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

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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**, **4th 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.

New Email Address

Please take note on page one that the LCGHS email address has changed. Our old email was corrupted beyond recovery, so we moved it over to gmail. logancoil1839@gmail.com

Shew Collection

The Shew Collection is comprised of several hundred issues of the Lincoln Herald and thousands of Print Job type artifacts printed by the Lincoln Herald. The digitizing phase of the project is complete and the indexing has begun. This phase provides the opportunity to read the papers, index the Logan County related articles and collect those articles that follow a particular story. This month I will share with you the names of residents who pursued the establishment of the Lincoln Public Library beginning in 1874 and through 1895. Included in this series of articles are several from the Regan Collection. Together, the articles from these two collections help us understand the early history of the Lincoln Public Library. The Regan Collection is a massive collection of newspaper articles gathered by **John Regan**, a retired Decatur Attorney. Unfortunately, Mr. Regan passed away this winter at the age of 109.

The Public Library in Lincoln

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 16, 1874, p2

“For a year or two past many citizens of Lincoln have felt that it was at once a shame and a misfortune that we have not a public library. Just now the temperance agitation forcibly suggests it as a valuable auxiliary against the open doors of the drinking saloons, not only for the present time, but also as a channel to turn the steps of the rising generation from those resorts by implanting in their minds a love of knowledge, and a friendship with the great and good whom we may know by their written words.

“The possession of a library will enable many who are not able to purchase all the books they desire, easy access to and enjoyment of them; but better than that, it will create a taste for reading in those who otherwise never would turn to it. Unless the young people of Lincoln are mis-judged they are but slightly familiar with standard authors, and have but little interest in good reading, and we ought to feel that it is none too soon to lay some foundation in this direction for the benefit of those who will come after us.

“This duty we shall execute with much pleasure if we consider the nature, the permanency, and the future possibilities of the enterprise. With our shelves well filled with

books, we will gather the young with the old in the evening hour when wayward feet are apt to stray from the door of home, by supplying the means to gratify that thirst for information which our children have; we will forestall and supplant in the minds of our girls, vanity and love of admiration, which leave a woman so silly and vapid after the first bloom of her youth is gone, and make her aim to be sensible, intelligent and well-informed – more than a waxen-faced and empty-headed doll.

“A library will be a common interest that will unite us in friendly feeling as much, perhaps, as any enterprise in which we could engage. We are separated somewhat by neighborhood lines, by church boundaries, by business circles, and in fact, by the very lack of a mutual and general undertaking of equal interest to every citizen. In a library we may be thus pleasantly united. So much for the nature of the enterprise.

“As to its permanency, its establishment will certainly give us real pleasure when we consider that the advantages of our gift may accrue to the city of Lincoln as long as it stands, in the development, education and culture of her young people; while among the future possibilities of a library association we

may reasonably count on reading room, a lecture bureau, and many a pleasant social reunion.

“Then let us gather together on Saturday night of this week, to discuss a plan for the organization of a public library, and to receive voluntary contributions thereto. One lady of the city proposes to be one of ten to give twenty-five dollars, and if the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars is contributed by ten it will probably be easy to double it by the smaller contributions. Personal appeals to give will not be made and none need stay away who do not intend to contribute, for fear of

this disagreeable method of solicitation. Many gentlemen and ladies will select from their own libraries works which they are willing to donate, and if these should be taken to the meeting it will materially encourage the effort. The Cumberland Presbyterian church will be opened for the occasion.

“Let the undertaking be promoted by the presence of professional men, businessmen, parents, young men and women, students, mechanics, and workmen, in short by the whole community; for it will be to all alike and equally a treasure and a treasury.

“Library. Lincoln, April 14, 1874.”

A Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 16, 1874, p3

“A strong feeling in favor of a public library has been aroused within a few days. The general interest in the subject is indicated by the earnest letter published in another column. In addition to the liberal offer mentioned in that communication, it is reported that a gentleman of moderate means offers to be one of fifty who will give fifty dollars each toward the enterprise. A young man has contributed a magnificent three-volume copy of Shakespeare, probably the finest in the country, to be sold for the benefit of the library. The Philharmonic Society will give an entertainment in aid of the good cause. Many persons are ready to give books and money, and altogether it looks as though the golden opportunity had arrived to place the proposed library on a sure foundation.

“It may be that at first a reading room furnished with daily papers from New York,

Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Chicago, etc., with one or two from Europe, and the best weeklies and monthlies would be the leading feature, to be followed by a good list of the best books. The newspapers would doubtless attract many more readers from the class likely to be benefitted by the enterprise than the books. They would be new every day and would appeal strongly to the popular taste. However, this and all other matters connected with the enterprise are yet to be discussed.

“A meeting is called for Saturday evening next at the C. P. Church, when it is hoped all who take an interest in moral and intellectual advancement will be present. No personal solicitations for money will be made at this meeting, the object being rather to talk over matters and effect an organization. Let us all help on the good work.”

