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Events of interest around the county . . .

July 7 "Faces of Sycamore: Lyn Bute," Brown Bag, 12 pm Sycamore History Museum (SHM), Free/Donations welcome.

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Aug 13 DeKalb County Barn Tour, 9 am -4 pm. $25/carload in advance or at any participating location. Info: daaha.org or gliddenhomestead.org or 815-756-8737.

Aug 14 "DeKalb County Community Gardens" by Dan Kenney at Glidden Homestead, 1 pm.

Aug 28 Kish. Valley Heritage Soc. Pioneer Day, 11 am-4 pm.

Aug 28 Arts at the Barn, 10 am-4 pm, FREE.
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Sept 25 "Jacob Haish's S-Barb Anniversary" by Jeff Marshall, 1 pm at Glidden Homestead.

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At the Illinois State Archives: The Illinois State Flag

By David Joens, Director of the Illinois State Archives

This paper was first presented in a talk to the Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. It particularly highlights the involvement of the DAR in the creation of the flag.

The year 2015 marked the centennial of the adoption of the Illinois state flag.

To understand the history of the flag, we must first understand the history of the Great Seal of Illinois. Over time, there have been three Great Seals of Illinois.

When Illinois became a state on 3 December 1818, it did not have a state seal. A state seal was important because it was used to emboss paperwork to make sure documents were the original, official copy. A state seal is still used today to stamp official documents.

The Secretary of State is the keeper of the state seal, and secretary of State Jesse White takes this responsibility very seriously. In addition, there are rules and laws for how the seal must be maintained, what the seal must look like, and who is or is not authorized to use it.

In 1819, the first General Assembly paid gunsmith Phillip Creamer $85 to make a seal based on the General Assembly's specifications. Those specifications essentially were just to copy the Great Seal of the United States, with the exception of changing the motto on the seal from "E pluribus unum" to the Illinois motto, "State Sovereignty—National Union."

Sometime between 1836 and 1839 the seal was recut. This second Great Seal had a few design changes but most importantly moved the phrase "State Sovereignty—National Union" to a more prominent position on the seal.

In 1868 the state adopted the current Great Seal. Secretary of State Sharon Tyndale did not like the second seal seeming to place state sovereignty above national union. The Civil War had emphasized national rights over states' rights, but we had a seal that seemed to emphasize states' rights.

The general assembly authorized Secretary Tyndale to replace the existing seal with one "conforming to the original design." Part of that meant that the General Assembly was fine with state sovereignty having the top billing. Tyndale did not listen.

Tyndale had many changes made to the design, including adding a sunrise and a rock and getting rid of the arrows in the eagle's talons. He also added to the seal the year 1818, when Illinois became a state, and the year 1868, when the seal was created. Finally, he added a redesigned ribbon that placed "National Union" higher than "State Sovereignty." It also turned the word "sovereignty" upside down, making it difficult to read.

Although Illinois had a state seal since 1819, we did not have a state flag.

After the Civil War, some states began to think about a state flag, especially in the South, where states' rights' sentiments and anti-federal-union (and federal flag) sentiments reigned. Georgia adopted a state flag in 1879, Alabama in 1891, and Mississippi in 1894. Virginia and North and

South Carolina have flags that, while changed slightly, go back to the Civil War.

The movement was a little slower up north, where the states were proud to fly the stars and stripes. Ohio approved a flag in 1902, Pennsylvania in 1907, New Hampshire in 1909, and California in 1911. Some of these flags had history before being approved. Other flags in the North were similar to military unit flags adopted during the Civil War.

The DAR had a lot to do with the creation of flags in the North. In Indiana, the DAR sponsored a design contest for that state's centennial in 1916, resulting in the Indiana state flag. In Iowa, the DAR designed a flag in 1917 that the state eventually adopted in 1921. And then, of course, there is Illinois.

In 1911, Ellen Park Lawrence, the State Regent of the Illinois DAR, visited Washington, DC, and noticed that there was no flag of Illinois on display in Memorial Hall. She came back to Illinois and led a letter-writing campaign to the Illinois General Assembly, urging that body to support a bill creating a state flag. She also wrote a letter to all Illinois DAR chapters offering a $25 prize for the best state flag design.

Thirty-five designs were submitted. A panel of four judges chose the Rockford chapter's design, which was made by Lucy Derwent. In 1915, State Senator Raymond Meeker introduced a bill creating a state flag. The flag law went into effect on 6 July 1915.

The 1915 law, however, merely stated that the flag consist of the emblem of the Great Seal. Through the years, flag companies would design the flag using various colors and different-sized seals. Sometimes the state seal was different from the actual one.

This situation continued until 1968, when Chief Petty Officer Bruce McDaniel of Waverly wrote to his state representative saying that the Illinois flag hanging in his cafeteria could not be identified as the Illinois flag. He requested that the word "Illinois" be added to the flag for identification purposes. Other states have had to add their names to their flags as well.

No. 1 Seal of Illinois Territory
October 29, 1810

No. 2 First Seal of the State of Illinois
September 4, 1820

No. 3 Second Seal of the State of Illinois
October 10, 1846

No. 4 Third Seal of the State of Illinois
October 26, 1868

Wisconsin did it as recently as 1979. In response, the legislature passed a bill adding the word "Illinois." However, this bill still did not address flag specifications.

While the legislation to add "Illinois" to the flag was being discussed, a genealogist from Greenfield, Mrs. Sanford Hutchinson, wrote to her representative and later to the lieutenant governor, noting the discrepancies in Illinois' state flags.

Governor Richard Ogilvie and Secretary of State Paul Powell appointed a flag committee to address oversights in the flag law. The committee devised the standard colors for the flag. Other specifications included having only the emblem portion of the state seal appearing on the flag. The committee specified the height of the letters in the word "Illinois" (one-twelfth the size of the emblem) and the typeface, Craw Clarendon Modern.

On 1 July 1970, the new state flag with all the specifications was officially adopted in a ceremony held in Springfield.

We have had the same state flag ever since.

