

FOREWORD

So often we do not have the chance to take a glimpse into our ancestor's past daily lives. I hope this book will allow you to do that. The old newspaper articles contain so many items of interest that it is hard to decide which items to abstract. Of course, the obituaries are always included. Family reunions, birthdays for older individuals, anniversaries, criminal cases, etc. are always interesting. All articles have been considerably shortened. By checking the date at the top of the article, you may decide to see it in its entirety. Most of these newspapers are available at the Benton Public Library in the microfilm selection in the genealogy room.

Part of the old papers included cures, recipes, farmer's advice (on how to get your hens to lay more, for example), and how to predict the weather, how to 'get your man', how to be a good wife, etc.. These latter articles I am abstracting in a book I call "Just For Fun." Most were a total riot such as curing freckles by sanding them, however I shouldn't laugh too loud as many of the old cures are proving more reliable than I would have dreamed.

We find in the newspaper articles are information that can be found nowhere else and it is my hope that many of you will find some of those elusive clues to help you in your research.

As always I hope you will forgive any errors as we are all human. I have tried to make the book as accurate as possible. When in any doubt, please check the original article.

A copy of this book may be had by mailing \$23.50 to Carla Pulliam, R.R. # 1, Benton, Illinois, 62812.

I would also like to thank those of you who have read and hopefully enjoyed my other books dealing with the early news articles and encouraged me to get this one done.

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July 1850

Thomas WALTON vs. Sarah WALTON - divorce. She was a non-resident of the state. Saline County.

Sep 1850

Elizabeth F. BURLISON vs. Jonathan H. BURLISON - divorce. He was a non-resident of the State. Franklin County.

Apr 1851

Juliana BENJAMIN vs. Oran BENJAMIN - divorce. Massac County.

4 April 1851

Walter S. AKIN, adm. of estate of Elizabeth and John B. BARTLET, heirs at law of Joshua BARTLET, late of Franklin County, Illinois. As guardian of minors heirs, Akin asks for order by the court to sell real estate belonging to said heirs.

24 Feb 1851

Margaret Ann WADDLE vs. William WADDLE - divorce. Williamson County. He is a non-resident of the state.

28 Feb. 1851

Administrators notice for claims against the estate of Reubin K. JONES, dec'd - James A. JONES, administrator.

23 Feb. 1852

Information Wanted: Isaac (aged 22) and William HAITHCOTE (aged 20) left Fayette Co., Illinois in the Spring of 1850. It is supposed they went to the northern part of Illinois. They have not been heard from since. Any information as to either of them would confer a lasting favor upon their distressed mother. Please reply to Priscilla HAITHCOTE, Benton, Illinois.

18 Mar 1852

Claims against the Estates of John STEELE and James C. KIMSEY, late of Perry County, Illinois - E.R. KIMSEY, adm.

23 Jun 1852

Mary CLARK vs. William CLARK - divorce. Williamson County. He is a non-resident of the state.

24 Jun 1853

Administrators notice for claims against the estate of Ann MADDOX -O.R. FLENNIGEN, administrator

27 Jul 1853

NOTICE: My wife, Huldah CAMPBELL, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, I caution all persons against harboring or crediting her on my account as I will not be responsible for any debt. John M. CAMPBELL, Du Quoin, Illinois.

1853

Mary BENNETT vs. John BENNETT - divorce. Franklin County. He is a non-resident of the state.

March 1853

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of Thomas DUCKWORTH, dec'd - Nathaniel HARRISON, administrator.

29 April 1883

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of John G. DRUMMOND, dec'd - Wilburn DRUMMOND, administrator.

26 Aug 1853

Died on Thursday night, the 11th inst. Mr. Wilson REA, about 83? years of age. Mr. REA was one of the first settlers of Franklin County, Illinois. He removed to this state with his family about 35 years ago. He leaves a widow and his son, Col. Abraham REA to mourn for, although he had out-lived the space generally allotted to man, "three score years and ten", he was well and hearty about 24 hours before he died, being attacked by cholera morbus, life was soon gone.

On the same night, Mrs. PIERCE, widowed mother of Richard PIERCE, died. She was about 80 years of age.

Sep 1853

Died at his residence in this county on Tuesday evening last, Mr. H. DARR, an old and much esteemed citizen of this county.

9 Sep 1853

Petition to Sell Real Estate: Notice is hereby given that I will apply to the probate court of Williamson County on the first Monday in November for an order of said court to empower me to sell the NE1/4 of Sec. 8, T8s, R4e being a part of the real estate of which Pleasant R. FINNEY died seized, the proceeds to be applied to the payments of the debts against said deceased's estate, his personal property being insufficient, when and where all interested persons are requested to attend. Sarah ICE -late Sarah FINNEY

Administrator of P.R. FINNEY, dec'd.

No date - between 1853 - 1866

NOTICE: My wife, Sarah Jane MILLER, having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation, notice is hereby given that I will not be responsible for any debts she may contract and all persons are notified not to trust her or purchase any property she may have, as the same belongs to me. John MILLER

25 Apr 1855

Died on April 13, at his residence, Mr. Aaron NEAL Sr. Deceased had been affected with dropsy and was perfectly resigned to pass into another state of existence. He was much respected and leaves a widow and children and a large circle of friends to mourn his death.

1855

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of Isaac MASON, dec'd. - Request by adm. E.R. MOORE to sell as much of the real estate as necessary to settle the debts of the estate.

1856

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of Benjamin COX, dec'd, Perry Co. - William CHRISTIAN, Adm.

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of James LOVE, dec'd, Hamilton Co., Illinois - O.P. KELLY, Adm.

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of Elizabeth CLARK, dec'd, Franklin County, IL. - W.S. CRAWFORD, Adm.

Administrator's Notice for claims against the estate of John MOORE, dec'd., Hamilton Co., Illinois - Alfred MOORE, Adm.

1866

Emeline SMITH vs. Samuel SMITH - DIVORCE. Franklin County. He is a non-resident of the state.

27 Apr 1867

Louisa NEAL, under indictment for the crime of infanticide, was tried yesterday in our circuit court and acquitted.

9 May 1867

DuQuoin Tribune: On Saturday last a terrible crime was committed on the person of a girl about 9 years old by an old man, John MOBERLY. The child was sent to his house to buy milk and as Moberly's family was gone, he raped the child and then escaped from town and went to Benton, his former place of residence, where he was arrested and put in jail.

17 Apr 1871

Notice of Resignation as guardian of the minor children of John DOWNS, dec'd - signed, Joseph MOORE.

15 & 22 Feb 1872

Golconda Weekly Herald: Mrs. Mildred Annie SMITH, the wife of Dr. John R. SMITH died in Jonesboro last Friday. She was the daughter of Dr. J.V. SCHUCHARD. Her remains were buried here last Tuesday. Dr. George S. SCHUCHARD of Jonesboro is here for his sister's funeral. She was 21 years old. She and her husband had gone to Golden City, Colorado last September to try to help her disease. She had seemed better but after 6 weeks became paralyzed in the left side and he immediately started home with her

11 Apr 1872

Golconda Weekly Herald: John J. HILLERMAN died at his home near Columbus, Pope Co., Illinois, on 1 March 1872, aged 54y 5d. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. His parents moved to New Lesbon, Ohio in 1819. When John was 19 he moved to New Madrid, Missouri. In

1853 he moved to Pope Co., IL. He was a kind husband and father.

18 Apr 1872

Du Quoin Tribune: In Memory Of J.R. TEAGUE

I'm standing by the grave, husband,
Our friends placed thee here;
But Oh! the life is gone dear husband,
That made your body warm.
For months, thy lifeless clay, husband,
Hath lain within thy tomb;
But thy soul in beauty bright, dear husband,
In Heaven's clime doth bloom.

Six months ago, my husband,
You left your lonely wife;
I knew not then my loss, dear husband,
For grief had made me wild.
But through these months I've wandered, husband,
Without thy gentle care;
I've felt how harsh it was, dear husband,
A widow's lot to bear.

And when our two sons, husband,
Were called away by God;
I felt it was hard, hard, husband,
To bend and kiss the rod.
O, I'm very weary, husband,
I soon shall join your sleep;
And leave this 'Vale of Tears', dear husband,
Then I no more shall weep.
For now, that you and they, husband,
Are in your homes above;
What is this world to me, dear husband,
Without a companion's love?
But I feel your spirits, husband,
Will bless my lonely life;
Till I shall join you three, dear husband,
Freed from all earthly strife.

And now I'll strive anew, husband,
My duties to fulfill;
To be content with all, dear husband,
That is my Maker's Will;
Thus may I gain His blessings, husband,
While here on earth I roam;
And may he give to me, dear husband,
With you, in Heaven, a home.
1 May 1872

DuQuoin Tribune: Governor Palmer offers \$1000 reward for apprehension and conviction of person or persons responsible for the murder of Isaac VANCIL of Williamson County, Illinois, on April 22, 1872, and \$100 reward for the arrest of any persons in Franklin or Williamson Counties involved in any illegal actions.

2 May 1872

The Golden Era: McLeansboro, ILL.: Mrs. Kiziah HALLEY died April 28, 1872, at age 63 years. She was the wife of James HALLEY. She came to this county with her first husband, Mr. Isaac GOIN, and raised a large family. Mr. GOIN died about 18 years ago and she then married Mr. HALLEY.

DuQuoin Tribune: Ku Klux in Illinois: On April 22 a party of 14 disguised men went to the house of Isaac VANCIL near Herron's Prairie, Williamson County, seized him and took him to the woods and hung him. About 3 weeks earlier they had served Mr. Vancil with notice to do certain things and failure to comply would result in death. Four of the clan entered the house and told the old man to dress himself and accompany them to the woods. This is one of the most cowardly and unprovoked outrages ever perpetrated in this State. That an organization of such a character could be formed and parade around in their disguises on several occasions without discovery shows a remarkable state of society prevailing in that vicinity. The honor of our State demands that the affair be thoroughly investigated and this band of Ku-Klux be broken up.

4 Jul 1872

Golconda Weekly Herald: Dr. David GLASS died of consumption at Metropolis, Illinois, 24 June 1872, aged 52 years. He was born at New Kent Co., Virginia and at an early age taken to Southern Kentucky by his father. He practiced medicine at Evansville, Indiana. He moved to Metropolis about 4 years ago.

29 Aug 1872

Golconda Weekly Herald: The Hon. George W. WATERS, an aged citizen of Pope County died

at his home there in Glendale 21 August, 1872, aged 73y 18d. He was born in Somerset County, MD. and in early life moved with his father's family to KY, near Louisville, and thence, after a brief stay to New Madrid, Missouri. While a mere lad, he left home and made his way to New Orleans, determined to be the maker of his own fortune. In 1818-1819, he left New Orleans for Texas to join his fortunes to those of the famous Sam Houston. He came to Pope County in the early part of 1825 and in December of that year married Mary, daughter of the Hon. James A. WHITESIDE. He and Mary had 12 children; she and 7 of the children survive. At the time of his death, he was a member of the State Legislature, representing Pope County. His last public service was as a Delegate to the Republican National Convention, at Philadelphia, of which he was the oldest member.

5 Sep 1872

Golconda Weekly Herald: Capt. Samuel ROPER, editor of the Herald, was born in Golconda, Sept. 21, 1839, son of Samuel and Jane ROPER, and died July 4, 1872. He joined with others in raising Co. K. 56th ILL. INF. and served as Lieutenant and then as Captain after the resignation of Capt. FLOYD. He returned home 19 Aug., 1865. In June 1866 he, in partnership with R. McGOWN bought the Herald from W.H. DAVIS, and became its editor.

18 Nov 1873

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Jordan HARRISS to Miss Lucinda CASEY was celebrated at the residence of their daughter, Mrs. Sarah J. TEAGUE. Jordan was born in South Carolina May 7, 1800. Lucinda was born in Georgia on Feb. 19, 1805. They were married in Tennessee Nov. 6, 1823. In 1829 they moved to their present home in Perry County, Illinois. Ten children were born to this union, 2 died in infancy and 1 daughter died at the age of 18. They had 41 grandchildren, 25 of whom are now living; and 7 great grandchildren, 5 of whom are living. In 1820 Lucinda united with the New Hope Baptist Church in Tennessee, and in 1830 with Nine Mile Baptist Church in Perry County. In 1846, Mr. Harriss became a member and since that time all their children, with two exceptions, have been members there and most of their grandchildren.

25 Dec 1873

Alva WARD died on the 15th inst. after an illness of a few days. He was born in Caldwell, Essex County, New Jersey on July 3, 1803, and married September 1, 1825. He moved to Ohio in 1841 and then to DuQuoin, Illinois in 1857. Paper also contained a communication from Dr. W.S. POST about Alva's death which stated " I have been intimately acquainted with Alva Ward ever since he lived in DuQuoin. I shall ever remember his conversation while accompanying him to Corinth for the remains of his noble son who was killed in the battle there. As his men dug up the body and his sons face was exposed to his father, with intense agony depicted on Alva's face, he cried 'Oh! my poor poor boy' ".

Note: article ran in DuQuoin Tribune 1 Oct. 1874 as reprint from Benton Standard 24 Sept, 1874.

8 Jan 1874

On Tuesday night last, the 30 ult., a desperado by the name of Willis SUMMERS, was shot and killed by Aaron NEAL, Esq., at the residence of George WATSON, in Saline County, Illinois. Summers, a few evenings previously had entered the home of Patsy TALENT, and beat the woman nearly to death, for which crime a warrant was issued, but Summers armed himself and would not be arrested. John B. MOORE, constable of Franklin County, Illinois, called to his aid: Aaron NEAL, Hugh MOORE and Robert TAYLOR. They pursued Summers into Saline County and found him at the home of Watson and surrounded the house. Summers ran out of the house; Neal ordered him to stop and as Summers did not comply and drew his revolver, Neal shot him. Neal gave himself up to the authorities and had a hearing before 2 Justices of the Peace, who discharged him as the facts showed it to be a clear case of justifiable homicide.

1 Oct 1874

On last Monday morning, the deputy of Saline County made his appearance in Crawford's Prairie, Franklin County, Illinois. He was armed with a writ for the arrest of Hugh MOORE, Aaron NEAL, John B. MOORE, and Robert TAYLOR. These parties are charged with the killing of Willis SUMMERS on Dec. 10, 1873. As many of our readers will remember, John B. Moore, Constable of Franklin County, summoned a posse consisting of the above, to go with him and arrest Summers, who was charged with assault to kill a woman named Patsy TALLENT. Mr. Moore and his posse pursued Summers to the house of James WATSON, in Saline County, about 1/2 mile from the Franklin County line about 10 o'clock at night. When Summers drew his revolver, Neal shot him with a shotgun, killing him almost instantly. A preliminary examination was held Tuesday at Harrisburg and all the parties were bound over to court in the sum of \$1500 each. They promptly gave bail and all are now at home.

29 Oct 1874

Esquire J.S. McLAIN was born in 1805, Ohio County, Virginia and died October 22, 1874. He was within a few days of being 70 years old. He was married early in life and raised a large family, the youngest child now being 22 years old. A part of his family is: Mrs. Van DRUVER, Mrs. TAYLOR, and F.G. McLAIN who reside in DuQuoin. The rest are scattered in other portions of the country, 2 boys being out in the far west. In 1856 he settled in Granville, Illinois; in 1857 in Clinton, Illinois; in 1858 in Peru, Illinois; and in 1861 in DuQuoin, Illinois.

19 Dec 1874

A Remarkable Story: We gave the account of the sad death of our memorable fellow citizen,

Rev. Henry ASBURY which occurred October 1, 1874. Rev. Asbury had retired to his room and bathed his chest with kerosene oil to relieve a pain in his chest with which he was afflicted and by some accident came in contact with a blaze of fire and was soon enveloped in flames. He ran out into the yard and later died that evening at 6:20 P.M. When his wife came into the yard, he said " I am gone, I have to die" went back in the house with her and told her of a wonderful incident in his life. Fourteen years ago, an angel appeared to him and told him his end would be a terrible one. He told his wife she would find it all written in a book preserved in his papers. She found it and it was as follows: 10 September 1859, As I was coming from Tates factory up the river at night, to where my son John and my wagons were camped on the old plank road, an angel passed by me. I felt the breeze of it's wings and it spoke to me and told me what would be my end in this life. I believe every word of God, whether spoken by angels or men inspired, and my whole hope of happiness here and hereafter in God through Jesus Christ, His Son, my Savior. Amen. Signed Henry Asbury. Mr. Asbury was a local minister of the Methodist Church for about 42 years.

Died on the 8th day of December 1874 of pneumonia, in Goode Township, Mr. William P. BRADLEY, aged 76 years. Mr. Bradley was a good citizen and a resident of Franklin County for 20 years.

Jan 1875

An old lady by the name of DEPOISTER froze to death on the night of the 8th inst. She was very feeble, nearly blind, and almost unable to help herself. She had living with her a girl of very weak mind.

28 Jan 1875

Mr. Benjamin GOODE died on January 12, 1875 at the age of 83 years. He had resided in Illinois for 60 years. He had a large family of children. For the past 15 years, he and his wife had resided with Lewis BRITTON in DuQuoin, Illinois. Before then he had resided in Franklin County, Illinois.

20 Feb 1875

Mr. William DAY, aged in his 70's, and father of Lemuel DAY, was out felling timber last week and was caught under the limb of a falling tree and received injuries of which he died on the 6th. He would not let his family call for medical aid saying that he had lived long enough.

Apr 1875

Died of pneumonia at his residence in Benton Township on March 30, 1875, Mr. John R. ALLEN, aged about 50 years old. He leaves a devoted wife. Mr. Allen had been a resident of Benton for some time.

5 Jun 1875

Resolutions of Respect, Frankfort Lodge No. 567: For our brother, Clement EVANS who was born in the state of Ohio September 19, 1813; moved to Indiana in 1828, remaining there until 1854 when he removed to the state of Illinois where he remained until his death on the 13th ult. (13 May)

18 Jun 1875

A bit of a K.K. row is reported from Carrsville. A poor white woman went to reside with a colored man as housekeeper; the whites persuaded her to set up for herself and secured a house and furnished her with provisions. But sighing for the sweets of companionship and the home of the dusky son of Ham, thither she hied again. So a few days since, a number of the citizens waited on the twain, disturbed their slumbers and gave them a genteel flogging.

6 Aug 1875

Some of the murderous gang that infests Williamson and Jackson Counties fired a heavy charge of buckshot into Allen BAKER's house on last Sunday night. Baker lives near and is employed by the Purdy Mill in Jackson County on the dirt road between this place and Carbondale. All that saved Baker's life was that the would be assassins thought his shadow on the window curtain was his body. The curtain was down and the demon fired into the house regardless of the injury he might do to Baker's wife and children.

18 Aug 1875

On Monday morning, near Walpole, Hamilton County, Illinois, Mrs. J. OGLESBY was found in her house with her throat cut from ear to ear. Her husband, Charles M., who was the only one in the house at the time, was arrested and is being held. He says, "I am 23 years old and was born in Posey County, Ind. My wife's maiden name was Julia BROWN. She lived on Saline County. We were married last March, 4 years ago. She is 21 years old now. My parents are living in Posey County. I have 2 children, a 4 year old son and a 2 year old son. My wife had told me 4 weeks ago that she would kill herself with the razor. I don't know why she did it. I always loved her and treated her well.

DU QUOIN MONITOR
KU-KLUX PROCEEDINGS OF THE TRIALS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY K.K.'s
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONERS CURLEE AND STOKER PASS JUDGEMENT
FIRST DAY, AUGUST 28, 1875

Aaron NEAL, Williamson BRILEY, G.M. CANTRELL, John DUCKWORTH, James LAUNIUS, Frank FLEMING, and James ABSHEAR, are the names of seven prisoners from Franklin County, who were brought to Centralia on Friday night, and confined in one of the small

rooms on the second floor of Betz Block. A squad of men were detailed from the company of militia, organized in Franklin County to guard the prisoners. Their names are as follows: Captain J.H. HOGAN; First Lieutenant, G.T. HUBBARD; Second Lieutenant, HARROL; Third Lieutenant, R.H. FLANNIGAN, I.C. TAYLOR, John SWAFFORD and Thomas MOONEYHAM.

HON. F.M. YOUNGBLOOD, for the defense, brought up the question that the United States court had no jurisdiction in these cases, contending that the whole matter should be left to the State courts. After this point of law had been warmly and ably discussed by Messers. YOUNGBLOOD, W.H. WILLIAMS, and PAYNE on one side, and VAN DORSTON and BARR on the other, Commissioners CURLEY and STOKER conferred together a few moments, when Mr. STOKER gave the decision that although the affidavit might have been more artistically constructed, yet there was enough charged in the affidavit to give the United States court jurisdiction over the subject matter, for purposes of preliminary examination.

In the course of discussion on the question of jurisdiction, Mr. PAYNE said in a vigorous manner, that if the bed rock of KuKluxism in Franklin county was exposed, all men would toss up their hats and cry "hurrah for the Ku Klux of Franklin! The bedrock of Ku Kluxism is nearer hell than anything, except hell itself." Another point of law came up, the defendants asking to testify in their own behalf. This was decided adversely to the defendants. The prosecution gave notice that James ABSHEAR and John DUCKWORTH were dismissed. The former for want of evidence and the latter as he was wanted as a witness.

It being almost 12 o'clock, the court adjourned until 1 P.M.

AFTERNOON

The complaint and information against NEAL was made by John M. HOGAN, that he did band and conspire with other persons, and did go with them in disguise upon a public highway in Franklin County, and upon the premises of one John B. MADDOX, to injure, oppress, threaten and intimidate said MADDOX, and with intent to hinder and prevent the true rights, the exercise and enjoyment of which the said MADDOX was entitled to, the right and privilege thereof being guaranteed to him by the constitution and laws of the United States, which in the fifth article of the amendments thereof particularly specifies that no person shall be deprived of life, liberty or property without due process of law. It is then set up that NEAL and his co-conspirators did attempt to deprive MADDOX of liberty by attempting to seize, arrest, abuse, whip and otherwise maltreat him.

John B MADDOX testified that he had lived in Franklin County since 1837, and knew Mr. NEAL. Mr. MADDOX was born in the state of Tennessee. He was at home August 16 last. Fourteen masked men came to his house on the morning of the 17 of August. The men were all on horseback and disguised with a long white gown and flowing sleeves a white mask for the face and a tall white cap or hat, two black stars on breast, black stars on cap, and black pieces of cloth sewed in mask to represent moustache, whiskers and eyebrows. The mask also had holes cut for mouth, nose and eyes. The horses were not covered or disguised. Mr. MADDOX had

information from Mr. JACOBS that he was to be visited by the Ku Klux on the night of the 16th.

The party rode up in front of the house, two by two, and filed four. The Sheriff of Franklin, Mr. MASON, ordered them to halt. Some one of the gang snapped a cap, and then a pistol was fired. The horses were then whirled around and the Ku Klux retreated. The Sheriff's posse fired a volley at the disguised men. Afterwards 11 masks were picked up in the vicinity. Did not recognize anyone among the Ku Klux. Couldn't say whether or not NEAL was or was not with the party. Previous to this time MADDUX had been on terms of friendship with NEAL. The notice to MADDUX that he would be visited was given verbally.

W.W. JACOBS testified: Lived in Franklin County 5 years: was a blacksmith: knew MADDUX: remembered the attack on the night of the 16th of August: was acquainted with an organization known as Ku Klux: NEAL belonged to the band: was a member of the organization himself: was sworn in on the 29th July. The object of the band was to do simply as it pleased, without respect to the law or anything else. Met NEAL on the 16th August; 4 persons were sworn in that night. After waiting some time for the disguises, the party proceeded toward Crawford's Prairie. When 2 or 3 miles from the prairie, we dressed in the uniform and went to BROWN'S; then to MOORE's; then to RICE's; then to Stephen MADDUX's; then to J.B. MADDUX's. NEAL was with them all the time. Went to BROWN's to whip him for not obeying some orders we had given him and to break a gun he had, or to make him break it. There were 14 in the company, all disguised. NEAL and MOORE acted as Captains. We found BROWN was sick and not able to get out of bed. We went to MADDUX's to give him orders. When we left the main road to go to MADDUX's house, I saw 2 men run across the road. This rather surprised me, but we proceeded. When opposite MADDUX's house I heard someone yell "Halt!" Then the same voice said, "I command you in the name and by the authority of the people of the State of Illinois" I heard a cap snap, and then a pistol shot was fired. Then firing from the house began, and the band retreated. NEAL's mule ran past me, but he was not on it. It was the intention to give MADDUX orders. If he did not obey those orders, he was to be whipped. If he did not then obey, the Klan would hang him. We went to BROWN's to whip him because he had been accusing people of belonging to the Klan, and because he had been measuring horses' tracks to find out who belonged to the Klan. BROWN was sick and died the next day. Went to MADDUX's because he was a little too free with women. The oath taken by me was never to reveal secrets, signs, grips or passwords; always to go when called by the Grand Master. The object was to do as we pleased. I was with the band on raid 3 times.

John DUCKWORTH testified: Am a member of the Klan; Was sworn in the same time that JACOBS was. The object of the Klan was to make fellers do as we wanted 'em to. We gave men orders and if they didn't obey then we whipped them. If they didn't obey them then we hanged them. When we got to BROWN's, somebody came out and said "go away and do not disturb BROWN," At MADDUX's we didn't stop until commanded to "Halt". NEAL was along all the time and disguised. NEAL was also present when VANCIL was hung, some time previous. I was wounded and captured in the fight and don't remember any more about it, I was in 4 raids, The first time we visited Green SOMERS, in June last; we called on "Low Ground, Ake McLEAN's" next in July. Then McCLARIN was honored with a visit, also in July. The next

raid was on the 16th August, when he was wounded in the head, neck, and arm, at MADDOX'S.

Mrs. BROWN testified: Am a widow; Live in Crawford's Prairie. My husband has been twice visited by Ku Klux. The first time was on the 24th June. 4 masked men came, wanted water and inquired the time of night. Also inquired about MADDOX. They were inside the house. Knew NEAL by his voice, and also knew two others. After giving orders, and giving the consoling information that the band would be back to see BROWN, the party rode off. The second time ,14 Ku Klux came. Called for my husband. I told them he was sick and unable to leave his bed. Then they called for gun and revolver. Neither were at the house, Then they said that BROWN must stop measuring horses' tracks in that country ; they were on business and meant business. Mr. BROWN died the next day after the last visit. I think fright hastened his death.

Dr. RAY testified; that he was attending BROWN and thinks that the fright caused by the visit of the Klan hastened his death.

The second case against NEAL, for conspiring with others to injure, suppress and intimidate citizens, was submitted on the same evidence. The case was submitted without argument. Commissioner's STOKER and CARLEE being absent from the room, having been attacked by sickness, dismissed the second case against NEAL, as insufficient, and said STOKER said he would consult with CURLEE on the first case and announce his decision after supper. Court here adjourned until 7:30 this evening.

NIGHT SESSION

In the first case, NEAL was held to bail in \$2,000, and 2 brothers of his became bondsmen.