The Library Meetings

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 23, 1874, p4

“Meetings were held at the C. P. Church on Saturday and Monday evenings at which **Col. R. B. Latham** acted as temporary president and **Prof. D. M. Harris** as temporary secretary. The object was to adopt a constitution for the proposed library. The one

drawn up, and which was adopted after much discussion, though without much modification, resembles that of the Springfield library. The capital stock is \$5,000, divided into ten-dollar shares. Each holder of a share pays two dollars annual dues and is entitled to

one vote. Life memberships are fixed at fifty dollars. Yearly subscriptions are three dollars; quarterly subscriptions a dollar and twenty-five cents. The management will be in the hands of six directors, to be chosen by the stockholders. An organization is to be affected as soon as one thousand dollars of stock have

been subscribed. A committee of ladies was appointed to solicit subscriptions.

“Another meeting is be held at the C. P. Church on next Tuesday evening.

“The enterprise starts off with the support and sympathy of people of all classes and bids fair to be a success. Now is the time to help it along by liberal subscriptions.”

Constitution of the Lincoln Library Association

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 30, 1874, p2

“Preamble – We, the subscribers, citizens of Lincoln, Illinois, do hereby associate ourselves together under the laws of Illinois incorporating such Associations for the purpose of establishing in this city a Public Library and Reading Room.

“For the government of this Association we adopt the following constitution:

“Article I. – (Name.) – The Association shall be called the Lincoln Library Association.

“Article 2. – Sec. 1. (Stock) – The capital stock of the Association shall be five thousand dollars divided into five hundred shares of ten dollars each and may be increased at any time by a vote of the stockholders. The corporation may organize and commence business whenever one hundred shares of stock are sold.

Sec. 2 – No transfer of stock shall be made until fines and dues assessed against the holder of such stock shall have been paid in full. Stock shall be transferable only upon the books of the Association.

Art. 3 – Sec. 1 (Members) – Any person may become a stockholder of the Association by purchasing stock and subscribing his name to the constitution and shall be entitled to as many votes as he holds shares.

Sec 2 – Every stockholder shall pay to the treasurer of the Association an annual tax of two dollars or forfeit his right to vote and the use of the Library until such payment is made. Provided that every stockholder casting more than one vote shall pay an annual tax of two

dollars for each additional vote cast or forfeit such votes.

“Sec. 3. – Stockholders may vote at any annual meeting by proxy, but all proxies shall be filed in writing with the secretary before the day of election.

“Sec. 4. – Any person may become a life member of the Association by subscribing to this constitution and paying at one time the sum of fifty dollars. Every life member shall be entitled to one vote and shall be exempt from annual tax.

“Sec. 5. – Any person may become a subscriber to this Association upon payment of three dollars annually, or one dollar quarterly in advance, and shall be entitled to the use of the library and reading room but shall have no vote or hold office.

“Art. 4. – Sec. 1. (Officers) – The officers of this association shall be president, vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, treasurer, and six directors, who shall be elected annually: the president by separate ballot, the other officers by general ticket. The president, or in case of his absence, the vice-president and the recording secretary shall be ex-officio members of the board of directors. The president voting only in case of a tie. The president shall be chairman of the board of directors.

“Sec. 2. – The duties of the officers shall be such as usually pertain to their respective titles.

“Sec. 3. – The board of directors shall have power to enact rules of order, appropriate

funds and conduct the affairs of the Association, but shall not contract any debts beyond the amount of funds in the hands of the treasurer and subscriptions, except by the authority of the Association. The board shall meet at least once a month for the transaction of business, shall carry into effect whatever instructions, in the form of resolutions, the members present at any regular or call meeting of the Association see fit to impose upon them, and shall report at the annual meeting, their own proceedings and the vote of the Association. Any members of the Association may attend the meeting of the Board and may speak at the same without voting. A majority of the board shall constitute a quorum.

“Sec. 5. – The board of directors shall have power to fill any vacancies that may occur in their number or in the offices of vice-president, recording or corresponding secretary or treasurer, either by death, resignation or failure to act. The officers filling the vacancies so caused, to hold their offices till the next annual meeting of the Association and until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. – Sec. 1. – (Meetings) – The regular annual meeting of the Association shall be held on the first Monday in May. Fifteen members shall constitute a quorum.

Another Library Meeting

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 30, 1874, p3

“Another library meeting was held at the Cumberland Presbyterian church on last Tuesday evening when Dr. Poindexter presided in the absence of Col. Latham.

“The committee of ladies appointed to solicit subscription reported 144 shares (\$1440) taken. The committee was continued till next Monday evening when they will again report.

“Sec. 2. – The directors may call a meeting of the Association at any time and shall do so whenever requested in writing by fifteen members. But no special meeting shall be held without publication of notice five days previous. No business shall be transacted at such meeting except that announce in the call.

“Art 6. – Sec. 1. – The board of directors shall appoint a librarian, specify the duties of the office, fix the compensation, and require the person so appointed to give security in whatever sum they deem sufficient, for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office.

“Sec. 2. – The board of directions shall appoint a library committee of five members, selected from the Association at large, to select and purchase all books and periodicals. And to have general oversight of the library and reading room; said committee to act during the term of office of the directors are duly elected and shall be accountable to the board of directors for the faithful discharge of their duties.

“Art. 7. – This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of two-thirds of the Association present at its regular annual meeting, provided that written notice of the same shall have been given to the board of directors at least one month previous.”

“The meeting adjourned till Monday evening next when they will meet at the Presbyterian church for the election of officers.