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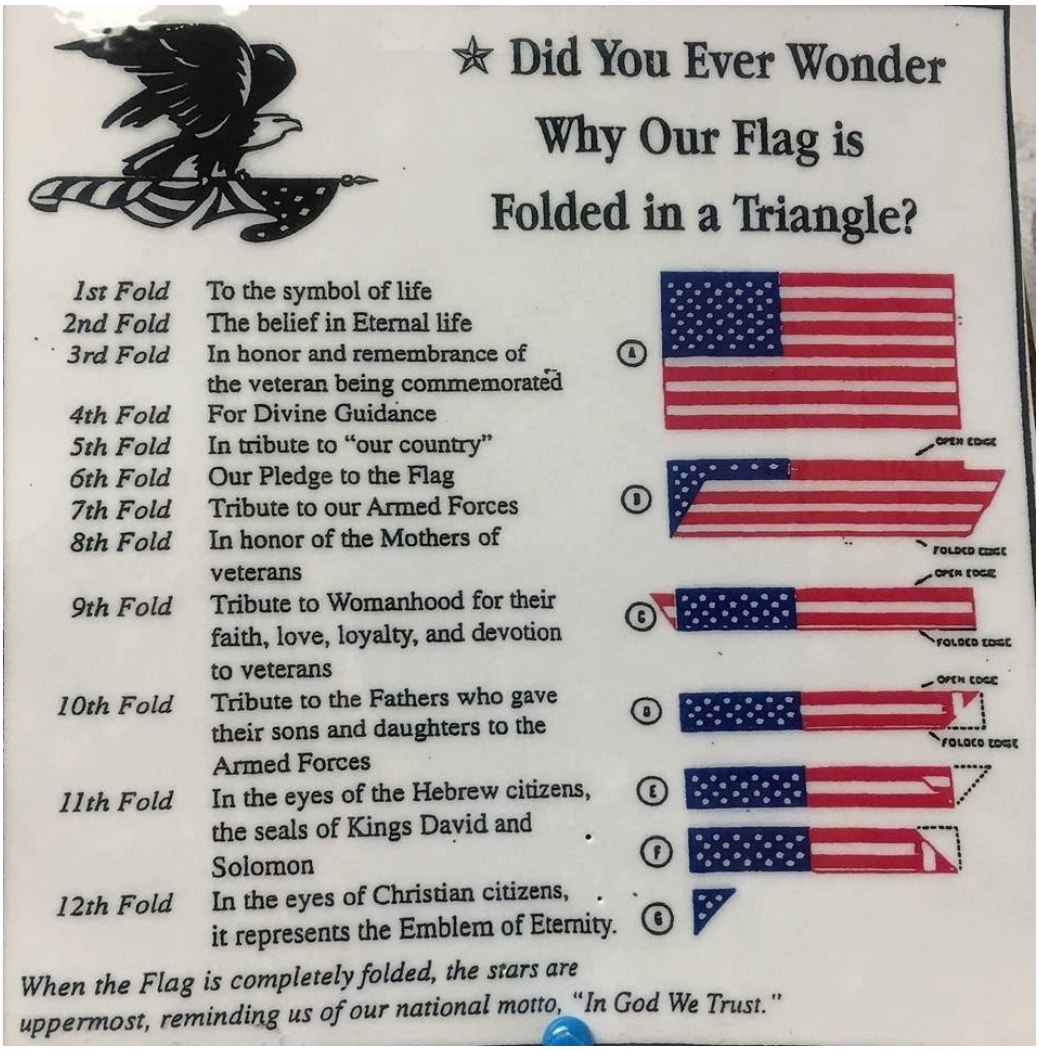

DeKalb's Finnish Community through the Lens of the Lahti Family

By Rachael Lahti Donnelly

Rachael has extensively researched and written about her family's DeKalb connections. The following is excerpted from "Lahti and Hitchcock Grandparents Settle in DeKalb, Illinois," 2013.

1994 FinnFest

It wasn't until the 1994 FinnFest held at NIU in DeKalb when I interacted with later-generation Finns who lived in the Third Ward that I heard talk about its being the immigrant section of town. Both my brother and I attended that FinnFest. It was a well-run festival of all things Finnish: lectures, dancers, crafts. We saw childhood friends Tommy Peterson, son of Aunt Jennye's next-door neighbor and longtime friend Lillian Seppala Peterson, and Marian Panttila, a neighborhood girl my age, each having accompanied us on outings with Aunt Jennye and Uncle Ted during our years in DeKalb.

Storytelling was especially popular at the FinnFest. Dr. Arne Nixon told a Finnish tale:

> There was a farm in Finland that had many debts against it. The father of the family died, which left the children in a very worried state; so the man's brother came to comfort the family. As he was returning home, he felt someone walking behind him. Looking over his shoulder, in his periphery he could see his brother, but his figure cast no shadow.
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> He spoke to his brother, "What troubles you that you can't find rest in the grave?"
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> The brother who had died replied, "My wife and family are destitute, but I secreted money away in order to save the farm."
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> The living brother promised he would retrieve the money. He acted on his promise and paid off all the debtors. The ghost never returned.

Dr. James Leary contributed an ethnic story:

> Eino and Parvo were walking down the street when they met Father Murphy on crutches. "What happened?" they asked. "Oh," said the priest, "I fell in the bathtub and broke my leg." The two expressed their sympathies and walked on.
> When they were out of earshot from the priest, Eino asked, "What's a bathtub?" Parvo replied, "How should I know—I'm not Catholic."

Then there's a play on words because of the Finnish pronunciation of English words:

> Custer Finn: "These shoes (pronounced "soos" = Sioux) are killing me."

The principal organizers of the FinnFest, Sally and Oscar Forsman, named a golf tournament in our father's memory. We made a poster that featured my dad but also some of the Finnish lads who were fellow caddies—Arne Huhta, Hugo Hakala, and Eino Saksa—in the early days of Kishwaukee Country Club. My brother played in the Ric Lahti Memorial Golf Tournament at

Buena Vista Golf Course. Since he had the best score, it would have been a nice coincidence for him to win, but a good round of golf in this tournament did not figure in the fun.

During the FinnFest, a tour of DeKalb featured Finnish establishments in the Third Ward as well as the cow pasture (now Littlejohn Elementary School) where young Finns laid out a makeshift golf course, coined "Cow Pasture Country Club" by a later DeKalb *Daily Chronicle* feature writer. Paappa cooperated in their scheme to set up a golf course. Luke McLagan describes the scene in his 1960 book "Nostalgia and Glee":

> It was [Matti] Lahti, Ric's dad, who sparked the idea of making a club from a broomhandle and a two-by-four. In fact, Papa Lahti helped make their first one. . . . The wealthy Mayo family owned considerable land on the edge of DeKalb and it was in one of their pastures that Ric and his dad laid out their golf course. The course consisted of nine holes and each cup was made by using an empty tomato or soup can from home.

Considerable hazards existed on the course, including cows that often filled the cups used for each hole as well as a nasty chemical run-off ditch from American Steel & Wire that ran through the pasture. Probably meaning "acid ditch," the Finns called it the "asso ditch." Over time, many Finnish terms became Americanized; Sally Forsman explained that this was one of many "Finnglish" terms.

Finnish Businesses

Milk Consumers Assn. Inc.

The Milk Consumers was a distinctly Finnish establishment. Our family patronized that business at 1132 Pleasant Street. One very snowy winter day, Daddy pulled Richard and me on a sled from our house on Fourth Street all the way to the Milk Consumers to buy milk. I'm guessing they made *filiä*—"Finn cheese"—as well. In my adult life, a man named Herman George was the source for this delightful cheese; after he died, my contact was Jean Shipp on the Cortland blacktop. It is a white cheese, tasting a little like cottage cheese, except that it is smooth in texture and solid, though containing little nooks and crannies, and is made in a flat pan and cut into small bars for serving. We call it "squeaky cheese" because of the noise it makes against our teeth when we take a bite. Brother Ric never fails to salt it. We served Finn cheese after every one of our senior citizens' memorial services.

