.

Nine counties of Illinois adopted the names of counties of other states through the influence of emigrants from the counties whose names were thus adopted: CHAMPAIGN and RICHLAND from Ohio; CHRISTIAN, HARDIN, HENDERSON, MASON, SCOTT, and WOODFORD from Kentucky; and WILLIAMSON from Tennessee.

Seven counties bear Indian names, given originally, as a general rule, to a creek, river or lake, and afterward transferred to the county. These named are IROQUOIS, KANKAKEE, MACOUPIN, PEORIA, SANGAMON, WABASH and WINNEBAGO.

Fourteen other counties derive their names from sources so diverse that they cannot easily be classified under any special head.

BOONE — for Daniel Boone, a pioneer hunter, Indian fighter, and pathfinder of the early days.

BUREAU — for Pierre Buero, a French trader with the Indians.

CUMBERLAND — from the Cumberland Road, named in its turn from the town of Cumberland, Maryland, which derived its name from the mountain range of the same name adopted, presumably, from the Cumberland Mountains of Great Britain.

DuPAGE — from a small river of the same name said to have derived its name from a French trapper and trader of that region.

EFFINGHAM — for Lord Edward Effingham, who resigned his commission as general in the British army, 1775, refusing to serve in the war against the colonies.

FULTON — for Robert Fulton, the first successful builder of steamboats on American waters.

JERSEY — for the State of New Jersey, which derived its name from the Isle of Jersey, Great Britain.

LAKE — for Lake Michigan.

LaSALLE—for Robert de LaSalle, the French explorer who effected the first white settlements in Illinois and explored the Mississippi to the Gulf.

MASSAC — from Fort Massac, a corruption of a French surname, Massiac.

ROCK ISLAND — from the rock island of that name in the Mississippi.

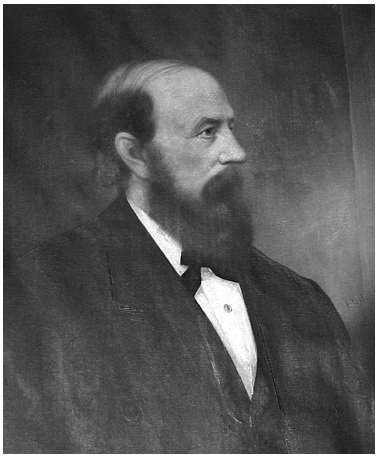
SALINE — from Saline creek, so called on account of numerous salt springs in that locality.

UNION — from the federal union of the American States.

VERMILION — from the river of that name, the principal branches of which flow through the county.

Excerpted from Origin and Evolution of Illinois Counties *from Secretary of State Jesse White website, www.cyberdriveillinois.com/publications/pdf_publications/ipub15.pdf.*

This interesting website also gives the years that the counties were established, and provides maps to show their locations and boundaries through the years. ❖



Who Was Henry Boies?

By the late Phyllis Kelley, 2006

Henry Lamson Boies was born July 5, 1830, in Hadley, Massachusetts. His ancestors were French Huguenots who eventually moved to Scotland. From there they settled in Northern Ireland, emigrating to Massachusetts about 1680.

Artemis Boies, Henry's father, was born in 1792 and became a Congregational Church minister. In 1835 the family moved to Boston and five years later to New London, Connecticut, where Henry's father died in 1845, leaving a widow with two sons and one daughter.

Henry, the middle child, had consumption (tuberculosis) and at age 20 decided he needed a change from the severe New England climate. He spent the winter of 1850 in the Azores, returned to America by way of England and went to Charleston, South Carolina, where he taught school for a year. Next, he went north where he bought interest in a gun powder factory at Catskill, New York. A short time later lung problems returned. Knowing he needed a career change and a better climate, he came to DeKalb County and settled on a farm in South Grove Township. In 1858 he moved to Sycamore where he invested in twenty acres of land in the village.