“While the work already done is full of promise there should be still more liberal subscriptions. The scheme contemplates a reading room and library, both of which will require a considerable outlay.”

List of Library Subscribers

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 30, 1874, p3

“Up to Tuesday evening last the following subscribers to the Library fund had been made. The shares are ten dollars each and a subscription of five shares entitles one to a life membership:

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| Henry Abbott | 1 | B. F. Logan | 1 | Mrs. S. A. Foley | 2 | Thos. Phillips | 1 |
| James Andrew | 1 | John Lutz | 1 | R. Brooks Forrest | 1 | J. S. Randolph | 2 |
| Baptist Church | 1 | Mrs. John Lutz | 1 | Chas. Forrest | 1 | W. P. Randolph | 1 |
| Mark Barrett | 2 | E. Lynch | 1 | Frank Frorer | 1 | J. T. Regan | 1 |
| T. T. Beach | 1 | Mrs. E. Lynch | 1 | F. Gerard | 1 | L. C. Richter | 1 |
| Silas Beason | 1 | Mrs. Wm. Mans | 1 | A. S. Guthrie | 1 | C. E. Rose | 1 |
| E. D. Blinn | 2 | Wm. Markworth | 1 | Mrs. Harrington | 1 | J. C. Ross | 1 |
| A. C. Boyd | 1 | A. Mayfield | 1 | Geo. Harry | 1 | Sam'l Sargent | 2 |
| Fred Boyden | 1 | P. M. Knight | 1 | D. M. Harris | 1 | Wm. Schafer | 1 |
| B. H. Brainard | 2 | B. F. McCord | 1 | Jas. Hill | 1 | Geo. Schrieber | 1 |
| Eugene Burnell | 1 | Andrew McGalliard | 1 | M. Hinrichsen | 5 | John Scully | 1 |
| Edward Burton | 1 | A. J. McGlumphy | 1 | James Hoblit | 2 | F. J. Secor | 1 |
| Mrs. E. Chamberlain | 5 | A. M. Miller | 1 | T. P. Hodnett | 1 | F. S. Selly | 1 |
| Christian Church | 1 | F. B. Mills | 2 | J. F. Houser | 1 | H. Sherman | 1 |
| Cadwallader, A D | 1 | J. B. Montague | 1 | Mrs. Dr. Houser | 1 | Sims & Bros | 1 |
| J. G. Chalfant | 1 | Mr. J. B. Montague | 1 | J. A. Hudson | 1 | A. E. Small | 1 |
| J. Coddington | 1 | Mrs. H. B. Moore | 1 | G. W. James | 1 | D. W. Small | 1 |
| James Congdon | 1 | Wallace Nall | 1 | John Jenkins | 1 | Albion Smith | 1 |
| L. P. Crawford | 2 | T. Newkirk | 1 | John Johnston | 1 | Paul Smith | 1 |
| H. W. Dana | 1 | A. B. Nicholson | 1 | Sam'l Johnston | 1 | Fr. C. W. Koehnle | 1 |
| J. H. Danley | 1 | C. A. Nicholson | 1 | Wm. Jones | 1 | W. B. Sponsler | 1 |
| Wm. Dustin | 2 | J. A. Niles | 1 | Thos. Larison | 1 | Sam'l Stern | 1 |
| J. D. Evans | 1 | J. Paisley | 1 | Thos. Kenyon | 1 | T. H. Stokes | 1 |
| Frank Fisk | 1 | Geo. Parker | 1 | R. B. Latham | 3 | W. W. Stokes | 1 |
| C. H. Fitch | 1 | Wm. Pegram | 1 | Mrs. R. B. Latham | 2 | A. R. Taylor | 1 |
| S. A. Foley | 3 | T. H. Perry | 1 | Wm. Leighton | 1 | Wm. Toomey | 1 |
| | | | | S. B. Lincoln | 1 | J. M. Van Patton | 1 |
| | | | | Livingston & Griesheim | 1 | Geo. Warren | 1 |
| | | | | Edward Lloyd | 1 | Geo. Webb | 1 |
| | | | | | | John Webster | 1 |
| | | | | | | G. F. Wolf | 1 |
| | | | | | | T. B. Youtsey | 1 |

Parlor Entertainment

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 14, 1874, p3

“A social entertainment will be given on Saturday evening, May 16th, in the suite of rooms occupied by Messrs. **Hoblit & Foley**. The proceeds will be used to assist in furnishing the library rooms. The occasion will be informal and will be varied by the following.

PROGRAMME.

Reading

Miss Houston

Quartette

Mr. Ament,
Mr. Frank Cadwallader,
Mr. Murray,
Mr. Youtsey,

Recitation

Bertie Latham

Charade

Solo

Shakspearian Reading

Auld Lang Syne

“The opening exercises will begin at eight o'clock. A general invitation is extended, and a punctual attendance requested. Admission: twenty-five cents.”

Dr. Hunting,
Mr. N. Forsyth,
Miss Eva Hasbrook,
Miss Lillie Chamberlain
Miss Woods
Mr. Charles Forsyth,
Mr. N Forsyth
Chorus by Company

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 14, 1874, p3

“The directors of the library association, with a view to consulting the tastes of share-holders, wish them to prepare lists of such books as they would suggest for purchase. It is also desired as preliminary to the work of the purchasing

committee, that all who intend presenting books to the library shall make out a list of them, so that there may be no duplicates. These lists should be presented by or before next Thursday, the 21st.”