SECOND DAY. MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1875

James LAUNIUS waived examination, and was admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000. G.M. CANTRELL and Williamson BROYLEY were next tried on substantially the same charge as Aaron NEAL. William W. JACOBS testified: that he knew that both defendants belonged to the Ku Klux or Golden Ring. There were 8 persons present when they were sworn in. Two wore the disguise that night. There were other disguises there. Defendants were out on a raid on the 26th of July. Witness was on said raid. We went to Benj. McCLARIN's. Told him that mistreating his wife must be dried up, or we would whip him. Understood that there were 400 members of the Klan in Franklin County and 1000 in Williamson County. Both defendants were on the raid at BROWN's and MADDOX's, and were both disguised. The reason we did not whip BROWN, was because he was sick and it would give the Klan a bad name and would run down the order. At Stephen MADDOX's, we rode up in front of the house and hailed it. We called along time, but got no answer. Then we were silent for a time. I saw someone open the door and shut it very quick. One of our party called out: " Oh we're here yet, thought we had gone, didn't you?" After a

time someone came out and talked with us. The following order was left and we rode off: " We learn that Stephen has been making threats that he would catch some of the Klan. Be careful of what you say. We mean business and won't have any such threats made." He then described the attack at J.B. MADDOX's but we won't repeat it. We were to go to HOGAN's the next Friday and order him to pay some money to NEAL. If he did not pay back the money in a certain length of time, he was to be whipped. If he did not then pay it back, he was to be hanged, of course! In the raid of 30th of July, CANTRELL and BROYLEY put disguises on about 2 miles from Crawford's Prairie. CANTRELL said, "I will go without mine." NEAL said, " Oh G_d d__n it, put on the uniform; some one will know you." CANTRELL asked "Is there going to be any dirt done?" On being assured that a little fun was the only object, he put his mask on. The Ku Klux had threatened to call on BROYLEY if he didn't join the band. Witness didn't know there was to be a fight at MADDOX's, or he would not have been there. We left orders at PARKERS to remove a woman.

The Sheriff of Franklin County, Mr. MASON testified: Was at MADDOX's 16th August; I saw the Klan coming up the lane about 2 A.M.. When they were about 30 feet away I stepped out and ordered them to "Halt" I heard a cap snap and then a pistol was fired by the band. They were all masked and I did not recognize any of them. John DUCKWORTH testified and nothing new was elicited except that on the night of the 16th, NEAL had said he was "sorry that BROWN was sick and they wouldn't get to whip him"

The defense called Mr. HOGAN and after being sworn, he testified: Known BROYLEY 10 years; BROYLEY has a large family, and has no property to speak of; had made an arrangement with BROYLEY, by which he was to surrender himself to the Sheriff the morning subsequent to his arrest, at his own house without the knowledge of witness. HOGAN had notice that 3 or 4 Klan were to order him to pay NEAL a sum of money that he (HOGAN) had had him (NEAL) fined for, for selling HOGAN's son whiskey. If the money was not paid back, he was to be whipped and, if still not, hanged.

This was all the evidence. The court adjourned until 1:30P.M. The entire afternoon session was taken up by the arguments of the lawyers. The court met in the evening and set the bail of G.M. CANTRELL at \$1500 and W. BROYLEY at \$1000 to appear before the United States District Court at Springfield in Jan. next.

THIRD DAY, TUESDAY, AUGUST 31, 1875

In the matter of James LAUNIUS, who had waived examination, Mr. BARR asked that his bail be reduced from \$2000 to \$1000. The request was granted.

Jasper NEAL, Enoch SUMMERS and Aiken PLASTERS were next brought before the Commissioners for trial. The prosecution dismissed the charges as to Enoch SUMMERS for want of evidence. NEAL and PLASTERS were placed under \$ 1000 bonds each, to appear at Springfield in January next.

26 Aug 1875

Naomi J. SMITH, wife of William SMITH, died at DuQuoin on August 20, 1875. She was born 26 January, 1841.

Marion Monitor: Monroe JACK found this note on the draw bars of his farm: "Mr. JACK, we hereby give you twenty days to leave this county and if you don't do it, we will shoot you as full of holes as the bottom of a sifter."

9 Sep 1875

Marion Monitor: The Franklin County Chronicle doesn't like to have Franklin County classed with Williamson County. We will agree with that. We have enough to carry without having Franklin County with her host of Ku Klux, murderers of infants and would be assassins, attached to us.

16 Sep 1875

Marion Monitor: THE FRANKLIN KU KLUX: The following is a complete list of the Ku Klux of Franklin County for whom writs have been issued: Calvin MOORE, Aaron NEAL, George HERD, George PROCTOR, Rufus STRIPLIN, Williamson BRILEY, Henderson SUMMERS, Thomas SUMMERS Jr., William PLASTERS Jr., Green M. CANTRELL, John DUCKWORTH, Hiram SUMMERS, William BOYD Jr., Thomas POAGE, William SCARLETT, James LAUNIUS, Huston SUMMERS, William LAUNIUS, Jasper NEAL, Elisha SUMMERS, Enoch SUMMERS, Randall POINDEXTER, Elias SUMMERS, Calvin SUMMERS, Daniel SUMMERS, Ambrose SUMMERS, Mandex SUMMERS, Joseph HUGHINES, Marve SHAW, Benjamin HERD, Stephen HERD, William C. PERRIMAN Sr., James ABSHEAR, William KNIGHT Jr., John VINCOM, James BAILEY, William NOLEN, John R. MOORE, Frank FLEMING, James SHAIN, Robert SUMMERS Sr., Aiken PLASTERS Sr., Scott SUMMERS and Henry JOHNSON.

Marion Monitor: The case of the People of the State of Illinois vs. Aaron NEAL, Hugh MOORE, Robert TAYLOR and John MOORE, for man-slaughter, on a change of venue from Saline Co., was continued on account of the sudden death of James KELLY, one of the jurors in the case. This is the same KELLY who acted as executioner at the hanging of Marshall CRAIN. It is said he died from being kicked to death by a mule.

16 Oct 1875

Benjamin SMITH, aged 84y 26d, died 14 Oct 1875. He was one of Franklin County's pioneers. He was born and reared in Virginia and moved to Franklin County, Illinois in 1835 and resided

here ever since. Twenty-eight years ago, he bought a farm 6 miles east of Benton where he breathed his last. He served 3 years and 6 months in the war of 1812. He leaves a family to mourn his loss, who have the deep sympathy of the community.

Murphysboro, IL: John BULLINGER and Allen BAKER were found guilty in the great murder trial and their sentence was affixed at twenty-five years in the penitentiary. Upon hearing the verdict, Bullinger was much affected while Baker was comparatively indifferent

Died at his residence in Benton, of erysipelas, Mr. John GOODE, aged 36 years. He was born in Georgia and left there when quite young with his parents and moved to Alabama where he remained until he was about 20 years of age, when he with his parents moved to Texas where he lived until the breaking out of the war. He served in the war and came to Franklin County, Illinois about 11 years ago. He was married to Mrs. ODUM 2 or 3 years after he located here and has lived on her farm ever since. He is s\vb his parents who reside in Texas; and 10 brothers and sisters; and his wife and 1 child.

20 Oct 1875

Egyptian Press (Williamson Co.): Aaron NEAL, the so-called Captain of the Ku Klux of Franklin County, was in attendance at our circuit court last week. This was our first meeting with Mr. NEAL and we found him to be an intelligent, social gentleman.

23 Oct 1875

Died at his home in Crawford's Prairie on Saturday evening, October 9th, of pneumonia, Mr. Simeon MOORE, aged 74 years and 11 months. Mr. Moore was the father of Mr. Emsley MOORE. He was born in Georgia and moved to Indiana in 1806. From there he came to this state and located in this county in 1856, where he lived until his death. He joined the Regular Baptist Church in 1831 and was a faithful member while he lived. He was one of the oldest citizens of the county and was noted for quiet and peaceableness, being a good citizen and a good neighbor. The bereaved relatives have our sympathy.

Died at his residence in Crawford's Prairie, Friday, October 8th, 1875, of Congestive Chills, Mr. Wesley PRICE, aged about 46 years.

Died at his residence in Pope's Prairie on Sunday, October 17th, 1875, Mr. Beverly S. MINER, aged 64 years. Mr. Miner was a good citizen and has been a resident of this county between 35 and 40 years.

30 Oct 1875

Married in the parlor of the Laclede Hotel in St. Louis, Mo., on Thursday, 2 P.M., October 21st,

1875 by Rev. W.W. TUDOR, pastor of the Centenary Methodist Church of that city, George W. HILL, Esq. and Miss Fannie HALL, both of Murphysboro, Illinois. Mr. Hill came was born in Franklin County where his parents and relatives now resides. His father, the Hon. John W. HILL Sr. is one of the most honorable and respected citizens of that county. The newlyweds returned to their home in this city last Friday.

Died, near Pinckneyville, IL., last Saturday October 23, 1875, of Erysipelas, Mrs. Agnes BROWN, aged 66/86 ? years. She was a devout member of the Presbyterian Church for upwards of 50 years. She was a kind friend and devoted mother. She was the mother of Dr. J.P. BROWN of Franklin County and three other children.

18 Nov 1875

DuQuoin Tribune: Mr. Moses JORDON, one of the pioneer settlers of Franklin County, Illinois, died November 11, 1875. The Franklin County Courier says he was born in Tennessee and came to Illinois in 1804 and on to Franklin County, Illinois in 1806 and lived there most of the time from 1806 until his death. He served with distinction in the Black Hawk and other indian wars in the early settlement of the state. He leaves his wife and numerous grandchildren.

25 Dec 1875

Died: In this place on Sunday evening the 19 December 1875, after a long and painful illness, Joseph BROWNING, aged 53 years.

Died: In Ewing on the 24th inst., Mrs. C.A. ELY, aged 27 years.

1875

Saline Prairie: Mr. Zack McDONALD was accused of whipping a step-child. He was taken out last week by the regulators, stripped of his clothing and had 100 stripes well laid on his bare back with a hickory switch. The same night the regulators visited Martin ODUM, William MOORE and PARKER and demanded whiskey and water and ordered them to hurry up or they would be lynched.

Jan 1876
Court Report

John MILLER, Selling Liquor, Continued

Sam HAMILTON, Carrying concealed weapon, pled guilty and fined \$5.

W.W. JACOBS, disturbing worship, Continued.

William T. STACY, Selling Liquor,

Huncel EZELL, Assault, Continued.

Henry HARPE Jr., Assault with Deadly Weapon, Fined \$25.
Wright MILLER, Disturbing Worship, Continued.
Jonathan KOONS, Selling Liquor, Continued.
John DUCKWORTH & W.W. JACOBS, Disturbing Family, Continued.
C.O. KELLY, Selling Liquor, Not Guilty.
John MILLER, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Wilson SUMMERS, Disturbing Family, Indictment squashed.
John DUCKWORTH, Disturbing singing school, Continued.
George MOBERLY, Selling Liquor, Continued.
William SUMMERS, Disturbing Family
Aaron NEAL, Disturbing Family, verdict Guilty, fined \$100.
G.M. CANTRELL, Disturbing Family, pled guilty, fined \$75.
William SUMMERS, Riot, Continued.
S.O. WEBB, Disturbing School, Indictment squashed.
Benj. HEARD & Akin PLASTERS, Disturbing Family, Continued.
Doctor PRATAR, Public Indecency, Continued.
W.W. JACOBS & Wm. BOYD, Disturbing Family, Continued.
Martin CLARK, Selling Liquor, Continued.
L.J. WILKERSON, Public Indecency, Continued.
John SMOTHERS, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Acquitted.
Pearl WHITE Jr., Public Indecency, Indictment Squashed.
Andrew HOUSE, Public Indecency, Continued.
Lewis BRITTON, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Clay JONES, Selling Liquor, Defendant Dead.
Henry CRAWFORD, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Moses COOK, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Matthew NORMAN, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Quashed.
Elijah DYE, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
Hugh TAYLOR & K. BUTLER, Selling Liquor, Dismissed.
Hugh DOWNS, Disturbing Worship, Continued.
John VANCIL, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
John McKEMIE, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
Rush DOWNS, Disturbing Worship, Off Docket.
Charles HEARD, Public Indecency, Continued.
Marshall MONTGOMERY, Disturbing Worship, Off Docket.
Frank HALL, Cruelty to Animals, Off Docket.
Robert PARRISH, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Martin CLARK, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Lafayette SMITH, Selling Liquor, Continued.
A.R. ODUM, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
Oliver SHANKS, Selling Liquor, pled guilty, \$20 & 10 days jail.

Solomon A. WEBB, Disturbing Meeting, acquitted.
J.J. HUDSON, Selling Liquor, defendant makes default.
Joshua TEAGUE, Selling Liquor, Continued.
James SMITH, Selling Liquor, Pled Guilty, \$20 and 10 days jail.
William CUNNINGHAM, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Andrew McCORMICK, Petit larceny, Continued.
Martin CLARK, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Alexander RICHESON, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Rice WALLACE & O. SHANKS, Selling Liquor, Shanks cont. and Wallace acquitted.
Rush DOWNS, L. KILLEN & Col GATHER, Disturbing Worship, Continued.
John SWAIN Jr., Assault with Deadly Weapon, Off docket.
John SWAIN Sr., Assault with Deadly Weapon, Nollied.
James WHITE, Public Indecency, 2 counts, Off Docket.
Robert THOMPSON, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Benjamin and Charles HEARD, Public Indecency, Continued.
Francis and Thomas RIDLEY, Edward and John WILKERSON, Disturbing Family, guilty and fined \$20 each.
Jackson JORDON, Selling Liquor, Continued.
Susan ELKINS, Public Indecency, Continued.
Susan ELKINS, larceny, Quashed.
Mary ELKINS, Keeping Lewd House, Continued.
Aaron NEAL, Unlawful Assembly, Continued.
William JEREMIAH, Petit Larceny, Quashed.
Franklin WILLIAMS, Assault with Deadly Weapon, quashed.
Thomas W. WILKERSON, Disturbing Worship, Acquitted.
Benj. WILLIAMS, Riot, Continued.
Robert DOWNS, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
James LUSTER, Aiding prisoner to escape, Quashed.
Jerry TAYLOR, Disturbing Family, jury failed to reach a verdict and he was released on bail.
Jerry TAYLOR, Public Indecency. Continued.
Aaron NEAL, Riot, Quashed.
John BOWLING, Selling Liquor, \$20 and 10 days jail.
Daniel CHUMLEY, Assault with Deadly Weapon, Continued.
Thomas HAYS & John BOWLING, Selling Liquor, \$20 & 10 days jail.
Albert PARKER, Selling Liquor, Quashed.
Isaac, Edward and Asha SHEPHERD, Public Indecency, Found Guilty, Fined \$20 each.
Solomon WEBB, Disturbing Sunday School, Acquitted.
Caswell BIBY, Larceny, Hung Jury and discharged.
Harrison BOWLING, Bastardy, Suit dismissed.

Jan 1876

The United States Grand Jury has indicted Aaron NEAL and Calvin MOORE, two of the alleged Franklin County Ku Klux. In these cases will be tried the question of whether the Ku Klux act applies to such offenses as were committed in this county last summer.

Mrs. Christina BRENIZER, mother of Mrs. W.W. BARR, of this place, left here this morning, enroute to visit brothers and sisters in Pennsylvania, and her son at Charlotte, North Carolina.

10 Feb 1876

The Pinckneyville Independent is usually right, but this time it is wrong when it says that Aaron NEAL, Capt. of the Ku Klux was acquitted on a recent trial in this county on account of the absence of material witnesses against him. This is an error. He was convicted, the jury being out a short time, notwithstanding, important witnesses were absent, the evidence being regarded as conclusive without their presence.

The charges against Squire J.B. MADDOX before "Squire SADDLER" at Frankfort, for keeping a lewd house and patronizing same, were dismissed on last Monday for want of prosecution.

The charges against Calvin MOORE and Aaron NEAL of this county, indicted in the United States District Court, at Springfield, under the Ku Klux law were on the 2nd inst., transferred from the District to the Circuit Court.

Died: At his residence in this county, Thomas NEAL, aged about 45 years. He was a son of Moses NEAL, deceased, a celebrated preacher of the Baptist faith and we believe was born and reared in this county. He was always regarded as an exemplary citizen and his loss is much regretted by a large circle of friends. We tender our sympathy to his bereaved family. NOTE: Adm. sale of real estate of Thomas J. Neal who died before October 1875 by Claiborne ROGERS adm.; the land was sold at Franklin County Court house but the land was in Jefferson County; Section 31, T 4S R 2E.

Mar 1876

Capt. G.M. CANTRELL's school in Gun Prairie has closed and he will open a school next Monday in Winfield, Jefferson County, Illinois. He is a successful and experienced teacher.

On March 18th, a party of nine had been in town and imbibed too freely and concluded to visit Mr. Johnson OVERTURF, who was not pleased at being aroused by a party of drunken men and made some remarks not received well by his visitors, whereupon John WINN and Solomon HOBBS engaged in a set-to. Bob MOORE, attempted to separate them and HOBBS turned on MOORE with a knife and inflicted an ugly wound in his breast. MOORE 'handed him one' near

the 'smeller' which caused Hobbs to make an impression of his body on the ground. William MOORE, a son of Bob's, seeing his father in trouble, seized an axe and dealt Hobbs a blow upon the head which caused him to remain in a quiet condition for a few moments. All the parties to this affray are still alive and at large.

Interview with Emma SNYDER, an earnest and eloquent female evange-list who stated that: she was born in Dauphin County, Penn., in 1846; made a profession of religion in Lawrence County, Ohio in 1860; preached her first sermon in the old court house at Thebes, Alexander County, Illinois; was induced to preach by the call of God's spirit and had been successful beyond her expectations. She further said that she had met with some opposition to her preaching, the devil's main strength is prejudice against women's work to do good; she began her labors as an evangelist at Clear Creek, Alexander County, Illinois, that she received encouragement with the exception of a few cases, in one she was numbered as one of Baal's prophets and can't see the point. Elijah killed them all. besides I am living in the 19th century and am only 30 years old. In the last two meetings there had been 120 conversions.

23 Mar 1876

It is reported this morning that Moses NEAL of Crawford's Prairie, who has been lying at the point of death for several days past with pneumonia, is somewhat better and that faint hopes are entertained for his recovery.

6 Apr 1876

Mr. Hugh MOORE called on us last Saturday and left a curiosity in the way of deer horns which he captured in last winters hunt down in Kansas. Our old deer hunters wanting to see a most strange freak of nature should give us a call, as it will pay an inspection.

11 May 1876

Died at his home in Knob Prairie, Franklin County, on 26 April 1876 of diabetes, Mr. Robert M. AKIN in his 64th year. Mr. Akin was born in Green County, Ohio, 27 June 1812. His father moved from that state to Indiana in 1814 and remained there until moving to Illinois in 1823 where deceased has since resided. He was greatly respected; a kind husband, father and neighbor.

We understand there was a wedding out east last Sunday. No invitation, no cake and we are, of course, unhappy. But the Courier is of a forgiving nature and will pardon its young friend, Hiram A. DOTY, and wish him and his beautiful bride, formerly Miss Nannie AKIN, a prosperous and harmonious voyage through life.

18 May 1876

From Heelstring Nation, Forks of the Creek, May 13.

Joe MOORE expects to strike a Big Bonanza when the creek goes down. He has had poor luck this spring with his fish trap, owing to the continued high stage of water in Muddy and the bad condition of his trap.

Andy MOORE has about 18 yearling calves on the range.

Joe MOORE found a bee tree the other day and is on the lookout for more.

Bill STEWART and Joe MOORE have been herding about 1500 head of sheep in the forks of the creek for HOLLEY and POWERS, owners of a large sheep ranch in Nebraska. They had bad luck with the lambs; fifty of them have been eaten by hogs and three of the old sheep have died. They will take them to John WILLIAMS' pasture in Garrett's Prairie the first of next week to shear. They expect to realize about 3,000 pounds of wool, which they have disposed of to a firm in St. Louis for 35 cents a pound. Considerable complaint has been made by the residents across Middle Fork on account of the sheep being herded in the forks of the creek, claiming that they were ruining the range. The range in the forks of the creek has not been of much benefit this season to those across the creek, as the waters have been so high that stock could not cross.

Hugh MOORE, Esquire, a prominent citizen of this county, died at his residence at Crawford's Prairie on Wednesday night, the 10th inst. after a brief illness. Mr. MOORE was an active and useful citizen and highly respected by all who knew him and by his death the community in which he lived has sustained an irreparable loss. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn his death.

15 Jun 1876

Motion made that the claim of Matthew RULE, jailor of Perry County, Illinois, be allowed without referring to any committee for boarding Louisa NEAL, prisoner from this county, amounting to \$35.75. Claim for Poor Farm to John DOTY for keeping Fanny MOORE, not allowed; H. SWOFFORD for keeping Fanny MOORE, not allowed.

June 1876

Miss Emma SNYDER's revival meet at Spring Garden resulted in 103 conversions and 80 accessions to the M. Church.

Died: At his home in Webb's Prairie, 16 June 1876, Samuel Davis RIDLEN, aged 43y 8m 17d. When a woman throws a brick-bat, the great problem seems to be, not how to hit the mark, but

how to avoid knocking her brains out with her elbow.

3 Aug 1876

Judge John HILL died at his residence in Frizzel's Prairie, Franklin County, 29 July 1876, aged 54 years. Mr. Hill was born in Hamilton County, Illinois in 1822, moved to Franklin County in 1845 and soon afterwards married. He was elected Associate Justice in December 1857 and served 4 years. He joined the Old Baptist Church about 3 years ago. John leaves a large family. Family and friends followed him to his final resting place where burial took place on 30 July at Middle Fork Cemetery.

Dr. W.P. HAMILTON was born in Perry County, Missouri on April 6, 1849. He moved with his parents to Franklin County, Illinois in 1851. He studied medicine under his uncle, Dr. S. HAMILTON of West Frankfort. He married Miss Malinda WALKER. She died 1 year and 3 months after their marriage and he moved to Doddville, Jefferson County, Illinois. He is s\vb his mother and 1 brother.

13 Aug 1876

Marion Monitor: Sometime last month, Ples. FINNEY met Thomas RIDDLE in the road some 10 miles northeast of this place and without any other salutation, fell upon him with a club about 4' in length and left him in the road for dead. Mr. RIDDLE, an old citizen of this county, was in town on Monday last exhibiting a broken arm and several cuts on his head. The trouble originated in some surveying the parties had done between their adjoining farms, the lines not having fallen in pleasant places. The above is the old man's statement of the case. The Grand Jury would do well to look to such cases.

1876

The Egyptian Press, Marion, Illinois: Down in the Ku Klux region, it makes a man look thoughtful to go to his doorstep in the morning and find a bundle of switches thereon, surmounted by this inscription "Ef yer doan trete yewer wife better this climate will gro to warm fur yer."

6 Jan 1877

A child of Mr. Alvis TAYLOR of Northern Township was so badly scalded on the 23rd of December that it died a few days afterward. It seems Mr. Taylor had put a large kettle filled with water on the fire to heat for the purpose of scalding hogs that he was butchering and about the time the water commenced boiling, by some accident, the water turned over and the child, which was only about a year old, being near the fire at the time was terribly and fatally scalded. It

lingered in great agony for nearly a week before death terminated its suffering.

Notice is hereby given that by mutual consent of the parties to an agreement entered into on 24 July 1876, the undersigned Jinsey TAYLOR, his wife, agreed to live separate and apart and neither was to interfere in any way with the others property. This therefore, is to notify all persons that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the said Jinsey Taylor. signed: Jesse TAYLOR.

Died: On December 30, 1876 of Typhoid Fever, Florence, daughter of William and Nancy J. KING of Goode Township. Florence was a bright, intelligent little girl, the idol of her parents and the favorite of the family circle, but the pale messenger of death has claimed her as a victim and her fond parents are sorely bereaved on account of the loss of their dearly beloved child.

10 Mar 1877

On Thursday, 22nd inst., Sarah HENSLEY, living in Flannigan precinct, was burned to death. It seems that she was in the woods that day and setting down at the foot of a tree, lit her pipe and commenced smoking. Falling asleep with the pipe in her mouth, her clothing caught fire and, on waking, found herself enveloped in flames. She only lived a few hours.

Opium Habit cured at home. No publicity, Time short, Terms Moderate, 1,000 testimonials. Describe case. Dr. F.R. MARSH, Quincy, Michigan.

Died: On the 4th of March 1877, at the family residence one mile south of Benton, Mrs. Margaret COUCH, wife of Col U.B. COUCH, after a brief illness of pneumonia. She was born in Montgomery County, N.Y. on 26 September 1821 and in 1837, while still a resident of her native county, she was married to Mr. Samuel UNDERWOOD and two years after her marriage, came with her husband to the west and settled in Illinois. In 1852 her husband died and in 1856 she was married to U.B. COUCH. at Henry, Marshall County, Illinois. S short time after her second marriage, they removed to Morris, Illinois, Grundy County, where they resided until June 1867. While a resident of Morris, she united with the Baptist Church, of which denomination she continued a consistent and exemplary member until death. In spring or early summer, she and her husband came to this county where they have resided since.

Died: On March 5th, 1877, at his late residence in Four Mile Prairie, Allen DAWSON, aged 50 years. He came to Franklin County at an early day. His wife has lost a good and affectionate husband,; the children a kind and indulgent father.

Died: At the residence of his father, on the night of March 5th, 1877, after a lingering illness of typhoid fever, Hugh A. CLARK, aged about 23 years, eldest son of C.M. CLARK, Esquire.

Administrators notice: Estate of William DIAL, Adm. were H.T. JOPLIN and F.M. DIAL,

subject to the dower interest of L.S. DIAL

17 Mar 1877

Mrs. BRAYFIELD, the wife of J.M. BRAYFIELD, Esq. of Goode Township, died on Sunday last. She leaves a husband and several children.

J.A. CLEM, a citizen of Lane County, Oregon, writes us for the Standard. He says that he is a native of this county where he lived for over 30 years and left here in 1869.

Messrs. E.L. and E.S. VANCIL of Joplin, Missouri, brothers of our worthy fellow citizen, J.M. VANCIL, who were formerly residents of this county, arrived here on a visit last Saturday. They are extensively engaged in the lead mining business, which is the great source of wealth in and around Joplin. They will return to Joplin in a few days.

2 Apr 1877

Estate of Daniel DUFF, Adm. William Duff, vs. William DUFF, Sarah J. WHALEY, Leanna KELLEY, Elizabeth KELLEY, Andrew DUFF, Henry H. MANN, Matilda MANN, Leanna MANN, Elizabeth MANN, Fally C. MANN, and Leanna DUFF. Non-residence notice of Leanna KELLEY. Land T5S, R2E.

14 Apr 1877

Died: On Friday, April 6, 1877, at the family home in Webb's Prairie, after a brief illness, Mrs. Amanda PAYNE, wife of Samuel PAYNE. The deceased has left behind her a disconsolate husband and four children, with many other near and dear relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

21 Apr 1877

Died: On April 12, 1877, one mile north of Benton, Mrs. Salina MOORE, wife of T.J. MOORE, after a short illness, aged about 35 years.

Died: On 14 April 1877 of scarlet fever, Ethel, daughter of William R. and Rosella JONES of this place, aged about six years.

Died: On 16 April 1877, of scarlet fever, Hermon, son of William R. and Rosella JONES, aged about one year old.

28 Apr 1877

The jury, in the case of Aaron NEAL, who was tried in our court this week for killing a man named SUMMERS in Saline County two or three years ago, while assisting an officer to effect his arrest, failed to agree in a verdict and were discharged by Judge CRAWFORD this afternoon.

5 May 1877

Mr. J.R. HALL, a prominent citizen of Eastern Township, died very suddenly on Sunday night last, at the home of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. HALL, about two miles east of Benton. Mr. Hall was a member of the Grand Jury and was in attendance at the Circuit Court, when on Tuesday evening of last week, he took a chill and was unable to get home but stopped the evening with his daughter-in-law, where he died the following Sunday night. He was a man of the highest respectability and his death is much regretted by all who knew him.

19 May 1877

Died: On 11 May 1877 at Taylor Hill, Franklin County, Mrs. Amanda V. TAYLOR, wife of Dr. R.J. TAYLOR, aged 21 years.

Died: At his residence, on Thursday, 17 May 1877, after a brief illness, Dr. W.D. BURRESS, aged 57 years. He was born in North Carolina and when quite young removed to Kentucky where he resided up to about 1852 when he came to Illinois and located in Washington County. There he enjoyed a successful medical practice for many years. About 1862 he came to Benton and continued to practice medicine until his death.