Convinced that Sycamore needed a railroad in order to grow and to retain the county seat, Henry Boies and John Hamlin were behind the project that became the Sycamore and Cortland Railroad. It was completed in 1855 when it connected with the Galena line, later the Chicago & North Western Railroad, at Cortland.

In 1863 Henry Boies joined the staff of the *True Republican* newspaper in Sycamore and in 1865 he became editor. In 1868 he published his valuable *History of DeKalb County Illinois.* He remained with the *True Republican* until his death on April 26, 1887. He is buried at Elmwood Cemetery, a fitting place for his final resting place, as the Elmwood Cemetery Company in 1865 had purchased eighteen acres of land from the Henry Boies farm to be used for a burial ground.

There is no greater source of information on early DeKalb County history than the book written in 1868 by Henry Boies. Boies had two important advantages when he wrote his comprehensive history of the county. First, he was a gifted writer and newspaper editor, and second, most of the young men who settled here in the 1830s and 1840s were still around to share their experiences with him. It helped also that the newspaper office at the time was in a building across Maple Street from the second county courthouse (1850-1904) where the important county documents were filed. In 1987 the DeKalb County Historical Society reprinted Boies's county history.

Reprinted with permission from the Joiner Room Journal, *July 2006.*

Editor's note: The 1987 reprint is currently sold out, but reference copies are available at many county libraries. It can also be read online at http://archive.org/stream/historyofdekalbc00inboie#page/n11/mode/2up

Or

http://dekalb.illinoisgenweb.org

Museum Corner

Featuring

DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association

DAAHA's Virtual Museum

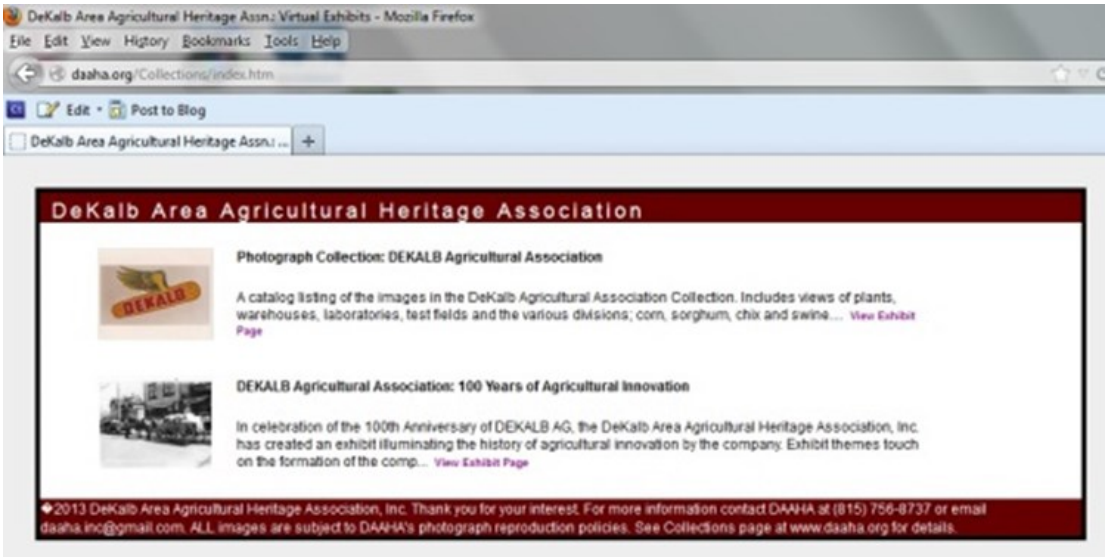
DAAHA is pleased to announce the availability of a Virtual Museum! The Virtual Museum can be accessed on the Collections page of the DAAHA website:

http://daaha.org/Collections/collections.htm

There are currently two virtual exhibits posted with more to follow in the future. **The DAAHA Curator and Volunteers would like your help to further enhance the descriptions of the "Photograph Collection: DEKALB Agricultural Association" entry.**

A tremendous amount of work has gone into providing the descriptions of the virtual exhibits. We recognize that those providing these descriptions did not necessarily know every person in the photograph, every location, every event or the date the photo was taken. We are asking that those that might be able to provide such information review the photos and offer their information to enhance the descriptions accompanying the photos.