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, August 6, 1874, p3

“The opening of the library can be hastened by a little more promptness of payment by subscribers. The directors will meet tonight to

elect a librarian. Applications for the position should be sent in today.”

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, August 20, 1874, p3

“**Albert Jones** was elected librarian at the meeting held on last Thursday evening. The resignation of **P. P. Murray** as recording secretary was accepted and **T. W. Stokes** elected in his stead. It is expected the library will be open for use on Saturday, the 29th last, at 2 p.m. All who have donated books to the library are

requested to bring them in at once that they may be catalogued.

“Between six and seven hundred books are on the shelves. The work of selection has been well done, and it will be almost impossible for one to examine the books without saying that the committee have made the most of means placed at their disposal.”

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, IL, May 13, 1875

“Below will be found some extracts from the report of the directors of the Lincoln Library. The library is evidently doing good but might be made more useful if better provided with means:

“This association was organized with an authorized capital of \$5,000, divided into five hundred shares at \$10 each.

“By the provisions of the organization one hundred shares were required to be subscribed before the society could proceed to business. The number of shares requisite having been subscribed; the society organized by the election of the following officers on the 4th day of May 1874.

“President, **R. B. Latham**; vice-president, **M. Hinrichsen**; corresponding secretary, **D.**

M. Harris; recording secretary, **P. P. Murray**; treasurer, **Wm. M. Dustin**.

“Directors – **M. W. Barrett**, **S. A. Foley**, **B. H. Brainard**, **Kate Pegram**, **Hattie Harris** and **Frank Fisk**.

“Subsequent **T. B. Youtsey** was elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of **B. B. Brainard**. **W. H. Stokes** was elected recording secretary, Aug. 13, 1874 vice Murray resigned, **Albert G. Jones** was elected librarian at a salary of \$150 per annum.

“**A. M. Miller**, **L. P. Crawford**, **Sam'l P. Sargent**, **Mrs. John A. Lutz** and **Mrs. James T. Hoblit**, were elected library committee, and proceeded to select a catalogue of books, and 659 volumes were purchased of **W. G. Holmes**, of Chicago, at 34 percent, discount,

the bill amounting to \$1,222.27, but \$826.55 paid the bill. They also purchased magazines at an expense of \$51. The reading room being fitted up, was opened to the public August 29, 1874. The books and furniture have been insured or \$800. All indebtedness has been liquidated, except the gas bill for the month of April, which has not been presented.

“The directors say they are well pleased with the success of the enterprise and are confident that no other work has ever been started in Lincoln so fruitful of good results for the amount of money expended. From 75 to 100 books have been drawn from the library weekly, besides a goodly number of persons, and especially boys, who would have spent their evenings at the reading room. Thus scores of persons who would have been without books to read, or would have read pernicious books, have stored minds by reading books selected with great care by the thoroughly competent committee.

“The interest manifested and the demand for books have constantly increased, and there is a great need for more books, especially in the juvenile department. Now, shall we hesitate to meet the demand? \$500 are needed at once for the purchase of books. Does not our success guarantee the effort to raise that sum?

“The annual assessment now being paid is for the year ending April 30, 1876, and the board estimate that his assessment, added to the fines and rents for books, will more than pay the incidental expenses, except rent. By a little exertion in giving social entertainments, enough will be raised to pay all rents. So, they

are prepared to announce that the coming year they library may be self-sustaining.

“The incidental expenses are estimated as follows for 1876: Salary for Librarian, \$150.00; Fuel & Lights, \$75.00; Miscellaneous, \$25.00; Total, except rent, \$250.00.

“Receipts from all sources up to include:

“May 3, 1875, are – Shares, \$1,300.00; Social Entertainments, \$29.10; Spelling match, \$31.95; Rents of books & Fines, 10.69; Subscriptions, \$89.00; Annual Assessment, \$88.00; Total, \$1,568.74.

“Expenses, Books: \$826.55; Book-Nall: \$4.00; Magazines: \$61.00; furniture: \$279.76; light & fuel: \$52.47; Salary/Librarian, \$100.00; Printing: \$26.75; stationery, records: \$24.84; insurance, \$11.20; postage: \$11.20; cataloguing & labeling, \$22.00; cleaning: \$4.25; charter & recording, \$4.00; Cash on hand, \$155.55; Total: \$1,568.74.

“Stock – No. Shares subscribed: 146, value \$1,460.00; No of shares paid up: 132, value \$1,320.00; No. of shares unpaid: 14, value \$140.00.

“Books – No. of vol’s purchased: 660; No of vol’s donated: 56; No. of magazines purchased: ??;

“Statuary – Bust of Raphael, presented by Miss **Florence Hahn**, of Philadelphia.

“The stockholders are invited to inspect the records.

“The expenses for furniture and fixtures for the coming year will be only nominal.

“The use of the reading and library room was donated by **R. B. Latham** for fifteen months to September 1, 1875.

The Library

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

“The library is open every evening in the week and is a pleasant place of resort. The entrance is between the stores of **J. A. Lutz** and **E. Burton**.”
Note: The 1875-1876 Lincoln City Directory has the store of **J. A. Lutz** at 123 Kickapoo and that

of **E. Burton** at 121 Kickapoo. The photos below show the building where the budding library was located on the second floor. The entrance to the library stairwell is shown as described in the article.