Jack Makela's Sauna

There were other businesses on Pleasant Street. One was the sauna, something I'd always heard about but only stared at as we drove by, the dark building and its contents remaining a mystery to me. My high school boyfriend Gerry Swanson stepped into the gap when he replied to my questions by email April 15, 2011:

> Rachael, I can't resist responding immediately! This subject is very close to "memory central" in my order of things. I recall it as something that I did with my father and usually Leland "Scummy" Strombom on most Saturday afternoons. I do remember going with Bob Lindgren and, maybe, Jim Tucker or Mark Johnston, fellow Sycohi football players.
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> The routine went something like this: You carried a paper bag in which your clean underwear was stored; you paid Jack upon arrival (I think it was under a dollar—the after-bath Pepsi was extra); in the long public

Finnish Bath House
1105 Pleasant Street, DeKalb
Photo courtesy of the Joiner History Room

dressing room for men you stripped down to your nothings. The next room you entered was the gang shower room where you soaped up, rinsed off and filled a bucket full of cold water. The next door you opened was to the "inner sanctum," the Temple of Heat, the Holy of Holies. Now came the parting of the ways! The veterans, the elders, the battered and bruised went up to the top bench and assumed the position.

The heat emanated from what looked like a door into a furnace. You could see the fire clearly, [and it] took on various symbolic meanings—it could be Dante's Inferno or the flaming imagination of what was going on over on the other side, which was the women's quarters. The novices sat on the lower levels because it was cooler there, but all used their pail of water to splash on themselves or throw some water on the fire, which caused it to flare up; or one could dip a cedar bough in the water and proceed to swat oneself and others, usually on the backside.

You made about three rounds of going out to the shower room and then coming back in, going out to the shower room, coming back in. But finally you wound up out in the long dressing room cooling down. It was then you called out to Jack for Pepsis, which he dutifully brought in the dressing room and passed them around. Finally, after a good sit, and the jokes had dwindled down, and talk of sporting events had been aired, you dressed, greeted Jack one more time and passed out the door. My dad usually stopped by the little liquor store and bought a six-pack of beer to take home; Scummy did the same.

There were some priceless characters who were regulars: a very hard-working Pollock (a term of endearment we used back in those days); his named was Jugo Salaver. On the other end of the social order was a huge man whose last name was Dean. I recall he was from down Waterman way and that he had a lot to do with shipping cattle from the surrounding area to the stockyards in Chicago.

The establishment was only open on Saturdays. I remember its being a remodeled house from about the 1920s. [Joan Metzger cites 1914.] The exterior was covered with tar paper, but this old house was like a home, sometimes even better . . .

[In her research] Joan Metzger quotes Jack Makela's daughter, Genevieve Davis, as saying "her father would begin burning railroad ties about 2:00 on Friday afternoons in order to maintain heat that would last all day Saturday." A six-foot deep oven anchored three separate saunas and dressing rooms for men, women, and couples/families. My dad said he used to go every week. "You would go into the steam room; if you wanted it hotter, you'd throw water on the rocks. You'd switch yourself with pine tree branches. Some of the saunas had showers you could take afterwards."

The 1939 DeKalb City Directory lists the sauna as "Finnish Bath House," and from Joan Metzger's 1990 paper on DeKalb's Finnish community I learned that it was located at 1105 Pleasant Street. She explains that "the sauna has been part of Finnish culture for over 2000 years. In addition to its cleansing properties, the sauna is felt to be a physically and emotionally soothing, health-restoring ritual." This wonderful Finnish tradition came to an end when the sauna closed in 1984.

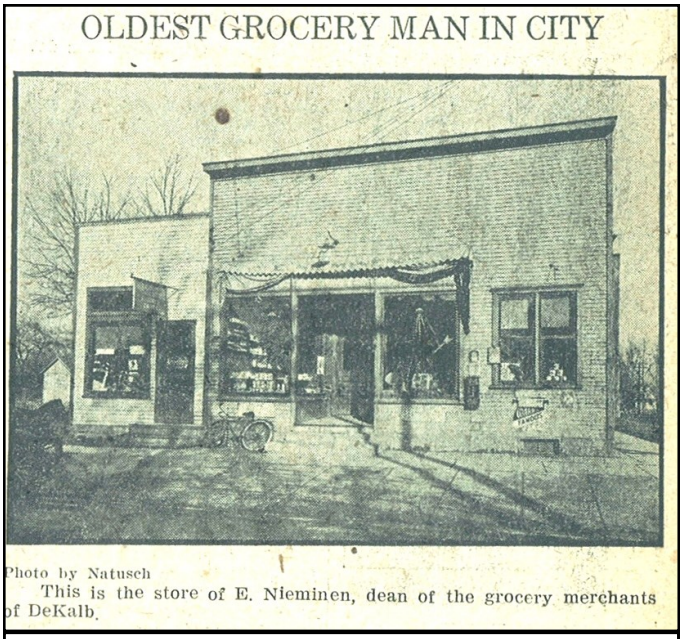
OLDEST GROCERY MAN IN CITY

Photo by Natusch
This is the store of E. Nieminen, dean of the grocery merchants of DeKalb.

Nieminen's Grocery, 1029 Pleasant Street, DeKalb. From DeKalb *Daily Chronicle* Jan. 26, 1924, courtesy Joiner History Room.

Nieminen's Grocery

In the same 1939 directory, Erik Nieminen's Grocery is listed at 1029 Pleasant Street. Joan Metzger writes that the business existed from 1901 until 1948. Aunt Jennye explained that families could charge groceries there. The Nieminen's daughter came to the house at 11 a.m. to take the order. At 4 p.m. the same day, a boy with a red wagon delivered the groceries. When you paid your bill, you got a bag of candy.

Finnish Temperance Societies

Formerly the Finnish Temperance Society building, today home of the DeKalb Area Women's Center, 1021 State Street, DeKalb, Illinois. *Taken from finnhallpreservation.com*

Adjustment to a new country was not easy, and alcohol was an escape. Temperance societies attempted to solve the problem. Paappa served as president of Majakka (pronounced mah'yukka and meaning "lighthouse"), DeKalb's Finnish Temperance Society. Maybe he was president in 1923; that's when Mumma, Aunt Jennye and my dad all signed pledges. . . . My brother found a copy of a poem in Finn that extols Paappa's organizational skills. He was the guest of honor at a party and was presented a marbleized green fountain pen and pencil set.