9 Jun 1877

Robert ST. CLAIR, son of Mr. and Mrs. ST. CLAIR of Benton died on 1 June 1877, aged 11 years, 6 months.

4/9 Jul 1877

Webb's Prairie: A son of Dr. AYER, who lives east of Middle Fork, near the Hamilton County line, died last Saturday of milk sickness. He was aged about 16. His mother and sister are very low with the same disease. Mr. MOUNT, a son-in-law of Dr. Ayer is also confined to his bed with milk sickness.

14 Jul 1877

Master's Sale; Bill to Foreclose Mortgage: Anna JOPLIN, guardian of minor heirs of A.M. ROYALL, dec'd. vs. Pethado and Sarah E. NOLEN.

28 Jul 1877

Mr. and Mrs. E.T. FRANKLIN of Ewing Township died of pneumonia quite unexpected a few days ago. Mrs. Franklin died first and her husband only survived her about twenty-four hours. He was assessor of Ewing Township. They leave no children to mourn their death as their two children died last fall on the same day and were buried in the same grave. The once happy little family of E.T. Franklin is now extinct.

On Saturday last a row took place between a man named ROSE and John T. JONES. Rose is a large, stout man while Jones is a medium sized man and a cripple and no match for his stalwart antagonist. Jones came to town and procured a writ for Rose and also for Squire P.N. MINOR and Constable PRICE, who were present and whom Jones charged as being accessories. Rose was fined \$10 and costs.

A little daughter of Steve CURLEY, who lives in Crawford's Prairie, met with a very painful accident a short time ago. She fell down, striking on her arm and dislocating it. It wasn't set properly and mortification set in and last Monday Drs. RAY, WALKER and GRAY amputated it.

On the 21st inst. during the arbitration trial between THROOP and MADDOX, which was held in the second story of the public school house, Aaron NEAL, while setting in a window and being stupefied by the effects of either that he had been taking for some purpose unknown to this writer, fell out of the window and was badly hurt. His face was badly cut and some of his front teeth knocked out and his nose split open. In fact he is badly hurt all over.

The wife of T.J. VISE, who lives a few miles east of Macedonia, gave birth to a male child whose body from the hips down was covered with a thick coat of long black hair. It died a few hours before its birth of spina bifida.

4 Aug 1877

Webb's Prairie: Mrs. ODLE, wife of A.E. ODLE, died today of bilious fever. She leaves a husband, four children and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn her loss. Mr. Odle is very sick with the same fever that caused the death of his wife.

18 Aug 1877

Webb's Prairie: Georgie, son of Mrs. George PHILLIPS, died of cholera infantum on the morning of 10 August 1877, aged 11 m 17 d.

22 Sep 1877

Mr. H. ROLESON will leave for Missouri in about three weeks. He is a first-class farmer and we will miss him. Mr. HILL, of St. Clair County, purchased his farm. He will take possession of the farm next week and will put in a crop of wheat.

C.H. VISE, of near Macedonia, Hamilton County, was arrested by a U.S. Deputy Marshall and taken to Springfield, charged with selling leaf tobacco without a license.

James WALLER stabbed a young man named ASHBY in the back, inflicting a probably fatal wound. Waller made his escape and has not yet been arrested.

John VANCIL, a former citizen of Franklin County, but now of Joplin, Mo., is here visiting his many friends. He moved there five or six years ago and engaged in the mining business, where he has been very successful and has made a handsome fortune and is now the proprietor of a lead mine.

29 Sep 1877

Sheriff BLADES of Hamilton county took John S. MOORE and James McGUIGAN, who were arrested at McLeansboro last week on suspicion of being the murderers of St. Elmo, to Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois. McGuigan was delivered to the sheriff of Fayette County, he being identified by five men; John S. Moore..... (Rest of article is missing but I think Moore was set free.)

13 Oct 1877
Webb's Prairie

A two week old son of John T. WEBB died on 4 October 1877.

A two year old son of Frank SUMMERS died one day last week with membrane croup.

John and Sam PAYNE left for Texas one day last week. John went with a view of locating there but Sam will return in the Spring.

Mrs. Jack ADAMS, who lives across Middle Fork, gave birth on the 28th ult. to male twins, one weighing 8 3/4 lbs. and the other 8 1/2 lbs. One of them only lived about a week.

About three weeks ago, Mrs. George KOONS attempted to commit suicide by hanging but her brother appearing on the scene in the nick of time, she was prevented from entering that bourne from which no traveler returns.

Allen HARRIS, well known in this vicinity as a stock buyer and merchant, but who left here

about 6 years ago and located in Bond County, Illinois, was shot and killed instantly by some unknown person in that county a week or so ago while riding in his buggy. A woman is supposed to have been the cause of the murder.

20 Oct 1877

The revolvers crack twelve rounds and nobody hurt! On Sunday last a shooting affray occurred between Mr. O.C. FITTS and Dr. Fayette CARTER. Jealousy seems to be the cause of the difficulty and the jealousy seems to be mutual between the two men, which has gradually kindled into a flame. Fitts was at St. Louis last week and came home last Sunday afternoon and found Carter there about the premises, who said he had come after his buggy which was there. Fitts no sooner discovered him than he turned loose on him with his revolver and fired seven shots at Carter and while doing so, Carter fired five shots at Fitts, without breaking the hide on either one. The last heard of it, Fitts had left the field to get his double barrelled shot gun and Carter had started on a ten day's hunt down on Big Muddy somewhere and thus the difficulty remains unsettled. Oh, thou green eyed monster!

This issue contained a long poem by Robert F. DOTY named "Why Need We Sing Songs Today". It was much too long to carry in its entirety.

Webb's Prairie

John D. PHILLIPS has left for parts unknown, leaving a wife and two children. No cause is known for his sudden disappearance.

Died: At the residence of S.B. ESPY in Benton on 18 October of typhus pneumonia, W.F.W. ESPY, aged 22y 8m. His remains were taken to Mulkeytown yesterday for interment.

Died: On 13 October 1877, one half mile west of Benton, Mrs. Phebe I. McGUIRE, in the 21st year of her life.

Marshall STEWART, David McCLUNEY and Elisha MOORE were up before Squire HUDSON day before yesterday for gaming.

Oct 1877?

Owing to the disaster to the Arctic fleet, whalebone has gone up nearly fifty percent, and only steel corsets will be worn this winter. Steel corsets are more objectionable than whalebone on the ground of danger from lightning, but as there is a good deal more "give" to them, even when embraced by the left arm, we haven't much of an opinion of a girl who won't be willing to risk the lightning.

10 Nov 1877

Died about 10 o'clock Sunday night, 4 November, near Liberty Church, Sarah, wife of James HOWARD, of typhoid fever. She leaves a husband and several children and many relatives and friends.

James WILLET and Anderson THACKER who left this neighborhood a short while ago and removed with their families to Texas, write back to their friends that they are well pleased with the county.

Died at his residence six miles south of Benton on 31 October, William THOMAS, aged about 60 years.

Died on 5 November at his home two miles west of Benton, Joseph FLETCHER, aged about 65 years.

Died at Knob Prairie 31 October, --- CRYDER.

24 Nov 1877

Mr. GOOZBY who lately removed from Sneakout to Texas was recently shot and killed. After receiving his death wound, he fired on his assailant, inflicting a wound from the effect of which he died.

The Franklin County papers are not available until 1879. From 1879-1880 The Legal Tender is available (Benton) and in 1881 the Grubbing Hoe (Benton) is available. The Franklin County Courier is not available for these years.

Dec 1877

The funeral of William MOORE was conducted by the F.M.B.A. at the Neal Burying Ground 5 Dec. 1877. NOTE: The MOORE Cemetery was originally called the MOORE-NEAL Cemetery.

8 May 1879

Mr. Elijah ICE, of Frankfort Township, died last Tuesday. He was a son of Mr. Jack ICE.

15 May 1879

Died: On Tuesday at his residence in Benton, Mr. James LASWELL. He leaves a young wife to mourn his loss.

22 May 1879

Rev R.O. KINNIE of Eldorado died last week.

17 Jul 1879

Mrs. Elizabeth WITCHER, widow of James WITCHER, departed this life on 4 July 1879 at the home of R.A. KEEN, five miles northwest of Benton. She was born 14 July 1801 in Smith County, Tennessee and married James Witcher in her 16th year, making a kind and agreeable companion for 35 years. She was the mother of 15 children, 8 boys and seven girls, all of whom lived to be over 21 years old. She was left a widow in 1862, and with her large family in 1863 came to Illinois. She joined the Christian Church and was baptized together with her husband in 1832, since which time she has remained a zealous christian.

John A. SMITH died at his residence, six mile east of Benton, on 3 July 1879 of dropsy. He was a minister of the Gospel of the United Baptist faith. He has lived in this country about 20 years. He leaves a wife, 2 children and 2 step-children. His health had been very poor for a number of years, had no fear of death and welcomed it, that he might be relieved of his intense suffering.

On July 4, 1879, John TINSLEY of Six Mile township was returning home after working in the fields, when someone hid in ambush and fired on him, striking him in the chest, severely but not fatally wounding him.

7 Aug 1879

The infant child of William BAKER died on Thursday evening last, aged three weeks.

On Sunday, 27 July, a Lewis WHITESIDES, of Eastern Township, was brutally beaten by Robert WILSON, in company with Pole WALLER, Martin HALL, Alex JOHNSON, James DONOVAN, Warren PERRYMAN Jr., Huston SWEET and James GALBRAITH Jr. Whitesides was cut to pieces and left to die. He is said to have been a peaceable, quiet and well-to-do farmer. The parties who committed the murder are still at large. These men passed by the farm of Whitesides and got into some difficulty with a boy who was living with Whitesides, which resulted in one of the men slapping the boy. Whitesides interfered in behalf of the boy. The parties passed on but returned later and settled the difficulty by beating Whitesides. These parties all live in Cave Township and should be dealt with severely.

NOTE: I am not sure Whitesides actually died, as in the paper over the next couple of weeks, Galbraith and some of the others denied having anything to do with the beating of Whitesides.

21 Aug 1879

A little son of Mr. NICHOLS, living 3 miles south of town died very suddenly while eating dinner last Friday, August 8th. He lived about an hour after taking sick. Congestion of the stomach is supposed to be the cause of death.

A bouncing baby boy and W.R. WARD is happy.

Another murder has taken place in Franklin County. On Wednesday evening, 6 August, near Fitt's Hill, on what is known as the SMITH farm, Robert ASHBY, son of Joe ASHBY, aged about 20, shot and killed John Mac SMITH, son of Peter SMITH. Smith had rented some land from Ashby and the latter claimed that the land had not been cultivated according to contract. On the night of the murder, Smith and his wife were preparing some ground for turnips when Ashby appeared and a dispute arose, which was terminated by Ashby drawing his pistol and shooting Smith. Ashby fled and has not yet been captured. Both were quiet, respected citizens.

6 Nov 1879

Died: At the home of his father, Horace BROWN, aged 24.

4 Dec 1879

Died at his residence 5 miles southeast of Benton, on Friday, November 21, 1879, of pneumonia, Henry MADDOX. He was buried Saturday with full Masonic Honors.

18 Dec 1879

Mr. Thomas B. CROSS, while working some men at his saw mill felling some timbers, had hitched up his team preparatory to going to Ewing, by where the men were at work. He saw the tree start to fall, but as it fell slow, thought he could beat it. The tree in falling struck another and was thrown in another direction striking the wagon Mr. cross was in. One large limb hitting and crushing him. He was carried to his home where he died a half an hour later. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his death.

24 Dec 1879

A.G HOLDEN, was born in Oxford, North Carolina 1 November 1816, and died in Jonesboro, Illinois, on Friday, 5 December 1879. He removed to Murray County, Tennessee in November of 1826. In 1837 he married Elizabeth G. DABNEY. In 1849 he moved to Dresden, West Tennessee, serving as Post Master and Trustee, where he remained until 1856 when he moved to Thebes, Illinois. In 1863 his wife died leaving him with two living children, the eldest daughter

being married to Dr. W.R. SMITH, several years previous. The youngest daughter was married in 1862 to R.C. CULLEY. In 1865, A.G. married the widow of Wesley WALKER. They had one son, Lee G. HOLDEN, born the last day of December, 1865. In 1864 he was elected mayor of Cairo and in 1873 moved to Jonesboro.

Mr. G.A. WILLIAMS died near or at Prosperity on 16 December 1879 of pneumonia and typhoid fever.

7 Jan 1880

The Weekly Exponent, Mt. Vernon

Fred TAYLOR was stabbed in the abdomen by a young man named MOORE, at a dance near Mt. Vernon. Fred is now lying at the point of death and there is little hope of his recovery. Fred is the son of Harlow TAYLOR, formerly of Nashville, but now of Mt. Vernon.

Dr. E. WELCH, one of Ashleys best citizens, died on the morning of December 28th, 1879.

Johnny BURGHART of Ashley is visiting his sister, Mrs. R. N. HINMAN.

Josiah GILBERT of Cincinnati, Appanoose County, Iowa, is visiting relatives in Jefferson County.

A letter from an old friend and former citizen, A.M. SHEPHERD, brings the news that he is well and enjoying the New Years with his son in Champaign County, Ohio..

22 Jan 1880

Mr. O'BANION of Northern Township, died of lung fever last Sunday and was buried Monday.

26 Feb 1880

T.P. SMITH and wife are happy over the birth of a 10 1/2 lb. baby girl.

11 Mar 1880

Mrs. Fanny HARRIS, formerly Frankie DUNCAN of Benton, died at Gainsville yesterday morning. She was the wife of Eld. J.B. HARRIS, who survives, along with a disconsolate two year old son, two sisters and one brother.

Funeral services were held Friday, 16 April, for little Effie Jane BIGGS, daughter of Joseph and Matilda (?) BIGGS, who died on 14 April 1880. She was born 19 September 1874.

NOTE: No paper available until June 1881

No date, about June 1881

The wife of John KENDALL, the jailer, died and was buried Thursday last.

Mrs. Ida May HUBBARD, wife of Fred HUBBARD, and daughter of William NAYLOR, died on the 22nd. inst. and was buried Saturday. She is survived by her husband and 4 children.

16 Jun 1881

Died at his home in Ewing, of pneumonia, Bro. G.A. LINDLEY, 43.

11 Aug 1881

Goodwin MITCHELL of Frankfort is one of the oldest teachers in the county and one of the best - a veteran of the cause.

It would be a good idea for our prosecuting attorney to investigate the conduct of other parties, who had much to do with the attempt to rescue Steve HEARD from the officers at Thompsonville.

A man by the name of WATTS, city Marshall of Tamaroa, was stabbed and killed on August 4th by a man named VAUGHN. Vaughn was drunk and the marshall was trying to arrest him.

John SHEPHERD, the man who killed Samuel PEMBERTON at Thompsonville Wednesday last, came in and gave himself up to the Sheriff. From the best we can learn the killing was in self-defense. Shepherd having been summoned and left in charge of a prisoner, Steve HEARD. Pemberton undertook to take the prisoner away from Shepherd.

Harriett THREEWITT, an orphan girl of Mr. and Mrs. John THREEWITT, deceased, received a briar scratch above the ankle about a year ago. She became very ill and Drs. BROWN, HICKMAN and DURHAM performed an amputation to save her life.

Wilford R. MADDOX, son of the late Henry MADDOX of Crawford's Prairie, was tried before Judge WILLIAMS and found to be insane and was sent to the asylum at Anna, Illinois for treatment.

Notice is hereby given that a petition for the appointment of a conservator of the person and property of George ELLEDGE, an idiot or weak minded person, has been filed and a summons

issued.

Martha E. MARTIN vs. William P. MARTIN - Bill for Divorce.

Mr. Will CANTRELL of Tennessee is visiting in Benton.

Mr. James S. BARR, lately of Kansas City, has removed his family to town and expects to become a resident of our city.

Mrs. Joyce HATFIELD of DuQuoin is visiting relatives here. Mrs. CLEMMONS, the mother of Mrs. Hatfield, is very sick and required her daughter's attention.

My wife, Martha ADELSBERGER, having in my absence, separated herself from me and I have made every reasonable proposition to her and she will not return. signed, J.T. ADELSBERGER

18 Aug 1881

Mrs. Sarah DUNGEY, wife of William DUNGEY, of Long Prairie, died at the home of her father, Zacharia DILLON, on the 11th inst. Just before death she experienced religion and the last hour of her life was devoted to singing hymns and expressing kind hopes for those left behind. She leaves a sorrowing husband.

Miss Hester THREEWITT, whose leg was amputated last week is in a very critical condition, gangrene having set in. Little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

Mr. J.A. NEAL and Miss Hester HARRISON were married under the spreading branches of a large white-oak tree on the Benton and Tamaroa road on the 11th. inst.

L.D. STARR, keeper of the county poor farm, was the father of a new baby boy, born on the 13th inst. It is the first child in 13 years.

There are seventeen inmates (eight males and nine females) at present residing at the poor farm, namely: Samuel HILLEN, 57, fits; G. GUPTON, @ 20, incurably insane; Mrs. HURST, 65, old age and unable to work; Angeline McNEAL, 23, partially blind; Mrs. HATCHETT, 66, old age; Ann Eliza MOORE, 49, fits; Sarah REA, 25, fits; Mrs. HUGHES, 65, old age; Mahulda J. WHITE, 33, consumption; Ira WHITE, son of Mahulda, 10 months; Mrs. Elizabeth SULLIVAN, 65, blind; Maria SAVAGE, 30, poor and friendless; George SAVAGE, son of Maria, 10 months; William I. BAIN, 39, idiot; John FROST, 58, hemorrhage of the bladder; John McNEAL, 21, sore eyes; and Charley, idiot. The last named is a foundling and no other name is known for him. He was found wandering around the woods near Jack MADDOX's in Crawford's Prairie, about two years ago and nothing has been learned from him as to how he got there or from whence he

came. He is unable to give any information about himself. He is about 18 years of age.

8 Sep 1881

The following marriage licenses have been issued:

Alexander C. FULLERTON and Miss Amanda J. SMITH, Franklin County

Samuel LAWRENCE and Miss Jane WILSON, Franklin County

S.M. WALKER and Miss Nancy Jane EDMONDS, Christopher

W.H. THOMAS and Miss Emma C. CRAWFORD, Browning Township

John C. SWOFFORD died yesterday. He leaves a wife and 2 children.

Mr. and Mrs. James LONG are the proud parents of a new boy born on the 4th.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal CREMEENS have a new boy born on the 2nd.

Mr. Green ROBINSON lost an infant son to brain fever on the 1st. Green is going to Arkansas soon to see if he can find a better country than this.

Mr. Will TROUT and family, along with his father, intend to emigrate to Arkansas soon.

Miss Hester THREEWITT is now recovering and Drs. have done all they can for her. She is an orphan and has no one to care for her except her brother, who has done and is doing all in his power, but on account of the failure of crops, he has no means. We are asking all the charitable people of this place to donate. (Fund set up)

23 Sep 1881

George E. and J.B. KOONS, sons of Dr. KOONS, of Northern Township, have left for Florida where they will make their future home.

William O. DUNCAN, aged 22, son of J.L. and Sarah DUNCAN, died on the 19th at the home of her parents, 1 & 1/4 miles west of Benton.

Miss Julia FUNK of Benton left Wednesday morning for Lasalle, where she will be married to George BERRY of Ottawa.

Eld. Felix POTTER, an old citizen of Edwards Co., Illinois, was born in Warren Co., Kentucky 28 January 1789. In September 1833 he moved to Edwards Co.. His son, Jesse POTTER, was born October 30, 1821, and is also among the old men of Edwards Co. Jesse's son, Lemuel POTTER, was born 28 October 1841, in Edwards Co. Lemuel married 22 March 1863 and Lucy

POTTER, his daughter, was born February 6, 1864. She married Archie BROWN of White Co., Illinois on 15 June 1879 and on 1 June 1880 their son, Dalton H. BROWN, was born. All of the above met on 10 September, 1881, and presented a sight not often seen. All five generations were present. Also present was Dalton's grandfather, Henry C. BROWN. Elijah HUMPHREYS, another great grandfather, was not present.

30 Sep 1881

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McHANEY died on the 11th inst. after a long illness.

The infant daughter of Newton CARR died on the 18th.

Died: Mrs. Senia HAYES, consort of Henry HAYES Sr., aged 75. She was one among the last of those who came as pioneers to this state.

Rev. Elijah ROSS, 72, died at the residence of George ROSS on the 27th inst. Elijah was born in North Carolina 14 December 1809 and moved to Tennessee with his parents when he was eight years old, remaining there until he was a young man when he moved to Illinois. He was twice married. His first wife, Sarah B. CRAWFORD, whom he married in January 1840, was a sister to Capt. William S. CRAWFORD, and lived with her until her death on 5 September 1850. In September 1852 he married Miss Narcissa JACKSON, who preceded him to the grave in September 1875. He leaves surviving him two sons, Hon. George C. and Dr. J.W. ROSS, and three daughters, Mrs. Dr. LAYMAN of Tamaroa, Mrs. Frances GIBBS and Mrs. William PARKER, all of whom are well settled in life. Uncle Ross was a class leader in the Methodist Church for 20 years, and soon after his second marriage he joined the Baptist Church and was baptized into the fellowship of Pleasant Grove. In 1865 he was ordained to the ministry. For 27 years he served as Justice of the Peace. He was buried at Pleasant Grove cemetery.

We ran into John CASEY, who insisted on us accompanying him to his home., but his family being at Alex McCREERY's, we repaired there. We had the pleasure of taking supper with the oldest couple in the county, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McCREERY. They are among the oldest settlers in the state. Uncle Alex and Aunt Ann settled in this county 65 years ago. They came from Clark Co., Ky., riding the entire distance on horseback and carrying all their household and kitchen furniture in a pair of saddle bags. They made their tables out of puncheons and used stools made in pretty much the same way for chairs. They ground their corn in mortars until horse mills came into use. Their bedsteads were made by driving forks into the ground and putting a piece of timber in each end and into a crack between the logs in the wall and laying boards on the frame thus made. Their bedding was deer and bear skins. They are the parents of ten children, five of whom are still living. Alex McCreery cast his first vote for president in this state in 1820 and has never missed an election since. He was the only man in the county who voted for Henry CLAY. We were shown the cradle that rocked all the McCreery children since the first one was born, 64

years ago, and which is now used to lullaby to sleep the young hopefuls of John CASEY. The old man is still hale and hearty and, except for the loss of hearing, would be as good a man as any boy of sixty. The old lady, while running down a chicken a couple of years ago, fell and broke her hip, since which time she has been unable to walk, but has a chair on rollers in which she can move to any part of the house. She is in possession of all her faculties, and is a very intelligent and an interesting talker. "Uncle" Alex McCREERY was born 10 February 1793 and "Aunt" Ann was born 19 March 1798, making them 89 and 84 years old on their next birthday.

7 Oct 1881

Mary BRIGHT of Knight's Prairie, Hamilton County, Illinois, committed suicide by shooting herself in the head on the 30th ult.

14 Oct 1881

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:
Phillip P. HARRIS, DuQuoin and Malissa E. WILMORE of Frankfort.
Samuel MOSS and Amanda MARSHALL, both of Ewing.
Henry WILSON, of Goode, and Nannie E. AKIN of Eastern.
Jesse PIERCE and Anna KOONCE, both of Ewing.
Monroe MONTGOMERY, of DuQuoin, and Mary JONES of Tyrone Tsp.

Mrs. John WARD and son, Harry, have gone to St. Louis to join Mr. John WARD, who is engaged in business there.

Monroe MONTGOMERY, of DuQuoin, and Mary JONES, of Tyrone Tsp. were married in the county clerk's office on the 12th. Judge WILLIAMS officiating.

John DOWNS, the man acquitted for complicity in the robbery of Waller & Dollins store, was arrested the same night on two charges of carrying deadly weapons and while the sheriff's back was turned, made his escape. The sheriff offers a reward of \$5.

The infant child of Evan FITZGERRELL died on Monday last.

Mrs. Lydia HARRISON is moving to DuQuoin where she and Lawrence will keep house together.

George MARVEL, of Locust Grove has had much luck with his horses this fall. His stallion Tom Boston and mare, Belle of the Turf, took the first premium at Carmi, McLeansboro, Marion, Benton and Eldorado. Pete, a three year old, took the second premium at Benton and McLeansboro and Mary STUART, a 3 month old, took the blue ribbon at Carmi, McLeansboro,

Marion and Eldorado. The Colonel has the finest stock in the county.

Mr. L.M. JONES, Franklin County, and Miss Emma WILLIAMS, DuQuoin, were married at the home of the bride's mother in DuQuoin on the 3rd. The newlyweds, accompanied by J.L. JONES, Miss Jennie CHARLTON and Mr. and Mrs. J.N. MILLER took the train for St. Louis to visit the fair.

John LANCASTER, formerly of Franklin County, but now a citizen of Missouri, is here visiting his old friends.

All the DOWNS, except Leroy, were acquitted of the charge of robbing Waller & Dollin's store.

A son of Frank SUMMERS, near Frankfort, met with a painful accident when a horse stepped on his foot, making it necessary to amputate his big toe.

Frankfort

The winter school began here on the 10th, with Miles WILMORE, principal and Miss WOODS, assistant.

John HITT's face is all aglow with smiles. It's a girl.

Died at his father's residence, of pneumonia, Trice MARTIN, aged 20 years.

Fitt's Hill

The vicinity of Fitt's Hill proved a bonanza to Rev. H.C. BICKERS this week. Three weddings at 25 cents each. Mr. Ewell FLANNIGAN and Miss Emma BOYER were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother. Mr. A.J. FLEMING to Miss Cordelia McCLINTOCK at the home of Mr. Robert McCLINTOCK on Thursday evening September 27th. On Sunday, October 1st, Mr. John MADDOX and Miss Alice DOWNS.

Neighborhood

Josh SNEED on McLeansboro is the happy father of twins.

Mr. and Mrs. David SHARPE celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at McLeansboro on the 12th.

F.A. NANCE and Miss Jennie BROOD were married at Marion on the 5th.

Miss Ida McCREERY, first lady assistant in the city schools at Carbondale, died on the 10th.

Judge COX of Eldorado, who has been suffering with consumption for many years, died on Saturday last. He was an old and valued citizen of Saline County.

Thomas DENNIS, of near DuQuoin, was killed by the southbound train on the 12th, south of DuQuoin. He was drunk and asleep on the tracks.

Thomas BURT vs. Louisa BURT - Bill for Divorce

John HESSICK, late barkeeper at the Palace, has gone to Princeton, Indiana, to take a similar position there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph SMITH are happy over the birth of a new son.

Lists of burials for Pleasant Grove Cemetery for the month of September 1881: James WALLER, 8th; Fred ICE, 9th; McHANEY's child, 12th; KARR's child, 18th; Amanda CARTER, 19th; Senia HAYES, 24th and E. ROSS, 28th.

The infant son of Alexander MILLER died on the 30th, after a short illness of diphtheria.

21 Oct 1881

Eli SMOTHERS has left our vicinity recently for parts unknown.

Mrs. Sallie ROGERS died near Christopher on the 5th inst.

28 Oct 1881

The following beautiful song was composed by Riley BURKE while confined in jail here:

That Benton jail it's a hard old place,
Where a feller's put when he's thought a hard case,
To lay on the floor and to eat tough beef,
To please Isham TAYLOR, Commander-In-Chief

Chorus: It's hard times in jail, my boys,
It's hard times you know.

I was in for stealing, I could give no bail,

I was dirty and ragged in the county jail,
Isham TAYLOR is a mighty nice man,
He brings us our grub in an old tin pan.

THROOP & MADDOX'S mill is one of the best in the county. They are both energetic men and send out none but the best of flour and meal. Mr. HAMMOCK, miller there, is one of the best in Southern Illinois and his flour can be relied upon as being first-class.

S.E. HORRELL is just the happiest young farmer on Townmount Prairie. The reason is he has a new girl at his house.