The life of the Lincoln Public Library began on the second floor of this building in 1874. The space was provided for the library by **Robert B. Latham**, rent free for its first 15 months. The library likely continued at this location until 1879 when the library was moved to the old Universalist church on Kickapoo street across from Latham Park.



This stairwell between 121 and 123 Kickapoo street led to the upper floor and the room where the library was originally located.

Raising the money to continue maintaining the library, hiring a librarian, to buy books, pay gas bills and rent was a continuous effort by the friends of the library. Examples of those activities are shown in articles throughout this presentation. In addition to the more elaborate fundraisers shown, Bazaars and other types of social and entertainment activities were planned and carried out by those friends.

Tableaux Fund Raiser

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, January 27, 1876, p3

“On the evening of Friday, February 11th, the ladies of the Library Association contemplate holding and entertainment for the benefit of the library fund.

Tableaux and readings will constitute the programme which, it is believed, will be quite an enjoyable one.”

The Library Entertainment

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, February 10, 1876, p3

“The ladies of Lincoln propose giving a service of tableaux for the benefit of the Library. A program was published last week. Thinking, perhaps, that a synopsis of the characters introduced might prove interesting and instructive, we submit the following:

“The first tableau will represent Tennyson’s ‘Dream of Fair Women,’ The first character in the dream represents Helena, as Helen of Troy, who was a daughter of Jupiter and Leda and the wife of Menelaus, King of Sparta. Helena was the most beautiful woman of her age. In the absence of her husband, Paris, son of King Priam carried her off to Troy, which was the cause of the ten-year’s war against the city of Troy and of its final destruction.

“Iphigenia is the second character. She was a daughter of Agamemnon and Clytemnestra, her father having killed Aules a favorite deer belonging to Diana, the soothsayer Calchas declared that Iphigenia must be sacrificed to appease the wrath of the Goddess, but when she was on the point of being slain, Diana carried her to a cloud to Lauris, and made her a priestess in her Temple.

“Cleopatra is the third character, and was the daughter of Ptolemy Auletes, and remarkable for her beauty and personal accomplishments. According to the usages of the Alexandrian court she married her eldest brother, Ptolemy XII, and began to reign with him in her seventeenth year. An insurrection broke out in Egypt, Cleopatra was compelled to flee into Syria. While in captivity an interview took place between her and Caesar, the Roman General, who fell captive to her charms. She then returns to Egypt, where she poisoned her husband that she might reign alone.

“Mark Anthony then summoned her to an interview in Cilicia to afford her and opportunity of explaining her conduct. He also fell captive to her charms, by which he lost his cause. After Anthony’s death, she to prevent being taken prisoner by Caesar, poisoned herself. She was the last of the powerful race of the Ptolemys.

“Jeptha’s daughter. This represents her going out to meet her father on his return from the capturing of the children of Amnon, with timbrels and dances. ‘And it came to pass when he saw her that he rent his clothes and said, alas! My daughter, thou hast brought me very low, and thou art one of them that trouble me, for I have opened my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back.’ – Judges 11, 30-40.

“Fair Rosamond. – The name popularly given to the daughter of Lord Clifford, famous in the legendary history of England, as the mistress of Henry II, shortly before his accession to the throne, and the subject of an old ballad. The facts of her history are not well ascertained, but she is said to have been kept by her royal lover in a secret bower at Woodstock, the approaches to which formed a labyrinth so intricate that it could only be discovered by the clue of a silken thread which the King used for that purpose. Here Queen Eleanor discovered and poisoned her about the year 1173.

“Joan d’Arc, maid of Orleans. – A name given from her heroic defense of the city of Orleans. Having been taken captive by the English suffered martyrdom, being burned alive by order of the Earl of Warwick, May 24, 1431.

“It was requisite that she should suffer, for had she not passed through the suspense, trial and purification, dubious shadows would have remained among the rays that beam from her saintly head. She would not have dwelt in men’s memory as the Maid of Orleans.

“Tableau Second.

“This illustrates the thrilling poem of Ann S. Stephens, where a Polish mother offered jewels as a ransom for her captive son. ‘Take these; and her white arms and hands she stripped of rings and diamond bands.’ Her ransom proving unavailable, in her despair she falls dead. The son preferring death to slavery, drew a concealed poniard from his bosom and plunged it into his breast. ‘One long, deep breath and his pale head lay on his mother’s bosom, dead.’

“Tableau Third.

“This illustrates Scott’s celebrated poem ‘Young Lochinvar.’ This hero appearing suddenly at Netherby Hall, where his sweet-heart is to be sacrificed in marriage to a ‘laggard in love and dastard in war,’ he persuaded her to join him in one last dance and on

reaching the hall door, where his horse is standing, whispered in her ear, swings her to the croup and springing into the saddle carries her off before the eyes of the astonished bridegroom and his friends who pursue them without success.”

Election of Library Officers

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 11, 1876, p3

“The annual election of officers of the Lincoln Library Association was held at the library on last Friday evening, and was fairly attended.