1. Click on the Link to the Virtual Museum on the Collections page, http://daaha.org/Collections/collections.htm. This will take you to the exhibit listing page.



2. Click on "View Exhibit Page" for the "Photograph Collection: DEKALB Agricultural Association."
3. Choose to view the images on the "Table of Contents" or "Click Here to Start the Exhibit," which will show each photograph individually.
4. The entries are basic descriptions of each photograph. Many individuals, locations, and events are unknown. We are seeking your help to add information.

PLEASE NOTE: You do not have to have <u>all</u> of the information about a photograph before contacting DAAHA. We are happy to receive any information that you may have. For example: If you know only 1 person in a group and not the others, please send the name of the person you can identify and the location within the photograph.

5. **Important:** When you find a photograph description that you wish to add more information to, make a note of the "Object ID number." With this number, museum personnel can easily find the specific photograph you are referring to.

6. A link to a form to submit information is located on the Collections page of the DAAHA website.

EXAMPLES

Average description entry:
Object ID: 2011.9.01
Description: An aerial view of the DEKALB Company headquarters building. The building is shaped like a "v" and there is a round section in the middle of the building. Parking lots are underneath and to the top left of the buildings. There are other buildings visible in the photo; there are 2 buildings to the right and left and one building above the headquarters.

Curator Note: We would like to know related dates, the location, when these buildings were in operation and the types of work that took place there.

Entries with added interpretation and explanation:
Object ID: 2011.9.310
Description: A bagging machine that is preset to fill a bag with exact amounts. ***Once the bag is filled it is moved on to be sewn shut and tagged.***

*Curator Note: The **bold, italicized** sentence explains the role of the bag holder in the photograph. We are seeking explanations on how equipment was used within the company. We would like to know when objects were used and the department that used them.*

Object ID: 2011.9.603
Date: 1940
Description: Harvesting legumes (sweet clover). The sweet clover is cut and loaded with a grain binder powered by a tractor. ***Sweet clover is not a quality legume, but makes an excellent plow down legume. The plant grows very tall and is not very palatable to many animals.***

Curator Note: This description adds an explanation to place the visual image within a context. This is the type of information we are seeking for other photographs.

Original Entry:
Object ID: 2011.9.19
Description: U.S. Representative Dennis Hastert receiving a framed DEKALB "Mortgage Lifter" advertisement (1st appearance of the winged ear) from a DEKALB employee.

Suggested Revision Example:
Object ID: 2011.9.19
Description: Speaker of the House, U.S. Representative Dennis Hastert receiving a framed DEKALB "Mortgage Lifter" advertisement (1st appearance of the winged ear) from Bruce Bickner, CEO of DEKALB Genetics Corporation at the remodeled building dedication following DEKALB's purchase by Monsanto. Tom Mataya (at left) is looking on. Date: ca. 1999-2000

Original Entry:
Object ID: 2011.9.130
Description: Two men in suits, ties, and glasses. One of the men appears to be Tom Roberts Jr. The men are standing in a corn field, and there is a line of DEKALB Winged Ear signs in the field.

Suggested Revision Example:
Object ID: 2011.9.130
Description: Tom Roberts Jr. (left) and Charlie Roberts (right) standing in front of the corn show plots located at the Waterman Corn Research Farm, Waterman, IL ca. 1972. There is a line of DEKALB Winged Ear signs on the edge of the field.

Thank you very much!

DeKalb County Land Records Now Online

The DeKalb County Clerk's office has completed testing the online land record system and has made it available for public use 24 hours a day. Records from 1837 through 1906 and 1945 to the present are currently available for viewing. It is anticipated that by the end of the year records between 1906 and 1945 will be completed. Upon completion DeKalb County will be only the second county in the state with a paperless recorder's office.