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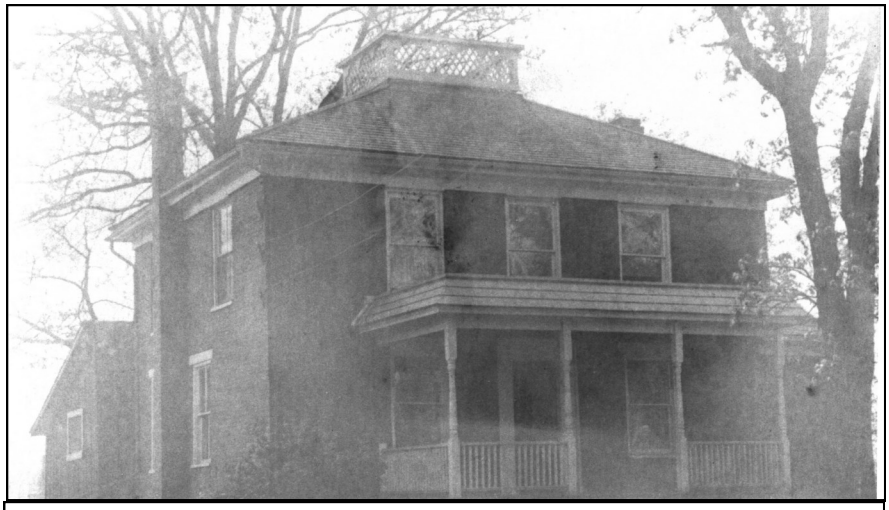
Dr. Rufus Hopkins

By Steve Bigolin



Around 1856, Dr. Rufus Hopkins began construction on a pretentious two-story brick house at what today is 860 North 7th Street, DeKalb. Photo c. 1909.

Once the owner of the land where Oakwood Cemetery in DeKalb came to be located, Rufus Hopkins was a most interesting personality. Although he was a DeKalb County resident for more than 30 years, he was never the subject of a sketch in any of the late 19th or early 20th century county histories. While several assorted sources shed bits and pieces of information about him, the only one telling of his family origins is the 1907 biography of older brother Thomas M. Hopkins, who had settled here in 1846.

Rufus Hopkins was born at Salem, in Washington County, New York in 1822, being one of the five children of farmers Hiram and Sarah Hopkins. His parents eventually came west to Illinois, settling in Kane County, but just exactly when is not certain. According to one source, Rufus was in DeKalb County as early as 1834, when only 12 years old. Such an early arrival is open to question, although a Kendall County history states that twin brother Robert Hopkins lived in the Yorkville area by 1838. Rufus studied medicine from 1842 to 1849 at the early and controversial Franklin Medical Institute in St. Charles.

After graduating from medical school, Dr. Hopkins briefly located at Coltonville in DeKalb County. He next moved to Sycamore and established himself in his chosen profession there. Apparently while still a medical student, however, Hopkins began the practice of buying up parcels of land in both DeKalb and Sycamore. On June 26, 1847, he purchased the land destined to become Oakwood Cemetery, for the princely sum of $60, from Joseph Cheesboro.

By 1854 Dr. Hopkins had gotten married, fathering two sons and a daughter. One of the boys died in the 1860s. This was Hiram Hopkins, named for his grandfather. Around the year 1856, Rufus began construction on a pretentious two-story brick house at what today is 860 North 7th Street. The building is included on the City of DeKalb Landmark Register.

On not one but two occasions, Dr. Hopkins sold a few acres of his land for the establishment of cemeteries in DeKalb. He received $175 on May 23, 1865, for the five acres that became Oakwood. In 1874 he sold to St. Mary's Catholic Church the original property for its cemetery, on what is now Sycamore Road near North 4th Street.

Rufus Hopkins died at 53 years of age on July 14, 1875, with his last resting place unknown. There is a Hopkins plot in Oakwood, near the junction of the north and west driveways, and Rufus's mother, Sarah Hopkins, is buried there. She died in December of 1875, some five months after Rufus. Her husband, Hiram, is not interred with his wife, however, nor is Rufus. Adjacent to Sarah are her son Henry and members of his family,

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(Rufus Hopkins continued from page 8)

though. Another of her sons, Thomas, and his family were once buried there also, but were later removed to Fairview Cemetery. Sarah's own gravestone has been toppled, surviving face-up in the ground and imbedded in concrete for its preservation.

Hiram Hopkins apparently died sometime during the 1850s. By 1860 the widow Sarah was living with her son Henry, according to the US census from that year. By the time of the 1870 census, she was residing with her son Thomas.

Robert Hopkins, the twin brother of Rufus, was named administrator of Rufus's estate. In 1878 Robert himself died and Luther Lowell of Sycamore was appointed to succeed him. It would be November 22, 1886, before the estate was finally settled. I do not know what happened to the wife of Rufus, Ellen Hopkins, or his children, Frank and Mabel. The 1880 US census for DeKalb County did not indicate that any of them were still in residence here.

There are a couple of interesting sidebars to the Hopkins family story. Alice Hopkins, niece of Rufus, daughter of Thomas, got married in September of 1884 to Charles Elliott Bradt—an uncle of DeKalb's 21st century "Grand Old Man" Charles W. Bradt, who died in December of 2011 at age 108. Charles and Alice Bradt lived in the larger of the two houses demolished in the 1960s to make way for the DeKalb Municipal Building. Charles E. Bradt ironically had once served as mayor of DeKalb.

The Hopkins family name has been a household word for people in DeKalb since 1930, when Judge Jacob Hopkins of Chicago—a son of Thomas, brother of Alice—donated the property that ever since has been known as Hopkins Park. ❧

(Finnish Community continued from page 7)

Majakka picnic, 1928. Matti Lahti, "Paappa," 2nd from left.

Aunt Jennye said, "He was a terrific speaker." He must have traveled in that capacity, because my brother said Aunt Jennye told him that Paappa was called the "Finnish Billy Sunday" of temperance speakers and that his obituary was in Chicago, Milwaukee, and Minneapolis newspapers in addition to the DeKalb paper, some in Finnish, some in English.

In his memories booklet, Dad wrote that Paappa was mostly devoted to home but did do church work. It was for this organization that he was the auctioneer and always played Santa Claus. One of the most exciting Christmas presents Aunt Jennye ever received was a brass doll bed with curtains on it. It was announced at Majakka Hall that Santa was coming. "I had asked beforehand if I could go see the reindeer, but my father said, 'No', it would be too cold. So I was sitting by some Finnish women when one asked who Santa Claus was this year. The other replied, 'Who else but Matt Lahti?' When he brought the brass bed, I didn't do anything but just look at him. After he'd changed clothes, I said, 'You were Santa Claus, weren't you?' He said, 'Well, I just tried the suit on.'" ❧

Barn Bones: Timber and Post Framing

by Donna Langford, Manager of Operations, DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Assn.

Barn builders are extremely knowledgeable about the materials used in building a barn. They are craftsmen, understanding which different type of wood was needed for beams, flooring, and exterior walls that are exposed to weather. Builders understand wood grain and tensile strength as well as the amount of bracing and support a barn needs to stand up to Midwestern storms.

Barns built in the nineteenth century tended to be built of wood, from the ground to the roof peak, using any local materials that were available. The wood building was supported by a masonry foundation, which kept the wood away from the soil and protected it from rotting.

