

# **Roots & Branches**

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## Fall 2021: October, November, December

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

- October 18: Monthly meeting will be held a Tazwell Co. Genealogical & Historical Society. A tour of their facility and collections will follow a short business meeting. See enclosed information.
- November 15: David Doolin will present historical photos from the Tandy Collection housed at Lincoln College. The Annual Meeting will be held at LCGHS this year. No dinner this year.

**December 20:** No meetings

# **Call for Article Submissions**

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

# **Officers for 2020-2021**

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# **Holiday Closings**

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

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

#### Monthly Program Meetings Set to Resume

After an almost two-year hiatus, LCGHS is planning to resume the monthly program meetings.

#### Apology for Tardiness of this Issue of R&B

Your Editor apologizes for the tardiness of this issue of the R & B. September was a month for cataract surgeries. Use of the computer was limited during the month. The surgeries were successful and you editor has recovered.

### Leadership Changes Coming

During the COVID-19 period several changes have occurred to Officers/Board members or their family members which require a change of focus from LCGHS to those new responsibilities. We all have grown nearly two years older and health issues have increased or new ones have begun, If you are asked to help out, please give serious thought to stepping into the roll you are asked to consider.

#### Hurrah! for the Membership

A call went out from LCGHS to its members to help purchase a replacement copy machine after our old machine aged out and finally died. Donors stepped up and helped us replace the \$3,800 used to purchase the rebuilt replacement. The old machine, which was also a rebuilt machine lasted several years and hopefully this one will also. Thank you to everyone who participated in that successful fund drive.

#### **Shew Collection Progress**

Much of the digitizing and indexing of the Lincoln Herald collection donated by the Shew family is available on the research computer at LCGHS. The digital images and indexes for the years: 1873; 1874; 1875; 1876; 1877; 1878; 1879; 1894 and 1895 are available to researchers now. The remaining years will be added as the indexes for them are completed. The remaining years are 1880, 1881, 1882, 1884 and 1889.

#### Lake Fork Again Ahead

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, January 24, 1878

"Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born Monday morning on Lake Fork, six miles south of this, to Mr. **David** and **Mary Pugh**. Two were born before assistance came, then **Mrs. Miller Copeland** became the accoucheur and in the absence of a physician performed her duties well. The babies each weigh 8 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> pounds and are pronounced cherubs. The mother is doing well and proud of her tri-umphant success in life, having previously had seven children, among which were one pair of twins. Her sister-in-law, **Mrs. Wm C. Buckles**, a near neighbor, has had two pairs of twins, and of course wears the belt, but now gracefully yields to her fortunate neighbor. The people are appreciating the newcomers by offering many little presents, among which is the usual "feeder" furnished very gladly by us. It is hoped that the little ones may live and prove a blessing to their mother."

## New Birth and Death Certificate Requirements, 1877

The Illinois State Legislature passed a bill in 1877, that went into effect January 1, 1878, requiring the completion of Birth and Death Certificates by physicians attending the patients. However, there are times when no physician was present at these events. As seen in the previous article, the attending person was a mid-wife, The

new law apparently did not provide for that situation because the Birth records are incomplete for the period 1878 through 1915, when the law was revised.

But for genealogical researchers, this was a big improvement in determining parentage. Even in newspapers it was common to see lists of births and deaths rather than the scattering of notices through-out the community articles. The practice of naming babies was still to wait until the Christening, There usually is no name for the baby at the time of birth, or maybe no blank for a name that was on these new forms provided by the state. Generally, the notice in the newspapers only gave the parents, gender and date of birth.

The following articles from the Lincoln Herald provide us with incidents and examples of what can be found the in newspapers beginning in 1878.

#### **Born - Died**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, February 21, 1878, p5

"The following are the births reported as taking place in the latter part of January and the former half or the current month: some of the M. D.'s are very dilatory in sending in their reports, some births that occurred early in January not being reported until the middle of February:

"Jan. 28-Born to **Mrs. John Bertche**, of East Lincoln, a son.

"Jan. 30-To **Mrs. J. N. Rankin**, of Mt. Pulaski, a daughter.

"Jan. 31-To Mrs. E. E. Beach, of Lincoln, a son.

"Jan. 31-To **Mrs. Jacob Wolumes**, of Aetna township, a son.

"Feb. 01-To **Mrs. A. A. Applegate**, living near Hartsburg, a son.

"Feb. 02-To Mrs. Martin Miller, colored, residing in East Lincoln, a daughter. – Mrs. Thos. A. Sarrell, Chester township, a daughter. – Mrs. H. S. Slayton, Chester township, a daughter. – Mrs. W. W. Wartenbe, residing near Middletown, a son. – Mrs. Fred Zurkhammer, Orvil township, a son.

"Feb. 04-To **Mrs. John Lanham**, of Cornland, a son. – **Mrs. Nehemiah Mulre**, Mt. Pulaski township, a daughter.

"Feb. 05-To **Mrs. I. Bennett**, of Prairie Creek township, a daughter. – **Mrs. Chas. J. White**, Lincoln,

"Feb. 01- **Frank Rimmerman**, of West Lincoln township, of liver complaint; age 33 years, 4 months, 9

a son. -Reported this date, date of birth not given, **Mrs. S. L. Wallace**, of Mt. Pulaski, a daughter.

"Feb. 09-To Mrs. Switer Wiggers, Hartsburg, a daughter.