Property owners can use the system to make sure their title record is cleared or to see if they have any liens on their property. Lenders and title companies can check to see if a title is cleared. Land owners can also track their land records on the free property watch system. By signing up, one can be immediately notified if there is a lien, mortgage, or fraud on their property.

The two-year project cost close to $62,000. The program was not funded by taxpayers but was paid out of an Automation Fund that collects fees from services provided by the office for the purpose of enhancing technology. Ultimately the program is projected to save $30,000 annually by reducing time spent by office staff in researching land records for visitors. Learn more or register at http://shawurl.com/oyf.

DeKalb County Association of Historical Societies and Museums

The DCAHSM, a division of DCHGS, is made up of representatives of museums and historical societies within DeKalb County. The public is welcome at all meetings and activities. Representatives of historical groups within the county are encouraged to attend tri-annual meetings.

Minutes of the Meeting
June 29, 2013
By Sandy Lyon

Chairman Dave Woodin called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Citizens' Center in Malta.

After introductions, Averil Schreiber gave her report so that she could adjourn to attend Swedish Days at the North Grove School.

Averil reported on the general happenings of the North Grove property, the plans for Swedish Days, and Kishwaukee Museum's plans for Pioneer Days on August 25.

The group then held elections for the 2013-2014 year. Dave Woodin was elected Chairman for another one - year term, and Sandy Lyon agreed to remain as secretary until a replacement could be found.

The group discussed at length what they felt were the main challenges facing the area museums, as prioritized at the last meeting. Those concerns were:

- space limitations
- funding issues
- staff and volunteer shortages
- time limitations for staff and volunteers
- the burdens of meeting federal, state, and local policies and
- tax regulations

Cindy Ditzler announced the department had a new curator for manuscrips: Danielle Spilinka. Even though there is a moratorium on new collections because of space limitations in the Regional History Center, Cindy was pleased to announce they had been able to accept two extraordinary collections from a Jewish Temple in Rockford, as well as from a Rockford Methodist Church.

All museums present felt there was a limitation on space available for collections, storage, and filing.

John Acardo discussed the possibility of finding one location for use by all area museums for storage, but most of the group felt that would be inconvenient for their needs. Malta Museum announced their plans to have shared use of a facility near their museum.

Most members had adjusted their budgets and plans so reduced funding has not been critical this year.

Many museums face a shortage of volunteers and shorted time allotted to staff to perform all the duties required. The possible use of scout troops was discussed, and Cindy will follow up with a lead she has for scouting assistance.

Everyone agreed to burdens of the federal, state and local authorities had no easy answer. Anna Marie Coveny of the DeKalb Area Women's Center discussed the permit fees for signage they require from time-to-time and asked for help from the group at large. She has sent a letter to the DeKalb City Council asking for a waiver of extra fees for not-for-profits in DeKalb.

The Regional History Fair was discussed, and it was felt that most students would not show interest until fall.

Anna Marie reminded everyone of the Route 66 Yard Sale upcoming in August and discussed donations needed and cost of table space. Everyone is invited to participate.

The next meeting will be Saturday, October 12th, at 9:30 a.m. in Hinckley. Dorothy Bastian will coordinate the location with Dave and Sandy.

Having no further business, the group adjourned.