The bones and main support of early wood barns was a timber frame. This framing method uses large wood posts and beams that are joined together with interlocking mortise and tenon joints secured with wood pegs. Early settlers' cutting methods combined with first-growth forests contributed to the strength of the post and beams. Wood pegs were pounded into the mortise and tenon joints, holding the joint together. Using wood pegs was stronger and cheaper than using metal spikes or nails. In the early 1800s, wood pegs had to be handmade at the construction site. Later, they could be ordered from factories.

By the early 1900s, wood was scarce and more expensive than other building materials. A trend of light construction building, using dimension plank framing, began and continued through the 1950s. Cement, either poured or in blocks, became popular for barn foundations, floors, mangers, and lower-level walls. Cement blocks were made at the construction site or ordered from a factory. Steel began to be widely used in the 1940s, replacing wooden timbers and posts, roofing shingles, and siding.

Glidden Homestead and the DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association are once again hosting the **DeKalb County Barn Tour**. The **August 13, 2016**, tour focuses on eight barns located to the northwest of DeKalb, in South Grove and Mayfield Townships. Many of the barns on the tour were built with a wood post and timber method. Local historian and old-school craftsman Roger Watson of Genoa will demonstrate the "barn pegging" method at one of the locations throughout the day (see ad page 14 for more). ❧

Source: Jerry Apps. "Barns of Wisconsin," 2010, Wisconsin Historical Society Press.

Historic Sycamore Council Minutes Online

By Marcia Wilson

Since 2010 Sycamore Mayor Ken Mundy has been plowing through minutes of past city council meetings. Has he been trying to retrieve some lost but needed piece of information? Some error in need of correction? No, Mayor Mundy has been performing a labor of love, mining details of the evolution of Sycamore from 1858 to the present, and making these nuggets available online.

Minutes have been transcribed from whatever pieces of paper or notebooks in which they were found. All of the notes were taken directly from City of Sycamore meeting minutes and have not been edited for English grammar, spelling, punctuation, or political correctness. Mayor Mundy credits Sycamore City Clerk Candy Smith for making the files available for review by carefully and accurately recording, maintaining, and safeguarding the records.

According to the Mayor, "The minutes present a small snapshot in time of how Sycamore grew from a frontier settlement of rustic cabins to the beautiful vibrant and economically sustainable community she is today. There were many good and faithful public servants who guided Sycamore through her infancy, the Civil War Years, Industrial Revolution, and all the historic events which impacted Sycamore." The historical outline contained therein includes laying of streets, sidewalks, water, sewer, and gas mains; erection of a stand pipe, street lights, telephone poles, homes, businesses, churches, schools, library, and a jail; the effects of World War II and post-war prosperity and growth.

Even though some notes deal with minutiae of everyday complaints and issues from the citizens and businesses, they reflect the care and concern with which each mayor and council took to remedy concerns of the people of Sycamore.

The Mayor noted that Sycamore never was "flush" with funds to sustain and improve public services but always "made do" with careful, conservative, and controlled spending, as opposed to State of Illinois and Federal budget protocols and operations.

After his transcription of the years 1970-1989, the Mayor noted the length of service of many employees, with most having devoted decades of their working years to the good of the city. Also noted is the care and concern from past mayors and councils on consideration of improvements, both in terms of function and affordability.

Equally important as council actions is the dedication and implementation of annual budgets by department heads and loyal employees who stretched the uses of staff and equipment in meager years as well as when more resources were available.

Mundy himself is one of those long-term, dedicated Sycamore employees, having transitioned from Sycamore library board treasurer to being elected city treasurer in 1981, and holding that office until being elected mayor in 2005. He has announced his retirement next year, at the end of his third term.

Mundy stated, "It remains clear that Sycamore was, is, and will be blessed with those who seek to serve the people with the best intentions and a servant's heart." He adds, "It has been an honor and a pleasure to review the Sycamore City Council minutes." They are posted online at http://cityofsycamore.com/mayors-history/ .

Population Census Items 1790-1950

Includes only those supplemental schedules still in existence; excludes questions asked on a sample basis only—the long-form questionnaire. Census lists through 1940 are available to the public.

1790
Name of family head; number of free white males 16 years and up; free white males under 16; free white females; slaves; other free persons.

1800
Name of family head; if white, age and sex; race; number of slaves.

1810
Name of family head; if white, age and sex; race; number of slaves.

1820
Name of family head; age; sex; race; foreigners not naturalized; slaves; industry (agriculture, commerce, manufacturers)

1830
Name of family head; age; sex; race; foreigners not naturalized; slaves; industry.

1840
Name of family head; age; sex; race; slaves; number of deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic and whether in public or private charge; number of persons in each family employed in each of six classes of industry and one of occupation; literacy; pensioners for Revolutionary or military service.

1850
Name; age; sex; race; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane or idiotic; value of real estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether a pauper or convict.

Supplemental schedules for slaves and persons who died during the year.

1860
Name; age; sex; race; value of real estate; value of personal estate; occupation; birthplace; whether married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.

Supplemental schedules for slaves and persons who died during the year.

1870
Name; age; race; occupation; value of real estate; value of personal estate; birthplace; whether parents were foreign born; month of birth if born within the year; month of marriage if married within the year; school attendance; literacy; whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic; male citizens 21 and over, and number of such persons denied the right to vote for other than rebellion.

Supplemental schedule for persons who died during the year.

1880
Address; name, relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; month of birth if born within the census year; occupation; months unemployed during the year; sickness or temporary disability; whether blind, deaf and dumb, idiotic, insane, maimed, crippled, bedridden, or otherwise disabled; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents.

Supplemental schedule for persons who died during the year.

1890
General schedules—destroyed.

Supplemental schedules for Union veterans of the Civil War and their widows.

1900
Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years married; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration and whether naturalized; occupation; months not employed; school attendance; literacy; ability to speak English; whether on a farm; home owned or rented and if owned, whether mortgaged.

1910
Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; number of years of present marriage; for women, number of children born and number now living; birthplace and mother tongue of person and parents; if foreign born, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and whether able to speak English, or if not, language spoken; occupation, industry, and class of worker; if an employee, whether out of work during year; literacy; school attendance; home owned or rented; if owned, whether mortgaged, whether farm or house; whether a survivor of Union or Confederate Army or Navy; whether blind or deaf and dumb.

1920
Address; name; relationship to family head; sex; race; age; marital status; if foreign born, year of immigration to the US, whether naturalized, and year of naturalization; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; mother tongue if foreign born; ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; home owned or rented; if owned, whether free or mortgaged.

1930
Address; name; relationship to family head; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; radio set; whether on a farm; sex; race; age; marital status; age at first marriage; school attendance; literacy; birthplace of person and parents; if foreign-born, language spoken in home before coming to US, year of immigration, whether naturalized, and ability to speak English; occupation, industry, and class of worker; whether at work previous day (or last regular working day); veteran status; for Indians, whether of full or mixed blood, and tribal affiliation.