"Feb. 10-To **Mrs. J. W. Cochran**, Aetna township, a daughter.

"Feb. 11-To **Mrs. John Cronin**, East Lincoln, a son. – **Mrs. John H. Johnson**, Chestnut, a daughter.

"Feb. 15-To **Mrs. W. S. Darnell**, Chestnut, a daughter. – **Mrs. A. Williams**, Lincoln, colored, a daughter.

"The following are the deaths registered according to the new law, for the last few days of January and the early part of this month. (Note; The details given in the Herald, shown in this issue, did not continue long. Afterward only the name death date and location was given.

"Jan. 31-In Sheridan township, **Mrs. Jane Ann Bruce**, of pleuro-pneumonia, aged 66 years, 1 moth, 8 day; had been a resident of the State 41 years. – **Joseph Sheridan**, Aetna township, of typhoid pneumonia complicated with hemorrhage of the lungs; aged 26 years, 6 months, 23 days; was born in Ohio; resided in this State twelve years."

days. Deceased was born in Germany; resided in the State thirty years."

#### **Interesting and Amusing Birth and Death Certificate Responses**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill, March 28, 1878, p5

"The law in relation to the returns of birth, deaths, etc., requires pretty full information on many points that to the casual observer seem unnecessary. In order that the returns be properly made, printed forms are furnished the M.D.'s with blanks for the required statements and some of them are filled in a way that is interesting and often times amusing. One doctor, in several returns of deaths, gives 'Occupation, an infant.' In a return of a birth, the father's occupation is given as, 'a loafer or vagrant,' which is refreshingly frank, it not entirely satisfactory to all parties concerned. One M. D. gives under head of cause of death, 'an overdose of (there follows the long, technical names of two or three drugs) administered by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_\_, Logan Co., Ill.', another person mind you than the one making the report. Another writes out quite a full history of the case, showing conclusively that the death was caused by the ignorance or carelessness of a rival, (giving name, address and the title in full) and that if he had had the management of the case might not have been thus. Some are quite careless about filling out the forms. It is no unusual thing to find a report of a birth or death with the date of the vent left out, and there are several minor details that are neglected extensively."

## **Physicians' Noncompliance**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, August 29, 1878, p5

"Many of the physicians of our county are very careless about making their returns of births and deaths, especially the former, Many returns are not filed until forty-five, sixty or even greater number of days have elapsed, although on the printed blanks furnished them by the state, appears, in plain type, the warning, 'A penalty of \$10 if not returned within 30 days.' For instance, on the  $16^{th}$  of this month a return was made of a birth which occurred in February – though this is a little longer that any other interval and was probably a case of oversight. There is not particular harm done by this negligence, but if returns are to be made at all it would be better to comply with the law than to disregard it."

## **Eminence Township**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, March 21, 1878, p5

"The stirring event is Mr. Lon. Applegate's baby, which same made its appearance on his doorsteps last Thursday, night, well boxed, clothed and happy and was way-billed six weeks old to the minute. Such are the facts, Mr. and Mrs. A. hearing a noise on their steps proceeded to unravel it, and what was their joy and surprise at finding a 'live masculine boy baby' happy, hearty and well-fed. No one knows its origin – that is from whence it came – but certainly the little stranger could not have found better quarters. It will be well cared for in every particular."

## How Mr. Lincoln Forgave Him

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill., February 11, 1875, p1

"An editor of a weekly paper, published in a little village in Missouri, called at the White House, and was admitted to Mr. Lincoln's presence. He told Mr. Lincoln that he was the man who first suggested his name for the Presidency, and pulling from his pocket an old, worn, defaced copy of his paper, exhibited as item on the subject. 'Do you really think,' said Mr. Lincoln, 'that announcement was the occasion of my nomination?' 'Certainly,' said the editor, 'the suggestion was so opportune that it was at once taken up by other papers, and the result was your nomination and election.

"Ah! Well,' said Mr. Lincoln with a sight, and assuming a rather gloomy countenance, 'I am glad to

see you and to know this, but you will have to excuse me; I am just now going to the War Department to see Mr. Stanton.' 'Well,' said the editor, 'I will walk over with you.' The President, with that apt good nature so characteristic to him took, up his hat and said. 'Come along.'

"When they reached the door of the Secretary's office, Mr. Lincoln Turned to his companion and said, 'I shall have to see Mr. Stanton alone, and you must excuse me.' And taking him by the hand he continued, 'Goodby; I hope you feel perfectly easy about having nominated me; don't be troubled about it; I forgive you.""

## **The Dehner Block**



This photo is a file photo at LCGHS. It shows the Dehner block ca: 1890. The streets are paved (no ruts) the railroad crossing has traffic arms for both Broadway street and the side-walk. The location of this building is on Broadway and Sangamon. By the 1960's this group of buildings was in pretty bad shape. The property was bought by Lincoln Savings and Loan Association which built on the site in 1969/1970. The building now belongs to The State Bank of Lincoln. It appears the building is decorated for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Flags and streamers make a patriotic display for the public.

#### **Another Building**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, ILL, May 10, 1877

"On last Thursday Messrs. Harry & Houser, the well-known grocers now doing business under Gillett's Hall, bought of John E. Dehner, twenty-four feet on Broadway adjoining the alley west of Mr. Dehner's buildings. Messrs. Harry & Houser will shortly begin the erection of a substantial two-story brick building, 24x80 feet in dimensions, with two stories and basement. As the building will be put up especially for their trade, they will have a number of conveniences not to be had at their present location. The high basement with its abundant light and air, will be of great advantage to their business."