“**M. Hinrichsen**, as President called the meeting to order. **Capt. F. Fisk** read the second annual report of the board of directors which showed the following facts:

“The year had been a successful one. Expenses had been reduced, while the income of the year had been sufficient to pay expenses and purchase a number of books. The number of volumes in the library was about 1,000, of which 258 had been added during the past year. Several valuable donations had been received and there had been a noticeable increase of interest. Over 3,000 books had been taken from the library in the course of the year and the reading room had been used more than during the previous twelve-month. There had been an increase from dues. Only two books had been lost: **W. C. McMasters** had been elected to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of **William Jones** and was paid one hundred dollars per annum. **William Toomey** had been elected a director instead

of **T. B. Youtsey**, resigned. The association was out of debt and had a fund of \$150. Thanks were tendered to the ladies and the Home Minstrels for their entertainments and to **J. D. Gillett** for the use of his hall. The directors recommended that the constitution be changed to make the annual tax payable on the 1st of September instead of the 1st of April as at present, and that those stockholders who have already paid their tax to April 1, 1877 be credited to Sept. 1, 1877. The report was adopted. By a vote of stockholders present the constitution was amended as recommended. A resolution was adopted requiring those in arrears for tax to pay only for the year in which they desired to draw books, the purpose being to induce them to come in and receive the benefit of the Library.

“The election resulted in the choice of **S. A. Foley**, for President; **H. Abbott**, Vice-President; **Rev. L. P. Crawford**, Corresponding Secretary; **W. M. Dustin**, Treasurer; and Messrs. **J. A. Lutz**, **N. E. Pegram**, **F. Fisk**, **J. H. Danley**, **D. M. Harris** and **M. Hinrichsen** directors. A vote of thanks was tendered the retiring President, **M. Hinrichsen**.”

Humor Break

Leading Hogs

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 11, 1876, p3

“A novel way of inducing hogs to go over a bridge after spending hours in trying to drive them across, was tried and proved entirely successful by Mr. **Jonathan Combs**, who got in their front, on

all fours. With bowed back and a grunt he found them ready for a fight, they following as he retreated.”

Unwilling Colt

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, June 22, 1876, p3

“A boy riding a bucking colt yesterday morning heard something drop at the corner of Broadway and Kickapoo. It was himself and saddle. Neither were much injured, although the

colt did his best to make an interesting item by kicking viciously at the boy and saddle as they lay on the ground.”



Photo from the 1900 Lincoln Business College Journal, p1 – Shew Collection - LCGHS

The Universalist church on Kickapoo street where the library was located from 1879.

It likely continued at this location until 1895 when the library was moved to the new City Hall building and responsibility for its success was assumed by the City of Lincoln. The church, built about 1865, had not been used as a church for a couple of years. After the library moved to City Hall, this building was used by Lincoln Business College.

The Library

Regan Collection v6 p105, March 27, 1879

“At a meeting of the directors of the Lincoln Library Association on last Thursday evening it was determined to move the library to the Universalist church, on Kickapoo street, west of Latham Park. The directors have secured the church for five years on the condition that they shall repair the building, paint the woodwork where it is needed, pipe it for gas, and keep it in repair. It is estimated that at least three hundred dollars will be needed to make the repairs and improvements proposed and a subscription paper is to be circulated to secure the amount. Those of our citizens who appreciate good books and their influence

up on community should encourage the undertaking by liberal subscriptions. Now is the time when a little earnest effort will pay off the debts of the association (not a large amount) and give it such a start as shall make success certain. The new room can be made very attractive, is on the first floor where it can easily be reached by ladies and can be made a pleasant and inexpensive place for holding entertainments in aid of the fund for buying books. The entertainment of tonight can be made some help to the enterprise if liberally patronized.”

The Loan Exhibition

Regan Collection v6 p122, May 1, 1879

“The Loan Exhibition for the benefit of the library is open today at the new library room, the Universalist church which has been put in fine order for the purpose. At this writing only a few of the pictures are in, but the promise is for a very attractive and interesting exhibit, including an original Turner from Springfield, three pictures by a noted St. Louis artist, a

good copy of Raphael’s Madonna, twelve views of the principal cities of Italy and several others very well worth seeing. The University has contributed and interesting geological collection and a number of stuffed birds and animals. In bric-a-brac there are cabinets, ancient china, screens, old jewelry and a number of other objects contributed by our citizens.

Several of the articles are at least two hundred years old. The display of decorated China promises to be the best ever seen in the city. The ladies who have the exhibition in charge are working hard to make it

successful, their purpose being to add to the attractions of the library room and make it a pleasant, home-like place. It is to be hoped that the response will be a liberal one.”

The City Library

Regan Collection v6 p187, July 24, 1879

“A Herald reporter on Monday afternoon ‘bearded the lion in his den, the Humphrey in his hall.’ Figuratively speaking, as the poet would express it. In other and more prosy words, he paid a visit to the city library in its new and commodious quarters in the old Universalist church, in company with our obliging and gentlemanly librarian, **Robert Humphrey**. Of course, the library has been visited before – frequently – but thirty-two of the promised new books recently arrived, and a peep at them was desired.