1940
Address; home owned or rented; value or monthly rental; whether on a farm; name; relationship to household head; sex; race; age; marital status; school attendance; educational attainment; birthplace; citizenship of foreign born; location of residence 5 years ago and whether on a farm; employment status; if at work, whether in private or nonemergency government work, or in public emergency work (WPA, CCC, NYA, etc.); if in private work, hours worked in week; if seeking work or on public emergency work, duration of unemployment; occupation, industry, and class of worker; weeks worked last year, income last year.

1950
Address; whether house is on farm; name; relationship to household head; race; sex; age; marital status; birthplace; if foreign born, whether naturalized; employment status; hours worked in week; occupation, industry, and class of worker.

Adapted from: https://lwd.state.nj.us/labor/lpa/content/njsdc/Shaw%20Census%20Handout.pdf

Museum Corner

Featuring Kishwaukee Valley Heritage Society and Museum

In 1977 Bob Hoover and Merle Roberts asked permission from the Genoa City Council to move the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad Depot building from its original site on North Sycamore Street to the Waterworks grounds on Hwy. 72. Permission was granted for the move and the building was transported to its current location at 622 Park Ave. by May of 1977. Before the building was delivered to its current spot, a basement was dug and much, if not all the necessary work, was done by volunteers to relocate and re-use the old and much-abused building.

Charitable and educational were the by-words, bringing together people interested in history of our communities. The Society will discover, collect, and record items that illustrate the history of our communities throughout the years.

Storyline tours, with an eye to the past, are welcomed at the Museum by appointment.

Visit KVHS at

622 Park Avenue, Genoa
815-784-5559
e-mail: kvhs@atcyber.net

Hours
Wednesdays 1:00-5:00 pm
2nd Sunday 2:00-4:00 pm

Admission by donation

The Society also presents a Brown Bag Lunch with historical information on the second Wednesday each of the following months: March, April, May, June and July and then the fall sessions begin in September and runs through October and November.

Recently the interior of the Museum has taken on a new and exciting look. A wonderful crew from the Lake Geneva History Museum came with their suggestions and aided volunteers in display areass and what a great look they developed.

Check out our Facebook page for pictures, but better yet drop in any Wednesday between 1:00 and 5:00 pm.

To make sure the surrounding communities know of this great "gem" and its treasures of the past, a group of volunteers, i.e. Roger Watson and friends, put together a day at the Museum called "Pioneer Day." Last year was the 30th anniversary of this event and was soundly attended with over 500 visitors. This is a great activity for the young and old alike. Many come in their period clothes and try games and activities of the past and learn skills once thought extinct—but alive and well at the KVHS Annual Pioneer Days. There are no parking fees, no gate charges, and everyone is welcome.

Pioneer Days
Saturday, August 28, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Make sure you visit the Sandwich Historical Society wagon at the Sandwich Fair, September 7-11, 2016, for fair souvenirs and the cheapest iced tea at the fair!

DCHGS Genealogy Interest Group
Location: Sycamore Public Library, Joiner History Room.
Date: 4th Wednesday of every month, 6 p.m. All are welcome!

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.

NIU Offers Collections Workshops

By Dave Woodin and Sandy Lyon

In 2015, DCAHSM held a professional training workshop at the Regional History Center at NIU. Cindy Ditzler and her staff held a hands-on workshop, with the opportunity for museums to bring items from their collections for questions and repair assistance for the Saturday morning workshop on Paper Preservation. During the review of that workshop, the group decided it had been a huge success and they would like to have another workshop in 2016. After a lengthy discussion on various issues and techniques we would like to pursue, Cindy Ditzler agreed to pursue workshop possibilities with the NIU Anthropology Museum.

On Saturday, May 7, 2016, local museum representatives met with Laura McDowell Hopper at the Pick Museum of Anthropology for the first in the series of three workshops planned for 2016 professional development programs. Laura teaches a collections management course and discussed the areas of accessioning, marking, tracking, storage, and loans.

Laura has a bachelor's degree in history and museum studies and a master's in public history. She worked in collections, education, and exhibits at Chicago area museums before coming to NIU's Pick Museum in 2012.

Our first workshop included a lecture and discussion on Accessioning and Registration, covering procedures, forms, tracking, loaning accessions, paperwork, insurance, donor questionnaires, card and computer catalogs, and documentation. The group appreciated the opportunity to ask questions relative to their museums and the opportunity to hear questions from others. The morning flew by!

Already we are busy planning for the June 25 hands-on workshop on Storage. It will focus on making successful and cost-effective storage mounts for objects and we will make storage mounts.

The July 16 workshop will concentrate on properly marking all the various-shaped objects in a collection.

Space in upcoming workshops is limited to 20 and pre-registration is required. Contact Dave Woodin at 815-825-2235 or Sandy Lyon at 815-751-4498.

We are fortunate to have the Regional History Center and Anthropology Museum in our area and professional personal who are so willing to share their knowledge and expertise with us. We also are enjoying the friendships with other museum volunteers. ❧