## **New Buildings**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, ILL, June 14, 1877, p5

"Mention has been made of **Rock**'s new room, the two about to be built by Messrs. **Carpenter and Mundy**, and the one by Messrs. **Harry & Houser**. In addition to these four, **John E Dehner** will build two rooms on Broadway adjoining the one to be erected by Harry & Houser. Ground was broken for these last three yesterday. As has been stated, Messrs. Harry & Houser will build 22x80 feet and two stories in height. Mr. Dehner will build 40x80 feet and two stories. His rooms will be handsomely finished and will have fronts of plate glass."

#### **New Buildings**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, ILL, June 28, 1877, p5

"The dimensions of the new buildings which Messrs. Harry and Houser and John Dehner are going to erect on Broadway, are as follows: Harry & Howser's building will be 24 feet front by 80 feet deep and two stories high; the first story will be 14 feet high and the second 12 feet. Mr. Dehner will put up two buildings, one a two-story of the same height and Harry & Houser's, with 42 foot front and 72 feet deep, and the other a one-story barber shop, 14 feet front by 44 feet deep. The walls of the buildings will be of brick, with ornamental cast-iron caps for the windows, and ornamental cast iron guards for the show windows. The columns of the store fronts will be round cast-iron shafts with Corinthian caps; the cornice of he first story brick and that of the second story of galvanized iron. The excavations for the cellars, which are to be 7 feet deep, have been somewhat retarded by the recent rains, but with a few days of good weather the walls can be commenced in the short time. To-morrow is the day appointed for making contract for labor and material, and next week we will give the names of the contractors."

"The side-walk on Broadway, from the express office to Dehner's has received much needed repairs this week." (Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, July 26, 1877, p5)

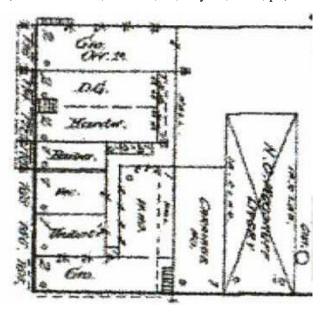
"The walls of Harry and Houser's and Dehner's buildings have been completed to the first story, and the joists for the first story floor have been laid." (Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, July 26, 1877, p7) "Real Estate, John E. Dehner to G. I. Harry and J. P. Houser, May 3, land in blk 11 on Sangamon street, - \$1500." (Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, August 23, 1877, p5)

"The walls of the second-story of Dehner's and Harry & Houser's new buildings are nearly completed. The galvanized iron window caps look very neat." (Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, August 30, 1877, p5)

"John Dehner Proposes to replace the two wooden rooms in his Broadway block with brick next spring carrying the two and the adjoining one-story barber-shop up to two stories." (Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, September 6, 1877, p5)

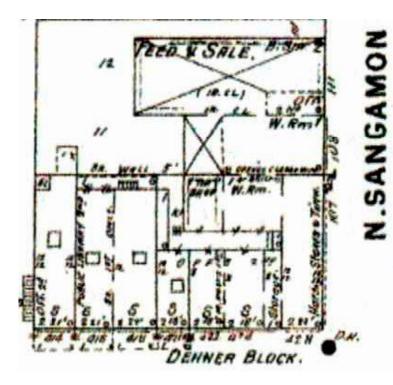
This series of articles teaches us several things about the Dehner block. John Dehner had at least two wood frame buildings on this property prior to 1877. These two buildings were replaced in 1878 with brick buildings. Harry & Houser bought not only the property facing Broadway but also some of the property facing Sangamon street.

In 1969, I was working for The Bank Building Corporation of America as a time-keeper on the Lincoln Savings and Loan project. Shirley and I were married in July that year and when I went to do my student teaching, Shirley took my position at that job. So we were involved with that project from beginning to end. All of these buildings were gone by the time I started working that summer.



This is an 1884 drawing of the Dehner block from the Sanborn maps of Lincoln, IL. Broadway St. is to the left and Sangamon St. is at the bottom. This image is a little difficult to read but we can see the grocery store of Harry & Houser at the top and the barber shop in the middle. The photo above depicts better this drawing. In the photo can clearly be seen the awnings for the groceries on each end of the Broadway side. The D. G. means dry goods.

#### **Lincoln Public Library Story Update**



In a previous issue of Roots and Branches the story about the public library ended with the library as a part of new Lincoln City Hall of 1895. At that time, I thought that the library may have continued there until the current building completed several years later. was Apparently, it did not stay there for more than a few months. While preparing the feature article for this issue on The Dehner Block, I found that the Lincoln Public Library was located on the second floor of 416 Broadway in the Dehner Block in 1896. See the map in the article on the Dehner Block. I won't say this time that it stayed there. Depending on where the rent was cheapest is probably where it would have been between 1896 and 1902.

This drawing is from 1896. That is nearly twenty years after the buildings

were constructed. The occupants of the buildings appear to be different, but all the buildings are the same. One discovery shown in this drawing is that the Public Library was on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the second store in the drawing. That means that the Public Library was in City Hall just one year or less. (See the Spring 2021 Roots & Branches for the story on Lincoln Public

#### **Survey of AFMC Grounds**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, Dec. 2. 1875, p1

F. M. – **D. L. Braucher** has completed his survey about the grounds of the Feeble-Minded Asylum and reports a fall of thirty-six

feet to the bed of the Rubicon. He also says that the site is six feet and six inches higher than the business portion of Broadway.