Mr. CRAWFORD, who formerly lived in this county, but now of Dexter, Texas, is here on a visit. He left this county in 1843 and had not been here since.

Last Sunday night Milt UPCHURCH's house, about four miles north of this place was entirely consumed by fire.

Married on the evening of the 23rd inst., at the home of Mrs. CRAWFORD, in Crawford's Prairie, by Judge WILLIAMS, Mr. John B. MOORE and Miss Jemima CLAYTON. It is said to be the best looking couple the judge has ever married.

DOWNS & FINNEY, butchers of the northeast corner of the square, keep on hand at all times fresh beef and pork.

Mr. THOMAS, popular miller at the Benton Mills, is the happy father of a new girl, who was born on the 16th inst.

Mrs. W.R. MASON, wife of the foreman of the Standard, is very low with typhoid-malarial fever.

A small child of James JOHNSON died at Ewing on the 20th.

John CASEY informs us that he contemplates going to Colorado in a couple of weeks.

Frank SCOTT, who has been in jail here for the past three months awaiting trial for shooting at, with intent to kill, a young man at Thompsonville, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Daniel THOMAS and Miss CRAIN of Ewing were married on the 16th.

Elder REED has been appointed pastor of the Mt. Etna church at Parrish.

Riley BURKE, who has been in jail since the 18th of August, charged with stealing a watch, was

set at liberty yesterday, the grand jury failing to find a bill against him. Riley has been in jail as many times as he has fingers and toes, but he says this is the first time he was ever there for stealing.

Northern

Mrs. BORDERS has returned home after burying her son, William.

J.W. KERN had a spelling bee at the Stockwell district last night. They say Wes is teaching a good school.

Miss Bina CARPENTER closed her school last week on account of the death of her brother.

4 Nov 1881

Mrs. George W. CARNER, who resides near Thompsonville, died on the 17th ult. and on the 24th was followed by her husband. Both had been affected a long time. They leave six children to mourn.

11 Nov 1881

Resolutions of Condolence: That in the death of R.M. MADDOX, the Lodge has lost a brother who was ever ready to proffer the hand of aid and the voice of sympathy to the needy and distressed and whose utmost endeavors were extended for the welfare and prosperity of this society. R.M. MADDOX was born 22 June 1854, was married to Florence EUBANKS on 5 June 1875, became a member of the Masonic fraternity 27 December 1879 and died 7 November 1881 of typho-malarial fever.

Frankfort has suffered a great loss in the death of R.M. MADDOX. He died on the 7th after an illness of only a few days and was buried on the 8th with Odd Fellows and Masonic honors.

John, son of James MICHAEL, of Mulkeytown, died on Tuesday last, aged about 18 years.

Mrs. Berilla SCOTT, who lives in Northwest Missouri, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Lou HUFF.

A German pauper, aged 45, died in Four Mile Prairie on the 7th. inst.

Mrs. Willis WHITTINGTON died on the 9th after an illness of over two years. She was interred in the new cemetery yesterday.

The 400 yard race between Mat DIAL's "Yellow Rose" and a Kentucky horse, for \$300, which was to have been run in Townmount Prairie on Thursday last, was postponed until Saturday on account of the rain.

Mr. STRANGE is going to start to Kansas soon.

James ROBINSON is back again from the fatherland. On his return, he experienced a very rough passage.

Shawneetown News: Married, at the home of the bride's father, in this city, November 3rd, by Rev. J.M. ROBINSON, Mr. I.A. RUSSELL and Miss Allie GORDON. The happy couple left for Flora where they will reside.

Thomas MOORE is still very sick with malarial fever, though somewhat better today.

Lyman CLEM spent Saturday last in St. Louis. He tells me that while standing on the bridge he saw coming down the Mississippi River the great monster snake. He says it was at least forty feet long with head and neck some four or five feet out of the water and going at a rapid rate down stream passing under the bridge near him. He says it's head appeared to be at least a foot broad. He had a good view of the monster and pronounces it the largest thing in the reptile line he ever saw.

George SNIDER has returned from the far West where he has been for some two years engaged in the stock business. George looks handsome in his feather leggings.

William DAVIS and little Tom start for Kentucky this week.

The following love letter was picked up on the street the other day and handed to us for publication. We suppress the name of the young lady and the man for whom it was intended: Dearest ---: Don't git out of hart. I will say com befor long. What makes you mov about so much? You sed you had rather see me than enny body. I no you can think of som one that you had rather see tha me. perhaps you will see me sone tim. you won't see no budy good lookin. you sed you beleaved that I did not Lov you. you can't ixpect me to love you as you do me. you hav saw me and I have nevery saw you. I hope you are a good man and will tell me the truth in everything. When I marry I wan't a good man and a nice man and one that will alwase keep me a plenty and treet me write. I know there is mor married now than due haf way rite. I could have married a long tim a go if i had wanted to but I nevery saw enny budy suted yet. as you sed when enny budy marrys it last for every and they ought to do the best they can. so love it is a charming things that bines our hearts together and if we nevery meet let us not for get each other. I can nevery concent to marry a man I have nevery saw. I went to town this morning to hav a pictur tuk for you and the man was gon. and i thot wuld send this letter enny how. so far well to you.

yours truly, by by, _____

18 Nov 1881

J.D. PHILLIPS infant daughter died on the 12th inst.

R.E. HOSKINSON's little daughter, Daisy, is dangerously ill with diphtheria.

The race in Townmount Prairie on Monday last was won by a Kentucky horse, beating Matt DIAL's "Yellow rose". A rematch has been set and will be run at Greenville, Illinois in about two weeks.

The bridge over JORDON Creek is in a dangerous condition. The railing on one side is entirely off.

Married at the M.E. Church on the evening of the 16th inst., by Rev. E.M. BAXTER, Mr. Marion FREDERICK and Miss Mitford JORDON, all of Benton.

Wiford MADDOX, who was sent to the insane asylum at Anna some time ago, and who was taken away from there a few weeks ago, became worse and on Monday morning, in charge of Judge WILLIAMS and Sheriff JONES, he was returned to that institution.

Green B. HILL and Mrs. Eliza SIMPSON, whose ages aggregate 136 years, were married by Squire BRAYFIELD one day this week over in Goode Township. The gay and festive groom is 76, and the bride is 60. This will certainly be good news to the venerable spinsters everywhere and as long as there is life there is hope of getting a husband.

Stephen DUNGEE, a son of William DUNGEE, who lives in Long Prairie, died yesterday morning of peritonitis, aged about 23 years. He was unmarried.

Joe and Calvin MOORE, and Dr. RAY, of Frankfort, have gone to Southwest Missouri to hunt rabbits and other large game.

Tilman ESSARY has been appointed marshal of Thompsonville.

Notice: This is to certify that I have lived in Franklin County since the 16th day of January 1880 and have been a citizen of said county all of the time from that date. John W. ROOT

Mrs. M.A. PENNY is at present visiting her son, William A. at Pennyville.

The infant child of Ed ODLE, of Northern township, died on the morning of the 18th inst.

A couple of weeks ago, Mrs. David HARRIS, who lives a couple of miles north of this place, was taken before Judge WILLIAMS to try her sanity. The jury brought in a verdict of insanity

and Monday last she was taken to the Anna Insane Asylum.

A small child of Hick ROTRAMEL, seven miles east of Benton, died on the morning of the 18th inst.

The partnership between John UPCHURCH and Jim McGUIRE has been dissolved, Jim going west to build the country up and John continuing in the grocery business.

The following marriage licenses have been issued by the county clerk since our last report:

Daniel A. THOMAS, Btn Tsp. and Miss Deford C. ALLEN, Ewing Tsp.

Henry DUNN, Johnson Co., and Mrs. Wilmoth BONDS, Franklin County.

Robert J. BAIN and Miss Samantha A. LANCE, both of Northern Tsp.

Green B. STEWART, Btn Tsp. and Miss Sarah COCKRUM, Goode Tsp.

Joseph HUGHES, Northern Tsp. and Miss Louisa WHITTINGTON, Ewing.

W.R. JONES and Miss Elizabeth WILKERSON, both Frankfort Tsp.

John B. MOORE and Miss Jemima A. CLAYTON, both of Btn Tsp.

Thomas GREENE and Miss Sarah SANDERS, both Btn. Tsp.

John R. STEELE, Clinton County, and Miss Sarah J. MORRIS, Cave Tsp.

Cyrus HARRIS, Wmson. Co. and Miss Sarah F. KENT, Cave Tsp.

Thomas BURT and Miss Louisa J. TATE, both Ewing Tsp.

Ira REEVES, White Co. and Miss Mattie A. BROWN, Ewing Tsp.

Edward SCHMITT and Miss Charlotte FAMBROUGH, both of Six Mile.

Jacob T. BONER and Louisa E. RICHESON, both Frankfort Tsp.

Samuel M. BOUR and Miss Elizabeth A. CLEVELAND, both of Frankfort.

Oscar FRANK, Tamaroa, and Nancy J. KIRKPATRICK, Goode Tsp.

K.H. JONES, Frankfort, and Miss Susan A. JONES, Benton.

Green B. HILL of Tyrone Tsp. and Elizabeth SIMPSON, Benton.

William M. JACKSON and Miss Mary A. VARNER, both of Eastern Tsp.

Marion FREDERICK and Miss Mitford JORDON, both of Benton Tsp.

James DUNIVAN, Hamilton Co. and Miss Mary E. JONES, Cave tsp.

NOTE: I have highlighted the ones that do not appear or disagree in some way with the marriage book for this time period.

Joab MOORE did not go to Arkansas.

Kell SMOTHERS is slowly improving as is Thomas MOORE.

"Uncle" Mat WALLER died last Sunday evening about 5:30 p.m. He was one of the earliest settlers of this county and the bereaved family have the sympathy of many friends.

Elias JORDON had a hearing before Squire HAMILTON last week for 'cruelty to animals'.

James STRANGE and family started for Kansas last week. He will take the position of baggageman on the Jewel Branch of the Missouri Pacific.

Isaac SUMMERS of Indiana has recently been visiting relatives here.

Our school taught by J.B. LINK numbers 130.

Smothersville: A shooting scrape occurred between Thomas SWEET and Will WILLIAMS. it seems there had been bad blood between them for some time and after exchanging some hot words, Sweet raised his cane and shook it at Williams, whereupon Williams drew his pistol and fired at Sweet. Neither man was injured.

25 Nov 1881

James BUCKNER, whose residence is near Crittenden, Franklin County, died on the 19th inst. of peritonitis (?), aged about 25 years. He leaves a young wife to mourn his loss.

Poem in memory of Daisy HOSKINSON who died 23 November, aged 5y 9m 27d. She was the daughter of R.E. and R.J. HOSKINSON.

DuQuoin: To the Editor of the Franklin County Chronicle: By the request of a dying man, I write to you. Buford DAVIS died at Tiffin, Ohio, November 5th. and before he died he sent for me and told me he had to open his life to someone who would publish his life and death. He said he had a wife in Fairfield, Wayne County, and one in Benton, Franklin County, Illinois. The one in Benton he said was a girl of 18 and the one in Fairfield was 20. He also had another wife with him when he died. He wants the world to know that he is dead and especially the wives. I do not know anybody in this part of the country, so I ask you to publish this in your paper. I am in DuQuoin but will start for New York on the midnight train. Davis wanted these ladies to know he was dead and that they are free. He died a wretched death. He was a real demon on earth. signed S.P. ETUE, a citizen of Tiffin. By the editor: Upon enquiry we learn that Buford DAVIS, who was a traveling salesman, married Miss CURRIE, who was employed as a domestic in the home of R.E. HOSKINSON of Benton about a year ago. He only remained with her one night and since that time nothing had been heard of him until the above letter announcing his death. Soon after his disappearance it was learned that he had another wife from whom he had never been divorced. It is thought that his death is a hoax and that he is still living and that the letter was either written by himself or by his instigation.

2 Dec 1881

Thomas MOORE, aged 21, died at the residence of his father, Emsley MOORE, of malarial fever on the 25th. inst. At the time of his death he was the principal of the Thompsonville schools.

Thomas WHITE, a former resident of Franklin County, died at Evansville, Indiana one day last week.

Belle PLASTERS died last Wednesday of congestion of the lungs, aged about 18.

9 Dec 1881

Miss ELLIOTT, who has charge of the primary department of the public schools will resign to accept a position in the schools at Bay St. Louis, La. H.C. ROGERS of Mulkeytown will take her place.

Maj. William MOONEYHAM is a candidate for the legislature. He is one of the oldest citizens of our county and knows the wants of our people.

Eld. PICKARD (Baptist) preached at the Siloam Church, near Smothersville, on Saturday and Sunday last.

I offer my farm for sale, containing 180 acres, located five miles north of Benton on the Ewing road, 140 acres improved and under fence-four miles of nine and ten rail fences; 150 fruit bearing trees; farm well watered; good two-story house containing 5 rooms; granary 22x18; barn and out buildings. Will sell for \$25 an acre with 60 acres of wheat on the ground thrown in or will rent the improved land for a term of five years at \$2 an acre. Address
E. WILCOX, Ewing Illinois

Mrs. Mary KNIGHT, aged 75 years, died on the 20th near Halltown.

Nicholas, the 4 year old son of William S. THOMAS, of Benton, died of diphtheria on the 8th inst.

J.M. McREYNOLDS appeared on the streets Monday morning with his face bedecked with smiles. It's a boy.

Moses NEAL and Laura MOORE were married last Thursday.

The following prisoners are contained in the county jail at present: Henry BAKER, serving out a sentence of 60 days for stealing a pair of boots from CRAWFORD at Frankfort; Lum and Charley DOWNS, under indictment for grand larceny; George MADDOX, forgery; Martha SCARLETT, bigamy.

Joe DANIELS, who for a number of years lived in this place, but for the last seven years at

Irvington, Illinois, has returned and will make this his future home, and will work at St. Clair Bros. wagon factory. We welcome him back.

16 Dec 1881

Wood TERHUNE's child of Webb's Prairie is very ill with spinal fever and is not expected to live.

Monroe UPCHURCH and Miss Lucy LANE of Benton are to be married on the 21st.

There were more drunken men in town on Saturday last than we have seen in the usually quiet place.

The old cemetery in this place is rapidly going to ruin. The fences are down and the graves are in a neglected condition. Some of the best citizens of the county are buried in this cemetery and it should be repaired and kept in good condition.

A.J. HAMMACK was elected school director, Saturday in place of R.M. MADDOX, deceased.

William WHITE and Miss Mille VAUGHN, both of Frankfort, were married at the home of John BUTLER by Squire REED.

'Above The Clouds' is a first-class drama and will be presented at the Baptist church in Benton on the evening of December 24th. Admission: 25 cents; children under 12, 15 cents.

Died in Six Mile Prairie, December 8th, Mrs. Lucretia McCORD, after an illness of only a few days.

Frank ATKINS and family have gone to Kansas to remain this winter. He is very low with consumption and goes for the benefit of his health. D.E. KIRKPATRICK went to St. Louis Sunday to meet his brother, Issac, who lives in Kansas.

A young man by the name of MALONE died near this place last week.

John BODINE, of Sheby County is visiting his uncle, Peter CONOVER, at present.

6 Jan 1882

John HELLER died on the 24th ult.

John LITTLE of Long Prairie died of pneumonia on the 21st ult., aged 40 years.

Wood TERHUNE and Miss WARREN, both of Webb's Prairie were married on the 28th ult.

W.C. WILKERSON, of Franklin County, and Miss Florence HALL were married at the home of the bride's parents in Halltown on Christmas.

Mrs. Emma SWAFFORD received \$2,000 from the Knights of Honor the other day. Her husband was a member of that order at the time of his death.

George and Britton KOONS, of Northern Township, returned from Florida on Christmas eve. They made the trip in a wagon, consuming ninety-eight days in going and returning.

On the 23rd ult., the infant child of Zach SULLINS, living about one mile north of Benton, was so badly scalded that death resulted in a few days. While setting before the fire-place, a pot of boiling water was overturned, emptying the contents on the child.

Joseph HOUSE, who lives about 5 miles north of Benton, informs us that he saw what he called the "Biblical Numbers" represented at the Red schoolhouse a few Sundays ago. The congregation was composed of 7 preachers, 7 old men, 7 old ladies, 7 girls, 7 boys and 7 children. He said he didn't count the dogs.

Frankfort: The following drama's were presented at the Universalist Church: "More Blunder's Than One", "Recess Speeches", and "Arabella's Poor Relations". The following were some of the actors: Villa ROBERTSON, Miles WILMORE, W.C. SADLER Jr., Ressho ROBERTSON, Louisa FITTS, Willie CLARK, J.C. PEEK, and Ida ROBERTS.

Charlie HARRIS has taken up his abode in Kansas.

John H. HILL, one of our best farmers, and formerly of St. Clair County, called on us yesterday.

One of the most degrading, filthy and disgusting practices that any man can be guilty of is emptying a mouthful of tobacco juice in the front of a building.

The oldest son of Kell SMOTHERS died last Thursday of pneumonia.

We occasionally see Kell MOORE, the new constable around here on business. Kell will make an efficient officer.

Hiram EASLEY was struck and killed by the 6 o'clock train near John L. MARTIN's field. His body was found the next morning. Easley had been to DuQuoin for the purpose of being

examined for a pension and had got as far back as this place and after imbibing quite freely in some whiskey started for his home at Smothersville. It appeared he had fallen down the embankment and managed to get back upon the track, had sat down and fallen asleep. The engineer was unable to stop due to the ice and snow upon the track.

Charlie ST.CLAIR, in company with R.H. FLANNIGAN and Crit WEBSTER, went to Garrett's Prairie, near Frankfort, to join Dr. RAY in a quail hunt on the 29th. Dr. RAY shot at some quail and the shot accidentally struck Charlie full in the face, lacerating it terribly, some three or four shot taking effect in either eye. There may be some possibility of saving one eye.

John LEWIS and another young man by the name of CUNNINGHAM got too merry last Saturday and the city marshal took charge of them. Lewis got so demonstrative after he was taken to the court room that he had to be put in the 'cooler'.

The swell young man of the period now bangs his hair.

20 Jan 1882

Green CARR, who lives near Parrish, was brought to town on Friday to answer to a charge of stealing hogs from Dr. Lige ROTRAMEL, of Frankfort. He was committed to jail in default of bail.

Probate court was in session this week. The estates of William DRUMMOND, James B. BUCKNER and Thomas C. LOPAS were adjusted.

Delph GODBY purchased a gray horse the other day. The horse tried to skate across the pond near the depot Wednesday night. The skating was pretty good until he reached the middle of the pond, when he fell, breaking through the ice and was drowned.

Frederick RHINEHART and Miss Sarah SYPHER were married by Squire BAXTER at the home of the bride's parents in Ewing on the 8th.

B.F. ESTES has sold his clothing store to Mr. SCHRADER, of DuQuoin, who will continue the business at this place. Mr. ESTES is now in the northern part of this state seeking a business location.

There are at present about thirty paupers at the Poor Farm, compared to seventeen last summer.

The widow of Hiram EASLEY has filed suit against the railroad company for damages.

The following prisoners are confined in the county jail: Charley and Lum DOWNS, burglary;

James IRBY, failure to replevy fine; Martha SCARLET, bigamy; Thomas MORRIS, indicted for Gambling; Green CARR, grand larceny; Robert McKAY, burglary. Most will be tried at the April term of court. The man gave his name as Robert McKAY

Mrs. HILL, of Franklin County, is in Springfield this week seeking the pardon of her son, who was sentenced for forgery in this co.

On Sunday night last, Link WILLIAMS, a brother of Judge WILLIAMS, discovered a burglar in the home of the Judge. Link chased the burglar and as the fellow tried to climb the fence, struck him with a poker. At that instant the judge appeared, panting and blowing like a loose indian on the plains, dressed only in his nightshirt and carrying a chunk of coal and assisted in making him a prisoner.

If more of our citizens would pursue these thieves, without waiting to dress, more of them would be caught.

J.D. DENNING has ordered the Chronicle sent to his sister, Mrs. Elizabeth MATTHEWS, at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Judge WILLIAMS presented a very dignified appearance in his chase after a burglar, dressed only in a red flannel shirt and carrying a lump of coal.

There is no work in this county but there is no law compelling a man to stay here. NOTE: many articles were written about the conditions in the county for the next several months. The cinch bugs had destroyed most of the crops and employment was very hard to find. Associations were founded to aid the widows and orphans and also assist every man who will try to help himself. District #5 resolved to help neighbors, etc. but all idlers and loafers deserve the censure of all good men at all time but especially in these times of distress. Signed J.M. VANCIL, T.J. SPILLMAN and George KETTEMAN, committee.

Dr. BAXTER, of Red Oak, Iowa, is visiting his twin brother, Rev. E.M. BAXTER, in Benton. The doctor is a very intelligent, jovial gentleman, but unlike his brother, is a Democrat of the most ultra stripe.

It used to be the custom to bring up girls to believe that it was a sin to dress well, but time has changed all that. We are now taught that a person may be well dressed and a Christian at the same time. This generation does not believe that rags and dirt secure us a passage to Heaven and its glory.

Dr. POST, of St. Louis, called on Charley ST.CLAIR, and assisted by Dr. WALLER, operated on his left eye. Since the operation, Charley has steadily improved, however the sight in his right eye is entirely gone.

The Supreme Court of Illinois has ruled that colored children between the ages of 7 and 21 are entitled to all public school privileges, the same as white children.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:
Berryman HOLLAND and Annie POWERS, both of Townmount
Melvin M. DIMMICK and Louisa I. ROBERTS, both of Frankfort
William A. PEARL and Sally A. COMBS, both of Benton
George A. BOWERS and Florence KARNES, both of Franklin County
G.L. LEWIS and Almyra KENDALL, both of Tyrone Tsp.

J.L. LEWIS and Miss Mira KENDALL were married at the home of Isham HARRISON by Rev. A.D. SKAGGS.

17 Feb 1882

Charley ST.CLAIR was taken to St. Louis last week for treatment. There is now no doubt but that Charley is completely blind. He is fully resigned and bears up under his great misfortune with admirable fortitude.

The wife of Green SMOTHERS presented him with a baby boy last week. Bill WALLER is the father of a baby girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew HARRIS are rejoicing in the possession of a new boy baby, a 13 pounder.

Dudley THRELKELD received the finest valentine we know of. It's a bouncing girl baby.

William REED, residing west of town, lost two sons recently, one of them dying with brain fever.

The Trouble at Brush Prairie School: I am acquainted with Jeff CLARK's boy and there is not a better boy in that school. He does not swear, drink, gamble or misbehave. The teacher seemed to take an aversion to him and was working to get him out of the school. NOTE; long article.

A child of Robert GULLEY died of Mambinus croup on Wednesday, aged about eight years.

John FROST, an inmate of the poor house, died on the 13th inst.

Ed EVANS is disconsolate. His Missouri girl was married the other day to another fellow.

The wife of Thomas ORR, who lives about 4 miles east of Benton, died of pneumonia on Saturday last, aged about 25 years. She leaves two small children to mourn for her.

Born to Florence MADDUX, February 12th, a boy.

24 Feb 1882

If it had continued to rain much longer the railroad at SMOTHER's Lake would have given way as it lacked only about one foot of running over the top.

The Brush Prairie School taught by William HALLOWELL will close March 3rd.

The school taught at the Manion schoolhouse by Mr. PARKER will close March 10th.

Married at the residence of the bride's father, Elijah TAYLOR, who lives 2 1/2 miles south of Benton, on the 13th inst., by Rev. George LOPAS, David H. WILDERMAN and Miss Amanda TAYLOR.

Cards for the marriage of W.S. CANTRELL and Miss Jennie BURNETT are out. They were printed at St. Louis.

Teacher, William HALLOWELL, talks about the trouble with Monroe CLARK. Refers to a trial held at the school over the trouble.

3 Mar 1882

Robert MOORE of Crawford's Prairie, we regret to learn, is at present in very bad health.

10 Mar 1882

Oliver MARTIN is still in St. Louis.

Aaron MOORE, of Smothersville, is in town this week.

Mrs. John CARNEY has been very sick for some time.

A school entertainment will be given at the JORDON schoolhouse, in District # 5 , T. 6 S, R. 2 E., two miles west of Benton.

M.L. SNEED of Benton has been acting very queerly for some time and on Tuesday last had a hearing before Judge WILLIAMS and adjudged insane. He will be taken to the asylum at Anna when room can be made there for him.

May Logan FLANNIGAN, daughter of Sam E. and Sallie J. FLANNIGAN, died at her father's residence in Franklin County, Saturday night, February 25th, after an illness of seven weeks. Her death was caused by having her hip sprained.

On Monday night Isaac SIMPSON awoke and found his house in flames and was barely able to escape with his wife and children before the house was in ashes.

Aaron KING says he is worth a round thousand; it's a boy.

Peter HAFLY has returned to his home at Ashley. We will miss Pete very much as he was the liveliest boy at school.

17 Mar 1882

Our old friend, A.C. STEWART, of Webb's Prairie, is dangerously ill with pneumonia. A son of his died of pneumonia on Wednesday.

Dr. DURHAM advertises by posters for boarders at his hotel. The doctor keeps a good house and is a jovial landlord.

Ernest Browning WARD, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. D.M. WARD, of Benton, died of diphtheria on the 13th inst., aged 1y 9m and 15 d. This is a sad loss to the parents as Ernest was an only child and the light and pet of the household.

W.P. SCHUSTER, of Benton, received a letter from his brother-in-law of Joplin, Mo., in which he stated he was not seriously hurt in an accident in the smelting works there.

Walter, Judge WILLIAMS' 8 year old son, undertook to ride the judge's fiery and untamed sorrel mare with a spur the other day and succeeded until the lot fence was reached, when the boy was sent flying over her head. Next time he will ride her with two spurs and a whip.

HOWITH, who was sent back from this county, to the insane asylum at Anna a few weeks ago, made his escape from that institution a few days ago and came back and on Wednesday, he ran away from his relatives here and started for White County.

Wilson ABBOT has returned from Missouri.

Married by Squire SULLIVAN at his home last week, James SULLIVAN to Miss Mollie CARTER.

Married at Akin last Sunday, by Squire TYRELL, Mr. Jack PAGE to Miss McCARTY. The bride is quite young, not yet 15.

Mr. Joseph SMITH has sold his farm to Thomas SULLIVAN and is planning to move to Kansas immediately.

O.P. FULTON and family intend to start to Kansas Thursday, the 16th.

The following marriage licenses have been issued since our last report:

Achilles C. WEBB Jr. and Frances L. BRITTON, Ewing Tsp.
Charles H. CALL, Pulaski Co., and Mrs. Edith RITCHIE, Benton
William H. FLETCHER and Miss Rosha CUNNINGHAM, Cave Tsp.
James W. BELL and Miss Sallie MOORE, Franklin County
Frank GREGORY and Miss Laura SWISHER, Tyrone Tsp.
M.W. WARD and Miss Mertie WILCOX, Ewing
David WILDERMAN and Miss Amanda TAYLOR, Benton
Walter CLEVELAND and Mary E. JACKSON, Franklin County
John E. WILMORE, Perry Co., and Miss Martha J. CAVENS, Goode Tsp
Jabey McCOLLUM and Miss Ester MARTIN, Eastern Tsp.
James M. SULLIVAN, Fr. Co., and Miss Mandy J. CARTER, Saline Co
W.E. CAMPBELL and Miss Jane SNIDER, Mulkeytown
Marion J. TODD, Benton Tsp. and Miss Sarah F. ROGERS, Eastern
W.S. CANTRELL and Miss Mary J. BURNETT, Benton
William L. MABRY and Miss Irene JONES, Cave Tsp.
Andrew J. PAGE, Hamilton Co. and Miss Sarah McCARTY, Cave Tsp.
Alva MULKEY, Northern, and Miss Mary M. McCORD, Six Mile Tsp.
Moses N. WEBB, Northern, and Miss Emma TAYLOR, Ewing

24 Mar 1882

Monroe CHILDERS, of Townmount Prairie, died of consumption one day last week.