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Adkins	Glen O.	89	6/23/2013	Hinckley IL/Sugar Grove IL	6/25/2013	ABN
Adkinson	Sheila R. Johnson	88	8/10/2013	DeKalb IL	8/13/2013	
Alderson	Michael David	3	6/29/2013	Naperville IL / PawPaw IL	7/4/2013	KCR
Aldis	Rosa L. Bowman	61	8/7/2013	Rochelle IL	8/10/2013	
Altmaier	Virginia M. Hixon	47	7/22/2013	Kingston IL	7/24/2013	
Anderson	Valdine Ruth Andersen	88	8/6/2013	Rockford IL	8/10/2013	
Andra	Nick	88	6/15/2013	Caseyville IL	6/18/2013	
Archer	Kala Rae	64	7/31/2013	DeKalb IL	8/2/2013	
Arnold	Margaret Jean Allen	64	7/21/2013	Madison WI	7/24/2013	
Arnold	William W.	63	6/2/2013	Berwyn IL / Sandwich IL	6/6/2013	KCR
Askeland	Donald O.	78	5/17/2013	Sycamore IL	5/20/2013	
Badenoch	James J.	46	6/16/2013	Genoa IL	6/19/2013	
Baietto	Mildred I. Gebhardt	91	6/10/2013	DeKalb IL	6/12/2013	
Banning	William Brian	37	5/15/2013	Sandwich IL	6/23/2013	KCR
Beardsley	Marilyn Mae Johnson	91	7/11/2013	Somonauk, Serena, Sheridan IL	7/14/2013	ABN
Becherer	Donald H. "Beech"	76	8/6/2013	Sandwich, Sycamore, Somonauk IL	8/8/2013	ABN
Biermann	Jo Anne	78	5/25/2013	Surprise AZ	5/29/2013	
Bingham	James A. Sr.	82	6/8/2013	Rochelle IL	6/10/2013	
Bleau	Laurel	63	8/8/2013	Brighton MI	8/15/2013	
Borneman	James L.	67	7/29/2013	Sandwich IL / Davis Junction IL	7/31/2013	ABN
Bowden	Kenneth L.	78	7/12/2013	DeKalb IL	7/13/2013	
Bowers	Sylvia Marie Lane	70	4/25/2013	Springfield, Hinckley, Aurora IL	6/23/2013	ABN
Brenneman	Vicki V. Anderson	65	7/27/2013	Cortland IL	7/30/2013	
Bussone	Evelyn M. Search	89	7/5/2013	Sycamore IL	7/8/2013	
Byrd	Ethe; I. Kempton	78	7/9/2013	Waterman IL	7/10/2013	
Carlson	Beverly Ann Collin	82	5/1/2013	Cordova TN	5/25/2013	
Chatree	Surat	65	5/15/2013	Bangkok Thailand / Sandwich IL	5/28/2013	VL
Clark	Laura M. Vartan	76	7/17/2013	Kirkland IL	7/18/2013	
Clinkenbeard	Cecelia Montgomery	55	5/23/2013	Belvidere IL	5/27/2013	
Cochrane	Donna Mae Jordal	83	5/17/2013	Franklin Grov IL	5/20/2013	
Colby	Adella Mae Rissman	90	6/4/2013	Waterman IL	6/8/2013	
Collins	Nicholas Kurt	70	8/3/2013	Sandwich IL / Naperville IL	8/13/2013	VL
Cook	O. Ruth Scott	79	5/18/2013	DeKalb IL	5/21/2013	
Corn	John	85	7/7/2013	Benton IL	7/9/2013	
Cottingim	Dianne G. Ackley	74	5/23/2013	Millington IL / Sandwich IL	5/26/2013	ABN