#### **Asylum Notes**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, January 17, 1878, p8

"An envelope was received last week at the Asylum addressed to the "Lincoln University for Feeble-Minded Children, Lincoln, Logan County, Illinois."

## **Orendorff's Bridge**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 15, 1875, p3

"Pleasant Hill, April 8, 1875

"A terrible storm of wind and rain visited the farm and dwellings of **Robert Gilchrist**, on Delavan Prairie, two miles north of Orendorff's Bridge, on Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock. Mr. Gilchrist had just got to the house from watering some cattle, when it commenced to blow from the south-west with desperate fury: cherry, peach and apple trees were town up by the roots; every corn crib on the farm was unroofed and most of the boards broken and splintered to pieces; beard and rail fences shared the same fate. A plank walk of 28 feet was lifted and thrown a distance of 150 feet. A well-house was blown down and thrown 40 feet from the well dragging buckets and rope. Cattle, hogs and horses were running in all directions seeking shelter from the fury of the storm. But, fortunately, it did not last over five minutes and was not over a quarter of a mile wide.

#### W. H Gilchrist"

#### **Pulling Match at Broadwell**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, January 13, 1875 p3

"Considerable excitement was gotten up here last Thursday morning over a pulling match between Big **Andy Eisiminger** and one of **Andy McGill**'s little mules. Andy laid on his back with his feet braced against the edges of the sidewalk, holding in his hand a stick to which was fastened a rope thirty feet long, the mule being hitched to the other end. The bet was that the mule could not pull him to his feet. Andy came out victorious amid the vociferous shouts of the many lookers-on. It would have taken two such mules as that to have lifted him."

#### **Old Time Relics**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln , Illinois, January 20, 1876 p1

"Mr. O. A. Carpenter has a number of interesting relics which have been handed down in his family for several generations. One is a deed made by John Read in 1721 at Massachusetts, Rehoboth. to **Ephraim** Carpenter, his great, great grandfather. Another is the will of the same Ephraim Carpenter made in 1732, written in a fair hand on paper yellow with age. It begins 'In the name of God, Amen,' and shortly drops into business as follows: 'I, Ephraim Carpenter, of Rehoboth ... Among other things disposed of were 20 Pounds in money, two pewter

platters, a gun and a sword. Another will made by the son of Ephraim in 1770 is very interesting. Mr. Carpenter has the sword just mentioned which was worn by **Lieut**. **Carpenter** at Newport in the war of 1812. It is a handsome blade shaped very much like the U. S. regulation sabre, and with bronze tracery near the hilt. The hilt is of brass and ivory. Mr. Carpenter talks of taking the sword to the Centennial Exposition. He has also the first number of the Pawtucket (R. I.) Chronicle, published Nov. 12, 1825."

## A Ripe Old Age

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 15, 1876, p3

"**Mrs. Anza Grubbs**, colored, died in this city at the home of her son, **Peter Grubbs**, on Friday last. Her relatives believe her to have been from a hundred to a hundred and six years of age. She remembered the Revolutionary war and the fact that her master was killed in one of its battles. She had been blind for the last five years of her life. Her death occurred suddenly and resulted apparently from old age, as she had not been sick." "The colored citizens of Logan County held a convention in this city, Monday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, at the A.M.E. church, and organized a sub county committee for the political campaign of '76.

"S. Donnegan, Sr. was chosen president; R. T. Story, of Atlanta, vice-president; W. A. Williamson, secretary, W. M. Davis, treasurer; J. H. Turner, cor. Secretary. The subjoined resolutions were offered by Messrs. Turner, Donnegan and Story. Speeches were made by A. Scott, Donnegan and others, after which the resolutions were adopted. There was a good attendance, and everything passed off in harmony.

"Delegates – S. Donnegan, Sr., Lincoln; Squire Williamson, Lincoln; J. Smith, Lincoln; A. Dyer, Lincoln; W. M. Davis, Lincoln; J. H. Turner, Lincoln; W. A. Williamson and R. Smith, Lincoln; R. T. Story and A. Scott, Atlanta; Fred Wilson and C. McElfee, Eminence; Jacob Sanders, Elkhart, and Frank Rudolph, Beason.

"Whereas, It is the duty of all citizens to participate in all the political affairs of the community of which they form a part; Whereas, It is the duty of the thinking classes of our people throughout the United States to cherish the past principles of the Republican party. Therefore be it

*"Resolved*, That we organize political clubs in each of the towns of Logan county where there are enough of our people to support one during the political campaign of 1876.

*"Resolved*, That we cling to the party that will not ignore us as a race in the hour of peril.

"Whereas, It has been said that President Grant wanted a third term, and, Whereas, We see the great evils growing out of sectarian schools, therefore be it

*"Resolved*, That we heartily indorse the measures that we took in settling the third term question.

*"Resolved*, That we favor the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, declaring that no money raised by taxation in any State for the support of public school or received from any public fund thereof, shall ever be placed under the control of any religious sect.

"*Resolved*, That the colored race ever keep in their memory, the administration of Gen. U. S. Grant as bright spots in their life-time."