Walter W. YOUNG and Charity W. BAKER, both of Benton Tsp., were married by Squire ROOT, at his home, on Monday evening last .

Mr. and Mrs. Hosea INGRAM, of Long Prairie, are happy in the possession of a bouncing boy which made its appearance on Sunday night last.

Squire ROOT has sued the county for his fees for holding an inquest on the body of Mrs. SNEED, who died a couple of weeks ago.

W.W. HORRELL, of Frankfort, went to Kansas a few weeks ago for his health and on Saturday last, his dead body was returned home, he having died at the home of his brother, Bud HORRELL, at Gould, Kan.

He was buried here Saturday with Masonic honors. Rev. MITCHELL preached the funeral.

James W. HENDRICKS died of general debility on Sunday last, aged about 95 years.

R. TUNSTAL, who taught the VANCIL school the past winter, left for Arkansas this morning where he will engage in teaching.

Frank SPITLER (SPILLER?), former teacher in our public schools, was called home this week on account of the illness of his brother, who is not expected to live.

Mrs. MADDOX returned from Anna a few days ago where she had been to visit her son, Wilford, who is confined in the insane asylum at that place. She reports him as much better and that William OTTERSON and M.L. SNEED are improving.

James LEWIS and Miss Nancy E. McNEAL were married at the home of Jason COOPER in Tyrone Tsp. by Squire MALLORY on the 16th inst.

Dr. DURHAM and the equinoxial storm came on the same day - the 22nd. The doctor was 51 years old on that day.

J.W. MADDOX who has been teaching school in Jefferson Co. the past winter, returned home Saturday last, his school closing the day before.

Rev. L. ESTES has removed to Spring Garden.

J.W. MADDOX will preach at Parrish tomorrow evening and Sunday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James TODD, who live about five miles east of Benton, one day last week.

A fine boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. John BAILEY, near Cuba, one day last week.

Andrew MOORE (Bud) has bought out Simpson DORRIS, of the firm DORRIS, SMOTHERS & Co. and now handles the yardstick in that place.

Squire J.H. WALLER received a telegram last week that his son, Asa, was dangerously ill at Little Rock, Ark. "Pole" WALLER, who immediately went to see him, sent a dispatch back that he was better.

Joseph McFARLAND lost his wife and oldest son last week, both dying of spinal meningitis and were buried on the same day.

Uncle Henry HAYS was married on Thursday of last week to the Widow RICHARDS, of Cave

Tsp.

Frankfort school opened Monday with 25 scholars. Many more are expected.

Will LINKS is enjoying the greatest happiness. It's a fine girl.

You bet J.L. SMOTHERS is happy, for it's a boy. He says it is a black Republican.

Contains letter Uncle Sam BUNTIN wrote letter to Rolla, Mo. Herald about the conditions in Southern Illinois.

14 Apr 1882

J.J. HUDSON, the popular landlord of the Hudson Hotel, received a voucher for \$2,200 back pension last week and G.C. ROSS received a voucher for \$1,200.

The conduct of a few young men at the Baptist Church last Sunday night was disgraceful in the extreme. There is a class of hoodlums in this place who go to church for no other purpose but to disturb the congregation.

There are 29 inmates at the poor farm at present.

A girl was born to Mrs. SHELTON, a pauper at the poor farm, on the night of the 10th inst.

Miss Connie DUFF, daughter of Judge DUFF, of Carbondale, was married on the 2d inst. to Charles H. BARKER, of Dansville.

A collection was made up on Tuesday last for a widow lady named ROSE, who is in destitute circumstances and a very deserving person.

Dr. DeFOE, of McLeansboro, was tried before a committee of three clergymen of the M.E. Church one day last week and found guilty of adultery.

J.R. MILLER, on the occasion of his birthday, on Wednesday evening of last week, gave a ball at his hall, which was largely attended. A supper was given at the MORRIS Hotel at Mr. Miller's expense.

W.P. WILSON, a Peoria drummer, was arrested by Miss Frankie CONYER, at McLeansboro last week, charged with bastardy, and was bound over in \$600 for his appearance at the July term of court. She also sued him for breach of promise, laying the damages at \$5,000.

Frank McKINNEY, who left here a couple of weeks ago for his home in Nebraska writes back to

"Bid farewell to Egypt and come out here, where you can see 100 miles at one look and not see a tree or a bush, but a broad rolling prairie, that waves it's tall green grass as if beckoning you poor mud-mixers in the land of Egypt to come and make a home in the land of sunshine.

J.B. REED, the big fat squire of Frankfort, was in town yesterday and gave us a call.

John RICHARDSON started last week for Pennsylvania to settle his mother's estate.

Mrs. A. LASITER, of McLeansboro, has been visiting her brother, C.J. ALLEN, of Akin.

Mr. Logan ELDRIDGE's wife died very suddenly, Friday, 7th inst.

Rev. STANFORD is to preach his farewell sermon the 10th inst. at Mr. Etna.

28 Apr 1882

Mrs. Lizzie JOHNSON, wife of Enoch JOHNSON, of Dahlgren, Illinois, died Saturday the 23rd inst. and was brought to Macedonia, where the funeral was preached by Rev. MORRIS.

A Considerate Agreement: With those who will be thrown into contact with Charley ST.CLAIR: That we will strive to avoid all little acts and remarks which will remind him of the painful fact that he is deprived of his sight. As ST.CLAIR cannot recognize those he meets, we should always announce ourselves in this wise: "Here is ____, ST.CLAIR, how are you?" Then there will be no painful pause. (Long article)

Beth McFALL pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon on Pete FARTHING in the circuit court this week and was fined \$40 and costs, amounting to about \$300.

Mrs. Judge WILLIAMS left for Princeton, Indiana to visit the Judge's parents.

Austin SWOFFORD, a nephew of H. SWOFFORD of Benton, and who formerly lived in this county, was crushed between the cars and platform while attempting to board a train of the Kansas Pacific, near Denver, Colorado on the 23rd inst.

Thomas MITCHELL of Eldorado spent a few days visiting his parents in this place this week.

Mrs. Emily NORMAN, who has spent the last few months in Pulaski County, was visiting her mother-in-law, Mrs. WILLIAM, of Benton.

Joe PARKER was tried last week and fined \$20 and costs for disturbing the election.

Charles BARRETT, of Nickerson, Kansas, who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. C.C. BIGGS, returns home Wednesday.

Phillip H., oldest son of Dr. BENTLEY, of Marion, died very suddenly of pulmonary congestion, on the 18th inst., aged @ 21.

Pearl WHITE, for assault to kill a man named MUSGRAVE, near Thompsonville, sometime ago, was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary.

Unknown date

Vienna Times: On last Friday William Tell VAUGHN was on trial before Esq. GORE on a charge of attempting to outrage the body of Miss Lizzie MURRAY. The virtue of the sex must be maintained and strong man should be very careful how he plucks that jewel which he cannot restore. the unfortunate girl was of good parentage, motherless and fatherless, with nothing left her but willing hands and a good name to hold her up in society and she deserves great respect and encouragement in holding out and foiling the would be character-stealing young gentleman. VAUGHN was a stranger from Franklin County and had only been in our county a few days. We hope this may be a lesson to strangers that our girls are not all fools.

About May 1882

Letter from Loren E. WILCOX who states he left Benton March last to try his fortunes in a new country and moved to Boone, IA.

5 May 1882

The wife of J.J. CASEY presented him with a baby daughter the first of the week.

Pearl WHITE was sentenced to six years at the Chester penitentiary for assault with intent to kill; Bob McKAY was sentenced to three years for burglary and George MADDOX to one year for forgery.

Denver Republican: A man came to his death by falling against the depot at Box Elder while attempting to get aboard a moving railroad train. His name was Austin SWOFFORD who came from Benton, Illinois. Several letters upon his person established this fact. He was dressed in the rough garb of a laborer - black slouch hat, badly worn dark overcoat, white shirt, black and white check coat and vest, and gray jeans, over which he wore blue overalls. He was a young man about 25 years old, 160-165 pounds, slight mustache of a reddish tinge, coarse black hair. The letters showed that he had worked as a farm laborer near Benton, Illinois and Laclede and Cunningham Missouri and that he came to Colorado around 5 March last engaging in rock

quarrying in Weld Co. The work proved too heavy for him and he determined to return to Illinois. He had only \$15 in money and he started out as a tramp, trusting to luck to steal an occasional ride on a train. He was uneducated, being unable to write his own name, but his relatives near Benton, are, without a doubt, respectable, hard-working people, of more than average intelligence. Upon his person the following articles were found: a note for \$60, dated 25 August 1881, payable in 12 months, signed by J.R. ROGERS; another note for \$60 signed by Mary PYLES, dated 1 October 1881; a nickle-plated, 32-caliber, 5-chambered Blue Jacket revolver; a blank memorandum book; the name of A.B. STUTSMAN of Cunningham, Missouri (etc); three tin-type pictures, of a young boy and a middle-aged man and woman. Several letters were found upon him as follows: two from Benton, Illinois dated 21 March from Cousin Huldah, who is a school teacher at Benton-one directed to Laclede, Mo., and the other to the stone quarry in Weld Co., Colorado; one from Henry FOULK, dated 4 December 1881; four from J.W. SWOFFORD, a cousin at Benton; one from his brother, George SWOFFORD, dated 11 September 1881 and one from Mrs. J.W. SWOFFORD at Benton, Illinois.

12 May 1882

The wife of Pethado NOLEN of Crawford's Prairie, died last Saturday night. She leaves nine children. (NOTE: this is Sarah MOORE NOLEN, first wife of Pethado NOLEN.)

George SWEET died Saturday and was buried Sunday.

Bill VINCENT and Miss Logan WHITE eloped last week.

Mrs. W.W. CARBAUGH and Richard CLARK died last week.

It was a new baby girl at C.E. McCOLLUMS; a boy for John W. McCOLLUM.

19 May & 2 Jun 1882

Adam Adin KING died on the 15th inst. at Spring Settlement and was buried on the 16th at Mr. Pleasant Church Cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. E.M. BAXTER. Adam was 34/84 ? years old.

2 Jun 1882

Kell MOORE has in his possession a piece of bark that was taken from a tree by his uncle that had been used as a scaffold to hang a rebel spy in Virginia.

A bouncing baby boy was born to John PHILLIPS; a new daughter to Mr. and Mrs. C.J. ALLEN and a girl to Mr. and Mrs. Green ROBERTSON.

DuQuoin Press: Ralph ELSTUN died 23 May of Bright's Disease. He was a former resident of

Franklin County but moved to DuQuoin about 20 years ago. His wife, to whom he has been married for more than 50 years, and a large family of children, survives.

John Riley MOORE is finishing up NEAL Bros. and MOORE Store House.

9 June 1882

We regret to chronicle the death of John K. McGLASSON, who died of pneumonia on the 2nd inst.

J.M. McREYNOLDS and Dr. RAY went to Indiana last week and caught Dug DURHAM, charged with stealing some horses in Arkansas.

Robert LONGWORTH Sr. died at the home of his son, Capt. LONGWORTH, at McLeansboro, on May 20th, aged about 75 years.

Wilson MORROW, an old citizen of Perry County, died at his home in Paradise Prairie on May 30, aged 71 years.

Mt. Vernon: An affecting scene occurred last Thursday in circuit court in the divorce case of MOORE vs. MOORE, the parties being old people, who, after forty years of married life, had determined to separate. After a very affecting address from his honor, the old folks went away happily together and will, we hope, spend their remaining years in peace and happiness.

Pulaski Patriot: Hon. Daniel HOGAN, heartily endorsed by the Republican County convention last Tuesday at Mound City is a young man of more than ordinary ability. He was reared at old Calidonia, this county, where he lived until the age of 14 years, when he followed the drum and fife into the 31st. IL. Being too young to enlist as a soldier, Capt. RIGBY took young Dan with him as a cook and he remained with the company until after the battle of Fort Donaldson, in which Mr. HOGAN participated. He was then enlisted as a member of the Telegraph Corps. where he remained during the entire war. (NOTE: long, long article.)

30 Jun 1882

C.L. DAVIS is teaching a select school in his father's barn.

A Fourth of July celebration and Sunday School picnic will be held at the McGLASSON school house in Spring Settlement.

Mrs. MASON, nee GOODE, has moved her millinery store back from Cairo, and is opening in the building formerly occupied by Webster Brothers.

A letter received by Mrs. WILLIAMS from her husband, Judge WILLIAMS, who is at Princeton, Indiana, states that the judge's father is sinking rapidly and that his death is only a question of time.

Mrs. HAINES, of Tamaroa, is visiting her mother, Mrs. G.B. DIMMICK, at Frankfort.

M.B. FRIEND, editor of the Harrisburg Democrat, suffered the loss of his infant daughter on the 21st. inst.

A very peculiar waterfowl was captured by Moses JONES, who lives in Spring Settlement, in a pond in COCKRUM's field one day last week. He describes it as being about the size of a full grown goose and speckled like a guinea hen, with short paddle-shaped legs and a bill like a wood duck. It had short stubby wings and in propelling itself over the ground would stick its bill into the ground and give itself a "hump". When disturbed, it made a sound similar to the braying of a young mule. It only lived a few days after being captured. It is not known how it got there as it could neither walk or fly any great distance. It is supposed to have been carried there by a wind storm.

7 Jul 1882

Mrs. Sylvester FITZGERALD died Monday at Tamaroa. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William MOONEYHAM of Benton.

14 Jul 1882

Monroe SHAW was arrested on a warrant sworn out by Miss Sarah A. SWEET, who lives a few miles east of here, on Saturday last, charging him with being the father of her young babe. He had a hearing before Squire VANCIL and was discharged.

21 Jul 1882

Mrs. Matilda BLAYLOCK died at her home two miles west of Benton last Sunday, aged about 26 years. She was an earnest and devout member of the M.E. Church.

Mrs. Sarah SHOCKLEY, wife of Isaiah SHOCKLEY, died at her home three miles north of Benton on the 18th, aged about 61 years. She was a sister of Major D. and Major William MOONEYHAM.

Dr. Frank WALLER has given up his practice here and will return to his old home in Kentucky on August 1st.

Hillard HINDMAN was tried for two counts of assault, one on his wife and the other on his step-son. The charges were dismissed for lack of evidence.

4 Aug 1882

On Saturday last four men went to the residence of John SANDUSKY, about five miles south of Benton, and compelled his daughter to accompany them to the woods where they each violated her person in a shocking manner, compelling her to submit to them repeatedly during the night. Quincy DOWNS was arrested on Monday for being implicated in the outrage, had a hearing and was committed to jail in default of \$500 bail. The sheriff now has the names of the other three and is searching for them.

At a dance last Friday night at the home of J.M. McREYNOLDS, a row occurred between Charley WILLIAMS and Mount PARKER, about an old feud. PARKER was dancing when WILLIAMS started toward the dance floor and Mr. WILBURN intervened. WILLIAMS and WILBURN got in a fight, Williams using a hatchet and WILBURN a knife. Each received several wounds but none considered dangerous or fatal.

11 Aug 1882

M.C. PARNEL received \$790 pension last week.

John W. ROOT, formerly of Benton, died in Colorado, July 26th.

Prof. George LOPAS and wife left for their home in Texas last week. Their many friends regret to part with them.

Mrs. E. FOULK, wife of Isaac FOULK, died Tuesday, August 8th, 1882.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. SOMERSETTE of Benton died Aug 7th.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. L.A. McGUIRE, Thursday, August 3rd., a fine boy baby. May it be a blessing to the parents.

L.A. BROWNING has gone to St. Louis to take a position in the whole-sale house of Dodd Brown & Co.

Gus ADAMS has sold out his share in the Saloon, He says he intends to go West and grow up with the country, provided he can get Miss ____ to join him. Dug ADAMS is now the sole owner of the saloon formerly owned by the Adams brothers.

18 Aug 1882

Isabella, wife of Rufus ESKEW, died at her home Saturday, 12 August 1882, of consumption. She was 34y 7m and 8d old.

Frankfort: On Saturday night, August 12th, while the world slumbered, occurred a fatal shooting scrape on the farm of William PINKSTON, five miles northeast of this place. After the family had retired for the night, Mrs. THREEWITH, the mother-in-law of Pinkston, woke up and heard a noise in the latter's grain house which sounded like someone dipping wheat with a scoop. She woke Pinkston up and told him that there was somebody in the barn stealing wheat. He took his single-barrelled shot gun and in company with Mrs. Threewith started for the barn. When within a few yards of that place, Green CARR stepped out and advanced toward Pinkston and fired upon him with a revolver. Pinkston backed off several yards and told Carr to stop. When Carr continued firing his pistol, Pinkston shot him. Pinkston then ran over to SMOTHERS' about a quarter of a mile off, and for help. Mr. and Mrs. SMOTHERS returned with him and found Green CARR praying to the Lord to have mercy on a poor thief. John CARR, his brother, was standing by him. They summoned Dr. GRAY, who had him removed to his home and dressed his wounds. He lingered in pain until Saturday morning when he died, praying up to the last. Green CARR is the son of a widow woman and one of the family of four brothers. James CARR, the oldest, was convicted of stealing cattle about 18 months ago and sentenced to one year in prison; Charles, who is deformed in the right arm and shoulder; Green, who lay in the jail last winter charged with stealing hogs from Elijah ROTRAMEL, and John, who was with Green when he was killed. The remains were buried at the East Fork burying ground.

1 Sep 1882

It was a daughter for Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt CONOVER, a new son for Mr. and Mrs. J.H. McCLUSKEY.

Martha FOLLIS, wife of William FOLLIS, who lives three miles south of this place, committed suicide by hanging herself on Friday in an old house about a half mile for her home. The body was discovered by Herchel BIDWELL. Insanity was the cause of the rash act. William MOORE has bought the property formerly owned by E.S. DORRIS

The Misses NEAL of Tennessee are visiting their brother, Thomas NEAL, of Franklin County.

8 Sep 1882

Prohibition: By Robert F. DOTY

When Prohibition shall have won the day,
The evils of the traffic then will fade away;
The triumphs of the past shall meet our joy,
And liquors curse no more will then annoy;
Remove the barrier from every hand,
Then moral-law will rule a much-blessed land.

When Prohibition shall have come for sure,
Then men as demons shall become more pure;
The brawl at crowded bar shall fade away,
And riot in the town die of its own dismay,
Then we will meet as brothers everywhere,
And grasp the hand with all of friendships air.

When Prohibition absolute shall be,
The races of mankind will then be free;
And men can vote for what they think is right,
Without dishonor from some clamoring fight;
Remove the curse that causes much offense,
And chases from the brain our common sense.

Charlie ADAMS met with a painful accident last Saturday. He was feeding an oat cutter when the knife separated two fingers from his right hand.

Mary CRANE vs. Edward CRANE - Divorce

Adm. notice for final settlement of estate of J.W. MOORE, Riley MOORE, administrator.

Dr. CREMEENS, of Macedonia, died a few days ago after an illness of several months.

W.P. SCHUSTER is to be married to a young lady in Delaware.

William DOSS now languishes in the "bastille", charged with entering into a conspiracy to rob Bowman Bros. He was placed in jail in default of \$400 bail to await the action of the Grand Jury in October.

15 Sep 1882

George MOORE, formerly of Marion, will be found in the jewelry store of St. Clair Bros. He is a first-class workman.

Charlie ROSS, infant son of G.C. and Fannie ROSS, died Wednesday morning, September 13th, 1882, aged 18 months.

Mrs. Jansie CLARK, aged 69 years, widow of Elisha CLARK, an old and honored christian lady of Frankfort, died on Monday, September 11. She leaves behind her a religious example to be followed.

22 Sep 1882

Macedonia: Dan BENNETT's child died sabbath last.

Frankfort: William R. JONES, infant son of William R. and Rosella JONES died on Monday, September 18th, aged 22 months and 15 days.

M.L. NORMAN, who has lived in this county for a number of years, with his family, left for Texas on Monday last.

On Thursday last, Mrs. MOSS, who lives near Prosperity, Franklin County, met with an accident which resulted in her death. In company with her husband, she started to DuQuoin in a hack and when about halfway there, in crossing a rough part of the road, the seat on which she and her husband were setting turned backwards, throwing both of them to the ground. Mrs. Moss sustained such injuries that she died a few days afterwards.

J.W. MADDOX is announced as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace. He is a square-toed Republican and well qualified.

E.R. EVANS, of Franklin County, fell from the 4th story of Hurst's Hotel in St. Louis, about 2 a.m. Wednesday morning, which is likely to result in his death. He was sitting in the window when he fell to the court below, breaking both legs just above the ankles and his right hip. In the fall he struck a telephone wire, cutting him severely. He was taken to the City Hospital for treatment and the physicians say there is little hope for his recovery. Another story is that he attempted suicide, but the latter story lacks confirmation.

29 Sep 1882

There is now a move on hand to place Aaron NEAL of Franklin County on the ticket for the senate in place of Mr. YOUNGBLOOD. It is claimed that on account of the extensive acquaintance of Mr. NEAL in this district and his long devotion to the party and his hearty endorsement of the platform of the Democrats, that he will add much greater strength to the

ticket. It is claimed that he is the only man in this district who can carry the entire Democratic vote.

James R. WHITE has purchased the book and notion business of A.T. LEMING. Mr. Leming will go to Nebraska to reside.

Henry JAKLE, who recently returned from Dycusburg, Kentucky, while handling a revolver the first part of the week, shot himself in the leg, between the knee and the ankle. Fortunately the wound is not a severe one and he will be all right in a week or two.

W.C. WILMORE, formerly of Franklin County, but now residing in Vincennes, Indiana, writes us.

Died September 22, 1882, aged 7 years, William Henry O'KEEFE, son of John and Ellen O'KEEFE of this place.

Henry RISLEY had the bad luck to lose one of his twin babies recently.

Judge WILLIAMS was again called to Princeton, Indiana on Monday owing to the serious illness of his father.

F.M. YOUNGBLOOD was in Arkansas this week. He went there to defend a young man named DURHAM, formerly of Franklin County, charged with horse stealing.

A stray shot from Lawrence MOORE's gun while shooting ducks on Smothers Lake, struck Telford WILLIAMS last Thursday. One entered the thigh and has made a painful wound. The other struck him in the breast only penetrating the clothing.

Aaron NEAL is down with an old chronic disease.

Jerry NEAL has moved back to his farm. Moses NEAL occupies the house vacated by him.

6 Oct 1882

A nine pound boy was born to the Aaron NEAL family last Sunday night.

Sally Ann MOONEYHAM, wife of Major William MOONEYHAM, died on Wednesday last.

17 Nov 1882

Joseph MOORE, who lives a few miles south of town, while hunting turkeys one day last week,

received a charge of turkey shot in his wrist from the gun of Calvin MOORE, his nephew, who was also hunting. Calvin mistook him for a turkey in the brush and blazed away. The wound is not dangerous though painful.

C.M. CLARK, one of the county's oldest citizens, died of paralysis on the 11th inst., aged about 60 years. For many years he served as county clerk for Franklin County.

A new son made his way into the household of Charles ROUNTREE Sunday last.

Died on the 14th of November, aged 2y 7m 14d, Samuel C. MOORE, son of Capt. Carroll and Dora MOORE.

24 Nov 1882

A child of John WEEKS died of diphtheria one day this week.

The youngest child of James McGUIRE died of diphtheria Wed. last.

Mrs. FOULK died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. TRAPPER, on the evening of the 21st, aged about 70.

We understand that Joseph MOORE who was accidentally shot last week by Calvin MOORE is very badly wounded.

8 Dec 1882

Mrs. Eliza DAVIS, aged about 55, died at the residence of Caywood DAVIS.

Two more children of Mr. and Mrs. I.E. COLE have died with diphtheria. Dollie, 3y 5m 28 d. died on the first and Robert E., 1y 3m 26d. died on the sixth.

15 Dec 1882

McLeansboro: Mrs. Polly DAVIS, wife of Robert DAVIS, deceased, died this morning, aged 68 years.

It was a 10 lb. girl for Mr. and Mrs. James BELL. A new son has made his arrival at Polk SMOTHERS.

Mrs. Lon WHITTAKER, an old maid living at T.W. SWEET's, died one day last week.

Leonora COLE, 5y 1m 27d, died Monday last of diphtheria. In the death of Leonora, Mr. and Mrs. COLE are left childless, all four children having died within the last month.

Mrs. John MILLER of Benton died after a lingering illness on Tuesday last.

The 13 year old son of Aaron NEAL has died of typhoid fever.

22 Dec 1882

Berry REYNOLDS, 84, of Saline County, Illinois, was adjudged insane.

R.H. FLANIGAN, a former resident of Franklin County, but who moved to Rolla, Phelps Co., Missouri, has died at his home there.

Jan 1883

Christmas was passed gaily by many people, but sadly and mournfully by others. It was on Christmas day that Mr. and Mrs. ENOCH was called upon to give up their only son, Alonzo, a bright and promising child of 3 years. He died of diphtheria.

3 Jan 1883

McLeansboro Leader: Died at her home in McLeansboro on 29 Dec. 1882, Mrs. Mary J. PUCKETT, wife of Thomas PUCKETT Jr. and daughter of Rev. E.W. OVERSTREET. She was born in Green Co., Ky. on 2 June 1839, moved to Wayne Co., IL in 1855, and was baptised into the Pleasant Grove baptist church in Wayne Co. in 1856; she married Thomas on 24 Oct 1858. They had three children, 2 sons and 1 daughter, the daughter dying when quite young, the sons survive.

McLeansboro Leader: Died in McLeansboro on 28 Oct. 1882, Effie BROWNING, aged 11y 6m 27d, the youngest child of Rev. W.H. and Martha BROWNING who came to this county December 20, 1881.

5 Jan 1883

"Uncle" Billy UPCHURCH died one day last week at Smothersville.

Jack DUNCAN of Townmount Prairie, an old citizen of this place, died on the 30th.

12 Jan 1883

Mr. and Mrs. Mark WALLER are the proud parents of a new son. This was the fourth son and no daughters yet.

James PUCKETT and family have moved from the so-called haunted house but they say the ghost has moved too.

19 Jan 1883

Little Gracie COLLARD, daughter of D.M. and Maggie COLLARD, died on the 17th of diphtheria, aged 8y 3m 9d.

Frankfort, Illinois: A bereaved family. Last fall John MARTENA had three children. one of which died sometime in the fall, about December, the other two took diphtheria and came close to dying but finally recovered so much from that dreaded disease that he took them to the Christmas entertainment on the 25th at Frankfort. Since that time the youngest took the croup and died and while at the burying of that one the oldest, a little boy about 6 years old, took the croup and died, leaving Mr. and Mrs. MARTENA childless. It is said the father showed almost excessive fondness for his oldest little boy, that he always had him with him, riding one of his horses when at work and I had hoped the last one would be spared to him, but it did not happen so.

Temperance I. NEAL died at her home in Crawford's Prairie on 12 Jan. 1883 after an illness of several months, aged 62y 1m 14d. She was born in Lee Co., Virginia, removed to Kentucky with her parents when she was seven years old and in her 14th year to Jefferson Co., Illinois. At the age of 19 she was married to Daniel ROSS and lived happily with him for 3/8 years when he passed away. She then married Moses NEAL and moved with him to Crawford's Prairie, Franklin County. Moses died 25 October 1867.

DuQuoin: On Monday last, Dr. ORR bought a dressed hog from Bill MOORE, who lives over at Muddy. A couple of hours afterward, Joe HAMMONS, from the same locality, came to town and had MOORE arrested for stealing the hog. Moore was bound over for trial.