“The building looks very nice and comfortable since all repairs have been completed. But it is somewhat too nice for the present number of books; the vacant space makes such mouths at the small bookcases. With five or six times the number of books and with a few more large pictures to hide the blankness of the walls, Lincoln would have a library to which our citizens would take their visiting friends with pleasure and also where they could spend many more pleasant and profitable hours ourselves. Not that time can not be spent pleasantly and profitably there now. The managers have apparently done all that could be done with the material at hand and every portion of the neat and clean room smiles with approval of their

efforts, but that is where there is a lack – in material at hand. What is needed most is for some public-spirited citizen to will the institution several thousand dollars in good, solid cash, and then at once become his own executor, in order that there may be no doubt of its being rightly applied to the intended use. This would make the library boom! In default of something of this kind, every resident of the city can assist in the matter by patronage and coming forward with a little change when there is a call for it.

“The last book in the library is numbered fourteen hundred and eleven, but the actual number of books is probably not above thirteen hundred and fifty. Among these are many valuable books of reference and in the list of papers and periodicals received we notice Harper’s Weekly, Bazar and Magazine, Scribner’s, St. Nicholas; the Atlantic, and Scientific American, the International Review, etc. Taking all in all, though our collection is not so large as we would like it, still there is all the more room, light and air on that account, and with a librarian in whom dignity and politeness are happily blended, there is no reason why our library should not be pronounced a success.”

Library Election

Regan Collection v7 p414, March 9, 1882

“At a meeting of the board of directors of the Library Association Monday night the following officer were elected: **J. A. Lutz** president, **Henry**

Abbott vice president, **J. A. Hudson** treasurer, **Robert Humphrey** secretary.”

Another Break

Logan County Names Going West

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, February 10, 1876, p3

“**E. B. Ashley**, **W. M. Frantz** and several others from the vicinity of Hartsburg, start for Pottawatamie county, Iowa, next week. The

vicinity of Macedonia, in that county, has quite a colony of Logan County people.”



The Lincoln City Hall was completed in 1895. The door on the left, McLean street, was the door for the room where the library was located. That room had no access to or from the rest of City Hall. The library became a free public library at this time. The library likely continued at this location until the Carnegie library was completed in 1906.

The Free Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 2, 1895, p3

“It Now Belongs to the City and Officers Have Been Appointed to Govern It.

“With the first of May the city of Lincoln, as is very well known, has a free public library. In this movement she takes her place in line with the progressive municipalities of our country, for the free public library is now an institution recognized as only second in importance to the free public school. It is spreading and multiplying in every direction. To know what this privilege means in this community, you must spend an evening in our library and observe the faces of its youthful habitues, where the evidence of their enjoyment is plainly written.

“Transfer of authority from the old board of directors to the city was by necessity or by courtesy relegated by the outgoing mayor and

council to the new one, and on this account the library will be closed for a few weeks.

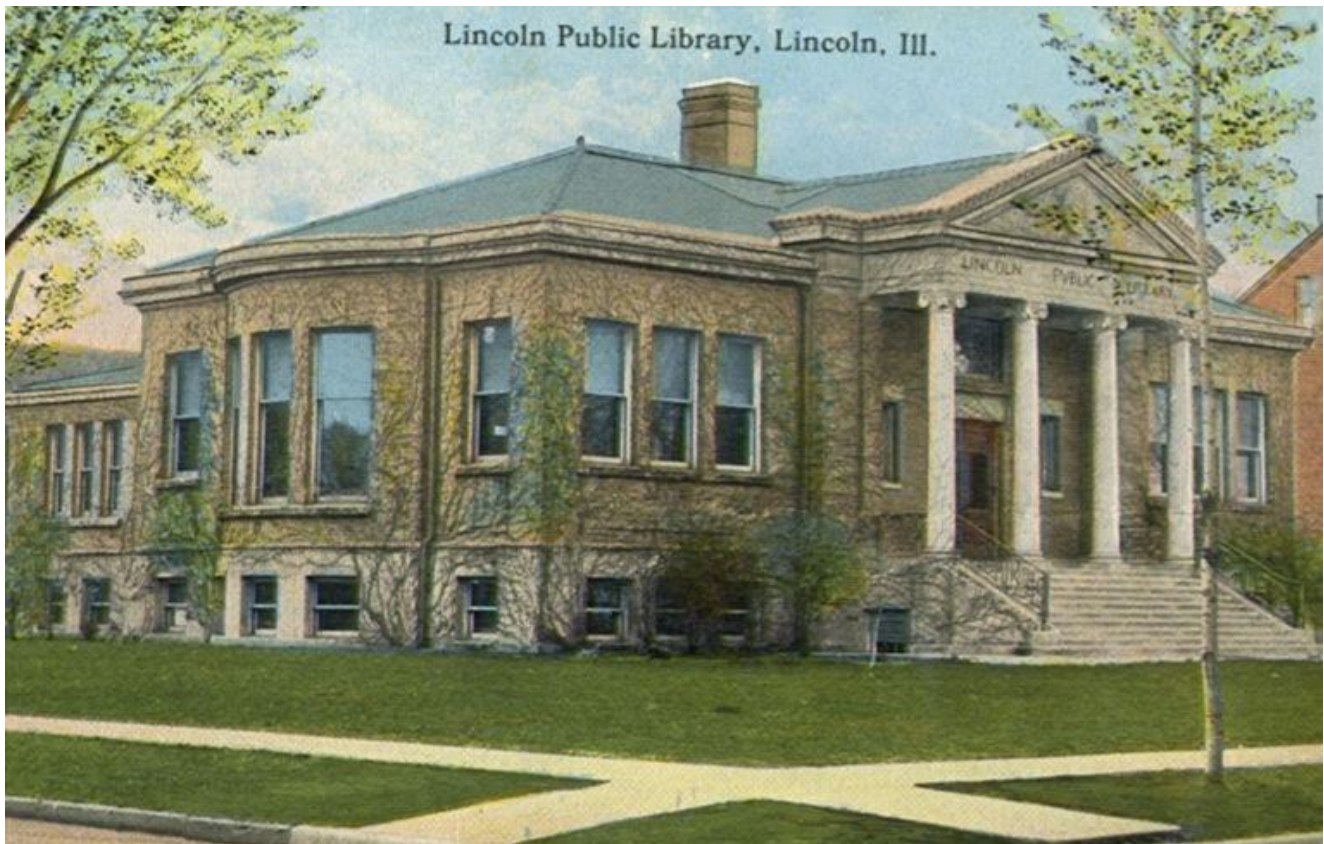
“On Tuesday evening, at the first meeting of the new council, it appointed a committee of nine in accordance with the law of the State, to govern the library. The committee is as follows: Judge **S. A. Foley**, Dr. **R. N. Lawrence**, Mr. **Joseph Hodnett**, Mr. **Edward Burton**, Mr. **A. L. Anderson**, Mrs. **N. E. Pegram**, Mrs. **W. N. Bock**, Mrs. **R. M. Wilson** and Mrs. **John A. Lutz**. This committee held a meeting on Wednesday evening, and adopted by-laws, rules and regulations, framed after those of other well conducted libraries in neighboring towns. Long live our free public library!”