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Abbott	Ronald L.	84	2/17/2016	Elva, IL	2/20/2016	
Abbott Jr.	William E.	55	2/9/2016	Cortland, IL	5/6/2016	
Alderson	Mark A.	59	3/8/2016	Decatur, Sterling, IL	3/10/2016	
Andersen	Linda	76	2/16/2016	TX; Hinckley, IL	2/20/2016	
Anderson	Donna Rae Glover	59	2/28/2016	Geneva, Somonauk IL	3/1/2016	Beverage
Andrews	James R.	78	2/16/2016	IA; MN; OR; DeKalb, IL	3/11/2016	
Astling	Roger D.	82	3/11/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/14/2016	
Aves	Glenn Henry "Dutch"	97	2/13/2016	Kirkland IL	2/14/2016	Quiram
Baneck	Elmer W.	91	4/18/2016	WI; Genoa, IL	4/20/2016	
Barth	Dorothea Moore	53	3/1/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/12/2016	
Baskins	Linda Blade	66	5/15/2016	Sycamore, IL	5/18/2016	
Beard	Dorathea Karow	87	3/15/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/22/2016	
Bellah	Glen D.	78	4/7/2016	AR; Genoa, IL	4/11/2016	
Bellinger	Larry E.	75	3/21/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/24/2016	
Bialas	Billie McFall	83	4/25/2016	DeKalb, West Brooklyn, IL	4/28/2016	
Bishop	James B.	81	2/27/2016	KS; WI; DeKalb, IL	3/7/2016	
Blackwood	Joanne K Westphal	73	4/26/2016	DeKalb, Hinckley, Sycamore IL	5/2/2016	
Briles	Worthie Elwood	98	2/18/2016	TX; DeKalb, IL	2/20/2016	
Buell	John F.	79	3/2/2016	Kirkland, IL	3/4/2016	
Burnitz	Kristopher K.	33	4/16/2016	NJ; NY; Sycamore, IL	4/20/2016	
Campbell	Wendy S. Dietschweiler	50	1/25/2016	Hinsdale, Sandwich IL	2/4/2016	Nelson
Card	Margaret A.	99	5/2/2016	no further information	5/4/2016	Nelson
Carrigan	Edward	85	3/26/2016	FL; WV; Sycamore, IL	3/30/2016	
Castle	Michael David	56	4/27/2016	Chicago, Sandwich, Aurora IL	4/28/2016	Beverage
Cerutti Sr.	Ronald W.	73	3/21/2015	CA; Sycamore, IL	4/28/2016	
Charlesworth	MaDell Olson	93	5/8/2016	Naperville, Waterman, Shabbona, IL	5/10/2016	
Chivers	Cheryl A. Van Deusen	58	4/17/2016	DeKalb, Earlville, Sandwich IL	4/19/2016	Burkhart
Clark	Pamela Plote	55	3/4/2016	Kirkland, IL	3/9/2016	
Clayton	Phyliss Eloise Jensen	100	5/5/2016	Kingston, Hampshire, Yorkville IL	5/7/2016	Larson
Coe	Dorothy L. Thorson	89	2/26/2016	Millbrook, Hinckley, Naperville IL	3/3/2016	ABN
Coombs	Sheila Allen	68	3/10/2016	Rockford, Shabbona, Kirkland IL	3/12/2016	Quiram
Cooper	Paul Wayne	47	3/3/2016	Aurora, IL	3/9/2016	
Cortright	Jessie Williams-Ryder	95	2/26/2016	Cortland, DeKalb, Rockford IL	3/1/2016	Rockford
Cosentino	Katherine D. Wilson	58	2/10/2016	TN; Sandwich IL	2/18/2016	KCNN
Crabbe	Austin Michael	17	3/30/2016	Morris, Hinckley, Sandwich IL	3/31/2016	Gabel-Dunn
Criswell	Charles A.	66	3/4/2016	AL; Genoa, IL	3/8/2016	
Cunningham	Phylis Corey	97	5/4/2016	Clare, DeKalb, IL	5/11/2016	
David	Beatrice	71	4/20/2016	TN; DeKalb, IL	4/23/2016	
Davis, Jr.	Donald	52	4/15/2016	DeKalb, IL	4/15/2016	
Davison	Joy Forsyth	89	3/25/2016	Olney, Sycamore, IL	3/29/2016	
Dawson	William R.	86	3/10/2016	OH; DeKalb, IL	3/12/2016	
Dieter	Carol H. Klein	86	3/29/2016	Batavia, Somonauk, Naperville IL	3/31/2016	Burkhardt
Dolder	Paul H.	76	3/29/2016	Waterman, IL	4/1/2016	
Dowen	Sharon Seim	70	5/6/2016	WI; DeKalb, IL	5/10/2016	
DuBois	Zenobia Bernardini	92	2/29/2016	OH; DeKalb, IL	3/3/2016	
Dunlap	Vivian Walsberg	87	3/4/2016	FL; DeKalb, IL	4/5/2016	
Einwich	Dorothy Stulman	90	5/5/2016	Hampshire, Genoa, IL	5/7/2016	
Elder	Max Lee	75	3/20/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/22/2016	
Ellenberger	Howard	87	5/2/2016	IN; DeKalb, IL	5/4/2016	
Emmel	Joseph Lee	76	5/10/2016	WV; Sandwich IL	5/11/2016	Beverage
Erickson	Ronnie S.	69	3/1/2016	Aurora, Plano, Sandwich IL	3/3/2016	Burkhardt
Fannon I	David K.	66	5/7/2016	TN; DeKalb, Belvidere, IL	5/10/2016	
Ferdinand	Richard	66	3/2/2016	Gilman, Maple Park, IL	3/4/2016	
Flood	Louise	98	4/23/2016	DeKalb, IL	4/27/2016	
Folden	Linda Noskowicz	73	3/8/2016	CA; Chicago, Malta, IL	5/10/2016	
Forrer	Coravaline Todd	79	4/24/2016	Somonauk, IL	4/26/2016	
Garza	John	56	4/18/2016	Chicago, Genoa, IL	4/21/2016	
Gehant	Allen R.	74	4/26/2016	WI; West Brooklyn, DeKalb, IL	5/7/2016	
Getzelman	Ruth Anderson	80	5/7/2016	Burlington, Hampshire, IL	5/10/2016	
Getzelman	Richard C.	80	5/10/2016	Burlington, Waterman, Hinckley IL	5/12/2016	Nash