24 & 31 Jan 1883

McLeansboro Leader: Mrs. Mary Jane OVERSTREET, 64, the widow of Rev. E.W. OVERSTREET, died last Thursday (18 Jan.) at the home of Mr. T.J. PUCKETT, her son-in-law, of pneumonia. Burial was at Blooming Grove cemetery. Mary was born 7 July 1818 in Greensburg, KY., the daughter of Eld. Garrett M. TENISON, married E.W. OVERSTREET 20 August 1835. She and E.W. had 13 children, 5 survive. She had been crippled the past several

years.

31 Jan 1883

McLeansboro Leader: Gabriel SEVERS, 63, died at the home of his son, A.W. SEVERS, on Jan. 26th. He was born and raised in Greenville, Ky and had lived here for a number of years. He was a member of the C.P. Church and was buried at Blooming Grove Cem.

McLeansboro Leader: Mrs. Peggy SMITH, 77, died on 27 Jan. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. David YARBERRY. She was born in Tennessee and was a member of the Methodist Church for over 60 years. Burial at Union Hall Cemetery.

2 Feb 1883

Jesse MURPHY died at his home here on the night of the 28th. He is survived by a wife and two children.

Feb 1883

Dr J.H.C. SMOTHERS and Andrew MOORE were arrested and carried to Springfield this week for selling whiskey without a license.

23 Feb 1883

Eastern: Seth MOORE has moved on to the Logan MADDOX farm.

Mulkeytown: Died near Mulkeytown of pneumonia, Mr. SIMS, aged 57.

John VAUGHN of Six-Mile died the other day.

Died at his home near this place, on the 17th inst., Caywood DAVIS, aged 74. He was among the early settlers in this locality.

One day last week two small children of Mark CRAWFORD's went down to the creek that runs nearby. The eldest, a little girl, aged 7 years, walked out on the ice to the center of the stream where it was not frozen and fell in where the water was some 10 feet deep but came again to the surface and made a saving clutch at some overhanging limbs and held on until the little boy, aged 4 years, cried for assistance, when a gentleman arrived on the scene and by walking out on the ice as far as possible, succeeded in rescuing the child by drawing the limb to him, a narrow escape.

Mr. G.W. BERRY was drowned in the river at Ottawa on the 17th inst. He was crossing a bridge when it collapsed. Mr. BERRY is remembered as the gentleman who married Miss Julia FUNK, who was for some time connected with the Misses FORD, of this place, in the millinery business.

9 Mar 1883

On the 26th inst. Mrs. Mary JOHNSON was called to witness the death of her mother, Mrs. Emanuel REED, of Hamilton County. Mrs. Reed was quite an estimable lady and her death will be mourned by her many friends.

Mrs. James HALL died on the 3rd inst.

M.C. UPCHURCH of this place handed us a copy of the Harper City, Kansas Times, which contained the following account of the death of his cousin: George L. SPAWR died of consumption in the 24th year of his life at his home in this city last Friday afternoon, 16 February 1883. Mr. Spawr spent two months here last fall and thought he was so greatly benefitted by the change that he located a claim and his entire family, consisting of his father, mother and several children. They moved here from Fairbury, Illinois about two months ago.

Married at the home of Mrs. STEIN in this place, on the 7th inst., by Rev. McINTOSH, Soloman A. BOUCHTEL, of Omaha, Nebraska and Miss Lizzie M. MONTGOMERY, of Franklin County.

16 Mar 1883

Mrs. THURSTON, who lived with her son on Mr. McGUIRE's farm, four miles north of town, was sitting before the fire when a spark flew out, igniting her clothing. She was burned so severely that after lingering in great pain, she died on Wednesday morning. She was a former resident of St. Clair Co., Illinois and recently moved here.

Douglass MARTIN, a young farmer of Horse Prairie, committed suicide at the home of his brother, James MARTIN, by shooting himself through the head with a 48 caliber Smith & Wesson, on Sunday morning the 11th inst. He was about 24 years old and had been twice married, his first wife being a daughter of T.J. WARD of this place, from whom he was divorced. The cause of his rash act, from a letter to his wife, which he handed to her a few moments before taking his life, was on account of family trouble. It seems that he and his second wife had parted a short time ago and he claimed that his family was responsible for it. Douglass was the son of David MARTIN, an old citizen of Franklin County and a nephew of J.J. FITZGERRELL. His wife is a cousin of Judge BROWNING. It is thought by many that the young man was insane, although he had not shown any symptoms of being demented previous to taking his life.

23 Mar 1883

H.C. MURRAH is of the firm Murrah Maddox & Co.

Mulkeytown: J.L. LEWIS's mother, of Kentucky, is visiting here.

Prosperity: Isaac PLUMLEE and family start for Texas tomorrow.

Frankfort: Dr. T.D. RAY lost a favorite boy "Tom" on the 15th inst. with pneumonia. Tom was about 12 years old and was a bright, intelligent boy, physically strong and in every way a promising boy. His loss was terrible on his parents. The Doctor was here on the eve of moving to Hamilton County, which he has done since his boy died.

"Uncle" Vardeyman ESTES died at the home of his son, Henry ESTES, about one mile from this place on the 17th inst. He was about 70 years old, a native of Indiana, from where he moved to this county about 3 years ago. He was a good, honest old gentleman.

30 Mar 1883

John O'KEEFE is the happy father of a 12 pound girl who made her arrival last Saturday night.

John PRY bought the blacksmith shop and last Saturday night he attacked the postoffice building and knocked it out of time the first round. John weighs about 240 pounds and is as strong as a mule and nearly as asinine. He has a brother-in-law by the name of Monroe NEAL, who is a small slender man. It appears that as NEAL is disinclined to fight, he is made common stock for his wife's relatives to practice on. But John had not cuffed him nor chased him around to any great extent til last Saturday, so since it seemed he was derelict in that respect, he resolved to attend to it at once. PRY went to the postoffice where NEAL was and soon had him cornered. He ordered him to leave town at once and not jaw back or he would lick him. Neal thought it impractical to pass to the door without getting knocked down, while there was 240 lbs. of infuriated adipose standing in the way. PRY drew his fist back but held the blow in abeyance till he had punished NEAL as much as possible with the dread or it, and then, with all his force and weight behind it, let drive directly at Neal's face. NEAL stooping quickly, his friend kindly allowed the terrible blow to pass about 10 inches above his head, and landed with all its force squarely against the wall of the house which seemed liked it had been hit with a battering ram.

6 Apr 1883

On Sunday last Samuel NEAL and Mr. DOTY and wife were baptized by the Regular Baptist minister at Dick HILL's pond.

Thomas DURHAM of California is visiting his brother, Dr. DURHAM, at present. Thomas was a former resident here about 35 years ago.

An old landmark, the Denning Building is being torn down. It was built by Judge DENNING in 1845. The workmen who built it were Jack MURPHY, Richard MADDOX and Wash WINN.

20 Apr 1883

Mrs. ALLMAN died of pneumonia at her home two miles northwest of Benton on the 18th inst.

After an illness of a few weeks, Bethel C. McFALL died on consumption at the home of his brother-in-law, Smith BOWMAN at Thompsonville, Illinois on the 18th inst., aged about 35 years. He was laid to rest at the new cemetery. (Masonic and Oddfellows Cemetery, Benton).

11 May 1883

Mr. William MOORE, 55, and Miss Fannie SMOTHERS, sweet 16, were married by Squire JOPLIN at his residence on Thursday evening last.

The infant child of Jeff CLARK died on the 25th ult.

25 May 1883

A fine baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. James HODGE the other night. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Scott THRELKELD and one to Mr. and Mrs. James MOORE.

Mr. and Mrs. John HURST have a new son. Mr. HURST is 85 years old.

Mrs. WILKERSON and family had a bad fright last Tuesday night by the appearance of a ball of fire which advanced to within 30 yards of their house, remained a short time and then disappeared.

About a year ago, there came into our midst a fellow by the name of HAMILTON, who pretended to hail from St. Louis, and opened up a barber shop. A short time later his wife and little boy followed. No one knew anything concerning them, but shortly after their arrival, stories were put in circulation about them by the husband, calculated to cast suspicion upon the wife. The neighbors soon found that while she behaved herself in all respects and was very circumspect in her conduct, he was continually quarreling with her and beating her, to such an extent that she gained many friends and he lost as many. Their fireside continued to be a sort of domestic hell and became unbearable to her that she finally left, taking the morning train to St.

Louis to her relatives there, being advised to leave the boy behind, knowing that he would soon tire of their little one and that she would get him in a short time. It appears that the night before, HAMILTON had been to DuQuoin on some sort of a debauch, and returning a 1 a.m., compelled his wife to get out of bed and sleep on the floor. She, taking advantage of his slumbers, hied herself away. Upon awakening and learning that his wife had left for St. Louis, Hamilton commenced telegraphing and succeeded in having her arrested at Belleville, charged with stealing \$110 from him. She was brought back and appeared before Squire VANCIL, when her husband confessed that he had no case against her. This is the lowest and meanest persecution of a woman by her husband we have heard of.

Henry HAYS is yet alive but now willing to die as he has made a profession of religion and has divided his money with his children to the amount of \$6200.

1 Jun 1883

The Bethel School, taught by Mrs. Sarah DEWERS, has suspended, she being notified to attend court at Carmi, her husband having sued her for divorce.

Henry HAYS died on the 28th in Frankfort, in his 73rd year, of cystitis. He was born in Ohio in 1810 and moved with his father to Shawneetown when but three years old and remained there for 15 years. He then, with his father, moved to Garrett's Prairie, at which place his father died, leaving two sons, Henry and John. Henry was married to Sena GARRETT, with whom he lived in peace and happiness for 52 years, raising a family of 16 children, five sons and eleven daughters, namely: Pheba, Tilda, John, Mose, Manerva, Martha, Nancy, Henry, Robert, Scott, Sarilda, Mary, George and three who died in infancy not being named. On the 28th day of last September, Aunt Sena HAYS departed this life and has gone to meet her children in the immortal world, leaving Uncle Henry and 7 children to mourn her loss. In 1883 Uncle Henry married Mrs. Sidney RICHARDS, leaving a good woman to mourn for him.

15 Jun 1883

William CARR resigned the office as village marshall on Monday last and Kell MOORE was appointed in his place. Kell will make a good officer.

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: Jim HOBBS, a practical tinner, a better workman never struck Benton. The hardware business of ST.CLAIR Bros. was established by J.J. ST.CLAIR in 1860. The senior member of the firm, Charlie ST.CLAIR, met with a fearful accident on 29 Dec 1881 while out hunting with Dr. RAY of Frankfort who accidentally shot him in the face, and since which time, Charley has not seen the light of day. Rumor says that he is negotiating with one of the prettiest girls in town to lead him through life. Guy C. ST.CLAIR is a fine looking young man and his appearance has recently been improved by the

addition of a well cultivated mustache, the result of Guy's first effort in this direction. Guy is as proud of his hairy upper lip as a boy of his first pair of red top boots. Frank is a thorough accountant and is in love - with his gun, dog, glass balls, roller skates and last but not least, one of Benton's belles. George, the jeweler, is a young man about 22 and a masher. The most peculiar thing about him is that he gets addled in a fire.

Emily E. DOTY is at Creal Springs. So is Houston MOORE.

John W. WILLIAMS was born in Bedford County, Tennessee in August 1822 and moved to Franklin County, Illinois with his father in 1826. He married Jane COWGER December 23, 1842, by whom he had two children, only one of whom is now living. His first wife died in 1847. He was married the second time in 1848 to Emiline S. SUMMERS and had six children by this marriage, only three of whom are now living. He is survived by his wife and four children. He has been a citizen of Franklin County for about 57 years until his death on June 2, 1883. He died of typhoid-pneumonia and an abscess on the lungs which terminated his life about 15 days after it's appearance. For many years he has been a consistent member of the Christian Church. He was a Democrat and had been in public life continuously as a supervisor of his township or as a county commissioner for about 10-12 years. He was 61 years old.

22 Jun 1883

H.C. MURRAH is very happy. He is the father of two sons.

W.J. McINTOSH preached the funeral of Mrs. HARRIS at Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

29 Jun 1883

History of Dog Prairie, by Robert F. DOTY: The minister took his wedding fee in a kiss from the bride, coon skins and a promise to join the meeting house. The bride was dressed in a checked, homespun, cotton dress, a strand of red goose acorns strung around the neck and a turkey wing, if hot weather. The groom was handsomely arrayed in home-made jeans, colored with peach tree leaves to a shining yellow tint, a coat like Jacob's - of many colors, and sometimes barefoot. After the ceremony was over, the youth in the neighborhood had a wake, or the two-made-one got serenaded with a bell-and-tin-pan chivarie. The second day after marriage, all the old women would hold a conclave assemblage and discuss the "future of Bill and his gal". The men over sixty-five gave annually the Hot Gridiron Tin Can to appreciative audiences. The women's Soap-Boiling Club was held early in the spring. All the old women would gather their soap grease together and get a sled and a donkey and haul it to a neighbors. The meeting always manifested by desires to give currency to glorious old scandals. Once a border warfare was kept up for two or three years on account of two mothers who had a daughter each who were trying to outrival each other in dress. Some of these pioneers are gone over the range to a land beyond.

Let us name Uncle Judge WHITTINGTON, Jimmy SIMPSON, Benny GARGUS, Adam LOOKINBEE, Jessie FLOWERS, "Coon" MOORE and others, all of whom were good men. The first meeting house was built very early. It is yet standing on the old Judge WHITTINGTON place. It was also used as a school house. Many people remember Uncle Jesse FLOWERS. At church he could be seen with a hickory cane in his hand, ready with his eagle eye to single out any dog which would enter. Many times slick faced women could be seen seated on rough hewn puncheons, the preacher telling of the wrath to come, while Uncle Jesse would be fighting dogs. He worked for the good of the order and hated to see dogs mixed up with God's Pride- his people. Bur Uncle Jesse is now where dogs are never seen, resting in sweet peace. The language here is a cross between structural English and Pennsylvania dutch.

Mr. Akin McLAIN is dead. His funeral will be preached by Revs. ESTES and McCANN on the fifth Sunday in July.

13 Jul 1883

Charles BARNETT and wife and Charles SIMMONS and wife, two newly-wed couples of this county, leave this evening for Nickerson, Kansas, where they will make their future home.

Our smiling station agent, John DODD, alias Shorty, is soon to become the son-in-law of Dr. S. HAMILTON.

We were gratified to see Thomas MOORE accompany his two daughters, Hester and Ella, to church last Saturday night. They have not been out in a long time.

Constable MOORE arrested James PRICE, charged with stealing hogs from Riley WALL. Preliminary examination before Squire JOPLIN and in default of \$100 bond, Price was committed to jail to await the action of the Grand Jury.

The St. Louis Republican ran an account yesterday of an attempt of George HAMILTON, a former barber of Franklin County, to kidnap his three year old son. The child's mother took her son to St. Louis and placed him in the care of her sister-in-law, while she looked for work. She employed a private detective and he was able to restore the child to her when the father again called upon his wife and forcibly took the child from her again, considerably bruising her. George was captured and taken to the East St. Louis Police station where he handed over his son.

They young folks celebrated Miss Annie JONES' 16th birthday on the 5th with an ice cream supper at her father's, H.S. JONES. There were about 40 boys and girls present.

Aunt Katie CULLY is recovering from a severe attack of bilious fever. Mr. Taber HUNGATE's little daughter, Loma, is dangerously ill with diphtheria. Mr. Elias WARREN of Webb's Prairie, was visiting his daughter, Mrs. Parker HICKS last week. Mrs. Hicks PARKER sold \$10 worth of

chickens last week. Mr. Perry B. ALLEN writes from Deerfield, Mo., that he and his little boys are enjoying fine health and the wheat is very poor there.

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men

Jeff BARNETT's a barber who resides in the town,
He claims to possess no little renown;
But if we were a barber, we hardly suppose,
That 'twould be very long till he'd judiciously close.

He has been a resident of Benton on and off for several years and has always run a barber shop.

The Misses FORD are two charming young ladies who run a first class millinery store next to Jeff. Miss Maggie does the head work for the establishment and is a wide-awake girl. Mary, the younger sister, is just too cute for anything and is the most industrious of the two.

The history of Dog Prairie by Robert DOTY: The following early teachers were mentioned: Joe HUDSON who was probably the first teacher in the country, likely in a subscription school. We only know that several of our citizens have a mighty hatred toward him on account of receiving a regular cut-and-dried whipping from his noble hands. Berilla ADAMS was one of the early teachers and the first one we ever stood to under the rod of mild correction. We remember saying our ABC's to her and will as long as we live. Richmond HARTLEY was another early teacher and a terrible disciple of Smiley's old arithmetic and two years growth of original black hickory. Uncle RICHMOND died some fifteen years ago. Sam HILLEN came next with his rigmarole of irregular verbs and a few fits, which he could not help. Sam is now in the poor house. Cap. HAYES was perhaps earlier than HILLEN and was a character most eccentric. Everybody thought more of Cap. HAYES than they did of their dog of favorite baby. He was about seventy years old. Jeff TREECE, who taught well and lastingly; Joseph SULLIVAN, an easy going kind of fellow; and Capt. John A. COLEMAN, a splendid teacher, were among other early teachers. Capt. John taught several terms here.

Although this district possesses one of the worst rickety hen roost-like buildings, it has turned out several members of the educational calling.

Thanks to Edna MUSKO for the following information about Doty School.

Doty School, of the Dog Prairie community, was in existence for many years prior to 1914 when it was found to be unfit for school purposes. On June 17, 1914, a meeting was held at the home of board president, Sherman EZELL, also present were board members, J.W. DOTY, Marshall DOTY and Charles EZELL. An election was called to select the new school site; two acres owned by Sherman EZELL was agreed upon at sixty dollars per acre.

In 1915, a two room school building was constructed of brick with separate cloak rooms

for boys and girls and a front porch.

Some of the early teachers were Mr. Frank RAMSEY, 1921-1922; Mary McKemie WILLIAMS, a locally educated young woman, began her teaching career at this school in 1922. She went on to teach in Franklin County schools for many years. In the school year 1923-1924, Bonnie WILHITE was paid \$100.00 per month as the primary teacher, while John COLLINS taught the older students for \$150.00 per month. Bonnie eventually became a teacher at Benton High School.

Some years there were enough students for two teachers and other years only one. In 1935, Damon SUMMERS was the only teacher; in 1936 Mr. Williard CARLYLE was employed there. Mrs. Claudia GARLAND joined the teaching staff in 1937. Mr. Curran FIELDS was the only teacher in 1939-1940. Mr. Damon SUMMERS returned to teach at Doty School in 1940.

In early 1945, Doty School burned to the ground. The cause of the blaze was never determined. There were less than twenty students and a room was found at the Townmount School for the remainder of that year. The following year, Doty School students were incorporated with another dwindling school population, that of the Barren (Old Barnes) School in Browning Township.

The year 1946 saw the beginning of the end of the small rural schools and the coming of consolidation. The Hill City Consolidated School District, organized in 1946, consisted of the following rural schools: Doty, Barren, Clem and Hill City. Consolidation came to the area again around 1960 when students were bussed to school in Benton and West Frankfort. Thus the days of rural schools came to an end.

27 Jul 1883

Sensation in Church at Possum Flatts, Saline County, Illinois: Sunday July 22nd, the congregation of the M.E. church was highly scandalized by a fight between the Misses GARNER and PEMBERTON, which occurred in plain view of the church house and drew even the minister to the door to witness the unheard of event of a woman's duel, fought with knives. The GARNER woman succeeded in badly wounding Mrs. Sarah A. PEMBERTON, the mother of the girls with whom the fight had been arranged. The Garners were immediately arrested and at this writing are standing before Squire CLEVELAND. Rich, rare and racy facts will be drawn out regarding the previous history of the four Garners no doubt.

Walter H. McCREERY was born in Franklin County 11 November 1856 and died 12 July 1883. He attended the State University at Carbondale. At age 14 he was converted and joined the M.E. Church. He was preceded in death by his sister, Ida. Burial was at the old Liberty Cemetery beside his sister, Ida.

Mrs. Nancy BAYSE, sister of Isham TAYLOR, died at her home in Rockwood, Randolph Co., Illinois on the 10th, aged about 43 years.

3 Aug 1883

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: The firm J.G. MITCHELL & Sons has changed hands a couple of times since it commenced business here. First, Tom pulled out and started in Eldorado on his own hook, then John got tired and recently embarked in the clothing business at Mt. Carmel. Now there is only Uncle Green and Charley who constitute the whole firm. Uncle Green is one of the most jovial old gentlemen in Benton and would not be happy if he was not getting off a joke on someone all the time. Charley is a young man whose head is turned on account of the girls.

Alex HOUSE, formerly of Perry County, died on Sunday, the 22nd, of dropsy.

John PLUMLEE Jr. has returned from Texas. John says Texas is a dry old place.

H.A. PATTERSON started for Kansas on Friday last, where he will practice medicine.

Mr. and Mrs. Nat SMITH have a bran new girl. Mr. and Mrs. John BAXTER are in ecstacies over their bran new boy. Mr. and Mrs. Adam REED, just over the Hamilton County line, have a bouncing daughter. Probably the happiest man in Benton is Crit WEBSTER. He wears smile just so broad now they can be seen half a mile distant. The reason, a new girl baby at his house. Of late Jerry TAYLOR has been getting around livelier than common and the cause is a new baby which recently made it's appearance at his house.

V.G. HAAG, formerly miller at Upper Ewing, is now located at Portland, Meigs County, O.

17 Aug 1883

The Old Settlers Reunion was held at Creal Springs on the 3rd and 4th inst.

Fletcher FOSTER, of Webb's Prairie, who has been visiting William ISAACS, got severely hurt Tuesday by a barrel of molasses rolling over his leg.

Chickens will be taken at this office on subscription.

Another girl, the sixth, and John W. SMOTHERS is a happy man.

Robert SMOTHERS and his wife have separated.

Aaron NEAL is talking of moving his mill to Parrish.

Oak Grove Church in Crawford's Prairie was burned last night, origin of fire unknown.

The second annual reunion of the PAYNE family was held at the old homestead in Long Prairie on August 11th, 1883. The occasion was the 72nd birthday of the father, Lewis G. PAYNE. "Uncle" Lewis settled in this county at an early day and been blessed with numerous progeny. Seven children, 54 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren were present, weighing between 10-230 lbs. The heavyweight was Ed PAYNE, son of Carroll PAYNE, being the boss heavyweight and Commodore GOODIN, the light weight. The third annual reunion will be held at the home of C.C. PAYNE next Aug.

Uncle Sam BUNTIN received word that his oldest brother, who lives in Kentucky, was about to die and he took the evening train there.

Judge C.H. LAYMAN and Att. John S. SMITH are involved in two very important cases. Judge Layman spent several years in Jackson County and was elected Judge there. He is now permanently in our midst.

Nightgowns for street wear are getting to be the style among the women of Mascoutah. These gowns are called "Mother Hubbard's".

Mr. Wal FLANNIGAN, who lives 4 miles south of Benton, went into the yard one day last week to catch a chicken for dinner and picked up a rock to knock one over with but just as he cast the stone his little five year old son came running around the house. The missile caught him in the forehead, knocking him down and inflicting a severe wound. He soon recovered and was thought to be fine until last Friday when he was seized with spasms and terrible suffering. Dr. DeFOE was called and performed an operation on his fractured skull and now he is getting along finely.

We believe somewhat in the Darwinian Theory, that man has been evolved from the lower animals, hence we believe the animal known as woman make us exclaim, "woe-man!" She is becoming a man in various ways. Dr. Mary WALKER has gone so far as to wear pantaloons and claim woman's rights. She makes a man of herself when she rides astride a horse with impunity and without thought. Her masculinity develops when she appears in conventions and caucuses. Look out for men females for they have blood in their eyes and will rule or ruin. We, as a tribe, are tumbling to decay.

24 Aug 1883

Miss Lizzie ELLIOTT, accompanied by Daisy, daughter of B.E. WEBSTER, left on Wednesday morning for Bay St. Louis, where she goes to take charge of a select school and will remain there for ten months.

The meeting of the Lower Wabash association (Universalist) at Williamsburg, Jefferson County was attended by about 3,000 people. The exercises were conducted by Rev. J.W. MADDIX.

Taber HUNGATE had Mr. BUCHANAN, the Benton artist, come out and take his little son's picture after death. A very large concourse of weeping relatives followed little Seeber to his grave in Knob's Prairie graveyard.

Young R. STEWMAN, an old and respected citizen of this county, died on the 22nd inst., aged about 47 years. His funeral was conducted at the United Baptist church, Rev. W.P. THROGMORTON officiating. Burial was at the new cemetery (Masonic and Oddfellows Cemetery, Benton, of which lodge he was a respected member.

Revs. J. SULLIVAN and T. REED preached the funeral of William SMOTHERS at Post Oak last Sunday.

Died on August 6, 1883, of diphtheria, Seeber, little son of Taber HUNGATE, aged 3 years, 3 months and 3 days.

Mr. HARTLEY of Lexington, N.C. is here at present visiting relatives. He is well pleased with this section of country.

Scott REA is a happy daddy.

Several factions here are armed to the teeth. Houston MOORE versus his children. Alleged mistreatment of his daughter, Josie. We know nothing of the merits of the case and are not prepared or disposed to advocate the cause of either.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam REED died a few days ago.

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: R.O. GRIMES is a jovial, whole-souled fellow. His livery stable is as well stocked as any in this part of the country. Besides this, he manufactures one of the best set of bed springs in the market. He is a lover of horses and it is a cold day when he gets worsted in a swap. WARD & MOORE's bank is in the next building. They are comparatively young men and have been in business together several years. William R. WARD is a man who enjoys life to the fullest and is at the head of all fun and amusement. Capt. Carroll MOORE, on the other hand, seems to care more for business than amusement.

Most people who ever came to Frankfort liked the place so well they stayed. The first innovation in its pristine society was made by A.L. and M.B. DIMMICK, who came here from New York and brought a buggy into the county. They were to us the funniest creatures ever seen. One day I was gathering goober peas near the road and A.L. came along and said, "What be them things growing thither?" I told him they were peanuts. We have taken great pains to teach them to call things by the right names and have changed them about as far as they seem capable of taking learning but Mel still persists in saying "pail the keows" and there are many other things we have

not yet got him quite straight on but him and his lady need no instructions in running a hotel. John A. GARDNER Sr., M.S. CLARK and William M. HORRELL have been in turn the merchant princes in this place.

31 Aug 1883

Remedy for Cholera Morbus: take black pepper, ground tolerably fine, put in a glass a teaspoonful of this and a tablespoon of salt and fill about half full with warm water; then fill the glass up with good cider vinegar and stir it up. Take one teaspoonful, wait a few minutes and if necessary, take another, keep on stirring and using while vomiting lasts. If 1 glass does not cure, fix another.

A small piece of paper or linen moistened with spirits of turpen-tine and put in a bureau or wardrobe for a single day is said to be a sure preservation against moths.

Capt. DILLON, of JONES Bros. & Co., leaves tomorrow on a visit to his old home in Clinton County. His wife and son have been there about two weeks and will return with the captain.

John T. DIXON, an old Benton boy and playmate of the editor, but now living in Joplin, Mo., will attend our fair this fall. John, like his brother here, is extensively engaged in the bee business.

Rev. McINTOSH will hold his farewell meetings at Frankfort commencing this evening and continuing until Sunday. At 4 o'clock p.m. he will deliver a sermon in the grove at Crawford's Prairie.

Squire J.M. VANCIL was called to the bed-side of his mother in Joplin, Mo. one day this week. She is confined to her bed with sickness and is not expected to recover.

Perry ALLEN writes from Deerfield, Mo. that he plans visiting relatives and friends here in September.

A DREAM, by J.C. HICKMAN

I dreamed a dream the other night,
When all around was still;
The vision was so fair and bright,
My heart with joy did fill.

I thought the Rum fiend and his crew,
Were banished from the land;

The sky it seemed was brighter blue,
The very earth looked grand.

The drunkards hovel had become,
A cottage neat and fair;
Since now the demon we call Rum,
Could find no lodgement there.