## **Decoration Day – Atlanta**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 8, 1876

"The Atlanta Argus in giving an account of the services at that place on Decoration Day says: After singing by the choir, **Rev. G. W. Bates** gave a few remarks and was followed by **Rev. J. B. Hutton** in a fine address. At the close of the address he called on those present who had been soldiers to rise, and it was found that the following regiments were represented by one or more members; Illinois Infantry, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 33<sup>rd</sup>, 38<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup>, 106<sup>th</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, 114<sup>th</sup>, 117<sup>th</sup>, 145<sup>th</sup>, and 152<sup>nd</sup>; 2<sup>nd</sup> cavalry; also the 7<sup>th</sup> Iowa, 94<sup>th</sup> and 192<sup>nd</sup> Ohio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Maryland, 82<sup>nd</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> Pennsylvania, and 4<sup>th</sup> U. S. Cavalry."

# Martin Denger

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 13, 1876

"I desire to inform my friends that I have returned to Lincoln and can be found at the hair dressing saloon, on the corner of Chicago and Pulaski streets. Martin Denger. "Fornoff & Denger, Barbers"

## Cholera

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, July 31, 1873

"This dread disease is surely in our midst. **Dr. McDowell** decided it cholera when it first appeared, and however loth the people have been to receive the unwelcome fact, it were better that the people accept the situation and prepare to meet and prevent it. No doubt many die through ignorance of the disease in its first stage, **Dr. McDowell**, who has attended hundreds of cases, says it will yield to medical treatment, in its incipiency, as readily as any disease. The danger is that people will let it run on till the collapse stage comes on, before anything serious is apprehended, and then the patient is in a dying condition. Don't be scared, but do not let diarrhea run on, check it immediately. Keep sober, do your duty in caring for the sick, use disinfectants freely. Bury the dead immediately, as the greatest danger is from the exhalations of a corpse. At present we do not know of a case of cholera in town, and we hope it has bidden us farewell, but we admonish the people to be careful. – *Mason City Independent* 

#### From Mt. Pulaski

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, July 31, 1873 p2

"Mt. Pulaski, ILL, July 26, 1873; - The last has been a week of sickness and death; cases mostly of cholera morbus. **E. A. Danner** and **John Vogel** each lost a child. **Mrs. Rodgers**, mother-in-law of **James Thurman**, died Tuesday morning. A child of **Prof. A. W.** and M. E. Jones, of Indiana, died while they were visiting **D. L. Ambrose**. Children of **Jacob Cummings** and **Peter Maus** will be buried here today."

## **Eminence Twp**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, February 8, 1878, p8

"Among our notable citizens whose industry, enterprise, intelligence and careful business management have given an 'abundance of this world's goods' and made them good citizens and neighbors, we mention with pleasure, **E. G.** and **J. R. Adams**. They were pioneers in this country, men who had the hardihood to stand the rough and tumble of early life in Illinois, when Chicago was the only village to 'loaf' in and it had to be reached with ox teams. Their father was **Capt**. Adams, who was killed in the Black Hawk war, leaving them mere boys with a large family and an indigent mother dependent on their exertions with little to begin with. They are now our largest farmers. Mr. E. G. Adams owning more land than any man in our township and J. R. being but a few acres behind him, and no one covets their wealth, for all know 'muscle and mind,' and it is hoped that they and their good families will live long to enjoy it."

## Winter Stock Water

Lincoln Herald, February 14, 1895, p4

"In answer to a question as to stock water, **Mr. J. W. Quisenberry**, of the northern part of Eminence township, remarked that it was very scarce and the intense cold froze up the drinking troughs and made it difficult to keep stock supplied. Some of his neighbors have been hauling water for a long time from a public well, many of them taking it for two

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Ice Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ills., March 28, 1878, p5

"Mr. J. F. Boy, of the fourth ward, and Mr. John Dehner have been bringing on a considerable quantity of ice from Peoria. A man there, it is said, will make about twenty-five

thousand dollars out of ice he has had on hand for two years and tried in vain to sell at a great sacrifice last year."

offered to sell the pony with the intention of taking transportation by rail, but immediately found themselves objects of suspicion. Officer Keeling arrested them on the theory that they had stolen the pony, and telegraphed the facts to this place. The next morning the father of one of the boys went down and took the expedition out of the calaboose. The armament of the party consisted, as before stated, of a government musket; the commissariat was supplied with a lunch and a bottle of cold coffee. The failure of the expedition will be an excellent lesson for the boys who took part in it, and for those of their acquaintance who may be meditating a western trip."

#### Going West.

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill., March 18, 1875

"Almost every boy has at certain times a longing to go west, where he confidently expects to bag innumerable buffalo, grizzlies and Indians, and then discover a gold mine and come home a millionaire. It is quite the regular thing in dime

vicinity, well-meaning little fellows of twelve or

fourteen years of age, undertook to make their

romantic notions a reality by taking Horace

Greeley's advice. One of them owned a pony that

would carry double and the other a formidable looking government musket. The warm weather

of last week was deemed a favorable time for

beginning operations and so the expedition took

its unostentatious departure in search of fortune

and the far west.

novels and apparently as easy as falling off a log. "The other day a couple of boys of this

"Mrs. Oglesby, the wife of our Illinois Senator, (Richard J. Oglesby) is so lovely that a luster, or the pretty mouth that is always smiling. correspondent is puzzled to tell whether her - [Chicago Journal.]"