Curran	Mary Elizabeth Curran	78	6/21/2013	Sandwich IL/ Yorkville IL	6/23/2013	ABN
Davidson	Frances Mickley	84	5/17/2013	Little Rock AR	5/20/2013	
Deatherage	L. Octavia Hudson	101	6/27/2013	DeKalb IL	6/29/2013	
Decker	Carl W.	101	5/15/2013	Chicago IL / Sandwich IL	5/28/2013	VL
Denault	Gary	62	5/9/2013	Mendota IL / Somonauk IL	5/21/2013	VL
Depper	Kenneth D.	62	8/5/2013	Triumph IL	8/8/2013	
Douglas	Donald E.	84	8/13/2013	White Heath IL	8/15/2013	
Dubois	James William	85	8/7/2013	Genoa IL	8/10/2013	
Duval	Sharon Lee Groth	77	7/30/2013	Genoa IL	8/1/2013	
Elliott	James A. Sr.	80	5/30/2013	DeKalb IL	6/1/2013	
Elzey	Kathleen E. Jennings	72	6/1/2013	Sycamore IL	6/5/2013	
Estrada	Angel R.	32	7/6/2013	DeKalb IL	7/9/2013	
Fish	Howard W.	99	6/7/2013	Genoa IL	6/10/2013	
Fitzgerald	Bernice Carol Mapes	93	5/22/2013	Sycamore IL	5/23/2013	
Fleming-Hahn	Mary M. Shreffler Schmitt	93	6/8/2013	Rollo IL / Yorkville IL	6/12/2013	ABN
Floit	Philip	83	6/13/2013	Sycamore IL	6/15/2013	
Freeland	Jacqueline Sherri Espeland	72	7/1/2013	Millington, Sandwich, Mendota IL	7/4/2013	KCR
Gates	Lucas Michael	0	7/8/2013	Hinckley IL / Yorkville IL	7/18/2013	KCR
Gilbert	Margaret A. Mantooth	89	5/27/2013	DeKalb IL	5/30/2013	
Glawe	Gerald	78	7/26/2013	Genoa IL	7/24/2013	
Goldberg	Dorothy Susan Butzow	80	8/7/2013	Sycamore IL	8/14/2013	
Gorbet	Gene C. Jr.	55	7/7/2013	Sycamore IL	7/11/2013	
Greiff	Roger L.	69	7/15/2013	Sycamore IL	7/17/2013	
Haderer	Barbara J. Stahl	91	6/13/2013	Leland IL	6/19/2013	
Hageman	Irene M. Schramm	87	6/15/2013	Sycamore IL	6/18/2013	
Hartman	Edith A.	52	7/24/2013	DeKalb IL	7/27/2013	
Hatheway	William W.	93	6/22/2013	DeKalb IL	6/25/2013	
Hawkins	Floya Don Trout	85	7/28/2013	Chana IL	8/1/2013	
Hector	William B.	70	7/29/2013	DeKalb IL	8/14/2013	
Herstrum	Emma Walters	100	6/30/2013	Rocky River OH	7/5/2013	
Hibberd	Diana June Passow	74	5/4/2013	Sheridan IL/Sandwich IL	6/2/2013	ABN
Hilliard	Charles E. "Bud"	80	5/16/2013	Millington, Sandwich, Somonauk IL	5/19/2013	ABN
Hirner	Mark Charles	54	7/2/2013	Aurora IL / Somonauk IL	7/5/2013	ABN
Holley	Tyra W "Terry"	73	5/24/2013	Millington IL / Sandwich IL	5/26/2013	ABN
Hoyle	Ellen L. McKnight	56	7/29/2013	Dixon IL	7/31/2013	
Huhta	Bertha K.	94	7/3/2013	DeKalb IL	7/6/2013	