His wife no longer shrunk with fear,
And cowered with affright;
When she heard his footsteps drawing near,
But met him with delight.

His little children clothed and fed,
By a father's tender care;
No longer looked on him with dread,
But toil and pleasures share.

And peace and plenty did abound,
Few crimes were on the docket;
And even editors were found,
With money in their pockets.

Sickness and sorrow still were there,
The lot to mortals given;
And disappointments, toil and care,
This world will ne'er be Heaven.

But so much happier were the times,
Since Temperance held the sway;
All felt the bells should ring the chimes,
Of the Millennium day.

I woke - the vision fled away,
As sunlight melts the dew;
Like other dreams and hopes so gay,
I wished that it were true.

Mr. George SINGLETON and Miss Delta CARNEY were married on the 8th by Rev. William RENFRO at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Thomas SHANNON.

A new boy at Mat STEVENS, also one at James WEST'S.

Two large rattlesnakes were captured and killed here this month.

Josh SINKS has gone north. Rev. A.J. STROUD has returned from his extended prospecting tour in Kansas.

Har Gott's Eck, II. Items: Pete STEIGER, an old resident of this place has just returned from Montana, where he went last April. He reports it a fine country. He brought with him an elk horn that is 5 foot in length.

History of Har Gott's Eck, or God's Corner, by N.M. HILL: This is a name applied to a strip of country along the eastern border of Monroe County, cut off from the rest by Rich Land Creek. Once a thick forest, now a rolling plain. It contains Rosche school where I have been teaching for the past three years. It's name originated several years ago when part of the people wished to hold church services in the schoolhouse and part of them objected to it. By consent of the majority, the people finally held a meeting and organized a church which still exists. Those objecting to this gave it the name of God's Corner. Albert and John HILL of Franklin County got their early education here. They can probably give you a better description of the old log school house and the bow-legged and hump-backed teacher than I can. It is inhabited by Germans who are a very industrious people and believe in the old saying "eat, drink and be merry".

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: The firm of JONES Bros. & Co. consists of Lawrence and Logan JONES, Marion WILLIAMS and Capt. Elisha DILLON, all thorough businessmen who do a large business. The Jones brothers are no men for foolishness and levity. Lawrence is the oldest and Logan the one most recently married. Mr. WILLIAMS is a handsome young man who is looking around for a wife.

Pen Sketches of the Inhabitants of Frankfort: Samuel D. ROTRAMEL, now employed in the pension department, was in the notion and grocery business before and was also notary public and justice of the peace. He has a good heart and a gentleman in every sense of the word. On the north side of the Frankfort Hill and upon the old site of the oil press, where Mr. GARDNER once manufactured castor oil, now lives Mr. ODUM, who is a well-to-do farmer but now has to carry his right hand in his bosom on account of the disease for which he was pensioned. D.B. GARLAND is a successful grocery store man and his success is now assured, although it seemed the other merchants of here combined to break him up when he first engaged in business. H.C. MURRAH is the oldest partner of the new firm of MURRAH, HAMPTON & CLARK. For a long time, Murrah was the only Democrat in town and if we had immolated him then we might still be solidly Republican and one by one the others have come, til now there are so many of them that it looks like it would be almost a sin to put them all to death. John B. CLARK is

regarded as the best clerk that ever sold goods in this place. The firm lost a good man in J.L. HORRELL.

7 Sep 1883

May ROTRAMEL, the little daughter of Dr. E.M. ROTRAMEL, after an illness of only a few hours, died today.

Gus and wife, Addie MORRIS, have agreed to disagree and henceforth walk apart.

One of the twins of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. MASON (?) died Sunday last of summer complaint.

Rev. J.W. MADDOX preached the funeral of Thomas RAY, son of Dr. RAY, who died at Frankfort a few months ago, at Harrellson's Grove in Hamilton Co., Sunday last.

14 Sep 1883

G.A.R. Post Organized at Frankfort on the 6th. Only 17 members. This post will be known as the Dillon post in honor of Capt. W.J. DILLON of Co. C., 18th Il Inf. and the husband of the postmistress. Capt. Dillon was 1st Lt. in the first company that life this county for the was; was county judge here when he enlisted. He was promoted to Capt and in the first battle in which he was engaged (the battle of Fort Donelson), he was wounded in the shoulder, on account of which he was sent home, when he married. capt. Dillon did not stay away from his company long enough for his wounds to get well, but returned to his command at Pittsburg Landing and found his company engaged in battle with the enemy. In his crippled condition, he assumed command of his company, and a few minutes thereafter was shot through the brain.

Pen Sketches of the Inhabitants of Frankfort: W.W. ROBERTSON has been living in Old Frankfort about as long as anyone. He wears an opossum skin over his head. On top of the hill, lives John B. REED. John is very obese and is perfectly rolled up in fat. He used to be justice of the peace and notary public. George D. DIMMICK and Thomas A. SINKS keep notion and groceries where S.D. ROTRAMEL formerly did. T.A. SINKS is postmaster here and G.D. DIMMICK assistant. Thomas J. CRAWFORD is the merchant prince of this place. He is pretty well broken down physically.

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: When we went to school with "Dof" GODBY, he would invariably get us into trouble and then tell the school marm on us. We'll never forget the wallopings we got just on account of him. The trick he played on us about hiding our clothes while we were in swimming will ever remain green in our memories. We will never be at rest till we can see him on the bank of the creek, dodging around among the trees, shivering and shaking, hunting for his clothes. We are grown up and Dof is now a merchant. He made his

start barbering. Richard HILL, one of Benton's solid businessmen - 240 lbs. - is a jovial cuss and can spin more yarn at one sitting than most anyone else. His two oldest boys, Jim and Ed, are chips off the old block.

Charlie COOK has been to Kansas and thinks he will emigrate there.

Aunt Nancy WILLIAMS is very sick with erysipelas.

Mr. GARLAND, the father of D.B. GARLAND of Smothersville, was in our midst yesterday. The old gentleman was once a citizen of our town but has been away several years.

Willie and Charlie WALL entertained a number of their friends at the home of their father, Hon. Judge WALL, before leaving for Jacksonville, where they will attend school this winter.

Louisa KELLEY vs. Julius C. KELLEY - divorce.

21 Sep 1883

Pencil Portraits of Benton's Prominent Business Men: A.D. JACKSON came here a young and poor man, married here and raised his family in Benton. He has become a wealthy man by close attention to business and now has the largest harness and saddle establishment in Southern Illinois. His son Charley is a bright young man, who is a pet among the girls and a base ballist and a skater of the first water. The dear boy couldn't keep a secret if he was to be hung. Mr. FREEMAN, the harness maker, has been with Jackson for over 20 years. He missed his calling; he would have made a star of great brilliancy as an Irish comedian. Freeman is a fine workman, good musician, and a tiptop fellow.

Mrs. Kate BROWN os Binghampton, N.Y., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. DIMMICK.

The brother of Charles UHLS of Franklin County was married on the 13th to Miss Anna BEEN, of Diamond Cross, Randolph Co. The couple went to Chicago where he will attend the Rush Medical College and come out a full fledged M.D. in the Spring.

John REED still lives with Amanda.

Pen Sketches of the Inhabitants of Frankfort: Wiley CLARK is one of our citizens who is generally found on the right side of things. We call him "Black Wiley" to distinguish him from another Wiley CLARK that used to live near here, but who is now moved away and is probably dead. Black Wiley is a Republican and the other Wiley was a Democrat and was red-complexioned; we might have distinguished them as Black and Red or by their politics, but on account of Red Wiley's illicit connection with a goose nest, the two have always been known

as Black Wiley and Goose Egg Wiley. Our Wiley is a peaceable good citizen, but he is falling into the yellow leaf and had to wear specks. If anyone should want a fight out of him he would get it, but he is so dependant upon his spectacles, I believe he would ask his antagonist to wait till he could go home and get his glasses.

A great many of the citizens of this vicinity came here from Indiana about twenty five years ago. There were about eight or ten families moved in and near this place from Posey County, Indiana. The children of those families are now grown and some of them become good business men. Among those who were mere children then are George and Miles WILMORE. George is doing a big business for ST.CLAIR Brothers. I believe George has sold more farming implements and machinery than any other man in the county, "Boon" is a boss salesman and a hard joker. The WEIRS, HORRELLS and Ike WAY are also Hoosiers, while the GARDNERS and ROTRAMELS, I believe, are indigenous to the soil. J.A. GARDNER and family are all that are left here now bearing that name. Drs. E.M. and R.H. ROTRAMEL are partnership brothers in the practice of medicine. E.M. has recently lost a favorite little girl and his sadness is intense. He is generally of a serious and scientific turn. If you desire that kind of conversation, Doc E.M. will gladly meet you, but if you would talk science interspersed with nonsense or fun, you would better call on Doctor Dick, who says that he is a greater philosopher than the original Doctor Dick, and that the old philosopher actually died to keep from seeing a greater Doctor Dick than he was, and that by dying only, was he successful in that matter. SADLER & SINKS are our blacksmiths, and they have been our principal workmen in that line ever since 1866, and for the most of the time they have been partners. Not only do these men teach lessons by the flaming forge, but they are Sunday School workers, church members and are active workers in the temperance. Mr. Sinks is a good looking man with a most immoderate grin.

28 Sep 1883

W.F. DILLON left for Columbia, Monroe Co., where he will teach school this winter.

The citizens of Eastern Township met and dug a well near SCHNEIDERWIN's. Mr. S. objected to the well being dug and there came near being a row between him and the citizens.

Milton GALLOWAY, an old and prominent farmer of Goode Tsp., died of lung fever Sunday last.

Mrs. C.L. OLIVER, of Jonesboro, is visiting her sister, Mrs. C.C. PAYNE, of Franklin County.

The 17 month old child of Bud WESTON, who was so severely scalded a couple of weeks ago by turning a pot of boiling coffee on itself, died of Saturday last from the effect.

Mrs. Al HUTCHINSON took first premium on butter at the McLeansboro fair last week.

A bloody encounter took place between the Rev. Eli MORGAN (some-times known as Lazarus)

and Tommy Jeff McELYEA, the blind. Tommy was riding along in his wagon, thinking of the beauties of homespun religion, when Rev. Eli astonished him by climbing up in the wagon behind him and beefing him with a three year old hickory. The Rev. Eli was hiding in the caves, but was being pursued by Bros. John McREYNOLDS and Yellowfoot Joe SIMPSON, who carried a shotgun and a bloodhound. Morgon got mad at Tommy Jeff on account of his cows getting into his corn but had no right to break the spring in the man's ear. It looks bad in society for a man to go around with his ear drooping toward China.

5 Oct 1883

W.E. MOORE, son of Capt. Carroll MOORE, received a fine gold watch from his father as a birthday gift, on the occasion of his 18th birthday, Wednesday last.

Mr. Q.E. BROWNING is to be married at the First Presbyterian Church at Jacksonville, Illinois next Sunday and will arrive home with his bride some time next week.

The city council of St. Louis intends to pass an ordinance making it a misdemeanor for a lady to appear on the streets in "Mother Hubbard" dresses, these so-called nightgowns.

Riley GULLEY, an old settler, living about a mile west of town, died Wednesday last.

M.C. UPCHURCH has left Galatia and goes to Freeburg to take charge of a store there.

DuQuoin: Jesse JAMES, the noted train robber, passed through this place last Tuesday going to Cairo. James BLACKBURN has returned home from the old country. This makes his 15th voyage. The home of Mrs. KELLOGG was burned to the ground last Friday, nothing was saved.

12 Oct 1883

Mrs. Lewis PUCKET just received notice of the death of her father, Hyatt PITMAN, of Prospect, Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas PARRISH of Kansas, former residents of Benton, were saddened by the sudden death of their youngest daughter, Gertie, who died of croup.

Andrew (Sime) MOORE returned Saturday from a visit to the Indian Nation where he visited James STILLEY, Robert BROWNING, Sam ROGERS and his sons, Riley and Carrol MOORE.

Joe MOORE, Nate HAGGARD, James WHITTINGTON and Mrs. Wilford TAYLOR were all baptized into the Regular Baptist faith at Hillen's Ford last Sunday.

26 Oct 1883

An infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. SMOTHERS of Parrish died a few days ago of brain fever.

A new daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Holt HAITHCOAT.

Mrs. Margaret DORROW, sister of Dr. BROWN of Franklin County, died of pneumonia at her home near Pinckneyville on the 4th. She leaves a husband and two children.

Married by Squire JOPLIN at his residence on 17 October, Mr. Sheff BANDY, age 17 to Miss Ella MOORE, five years his senior. May all their troubles be little ones.

James BELL has brought property and moved into town.

2 Nov 1883

Died, on the 28th inst., Wilson HARRIS, little son of Mr. and Mrs. John HARRIS.

Eli MORGAN, the Lillputian queen, has taken first premium on his wonderful jack and jennet, which are trick performers. The jack has been drilled until he can "skin a cat" on the gymnasium and turn a double somersault on a hay stack without much damage to his person.

Barney BLANEY and bride, nee Miss Edith DUDLEY, returned home on Friday last from an extended bridal tour in the east. They visited Boston, Providence, New York and other Eastern cities. Barney resumed his duties as conductor on Monday last.

A young man by the name of MONTGOMERY, from Perry Co., stole a pair of martingales from George HUBBARD's shop, in this place, on Friday last. He was captured near Big Muddy on the DuQuoin road, pled guilty, fined \$10 and confined to jail for 15 days.

Mrs. Constance NEWMAN died at the home of her son-in-law, Monroe TAYLOR, on Monday, October 29, aged 49 years, 9 months and 29 days. She leaves a husband and several children.

Mrs. BONNER, who has been visiting her brother, Dr. ORR, for the past few months, has returned to her home in Lebanon, Tennessee.

The 7 year old son of Tom BLAIR, who lives one mile west of town, was severely kicked in the face by a vicious horse belonging to his father, on Monday last.

DuQuoin: Last week one of our oldest citizens, David SHANKS, was arrested and taken to Springfield on the charge of being an accomplice of Dr. PERRIN, on a charge of counterfeiting money. Perrin was arrested and pled guilty earlier and implicated Mr. Shanks. Mr. Shanks has

lived for 40 years in DuQuoin and been a good citizen.

Alex RAMSEY, who has been confined to the county jail the past six months awaiting trial on charges of trying to murder William PATTERSON, had his trial, was found guilty and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

9 Nov 1883

Letter written to James S. BARR by Andrew D. DUFF 3 Nov. 1883 concerning early days of Benton. Mentions a copy of his constable's bond dated 29 December 1845 which Mr. Barr had sent him and I thank you for this relic of the past. It brings to my mind events of the long long ago. Mentions some persons who resided in Benton: Mr. AKIN, the BROWNINGS, CANTRELL, HARTIN, and ROGERS were selling dry goods; CASEY, DENNING and YOST were attorneys; EDGERLY, county clerk; ESPY, practicing medicine; LITTLE, MURPHY and PENNY were carpenters and cabinetmakers; MOONEYHAM, family grocery; WALLER, teamster - hauled produce to and goods from St. Louis and Shawneetown for the merchants of Benton; W.S. AKIN was also circuit clerk; W.R. BROWNING, Justice of the Peace; Thomas J. MOONEYHAM, county treasurer and assessor. About this time, EDGERLY, who was elected county clerk in September to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Major Simon M. HUBBARD, was removed by the county court and Samuel K. CASEY appointed in his place who discharged the duties of office until August 1846. Wm. A. DENNING was also state's attorney. He was elected to the lower house of the General Assembly from Franklin at the August election in 1840. With respect to the changes in the country since 1845, we should thank God for them! Friendships of those day were more sincere than much that passes for friendship today and more lasting. Religion was the same as now but more fervent. If a good man or woman was about to engage in the Master's work, they did not stop to see whether boots needed to be shined, or the dress fitted well, but they went straight forward. like old veterans of the cross, where God and their duty called them, bareheaded and barefooted, if duty so demanded. The county commissioners at that time were Wm. H. EUBANKS, Elijah TAYLOR and Carter GREENWOOD. George M. AKIN was sheriff; Walter B. SCATES was judge of the then Third judicial district, of which Franklin County formed a part. The circuit extended from Marion County south to the rivers, comprising fifteen counties. The non-resident lawyers who attended the Benton courts were: H.K. BOYAKIN, Salem; S.G. HICKS, Mt. Vernon; S.S. MARSHALL, McLeansboro; John A. McCLERNARD, Henry EDDY and Wm. H. GATEWOOD, Shawneetown; Willis ALLEN, Marion; John DOUGHERTY, Jonesboro and Richard NELSON, Metropolis, all now dead except Judges Marshall and McClernard. At the time I made the constable's bond, I was 25 years old, a mere youth, the way I look at things nowadays. But like a morning dream, life becomes more and more bright the longer we live and the reason of all things appears more clear. Thank you for this precious memento of antiquity and for your kind offer to publish the musings it might produce in my mind. signed, Andrew D. DUFF

Died November 5th, 1883, Margaret AKIN, 28, daughter of William and Katy AKIN, of consumption. She leaves an aged mother and several brothers and sisters. She was a professor of religion and Joined the Baptist Church at Knob Prairie about six years ago. She was willing to die and knew that she would meet God in peace. NOTE: a different article says she died on the 4th at her mother's residence.

Drew LUSTER has a bouncing baby boy. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph WHITTINGTON.

The First Baptist Church of Benton, Illinois to the Mt. Zion Baptist Church: This is to certify that Bro. Daniel MOONEYHAM and Sister Mary MOONEYHAM are member of our church in good standing. They are dissatisfied with us for ruling that persons who vote for licensed drinking saloons, or who publicly advocate them, or who invest in them, or who suffer their property to be used for them, cannot be continued as members of our body. They profess in all other respects to entertain for us, our church and pastor the warmest feeling of friendship and fellowship and at their request, they are hereby dismissed from us when joined to you. Done by order of the church in regular conference, October 13th, 1883. W. THROGMORTON. Maj. Daniel MOONEYHAM informs us that he has been a member of the United Baptist Church at Benton for 10 years and his wife for 42 years without any charges ever having come up against them and the above is the letter they received when withdrawing from the church here.

Robert PHILLIPS and family started for St. Joe, Texas, where they will make their future home. "Bobby" will be greatly missed here.

16 Nov 1883

Mr. and Mrs. Parrish SUMMERS are delighted with the arrival of a new baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Tabe HUNGATE have a new daughter.

Andrew MOORE (Dun) started to Nebo., Missouri last Sunday to visit his son.

23 Nov 1883

Mrs. J.F. CONNOR died of pneumonia on the 13th inst.

John GALLOWAY died at his home in Spring Settlement Tuesday last of cancer of the face.

Dan WEST, an old citizen of this county, died at his home here of pneumonia Monday last. He is survived by his wife and several children.

30 Nov 1883

Mr. and Mrs. Willis JOHNSON are happy in the possession of a baby daughter. It is their first child.

Mr. and Mrs. Cal CREMEENS infant son died on the 25th.

Mr. and Mrs. Enoch SUMMERS have a new son.

7 Dec 1883

DuQuoin, Illinois: Mrs. Rebecca TINSLEY, who moved here 50 years ago last month, died at the home of her son, Phillip TINSLEY, in Franklin County, last Tuesday morning at the age of 83. She was the mother of 11 children, one son and ten daughters, all of whom lived to marry except one, She was grandmother to 68 children and 64 great grandchildren. Her husband who was about her age, died about two years ago.

21 Dec 1883

Emory WHITTINGTON killed a sea serpent one day last week.

Frankfort: Mrs. George HAYS died Sunday morning, Nov. 12, of pneumonia.

Eastern: Mr. Perry ALLEN and his two little sons, Walter and Lawrence, have just returned from Missouri. The Bethel school-house has been enlarged and is conducted by Mr. Perry LEE. There were 95 students in attendance last week. Mr. and Mrs. Sam SPILLMAN have a new boy baby. S.N. VARNIER has just received the sad news of the death of Jason HERD, a loved relative of his who died recently in California.

Dr. CLUTTER, a former citizen of Benton, but now of Noble, Richland County, was here on a visit Saturday last. The doctor told us that he was enjoying a good practice in his new location.

O.T. SUTTON and Miss C.C. PAGE were married in the county clerk's office on the 20th inst. by Squire EVANS.

Lizzie MOORE, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kell MOORE, died of pneumonia on the 16th inst. after an illness of four days, aged about 7 years. Lizzie was a bright, intelligent little girl and sadly missed by her bereaved parents.

In broad daylight someone entered the home of Will WEBB's home on the 5th inst. and stole a

fine coat from Mr. Webb and the entire wardrobe of L.T. CLEM, who is a boarder there.

Rufus ESKEW will take a trip to his old home in Tennessee shortly.

Lawrence JONES is the happy father of a new bouncing girl.

John MULKEY will soon make a trip to Florida for his health.

Robert NIPPER, an old and respected citizen of this county, died at his home in Townmount Prairie on the 15th inst.

28 Dec 1883

Bertha Mabel HODGE, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. HODGE, died on Christmas day, aged about 7 months.

Jeff BARNETT had a preliminary examination before Squire MULKEY last week, charged with setting fire to his barber shop. He was set at liberty as the evidence was not sufficient to bind him over for trial. NOTE: long article containing the testimony of witnesses.

Link WILLIAMS of Princeton, Indiana, is here visiting his brother, Judge WILLIAMS this week.

4 Jan 1884

Rueben D. ROBERTS died on the 22nd inst. at Frankfort. He was one of the charter members of the G.A.R. of the post at this place and was elected chaplain for the ensuing year. He was disabled a great portion of the time on account of rheumatism for which he was an applicant for pension.

Little Flossie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. HUNDLEY, died Dec. 29th, 1883, She was their only child and will be greatly missed.

Mr. ABLE and Miss SMITH of this place were married last week.

Santa Claus dealt well with Ed WILCOX Jr.. He is the happy daddy of a new girl - a nine pounder.

Mr. Rollins McANALLY and Miss Sarah GRIFFIN were married on the 20th at the home of the bride's father by Squire SINKS.

Died on the evening of December 25th, of Consumption, Washington MUIR. The funeral took

place at the family residence on the 26th

The twenty-fifth anniversary of Hon. F.M. YOUNGBLOOD and wife was celebrated at their residence Sunday evening, December 23, 1883. NOTE: very long article containing gifts and who bought them.

Dan FEATHERSTONE died at his home in Franklin County one day this week.

11 Jan 1884
Smothersville

Since last writing, death has reaped a rich harvest in our surrounding neighborhood. The widow RAPP, the widow SMITH, Mr. Jesse SWOFFORD's wife, John SMITH (son of A.G. SMITH), Mr. J.L. RICE, Old Aunt Nancy TAYLOR and an infant child of A.C. SMOTHERS have all died. Mr. A.C. SMOTHERS is suffering very much from a spider bite after being bitten on the wrist.

Contains story of old Uncle Fuller FLINT who died near Frankfort eight or ten years ago. Nearly everyone knew him, he took the contract and drained many of the large ponds in this county. He had represented the Indiana Legislature, was a man of great physical and mental strength and lived to an extremely old age. He had been feeble for a long time and was residing at the home of George MOCK.

DuQuoin

The residence of Alexandra WOOD, colored, burned on last Monday while he was at work in the mines. His wife and twin babies escaped. This leaves the family in a destitute condition. The good people of this place will see that their wants are supplied. The family numbers eleven in all.

Northern

F.B. SHAW is dead.

The following list of pensioners ran starting January 1884 including cause for which pensioned, amount drawn per month, address, pension application # if known and date originally allowed. These are not all the pensions allowed for Franklin County as many were filed after 1884 and 1885.

ADAMS, Manervia, widow, \$14. Parrish #192,278 May 1881

ADAMS, Eliza, widow, \$24.- Benton, IL. #194.981

AKIN, Catherine, dependent mother, \$8.- Benton, IL. #192,568 June 1881

ARMES, Theophilus, chronic diarrhea & disease of lungs, \$10. Thompsonville, #197.276

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ARMES, William P., injury to left shoulder and back, \$8. Parrish #187,652 Apr 1881
 ARTERBERRY, Sidney J., widow, \$14.- Benton, IL. #191.757
 AVERY, Noah W., disease of lungs, \$4. Benton, Il. #209.347
 BAILEY, John I/L., injury to abdomen, \$4. Benton, Il., #214.982
 BAIN, Nancy Ann, widow, \$8. Webb's Hill, Il., #9974
 BAINS, Julia A., widow, \$8 - Macedonia, #39,901
 BARNHART, George, minor of, \$10. T'ville #194,270 July 1882
 BELL, Maria A., widow, \$16 Smothersville #191,423 Mar 1881
 BENNETT, Daniel B., var veins l leg & thigh & rheumatism, \$8 - Macedonia, #200,572
 BIBEY, James, dropsy, \$6. Mulkeytown #58327
 BIBY, John, chronic hepatitis and nephritis & bronchitis, \$8. Benton #95,025
 BOLERJACK, John S., chronic diarrhea, resulting disease of kidneys, Ewing College, IL. #189.469
 BOLLING, John G., disease of eye, \$4. Plumfield #202,057 Jan 1882
 BORKET/BURKET, William, epilepsy & disease of stomach & bowels, disease liver, \$6 -
 Christopher. #7151
 BOYD, Dicy, dependent mother, \$8 - Macedonia, #27,800 Aug 1864
 BRANSON, Mary, dependant mother, \$8. Parrish #105,804 Jan 1863
 BROOKS, Samuel, wd both thighs and injury to abdomen, \$12. Mulkeytown #87,647
 BROWN, Zachariah, disease of lung, \$4. Mulkeytown #221,086 May 1882
 BROWN, John P., disease of lungs, \$4. Benton, Il, #191.029
 BROWN, Mary, widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #7405
 BURK, Berry/Betty, chronic diarrhea and disease of liver, \$6., Frankfort #191.128
 BURK, Martha A., widow, \$8. Frankfort #2,318
 BURK, Malinda, dependent mother, \$8.- Benton, IL. #131,438 July 1881
 CANTRELL, Larkin J., chronic diarrhea& dis. of abdomial viscera, \$6. Benton, IL, #185.915
 CANTRELL, Richard, chronic diarrhea, \$6. Frankfort #166,972 Apr 1880
 CANTRELL, Green M., chronic diarrhea and rheumatism, \$17. Benton #104,655
 CARR, John R., disease of lungs and liver, \$10. Frankfort #93,426
 CARRIER/CARTER, Benjamin F., chr. diarrhea and disease abd. viscera, \$4. Parrish #92,886
 CHANCE, Elijah E., saber wound of right arm, \$4. Thompsonville, Il., #217.600
 CHAPLAIN, David, sunstroke & rslting disease of brain, \$4 - Macedonia, #175,171 Pct 1880
 CHAPLAIN, John, ch. diarrhea and resultg dis. of abdominal viscera, \$8. Benton, Il., #181.079
 CHILDERS, Robert, disease of lungs and spine, \$4. Frankfort #201,809 Jan 1882
 CHRISTA, Morgan, minor of, \$12. T'ville #172,525
 CIPHER, Jasper, disease of lungs & resulting disease of heart, \$8. Benton, Il, #204.746
 CLARK, Charles W., disease of abdominal viscera, \$6. Frankfort #211,731 Jun 1882
 CLARK, Edgar H., minor of, \$10. T'ville #193,685 Feb 1882
 CLARK, Ruth E., widow, \$14. Thompsonville #193,685 Nov 1881
 CLAYTON, Robert F., dropsy and chr. diarrhea, indigestion, \$10. T'ville #131,715
 CLEM, Joel J., dis. of eyes and dis. abd. viscera, \$6. Parrish #141,738
 CLEM, John W., impure vaccine, chronic diarrhea, dis. abd. viscera, \$6. Parrish #101,941
 CLEMMONS, Rachel, dependent mother, \$8 - Fitts Hill, IL. #188.387
 CLUTTS, Julia A., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #195.260
 COLEMAN, John A., disease of liver and spleen, \$8. Frankfort #129,702
 COMBS, Nancy, widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #40,978
 COUNCIL, Rulus, wound right thigh, \$6. Benton #127,463