Mrs. Oglesby Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, April 1, 1875, p4 beauty is in the large dark eyes, with their soft

> "The pony carried them safely to Springfield, where the dangers and hardships of pioneer life

> began to loom up with startling suddenness. They

"On Monday afternoon, Rev. W. C. Bell and A. H. Mills found some fossil bones imbedded in a limestone rock that had been hauled to build the sewer across Logan street. A knee bone, part of a rib and some small

bones can be clearly seen. The query is what kind of bones are they? And how did they get incased in this limestone rock? Anyone can see the specimens by calling on the above parties."

#### Fossils Lincoln Herald, Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill, March 31, 1877

this has been anything but a pleasant job." miles or more. During the bitter cold weather

"J. F. Boy respectfully informs his patrons and the public generally that his Ice is PURE: that it is taken from the upper side of the bridge on Salt creek – not below where the city sewers empty, as a few people have been led to believe – and that it is as pure as any Ice to be found in the country anywhere. Patronage solicited and orders promptly filled."

## **Temperance Movement – Ladies' League**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 17, 1874, p3

"Following will be found the Constitution adopted by the Ladies Temperance League of this city:

"Whereas: Intemperance is a 'vice of such frightful mien to be hated needs but to be seen,' but 'seen too oft' the community has ceased to pity and has learned 'to embrace' and

"Whereas: God has given evidence that the responsibility of saving our husbands, brothers and sons from its power rests upon the women therefore

*"Resolved* 1<sup>st</sup>, That the officers shall consist of President, a Vice President from each of the

churches, Secretary and Treasurer, whose duties shall be such as usually devolve up such officers.

*"Resolved*  $2^{nd}$ , That the condition of membership shall be no other than her signature on this constitution which shall be considered evidence of her having entered into a solemn compact to labor faithfully and earnestly in whatever way a two-thirds majority may deem most successful in abating this most terrible vice – intemperance.

*Resolved* 3<sup>rd</sup>, The time and manner of electing officers to be determined by the association, which shall constitute a part of its by-laws."

# **Elkhart – Latham House**

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 8, 1876, p3

"The old Latham house, standing in the edge of the grove near town, and belonging to Mr. Gillett, caught fire this afternoon, and burned to the ground. The fire caught from a defective chimney. It was perhaps one of, if not the oldest house in Logan County, being built, so **Col. Latham** informed us this evening, in either 1828 or 1829, and has quite a history. When the fire was discovered no one was nearer that town, excepting five small children – the mother having gone to Mr. Gillett's on an errand. The house was used as a residence by a family of color named **Taylor**, who, through the help of our citizens – who were soon on the ground after the alarm was first given, saved all their effects. The loss, if any, is comparatively slight, as it was a dilapidated old relic of by-gone days, and grey old rats had held high carnival there for these many years. Volney."

## Mt. Pulaski Business Directory

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill. May 3, 1877, p1

"Now that the spring trade is fairly upon us and to place, briefly, the business interests of Mt. Pulaski before the readers of the Herald, I herewith give the following as the business directory of Mt. Pulaski: "Dry goods, clothing, hats, caps, boots, shoes and gents furnishing goods, John, Krieg & Co.; dry goods and groceries, Frank Schick, Wm. W. Martin, Conrad & Seyfer, Geo. S. Sawyer & Co., J. N. Pumpelly, C. R. Capps, S. Linn, **Beider**; hardware and agricultural implements, Reinhardt & Werlich, C. F. Schafer & Co.; boots & shoes, C. H. Hunt, L. L. Ferris, R. S. Hershey: bakery, John Lipp; millinery and dressmaking, Mrs. Z. H. Murray, Mrs. E. P. Hubbard, Mrs. O. T. Capps, Mrs. M. Snyder, Mrs. A. J. Page, Mrs. Mary Reeves; bankers, Scroggin & Sawyer; saddle and harness shops, J. Mayer & Bro., J. H. Dement; wagon makers, Uriah Snyder, Jenner & Bro., W. F. Bender; meat markets, John Roth, Samuel Gever, Joseph Engelhardt; merchant tailors and clothiers, E. A. Danner, Krieg & Co., Samuel Beniamin; restaurants, Ferd Gabbler, John O. Mason, O. T. Capps; nursery, Jabez Capps & Son, John Lipp, Meister & Long, Samuel Lavcock, Frank Hogan: barbers, Harry Cassidy, Fred. Eberwein; lumber yards, A. J. Aldrich, Vanhise & Ewing; elevators, McFarlin, Mastin & Co., Samuel C. Beam; mills, S C Beam, Thos. Billington & Bro.; Mt. Pulaski Citizen printing office, Conklin Bros; broom maker, C. H. Fleming; livery stables: J. B. Gordon, S. Linn Beidler; plow and cultivator manufactory, Weakly & Schafer; boot & shoe makers, Ernest Drobich, C. J. Hurt, Baner & Ebinger, Jesse Holden; dentists, Dr. D. M. Doty, Dr. W. D. Kempton; lawyers, A. G. Jones, S. L. Wallace; justices of the peace, Jacob Yager, J. W. Randolph, M. Wemple (the latter is police justice); constables, F. V. Nicholson, police, H. F. Danner, deputy sheriff; express agents, C. R. Capps, U. S., Geo. S. Sawyer, M. U.; physicians, J. N. Pumpelly, F. D. Cass, M. P. Phinney, W. S. Mendenhall, C. F. Poppele, C. Schuhardt; leader of brass band, Oscar S. Capps; leader of string band, Chas. E. Snyder; music teachers, Edward Capps, Mrs. A. J. Turley, Miss L. Kilgore; station agents, G. H. Waldo, G. C. & S RR; J. W. Reavis, P. L. & D. RR; ministers, J. T. Boetticher, First Lutheran, Rev. C. Stark, Second Lutheran, Rev. Geo. Fuchs, Evangelical, Rev. C. E. McClintock, M. E. Elder, L. M. Robinson, Christian, Elder D. Doty, Rev. Peter Reinder; ice dealer, E. S. Capps; ice cream, Mt. Pulaski Park, E. S. Capps; draymen, Geo. Pfiel, John G. Arnold & Son; blacksmiths, Schafer & Weakley, John Vogel, Schafer & Vonderleith. Frank Weakley, Joseph Pierce; carpenters and builders, Washburn & Morrow, Philbrick & Lukens, Fuller Brothers, Sherman & Ralston, Weiler & Erlenbusch, Seyfer & Butzer, C. R. Langdale, J. Fowler, S. H, Bradshaw, C. C. Washburn, Thomas Clark; brick masons and plasterers, John Vonderleith, Wm. Wagner, A. C. Wilson, P. A. Lord; painters, S. T. Curtis, John Donner, Charles Cones, R. H. Clark, H. H. Grabendyke; paper hangers and kalsominers, E. E. Bernard, A. R. Barnes; brick yards, Geo. Meister, Sorrell Doten; hair weaver and dresser, Mrs. A. R. Barnes; fist market, A. R. Barnes; Capps Hall, Samuel Laycock proprietor; Music Hall, S. Linn Beidler, proprietor; stock dealers, John Buckles, Jacob Schriver, John Lincoln, Elias Buckles, J. O. Turley, James Buckles; Auctioneer, 'Dad' Shriver; art gallery, M. A. Duboce."