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Jacox	Frank C. Jr.	79	7/31/2013	Sycamore IL	8/3/2013	
Jimenez	Sue Hayes	67	8/5/2013	Sandwich IL	8/6/2013	
Johnson	Frank E.	88	3/21/2013	Estero FL	7/13/2013	
Johnson	Marion E. Lindberg	83	7/13/2013	Waterman IL	7/16/2013	
Johnson	Mildred I. Chapman	85	6/24/2013	Sycamore IL	8/7/2013	
Johnson	LaVon Adele Hinkle	89	8/6/2013	Genoa IL	8/10/2013	
Kamp	Gerald Dean	58	5/22/2013	Kirkland IL	5/31/2013	
Kersten	William P.	84	4/4/2013	Kirkland IL	6/5/2013	
Killingsworth	Lila Willett Andersen	88	8/2/2013	DeLand FL	8/7/2013	
King	Bernard George	90	5/9/2013	Tulsa OK	5/8/2013	
Kisner	Caroline Furster	96	6/21/2013	Wilmot WI	6/24/2013	
Knetsch	Virginia R. Ogilvie	95	7/26/2013	DeKalb IL	7/29/2013	
Knutzen	Richard W.	76	7/2/2013	DeKalb IL	7/20/2013	
Kovarik	R. Jacob	38	7/18/2013	Sycamore IL	7/20/2013	
LaConto	Betty J. Gallo	85	8/2/2013	DeKalb IL	8/6/2013	
Laird	Merle Dianne Barnes	69	6/27/2013	Sycamore IL	6/29/2013	
Larson	Marian E. Nordeen	87	6/16/2013	DeKalb IL	6/21/2013	
Larson	Marilyn J. Miller	88	6/17/2013	Genoa IL	6/21/2013	
Laudando	William R. Sr.	77	5/13/2013	Kingston IL	5/21/2013	
Leonhardt	Karin A. Horn	56	5/30/2013	Sycamore IL	6/1/2013	
Likes	Ruth S.	85	6/11/2013	Kirkland IL	6/14/2013	
Lindquist	Ronald Aaron	66	5/25/2013	Rio Rancho NM	6/5/2013	
Mack	Jeanne Dirksen	66	5/25/2013	North Aurora IL	5/31/2013	
Macklin	Kent Clifford	63	6/28/2013	Steward IL	7/2/2013	
Mata	Sara T.	80	7/19/2013	North Aurora IL	7/22/2013	
Mattson	Edward Jay	65	7/15/2013	Corpus Christi TX	8/9/2013	
McCabe	Mary Jean	90	7/1/2013	DeKalb IL	7/3/2013	
McDowell	LaVonne S. Sanderson	94	7/5/2013	DeKalb IL	7/8/2013	
McGown	Vicki Helen Senese	54	6/8/2013	DeKalb IL	6/11/2013	
McPherson	Lian Stefani	104	7/5/2013	DeKalb IL	7/9/2013	
Mikutis	Dennis Joseph	70	5/18/2013	Sycamore IL	5/21/2013	
Mocha	Frank W.	68	7/14/2013	DeKalb IL	7/18/2013	
Morgan	Wendell Harold	82	5/16/2013	Waterman IL / Montgomery IL	5/19/2013	ABN
Morrasy	Scott A.	52	6/6/2013	DeKalb IL	6/8/2013	
Morrell	Harvey Wayne	87	5/22/2013	Pana IL	5/25/2013	
Morris	Jean Ellen Falgout	56	7/24/2013	Aurora IL	7/25/2013	
Morris	Mary Lou Miller	84	7/31/2013	Elgin IL	6/10/2013	
Moulton	Danny H.	62	6/14/2013	Genoa IL	6/17/2013	
Munch	Robert J.	84	6/4/2013	DeKalb IL	6/6/2013	
Nelson	Charles L.	70	7/20/2013	DeKalb IL	7/22/2013	
Nickels	John L.	82	6/24/2013	Maple Park IL	6/26/2013	
Nillissen	Leonore Rosenboom	80	7/22/2013	Sycamore IL	7/24/2013	
Oldham	Geraldine H. Nelson	97	5/28/2013	Sycamore IL	5/31/2013	
Ovitz	John W. Jr.	99	4/2/2013	Sycamore IL	5/22/2013	
Pacuinas	Edward R.	94	6/22/2013	Sycamore IL	6/26/2013	
Pattarozzi	Olga Turchi	94	5/23/2013	DeKalb IL	5/29/2013	
Patterman	Judith M. Havlik	75	5/20/2013	Earlville IL	5/24/2013	ABN
Pearson	Richard S.	84	6/28/2013	Elk Grove V. IL	7/1/2013	
Pepin	Richard	73	7/15/2013	Decatur IL	7/18/2013	
Perry	Richard M.	66	6/3/2013	Burlington IL	6/5/2013	
Phillips	Robert Clarence	69	7/20/2013	Hinckley IL	7/22/2013	
Plesa	Father Andrew J.	87	6/21/2013	Sycamore IL	6/24/2013	
Poe	Kenneth	98	6/12/2013	Sycamore IL	6/15/2013	
Potts	Gabriel Stephen Kim	31	8/6/2013	DeKalb IL	8/10/2013	
Powers	Elaine	93	6/24/2013	Sycamore IL	7/17/2013	
Powless	Susan B. Almburg	56	5/31/2013	Malta IL	6/1/2013	
Prestgaard	Mary Ellen Jones	91	7/2/2013	Lee IL	7/16/2013	
Primrose	Clara L. Schnorr	95	7/16/2013	Rochelle IL	7/18/2013	
Proctor	Mike 'Whitney'	60	5/30/2013	Sturgeon Bay WI	6/1/2013	
Redemann	Oledene	93	7/26/2013	Maple Park IL	7/30/2013	