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Gherity	James A.	87	4/9/2016	MI; Kingston, IL	4/13/2016	
Glugla	Ruth		3/6/2016	Shabbona, IL	3/10/2016	
Grant	Danielo M.	64	5/1/2016	Marengo, Sycamore, IL	5/3/2016	
Hackman	Selena		5/4/2016	DeKalb, IL	5/4/2016	
Hanson	Ada L. Scent Schule	94	4/12/2016	Streator, Sandwich, Aurora, Somonauk IL	4/13/2016	Beverage
Hardekopf	Lyle W.	76	4/5/2016	Sandwich, IL	4/7/2016	
Harmet	Shirley	79	2/12/2016	WI; OK; KY; DeKalb, Sycamore, IL	3/5/2016	
Hatland	Clifford I	89	4/6/2016	Earlville, DeKalb, IL	4/8/2016	
Haugland	Janet	93	4/29/2016	WI; WV; NY; DeKalb, IL	5/2/2016	
Hay	Roberta Norton	89	3/16/2016	LeRoy, DeKalb, IL	3/19/2016	
Hearn	Joseph A.	65	2/23/2016	Sandwich, Earlville, Leland, Rockford IL	2/24/2016	Burkhardt
Heise	Donald Allen	75	2/17/2016	Aurora, Sandwich, Naperville IL	2/18/2016	Burkhardt
Henigan, Sr.	Richard L.	78	4/5/2016	Sycamore, DeKalb, IL	4/11/2016	
Hipple	Thomas E.	84	4/9/2016	Waterman, IL; Idaho	4/13/2016	
Hornyan	Betsy Jean	71	3/18/2016	Aurora, Sycamore, IL	3/25/2016	
Howe	Frederick C.	72	4/5/2016	NY; Kirkland, IL	4/6/2016	
Hughes	Edward L.	86	4/12/2016	IA; DeKalb, IL	4/14/2016	
Jamison Jr.	William C.	72	3/9/2016	IN; DeKalb, Sycamore, IL	3/30/2016	
Jandt	Alice Shaw	98	3/7/2016	Sycamore, Hinckley, IL	3/10/2016	
Jensen	P. Colleen Alexander	87	3/30/2016	MO; DeKalb, IL	4/1/2016	
Jenson	Phillis C.	87	3/30/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/31/2016	
Johnson	Kenneth D.	83	4/7/2016	Milan Twp.; Rochelle, IL	4/8/2016	
Johnson	Jeffery Wayne "JJ"	51	4/29/2016	Bloomington, Sandwich IL	4/27/2016	Beverage
Johnson	Randy L.,	59	5/13/2016	Aurora, Somonauk IL; WV	5/14/2016	Turner
Jones	Robert Lee, Jr.	60	2/16/2016	Sandwich, Plano, Sandwich IL	2/16/2016	Beverage
Jones	Maureen DeLay	78	5/5/2016	IA; AZ; Sycamore, IL	5/11/2016	
Jordal	Marlin R.	83	2/28/2016	Steward, IL	3/11/2016	
Jordal	Marvin J.	83	3/31/2016	Kingston, IL	4/2/2016	
Jordan	Joyce Baker	78	4/19/2016	DeKalb, IL	4/23/2016	
Judd	Robert "Rob"	62	5/12/2016	Aurora, Elburn, Hinckley IL	5/14/2016	ABN
Keenan	Russell J., Sr	89	2/16/2016	Sandwich, Yorkville IL	2/16/2016	Beverage
Keleher	Mary Strong Hooker	78	4/30/2016	Sycamore, IL	5/4/2016	
Kelly	Lillian Anderson	94	4/8/2016	Shabbona, IL	4/11/2016	
King	Ruth Estella Ropp	89	2/22/2016	Northfield Twp, Sandwich, Yorkville IL	2/23/2016	Dieterle
King	Barbara Dunfrund	87	1/24/2016	IA; DeKalb, IL	2/27/2016	
Kittleson	Elaine Smith	93	2/23/2016	Sycamore, DeKalb, IL	2/27/2016	
Kleveland	Kenneth C.	57	3/22/2016	Sycamore, Mt. Morris, IL	3/28/2016	
Koehler	LaVerne		3/14/2016	Waterman, IL	3/19/2016	
Ladson	Scott L.	33	2/24/2016	Hinckley, IL	2/25/2016	
Larson	Craig Manley	53	2/22/2016	Sandwich, Sheridan, Aurora IL	2/23/2016	KCNN
Larson	Opal King	62	2/25/2016	DeKalb, IL	2/27/2016	
Larson	Marvel Leming	96	4/15/2016	Malta, DeKalb, IL	4/20/2016	
Leonard	Eva Marie Bendix	93	3/17/2016	NY; DeKalb, IL	3/21/2016	
Levi	Annette Dongas	78	2/14/2016	DeKalb, Rockford, IL	2/18/2016	
Lindeen	Daniel J.	52	4/29/2016	DeKalb, IL	5/3/2016	
Lindgren	Gerald B.	89	2/25/2016	Sycamore, IL	2/26/2016	
Lockett	F. Louise Baker	86	3/8/2016	CT; DeKalb, Genoa, IL	3/19/2016	
Maciejewski	Donald Gerald	80	5/12/2016	Chicago, Sandwich, Yorkville IL	5/13/2016	Beverage
Makarrall	Robert D.	91	2/23/2016	MN; Sycamore, IL	2/25/2016	
Mathey	Betty Ann Clarner	83	3/1/2016	Clare, IL	3/3/2016	
Mikez	Barbara Kyler	88	4/22/2016	DeKalb, IL	4/25/2016	
Mueller	Alfred E.	92	3/19/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/21/2016	
Murphy	George Dennis	68	4/2/2016	Sandwich, Newark, Yorkville IL	4/3/2016	Turner
Needham	Donna	80	3/16/2016	Plano, IL	3/17/2016	
Nelson	Carl R.	62	4/10/2016	TN; Genoa, IL	4/20/2016	
Niebergall	Ross E.	92	4/19/2016	Sycamore, IL	5/4/2016	
Nutt	Dorothy G.	95	4/11/2016	Genoa, IL	4/13/2016	
Olivier	Rebecca Peppers-Richmond	38	5/11/2016	Sandwich, Plano, Aurora IL	5/13/2016	Turner
Origel	Zion Adriel	9	3/11/2016	Cortland, IL	3/14/2016	
Ormsby	Theodore Jennings	88	3/1/2016	MO; Hinckley IL	3/3/2016	ABN

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Painter	Evelyn	69	4/23/2016	NJ; Sycamore, IL	4/27/2016	
Panttila	Evelyn Ross	97	3/2/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/4/2016	
Paprocki	Amy Cress	56	5/13/2016	Naperville, DeKalb, IL	5/16/2018	
Pearson	Richard L.		5/8/2016	Sycamore, IL	5/10/2016	
Peterson	Jean Bassett	89	4/20/2016	Sheridan, Chicago, IL	4/20/2016	
Phillips	Harold V.	89	4/15/2016	AR; Genoa, IL	4/18/2016	
Querrey	Riley	78	5/6/2016	IA; DeKalb, IL	5/9/2016	
Rempfer	Ronald L.	71	3/16/2016	Kirkland, IL	3/29/2016	
Rempfer	Burton K.	87	4/13/2016	DeKalb, IL	4/16/2016	
Reynolds	Clark	78	4/25/2016	Virgil, IL	4/28/2016	
Riippi	Mariann Hannan	94	3/5/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/7/2016	
Ring	Gordon Frank	78	3/27/2016	Harvey, Somonauk IL	3/28/2016	Eighner
Ristamaki	Raimo H. Koski	76	4/5/2016	Finland; DeKalb, IL	4/13/2016	
Roddick	Harry N.	81	5/9/2016	CA; DeKalb, IL	5/14/2016	
Rolf	Ruth Reller	99	5/3/2016	Moline, DeKalb, IL	5/5/2016	
Rosado Sr.	Edward J.	84	3/25/2016	Glen Carbon, Sycamore, IL	4/21/2016	
Royalty	Harriet Eckburg	90	3/24/2016	DeKalb, IL	3/25/2016	
Russie	Harold Allen	72	1/24/2016	WI; DeKalb, IL	3/12/2016	
Ryburn	James	75	5/9/2016	Sandwich IL; MI	5/10/2016	Beverage
Schafman	Gerald	84	2/17/2016	Sandwich, Somonauk, Rockford IL	2/18/2016	Burkhart
Schweitzer	John Erwin	63	2/21/2016	DeKalb, Champaign, IL	3/5/2016	
Singleton	Josephine Hamilton	85	4/20/2016	TN; DeKalb, IL	4/23/2016	
Skeels	Jack W.		4/20/2016	KS; DeKalb, IL	4/25/2016	
Smith	Floyd W.	94	4/5/2016	Kirkland, IL	4/7/2016	
Smith Sr.	Donald E.	80	4/18/2016	Sycamore, IL	4/20/2016	
Sodergren	Harold G.	91	3/19/2016	CA; Chicago, DeKalb, IL	4/7/2016	
Sorensen	Berdena Mary Krieghbaum	98	5/4/2016	Kaneville, Big Rock, Hinckley IL	5/6/2016	Nash
Spidle	Lotus	87	4/11/2016	Aurora, Sandwich IL; WI	4/13/2016	ABN
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