## The Sand Hill Ghost

#### Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill., December 13, 1877, p5

"Ten miles south-west of Lincoln is the settlement generally called, in by-gone days at least, '**Coonsburg**.'

"It is now honored, by the inhabitants, with the more euphonious title of **Millgrove**. But what signifies the name? It is the ghost that needs mention at present. Within a long stone's throw of the Millgrove school house, where Mr. **Samuel Guttery** is now teaching, there is a little knoll of sand which is called by the sounding name of hill. Here, tradition hath it, a woman was murdered about twenty years ago. Along the sides of the road grow almost impassable thickets of scrubby trees and underbrush, making a good occasional retreat for any roving animal that may see fit to take shelter. Some years since, a migratory beast of some kind, doubtless from the fragmentary descriptions given of it, a Canada lynx, made its appearance in that neighborhood near the 'sand hill.' Having scared several people out of twice as many years' growth by its unearthly screams and by showing itself occasionally at night, it was at once connected with the traditionary murder and received the name of the 'The Sand Hill Ghost.' It has reappeared at intervals of a year or more ever since and has been seen and heard by a great many persons, and, strangely enough, it was never seen save at the 'sand hill.' It is about the size of a common dog and white in color. Horses are often terribly frightened by it, but perhaps not so much so as their riders. No one has ever, as yet, been attacked by it. Only a few days ago the news spread that the Sand Hill Ghost had risen again; and a party of brave men who burned to make third-reader heroes of themselves and prove that it was only a lame goose or some such nonsense, armed themselves with guns and other weapons and began the hunt that was to rid the country of the mysterious visitant. Among the number were Will Guttery and John R. Barnett, two wideawake school-teachers, who could not be fooled by silly talk about ghosts. They could hunt down the creature without fear of favor. No use of saying ghost to them. Their hair wouldn't push their hats off, nor their throats fill up with nothing and make them gasp when they meant to speak. Full information is not given as to all the preparations and the details of the hunt, but, when they were at the sand hill, these two teachers happening to turn round suddenly saw - the ghost? Whoo-oo-oo! Guns went off, but not more quickly than those who carried them, and not only the ghost escaped unharmed by their ball, but, by the infinite mercies of Providence, the ghost hunters also. How they ever got home alive, few of them will ever be able to tell with coherency. Lots of torn clothing, bruised flesh, scratched faces and hands and barked shins were the trophies carried rapidly and unanimously homeward. Barnett and Guttery say the 'thing' rose right out the ground and yelled at them like a billion furies. It is still at large."

#### From the Annals of the Old Jail at Postville

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill., January 17, 1878, p5

"The jail was built mainly by Elisha Parks. It was constructed of hewed or sawed logs, each one-foot square, notched at the ends, so that when laid in the wall they fitted closely together. Mr. John Edwards remembers hewing some of these logs, and it is probable all were prepared by the broadax, as saw-mills were then few. The jail was about twelve feet square, and that many feet in height to the first story. The upper story was made of logs of the same dimensions as those composing the sides, securely fastened to the upper tier of logs. The lower floor was composed of logs hewed about twelve or sixteen inches in thickness, the greater thickness place upward. These were laid closely together, and as well as the walls and upper floor, were covered with oak plank, two inches in thickness, thoroughly nailed on, within and without. In the center of the upper floor, a small trap door was made, sufficiently large to admit a man's body. In order to secure light and ventilation, this door was composed of a

cross work of iron bars, firmly fastened together, and secured with a good padlock several inches from the door. Two windows of similar material were also made. Overall, a good, heavy roof was placed, and in the end of the upper story a door was made of heavy plank, which in turn could be securely bolted. When a prisoner was confined within the citadel, he was, in most cases safe. He would be taken in at the upper door, the trapdoor of the inner cell raised, a ladder let down, and he was compelled to descend into the prison. The ladder would then be withdrawn, the trapdoor and outer door bolted, and he was safe. It is confidently affirmed that criminals could more easily escape from the jails of to-day, than from this one. "Strong as this jail was made, it could not