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Reif	John Leland 'Jack'	89	5/22/2013	Englewood FL	5/25/2913	
Reimann	Joseph A.	88	7/12/2013	Sandwich IL / Aurora IL /Dublin OH	7/19/2013	ABN
Rhodes	Noel C.	80	7/4/2013	DeKalb IL	7/6/2013	
Roberts	Robert J.	84	6/22/2013	Waterman IL / DeKalb IL	6/24/2013	ABN
Rockstead	Nancy Bergeron	81	5/17/2013	DeKalb IL	5/20/2013	
Rockstead	Joe	53	5/19/2013	Paw Paw IL	5/21/2013	
Rosene	Judith L. Hobson	69	6/11/2013	Shabbona IL	6/13/2013	
Ruffner	Kimberlee Karen	49	1/25/2013	Hampshire IL	7/27/2013	
Sandberg	Timothy Jay	48	7/16/2013	DeKalb IL	7/19/2013	
Sanderson	Paul Kenneth	66	5/20/2013	Lee IL	5/23/2013	
Sauer	Phyllis Baie	84	6/5/2013	Sandwich IL / Sugar Grove IL	6/9/2013	ABN
Schoger	Ella May Butenschoen	87	6/5/2013	Plano IL	6/8/2013	
Schroeder	Doris J. Glissman	79	5/24/2013	Aurora IL / Sandwich IL	5/29/2013	ABN
Schroeffel	Frederick Andrew III	83	6/8/2013	Melbourne FL	7/6/2013	
Schumacher	Norval E. Leifheit	99	7/24/2013	Maple Park IL	7/27/2013	
Scott	Elise Singer	83	6/16/2013	Arcola IL	6/18/2013	
Sexton	Jeanne M. Magnuson	66	5/26/2013	Greenville TN	6/25/2013	
Shaw	Melvin W.	87	5/20/2013	Centralia MO	5/22/2013	
Sheffer	Lois Clifford	95	8/1/2013	Dongola IL / Sandwich IL	8/4/2013	ABN
Shelkey	Brian T.	34	6/4/2013	Steward IL	6/6/2013	
Shields	Edna G. Houghtby	91	7/30/2013	DeKalb IL	8/1/2013	
Shriver	Adeline Coss	92	8/11/2013	DeKalb IL	8/13/2013	
Sinnott	Brenda J. Busby	72	8/4/2013	Sycamore IL	8/7/2013	
Sisler	Douglas W.	53	8/1/2013	Las Vegas NV	8/6/2013	
Smith	N. Ruth Cooney Brooks	85	6/5/2013	DeKalb IL	6/7/2013	
Sparrow	Eugene Joseph	67	5/14/2013	Kirkland IL	6/19/2013	
Spears	Gary	59	7/27/2013	Kingston IL	7/30/2013	
Staten	Sharon E. Trumpour	72	6/26/2013	Waterman IL	6/28/2013	
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Trawick	Mary Silverman	82	3/13/2013	CA	5/25/2013	
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Tyler	Helene R. Reed	94	5/23/2013	DeKalb IL	5/29/2013	
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