The Library

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 30, 1895, p3

“The public library has been given the post of honor in the new city hall. The room is located at the west end of the building, the entrance being on McLean street. There is no communication with the rest of the building, which is separated from it by the main hallway. The library is 23X48 feet in dimensions and is lighted by eight windows. The entrance is in the center and is protected by a vestibule.”

A New Chapter



The current home of the Lincoln Public Library since 1906.

Perhaps, this 19th Century history of the Lincoln Public Library will inspire another researcher to write the next chapter of the library history. There is a complete 20th Century history to compile and, so far, 21 years of the 21st Century.

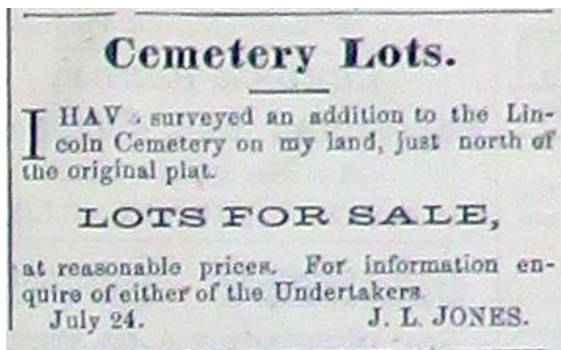
Odds and Ends of Interesting History

Competitive Examination

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln Illinois, July 17, 1873, p3

“At a trial held at Elkhart on Friday evening July 11th, before a committee of the M. E. Church, of that place, **J. H. Danley**, of this city, was present with a Mason & Hamlin Organ, and **Mr. Strope**, of Bloomington, with the instrument sold by his house.

After an exciting contest of three or four hours, the decision was made in favor of the Mason & Hamlin as the best instrument, and the church purchased an instrument from Mr. Danley. It was a complete triumph for the Mason & Hamlin.”



This advertisement appeared in the Lincoln Herald of August 7, 1873 and dates the start of the Jones Addition of Union Cemetery. Everyone who drives through the Old Union side passes this section of the cemetery. It is on the north side of the main road from Cobblestone to the old streetcar station, now used as a storage shed.

The original part of Old Union is on the left side of that some road and its beginning dates from the early Postville days. All other sections: A, B, C and D were added as need arose.

Many Children

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, March 12, 1874, p3

“Mr. **Fred Fortan** and wife, of Lake Fork Station, have been married 17 years; have been blessed with fourteen children, eight of them twins, and six of said twins were born within eighteen months. Mr. Fortan is a very respectable German citizen and his wife an excellent mother.”

Mrs. Oglesby

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, April 1, 1875, p4

“Mrs. **Oglesby**, the wife of our Illinois Senator, is so lovely that a correspondent is puzzled to tell whether her beauty is in the large dark eyes, with their soft luster, or the pretty mouth that is always smiling. – [Chicago Journal].”

“It is now said that the station between Burton View and Mason City is to be called New Holland.”

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

Almost an Accident

Lincoln Herald, Lincoln, Illinois, May 18, 1876, p3

“On Thursday last, while school was in session at the Johnson schoolhouse, three miles north of this city, a rifle ball whizzed through the end of the building and was buried in the opposite wall. The missile passed over the heads of the pupils and came uncomfortably

near Miss **Ella Scott**, the teacher. **Ephraim Musick**, a young man living in the vicinity, had fired at a blackbird with a target rifle and supposed that the fourth of a mile intervening between him and the school-house was an ample provision for accidents.”

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