"Strong as this jail was made, it could not always be depended on, as the following incident will show: Not many years after it was built a man named **Bartlett** was arrested and confined in the jail for shooting the stage driver. He was an exceptional villain, shrewd, cunning and brave, and was noted for his adroitness in escaping. In order to be doubly sure of his keeping, a strong guard was stationed about the prison day and night. One day, on taking him his food, he was discovered to have made an attempt at liberty by tearing loose one of the inside planks, his only instrument being a case-knife and his boot heel. Manacles were then brought and placed on his wrists; but these being large and his hands small, he would quickly slip the irons off and hand them to the astonished jailer, with the quiet remark, 'I do not wear iron jewelry.' Manacles were then brought and fastened to his feet. No sooner was he left to himself than he commenced a constant rubbing together of these irons until the friction would wear away some weak spot between his feet, and he would remove these to hand them to the jailer, with the same dry remark. Sometimes he would keep up this incessant rubbing for days in order to accomplish his purpose. One day, during his confinement, he managed to attract the attention of Mr. J. P. Evans, then a lad some fourteen years of age, to whom he offered a 'fortune' if he would bring him a watch, no matter what kind, or whether it was of any value. The boy, though tempted by the 'fortune' offered, consulted his father, one of the guards, before acquiescing in the wish of the prisoner. Mr. Evans told him that Bartlett only wanted it, in all probability, to make some kind of tool out of the mainspring with which to effect his release. The watch was accordingly not obtained. Baffled on all hands, Bartlett now determined on his escape, let the difficulties be what they would. The distance between the lower and upper floors was fully twelve feet in height, more than twice the height of the prisoner. By a little practice, and being naturally very athletic, he became able to spring up and catch the bars of the trap door above. Clinging to one of bars with one hand, he drove part of the window sash under the door, by

some means opened it, and observed the guards were not on the watch, having left their guns in their part of the jail, and retired to the courthouse square to the shade and for conversation.

"Bartlett quickly and quietly descended, and leisurely made his way southward to a drove of horses in the prairie, observing them slowly, as though designing a purchase. While there one of the guards noticed him and remarked to his comrades, 'That looks like Bartlett,' 'It can't be,' said another; 'he could not get out of jail.' One of them ran to the jail immediately calling to them, confirmed their suspicions. Not seeing the guns at first, it was thought the escaped convict had them and would defend himself. He had secreted them under the bed used by the guards. Just at this moment, However, he was seen to leave the horses, have worked his way toward the timber, and to run for it with all the fleetness he possessed. A pursuit was at once started which traced him to Salt Creek and there lost him. After diligent search, he was however found secreted in the water, underneath a tree which had fallen nearly across the stream. This the pursuers had unintentionally surrounded, to deliberate what was the best method to adopt to effect his capture. While standing there one of them happened to look at this tree and saw in the water the form of the fugitive with his face just out of the water. He was at once taken into custody and remanded to jail, where he was securely ironed and hardly ever after left unseen. His trial occurred soon, when he was sentenced to ten years imprisonment in the penitentiary, where it is believed he died. While there he narrated his manner of escape from the Logan County jail, and also told his listeners that at one time his pursuers were so close upon him he could have seized one of them, Evans, and pulled him into the water. He said that when captured he was nearly froze and would have been compelled to leave the water soon."

#### **Pioneer Found Buried In Tree**

Princeton, Ill., Bureau Co. Tribune, Friday, April 09, 1926, p3 Contributed by Shirley Donath

Although this article reports a story far from Logan County, I found it quite interesting.

"Mrs. Mike Kunkel of Mt. Sterling received a letter from her 12-year old grandson, Louis M. Veith of Tony, Wis., who recounted to her a remarkable and gruesome incident, occurring close to his home. In the words of the boy, the discovery was as follows:

"A couple of men sawed down a big basswood tree which had quite a hollow spot about 30 feet from the ground. They sawed about halfway through and struck what they thought was a rock. They turned it over and sawed the other side, and when it came apart, there was a rifle barrel sticking out of the hollow. They investigated and found the body of a man, an old pistol and some gold coins dated 1664. The rifle was an old flint lock, The also found a note in the man's clothes written by Father Marquette more than 300 years ago.

"The condition of the body, the buckskin clothing, the date of the coins, the make of the rifle and pistol and the date on the note seem to prove that this was a man who, according to history, was lost on one of Marquett's missionary trips in Wisconsin.

"The supposition is that, in order to hide from Indians or wild beasts, the man crept into the hollow tree, got fast some way and died there. The growing wood may have kept the body preserved instead of decaying it."

#### The Rubicon

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Ill., September 06, 1877, p5

"The Rubicon is to be sewered this fall from Broadway to the culvert over Walnut street. A number of lots along the line of the brook will be considerably increased in value by the improvement. A committee form the city council are at work assessing the benefits." "Citizens living near the Rubicon complain of the stench arising from it where the laborers are at work building the sewer. The odor arising from the filthy stream during a great part of the time is very disagreeable, but now that the workmen have disturbed it during this warm weather the smell is almost unbearable and one or two persons have threatened to take some action in the matter."

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