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CRADDOCK, Drucilla, widow, \$8. Frankfort #2,526 Apr 1872
 CRANE, Henry, chr. diarrhea & disease of 1 foot, Benton, IL, #208.837
 CRAWFORD, Ann V., widow, \$24. Parrish #189,867 Sep 1880
 CRAWFORD, Allen, disease of eyes, \$4. Parrish #197,394 Nov 1881
 CROSLIN, Thomas, partial paralysis & disease of kidneys, result of typhoid, \$12 -Fitts Hill, IL #188.274
 CULLEY, Richard C., remain of abcess, l. side with adhesions, pleu'l surface, \$12.
 CULLINS, John, chronic diarrhea, \$4 - Macedonia, #194,399 Aug 1881
 CUNNINGHAM, James L., sunstroke, debility, \$4. Parrish 174,673 Oct 1880
 DARNELL, William J., wd left thigh & dis. of brain from sunstroke, \$6 - Macedonia, #87,933
 DEASON, William M., wound left arm, \$6 Plumfield #78,129
 DILLON, John, disease of heart, \$8. Parrish #163,459 Nov 1879
 DILLON, Elizabeth, widow, \$8. Parrish #137,076 Dec 1869
 DILLON, Hester A., widow, \$20. Benton #1,726 Apr 1863
 DOLLINS, Martha S., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #192,894 July 1881
 DORRIS, Elizabeth, dep. mother, \$8. T'ville #149,881 Apr 1871
 DOTY, Daniel W., dis. of eyes & spine, reslt'g cerebrospinal meningitis, \$12. Benton, IL., #183.711
 DOTY, Emily E., \$18
 DOWNS, Margaret, widow, \$8. Parrish #7,548 Nov 1881
 DOWNS, Nancy, widow, \$8. Parrish #7,525 Feb 1881
 DURHAM, James A., bronchitis & dropsy, \$6. Benton, IL., #188.941
 ELKINS, Andrew J., disease of eyes, \$4. Benton, IL., #183.091
 ELLEN, Hellen, widow, \$8. - Benton, IL. #197,556 Oct 1882
 ELLIS, Peter, chr. nephritis, diarr. & dis. of abd. viscera, \$8. Frankfort #188,799 May 1881
 ENDICOTT, Rebecca B., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #20773
 ESSARY, John H., chronic rhuemetism, \$8. T'ville #126,234
 EZELL, Hansell, measles, resulting in lung disease, \$8. Benton #119,961
 FAUBROUGH, Catharine, widow, \$8. Osage #28,041
 FITTS, Montreville, chronic nephritis, spine disease & atrophy, \$20. Parrish #96,132
 FLANNIGAN, James H., wound left side, \$4 - Macedonia, #88,421
 FLANNIGAN, Eucl, heart disease & rhuemetism, \$18. T'ville #55,652
 FLEMING, William B., injury to abdomen, \$4 - Ewing, IL. #198.745
 FRANKLIN, Thomas O., pneumonia, resulting dis. of lungs and kidneys, \$10. Benton, IL., #172.638
 FURLOW, Alexander, disease of abdominal viscera, \$8 - Christopher, IL. #206.157
 GAITER, Mary M., widow, \$8. Parrish #17,900 Apr 1868
 GARDNER, John A., disease of lungs, \$8. Frankfort #13,966
 GARRETT, Taylor, injury to spine and left shoulder, \$6. Frankfort #97,717
 GASS, George W., chr. diarrhea & resulting dis. of heart, \$8.90 - Macedonia, #169,052 Jun 1880
 GRAY, James W., chr. diarr. and dis. of abdominal viscera, \$8. Frankfort #196,508 Oct 1881
 GULLEY, Riley W., fracture right shoulder and arm, \$8. Benton #70,099
 GULLY, John, disease of heart and bronchitis, \$8. Benton, IL., #158.733
 HALA, Mahala A., widow, \$8 - Macedonia, IL. #94216
 HALL, Allen, wound right hand, \$3. T'ville #55,654
 HAMMACK, Andrew J., chr. diarrhea and rhuematism, \$18. Frankfort #161,463 July 1879
 HARRELSON, Mary J., widow, \$10 - Macedonia, #164,454 Apr 1874
 HARRELSON, Ratcliffe M., disease of stomach, \$8 - Macedonia, #176,792 Oct 1880
 HARRIS, Matthew, wound right wrist, \$4. Parrish #103,819

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HARRISON, Robert M., dislocation of femur, \$8 - Christopher, IL. #88312
 HATCHETT, Isaac, minor, \$14 - Macedonia, #196,387 June 1882
 HAYES, Henry, wound left foot, chronic diarrhea, \$12. Frankfort #10,242
 HAYES, Ajac C., malarial poisoning, disease of liver and spleen, \$8. Frankfort #216,877 Aug 1882
 HAYES, Moses, disease of lungs, \$6. Thompsonville, IL., #192.562
 HEARD, Rose Ann, dep. mother, \$8. T'ville #180,055 Feb 1878
 HEARD, Thomas, wound right index and middle fingers, \$4. Thompsonville, IL., #147.075
 HENDRICKSON, Susannah, widow, \$8 - Crittenden, IL. #41132
 HICKS, Ransom, dep. father, \$8. T'ville #174,654 Aug 1876
 HICKS, Harrison, chronic diarrhea, disease of heart and liver, \$8. Thompsonville, IL., #161.198
 HILL, William A., gunshot wd. right hand, \$12 Plumfield #206,840 Apr 1882
 HOGAN, James M., chronic rhuematism, \$6. Frankfort #193,692 July 1881
 HOLLAND, Matilda, widow, \$10. Frankfort #189,395 Aug 1880
 HOOK, Charles, dis. of heart, rheumatism and chronic diarrhea, \$18. Benton #79,251
 HOPPER, Sarah J., widow, \$8. - Ewing College, IL. #7924
 HOWELL, Mary F., widow, \$16. Frankfort #186,100 Nov 1879
 HOWELL, Jason L., wound fight arm, \$18. Frankfort #25,370
 HUBBARD, George T., effects of impure vaccine, \$8.50. Benton #134,053
 HUDSON, Joseph J., rheumatism, \$12. Benton, IL., #205.826
 HUGHES, Edward, disease of lungs, \$2. Benton, IL., #202.842
 HUNT, John T., wd left wrist & partial deafness both ears, \$6 - Macedonia, #89,227
 ICE, John, disease of lungs, \$8. Parrish #215,007 July 1882
 ICE, Andrew J., disease of spine and nervous system, \$15. Parrish #197,250 Nov 1881
 ING, James M. chronic diarrhea, \$6. Parrish #190,835 June 1881
 ING, Christopher, disease of eyes, \$5. Thompsonville, IL., #167.465
 INGRAM, Milton C., wound right shoulder, \$8 - Macedonia, #115,583
 ISSAC, Polly A., widow, \$10. T'ville #7,557 May 1882
 JOHNSON, Charles A., wound both legs, \$15 - Macedonia, #73,256
 JOHNSON, Zophar A., disease of lungs, \$4 - Macedonia, #172,925 Aug 1880
 JOHNSON, John W., chronic rheumatism, \$24. Frankfort #105,585
 JOHNSON, James A., wound right heel, \$2 - Macedonia, #89,673
 JONES, Louisa, widow, \$8. T'ville #76,387
 JONES, Mary, widow, \$8. Prosperity #129,938
 JONES, John, shell wound & disease of brain, \$6. Thompsonville, IL., #219.087
 JONES, Willis, gunshot wound left side and forehead, \$2. Prosperity #220,859 Nov 1882
 JOPLIN, Howell T., disease of eyes, \$2. Frankfort #165,017 Feb. 1880
 JORDON, Elias, paralys of left side, \$6. Thompsonville, IL., #179.895
 KARR, George H., dropsy, scurvy \$8.- Fitts Hill, IL. #190.840
 KEARLEY, William, sunstroke, \$8. Parrish #206,956 Apr 1882
 KELBY, Classus/Crassus O., chronic rheumatism, \$4. - Ewing College, IL. #189.820
 KELLY, Oliver P., wound left arm, \$8 - Macedonia, #56,758
 KING, Jacob B., wound left hand and shoulder, wound over eye, - Ewing, IL. #160.866
 KISLER, Sarah, dependent mother, \$8.- Benton, IL. #130.804
 KNIGHT, David A., wound right hip. \$8. T'ville #100,876
 KURIER, Joseph, wound of head, \$6 - Macedonia, #87,964
 LAWRENCE, Winford, dependent mother, \$8. Frankfort #127,720 Apr 1869

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LAYMAN, Thomas J., dis. of back & l. side, neph. from typhoid, \$14. Benton #97,442
 LAYMAN, Fred, gunshot wound of right arm, \$2. Parrish #170,395 June 1880
 LOGAN, James W., wound of right thigh, right chest, \$12 - Fitts Hill, IL. #120.771
 LONG, George W., disease of eyes, \$8. Benton, IL., #169395 or 169895
 LOUCKS, Celia, widow, \$12. Benton #194,642
 MACKEY, William, wds left arm, rt thigh & left elbow, \$8 - Macedonia, #90,427
 MADDOX, Eliza Jane, widow, \$14. Frankfort #7,530 Mar 1881
 MAMMON/MANION, Weldon S., dis. of lungs reslt'g diarrhea, piles, \$8. Benton #174,680 Oct 1880
 MANIS, John, wound right thigh, \$6. - Ewing, IL. #124.728
 MARTIN, Susan, widow, \$14. Parrish #193,098 Aug 1881
 MARVEL, George R., chr. diarr and rheum, \$18 - Locust Grove, IL. #181,970 Feb. 1881
 McCLEARIN, Duncan, sunstroke and disease of brain, \$18. Thompsonville, Il. #177.203
 McCLINTOCK, John A., rheumatism, \$8. - Fitts Hill, IL. #166.011
 McCOLLUM, Jesse, shell wound of right leg & resultg varicose veins, \$2. Benton, Il., #201.410
 McDONALD, Joseph W., disease of lungs and chronic diarrhea, \$18. Benton #136,875
 McDONALD, Stephen A., injury to back, \$8. Benton, IL., #189.422
 McELYEA, Thomas J., total blindness, \$72. Frankfort #180,410 Dec 1880
 McKEMMIE, Susan, widow, \$17. Benton #178,172
 McLAIN, William A., tumor right shoulder & chr. diarr, \$8 - Macedonia, #182,710 Feb 1881
 McREYNOLDS, John M., bronchitis and asthma, \$12. Frankfort #165,987 Mar 1880
 MEEKS, John, minor of, \$10. Benton #154,680
 MELVIN, Elisha, pulmonary disease, \$8.
 MILLER, John, disease of lungs, \$8. Benton #32,262
 MILLER, John R., disease of eyes, \$8. Benton #144,409
 MILLER, John N., wound right shoulder, \$8. Parrish #94,119 or 91119
 MONTGOMERY, Isaac, fracture left clavicle, \$6. Benton, IL., #166.216
 MOONEYHAM, John, chronic diarrhea, ophthalmia, \$17. Osage #107,155
 MOONEYHAM, William, injury to abdomen, \$4. Benton #97,535
 MOONEYHAM, Daniel, injury to right hip, \$6.25. Benton #148,348
 MOORE, Manerva, dependant mother, \$8. Benton #168,302
 MOORE, Riley, disease of lungs, result of measles, \$4. Benton, Il., #216.266
 MOORE, Thomas, injury to back, Benton, IL., #187.728
 MOORE, Polly, widow, \$8. Parrish #4,610
 MOORE, Joseph, enlargement of spleen and loss of sight rt. eye, \$6. Frankfort #170,372 Jun 1880
 MOSELY, George B., chronic diarrhea and piles, \$18. Benton #110,193
 MOSER, Martha A., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #187.102 or 137.102
 MOSS, Joseph, disease of heart and results, \$18. Prosperity #95,925
 MUIR, James H., injury to larynx, \$8. Frankfort #124,351
 MUSGRAVE, Samuel G., wound right thigh, \$8 - Macedonia, #79,180
 NANCE, Shawder, injury to head, \$8. Benton #90,120
 NEAL, Sally Jane, widow, \$14. Frankfort #185,433 Sep 1879
 NEAL, Aaron, epilepsy, \$8. Smothersville #171,401 July 1880
 NEAL, Jasper N., chr. diarrhea, dis. abd. viscera & rheum. \$8. Parrish #132,909
 NEWMAN, Simpson, chronic nephritis and injury to abdomen, \$12. Frankfort #108,309
 NEWMAN, William J., disease of lungs resulting from measles, \$6. Benton #180,595 Jan 1881
 NEWMAN, Martin V., chronic diarrhea and injury left lung, \$6. Frankfort #119,276

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ODOM, Malachi, wound left breast, chronic rheumatism, \$12. Frankfort #38,291
 PALMER, James M., effects of chronic rhuematism, \$72. Frankfort #113,587
 PARKER, George W., disease of lungs and liver, \$8. T'ville #99,556
 PARKER, Joseph H., chronic diarrhea, disease of head, resulting epilepsy, \$8. Thompsonville, IL., #197.091
 PAYNE, Carroll, chronic diarrhea, \$17. Benton, IL., #184.253
 PHILLIPS, Peter, rheumatism and disease of liver, \$17. Webb's Hill, IL., #189.433
 PHILLIPS, John H., minor, \$12 - Macedonia, #188,600 June 1880
 PHILLIPS, William C., wds of rt shoulder & rt side head, \$2 - Macedonia, #184,829 Mar 1881
 PHILLIPS, Mary, widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #845
 PILSON, Samuel A., wound left leg, \$18 - Macedonia, #171,760 July 1880
 PINKSTON, Elijah, scurvy and disease of kidneys, \$6. T'ville #208,216
 PLASTERS, Catherine, widow, \$8. Parrish #7,389 July 1878
 PRICE, William, chronic diarrhea and rheumatism, \$6. Parrish #168,375 May 1880
 PRICE, Cintha R., widow, \$12. Parrish #7,503 June 1880
 PRIBBLE, Lydia, widow, \$10. Parrish #189,260
 PRY, John, dependent father, \$8. Frankfort #195,411 Apr 1882
 RAHAMMELL/ ROTRAMEL, Elijah, gunshot wd. head and epilepsy, \$8. Frankfort #61,910
 RAINS, William, sunstroke, nerv. prostn., ch. diarr.& disease abd. vis. & liver, \$14. #93,558
 RAY, Thomas D., injury to abdomen, \$8. Frankfort #133,584
 REA, Mary A., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #32,940
 REDDING, Lawrence, wound head, \$24. Frankfort #746,623
 REED, William, chr. diarrhea and dis. of abdominal viscera, \$12. T'ville #149,135
 RICE, Charles A., minor of, \$12. Parrish #197,103 Aug 1882
 RICE, Mary A., widow, \$18.- Benton, IL. #192,953 July 1881
 RICE, Jasper, \$2
 RICHERSON, Lucy, widow, \$8. Frankfort #52,173
 RIDELL, Nathaniel, chronic diarrhea, \$4. Frankfort #100,682
 ROBERTS, James, rhuem. resulting disease of heart, \$8. Benton, Il, #202.009
 RODDY, Martha A., widow, \$12 - Christopher, IL. #163.883
 ROSS, George, sunstroke, resulting disease of brain, \$6. Benton, IL., #204.345
 ROUNTREE, John, frosted feet, \$4. Frankfort #195,584 Sep 1881
 RUSS, Eliza, widow, \$8 - Macedonia, #189,472
 SADLER, Frank M., chronic diarrhea, \$6. Frankfort #97,822
 SCARLETT, William, chronic diarrhea and disease of lungs, \$8. Benton #185,049 Mar 1881
 SCARLETT, John V., disease of eyes, \$6. Frankfort, IL., #209.263
 SHEPHERD, Charles, injury to left elbow and injury to abdomen, \$12. Benton, IL., #167.981
 SHIELDS, Leanna, widow, \$12 - Macedonia, #188,820 June 1880
 SHORT, Jacob J., chronic diarrhea, disease abdom. viscera, \$12 - Christopher, IL. #189.841
 SILKWOOD, Clarissa P., widow, \$12. Mulkeytown #192,260 May 1881
 SIMMONS, Mary, dependent mother, \$8 - Macedonia, #194,387 Feb 1882
 SIMPSON, Loftin A., paralysis, debility, & loss of vision, \$50. Frankfort #100,145
 SIMPSON, Isaac, chronic diarrhea and chronic bronchitis, \$8. Benton #107,704
 SINKS, Francis A., injury to abdomen, \$4. Frankfort #133,359
 SLATER, Mary Ann, widow, \$8. Frankfort #27,612 Nov 1879
 SMITH, Nathaniel, wound left leg, \$4. Akin, Il., #88.682

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SMITH, Rebecca, widow, 8.- Benton, IL. #19510
 SMOTHERS, Henderson, chr. diarrhea and disease of abd. viscera, \$4. Parrish #190,502 Jun 1881
 SMOTHERS, Rosannah, widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #150,863 or 156.863
 SMOTHERS, John H.C., chronic diarrhea and injury to left hip. \$6. Smothersville # 26,246
 SPENCER, John, injury to abdomen, \$4. - Ewing College, IL. #186.445
 SPILLER, Moses, minor of, \$12. Frankfort #197,305 Sep 1882
 SPILLMAN, Thomas J., chronic diarrhea resulting dyspepsia, \$4. Benton, IL., #187.754
 STAGNER, William J., wound left shoulder disease of heart, \$8 - Fitts Hill, IL. #104.691
 STEWART, Augustus, wound right leg, \$6. Thompsonville, Il., #103.453
 STEWART, Andrew J., scurvy, \$4. Mulkeytown #147,830
 SULLIVAN, Joel M., bronc. & dis of lungs, rslt of measles, \$4 - Macedonia, #217,099 Aug 1882
 SUMMERS, Ambrose, dysps. and disease of liver, \$6. Parrish #217,576 Aug 1882
 SUMMERS, Mary J., widow, \$10. Parrish #7,509
 SUMMERS, Eliza, widow, \$12. Parrish # 192,743
 SUMMERS, Thomas, results of impure vaccine, \$6 - Macedonia, #119,223
 SUMMERS, Clarrisa, widow, \$8. Parrish #11,117
 SUMMERS, Benjamin T.R., wd of back and left hand, \$8 - Macedonia #77,045
 SUMMERS, Levi F., inj. to spine, dis. of liver, Frankfort #101,743
 SUMMERS, Robert, gunshot wound of left hip & right forearm, \$2. Parrish #207,807 Apr 1882
 SUMMERS, William C., disease of kidneys and lungs, \$8. Parrish #189,679 June 1881
 SUMMERS, Jasper, inj. to left arm and shoulder, \$4.
 SWEET, Elizabeth, dependant mother, \$8. Parrish #98,613 Aug 1867
 SWISHER, Marcus S., wound right arm, \$6. Benton #18,479
 TAILMAN/TALLMAN, William, chronic diarrhea, \$8. T'ville #134,204
 TAYLOR, Winney L., widow, \$12 - Macedonia, #25,763 Oct 1867
 TENNISON, James, chronic diarrhea, and rhuematism, \$12 - Ewing College, IL. #186.496
 THACKER, Cynthia, dependent mother, \$12. - Ewing College, IL. #195.738
 THREEWIT, William, wound left side of head, \$8. Benton #100,797
 THURSTON, James M., wound right forearm, \$4. Mulkeytown #68340
 UPCHURCH, William L., dependant father, \$8. Smothersville #175,806 Dec 1876
 UPCHURCH, John E., injury to back, \$4. Benton, Il., #207.086
 UPTON, Enos A., chronic diarrhea, \$4 - Macedonia, #34,295
 VINSON, Eliza H., widow, \$8. Parrish #183,281
 VINSON, Margaret A., widow, \$8. T'ville #61,165
 WALL, William C., gunshot wound left hand & ch. diarrhea, \$4. Parrish #189,078 May 1881
 WALTERS, John, injury to abdomen, chronic diarrhea, \$8. - Ewing College, IL. #97251
 WARD, Sarah, widow, \$12. - Ewing College, IL. #181.845
 WARD, Polly Ann, dependent mother, \$8.- Benton, IL. #191,933 Apr 1881
 WARREN, Elias, anasarca, \$14. Thompsonville, Il., #145.550
 WARREN, Hixy A., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #139.111
 WATSON, Logan, disease of lungs and measles, \$8. Mulkeytown #8,078
 WEAVER, James, sunstroke, resulting disease of heart & lungs, \$8. - Fitts Hill, IL. #172.052
 WEBB, Sarah, widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #165.211
 WELCH, Parthena P., widow, \$3. Mulkeytown #129,156 May 1879
 WELLS, Eliza J., widow, \$8. - Ewing, IL. #78612
 WESTON, Joseph, chronic diarrhea, \$6. Parrish #191,242 June 1881

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WHITE, Abraham P., disease of spine, \$24. Thompsonville, Il., #157.996
WHITTINGTON, Lewis W., gunshot wound of neck, \$2. Benton #204,152 Mar 1882
WHITTINGTON, Dekalb, wound both thighs, \$6. Benton #90,190
WHITTINGTON, Joseph, \$4
WIER, Joseph M., wd. rt. leg & dis. of ears, partial deafness, \$12.50. T'ville #108,413
WILKERSON, James, disease of eyes, \$2. Benton, IL., #167.813
WILKERSON, Diana, widow, \$8. Benton #98,549
WILLIAM, David A., disease of lungs, \$6. Parrish #197,792 Nov 1881
WILLIAMS, Mary A., widow, \$8. Frankfort #10,572
WILLIAMS, David W., injury to left leg, \$4. - Fitts Hill, IL. #206.067
WILLIAMS, Emeline, widow, \$8. Benton #143,598
WILLIAMS, Anderson, wound to face, \$8. Plumfield #134,451
WILLIAMS, William H., ch. rheum., resulting varicose veins of r. leg. \$4 Benton, IL. #198.718
WILLIAMS, Benjamin, loss of right eye and injury to left, \$18. Benton #4,431
WINEMILLER, Henry, chronic diarrhea, \$2 - Macedonia, #119,145
WINN, John C., chronic diarrhea, \$8 - Brayfield, IL #217.859
WIRE, Tempey E., widow, \$15. Frankfort #45420
WRIGHT, Burgess R/F., disease of lungs, \$8. Frankfort #119,021
YOUNG, Alexander, wd. right thigh and rheumatic disease of heart, \$12. Benton #105,26
YOUNG, Manerva J., widow, \$8.- Benton, IL. #32506

I found this piece of a poem someone wrote but do not know who wrote it. I wish I had the complete poem.

T'was then she heard a morning bird
As sunrise streaked the skies,
And down the road her lover strode
With triumph in his eyes.

"The war is past! He's come at last!
How brave he is," she thought,
She never knew this clever shrew
Had run like hell, not fought.

1883

Mun MOORE, who left this place for Kansas last fall, has returned.

2 Jan 1884

McLeansboro: Flora TATE died 8 Nov. 1883 of puerperal convulsions. Clementine HAMILTON, aged 3, died 18 Nov. 1883 of pneumonia and Stella INGRAM, 2 years old, died 7 Dec. 1883 of croup.

McLeansboro: Robert UPCHURCH, who enlisted in the Regular Army here several years ago, committed suicide at his home in Sherman, Texas on the 23rd inst. Dissipation is supposed to be the cause.

McLeansboro: A sad accident occurred near here on the 20th. A son of John TENNISON shot and killed his little brother who died on the 25th.

18 Jan 1884

Nannie M. ESTES died on January 8th at the home of Jasper NEAL in Parrish of fever and disease of brain, aged 29y 8m 6d. She was a member of the United Baptist Church. She was a kind and affectionate sister. Article includes poem to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom A. YOUNGBLOOD have a new daughter born on the 12th. Mr. and Mrs. Henry WILSON and Mr. and Mrs. Milliard McLEAN are rejoicing in the same blessing, a new daughter. Mr. and Mrs. James PUCKETT and Mr. and Mrs. James SHAW are happy in the possession of a new son.

W.H. MILLER has just returned from a visit to his old home in Posey County, Indiana.

The school house south of town where R.F. DOTY has been teaching burned down last week. Teaching was resumed in the Methodist Church.

25 Jan 1884

Abe L. MARTIN and Miss Jennie CORNELIUS were married by Eld. THROGMORTON at the home of the bride's grandmother on January 20th. Article includes long list of gifts received and donors.

Eld. T.M. VANCE and John T. McKEMIE died this week.

Thomas M. VANCE was born in Warren Co., Ky. 12 Nov. 1814 and died 21 __?, 1884, at his home two miles east of Benton, aged 70 years. He leaves his widow and 2 daughters, Mrs. L.C. WATERS and Mrs. John FOULK. He joined the Baptist Church in 1836 and became a preacher. He moved to Franklin County on 10 November 1840.

Nealie TURNER, little son of James TURNER, a former resident of Franklin County, died in St. Louis on the 16th inst., aged 2y 6m 3d of diphtheria.

Mr. and Mrs. Alice SUMMERS have a new daughter.

1 Feb 1884

Died at his home two miles east of Benton, on the morning of the 21st inst., in the 70th year of his life, Elder Thomas M. VANCE, one of the pioneers of Southern Illinois. He was born November 12, 1814 in Warren County, Kentucky, joined the Baptist Church in 1836 and was licensed to preach during the same year. Located in Franklin County in November 1840 and was instrumental in organizing the First Baptist Church of Benton and might be called the father of Southern Illinois Baptists. He was a man of limited education, a natural orator, and of a philosophical nature and never failed to hold the attention of his audience. He leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. L.C. WATERS and Mrs. John FOULK.

Died on Friday, January 18, 1884, at his home four miles southwest of Benton, John R. McKEMIE, aged 51 years, 5 months and 7 days. He was born in Wayne County, Illinois, 14 August, 1832 and moved to this county in childhood, John enlisted in Co I., 110th ILL. Infantry Volunteers but with his health failing, he was compelled to return home after a few months of service. He never belonged to any church but was a diligent student of the Bible.

6 Feb 1884

McLeansboro: Divorces being presented before the Hamilton County Court are: Sarah L. vs. Thomas ROBERTS. They were married 26 Oct. 1881, she claims her husband tired of her and on 2 Jan. 1882 he "shipped out." Rachel M. vs. Owen BOUTWELL. They married 4 May 1879 and she claims he was a "mean thing" low and vicious and used obscene language in front of their children and that on 21 April 1881 he left for parts unknown. Nancy A. vs. Arden M. MITCHELL, married 25 Feb. 1880; he made her miserable by his abuse and six months ago drove her from their home. Hannah vs. William H. ESTEY, married 21 Apr. 1880, he deserted 6 Aug. 1881.

8 Feb 1884

"Aunt" Nancy HARRIS, 72, died on the 2nd. She was sick only a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. William PUCKETT are happy over the arrival of their new daughter.

Gracie, daughter of J.B. and Belle DANIEL, died on February 1st, aged 2y and 8m.

15 Feb 1884

Jeff BARNETT writes us from St. Louis, where he is working at Pleanter's House barber shop, and says he has a good job.

We are in receipt of a communication, dated Parkerburg, W.V., from William HUTCHINSON,

of Franklin County, giving a description of the great flood.

A NOTED HORSE: T.J. CRAWFORD tells about his horse. I recently lost a very valuable stallion, Gray Eagle, on the 20th. When Gray Eagle was born he was the property of Gottlieb MEISCHENHEIMER, an Irishman, who kept him until he was nine years old and then sold him to a dutchman named Pat O'CONNELL who kept him till he was 17 years old. He sold him to General P.G.T. BEAUREGARD who rode him through the Mexican War. At the age of 23, Gray Eagle was sold to Peter DUTTENHAVER and at the age of 31 years this horse began to make the turf record. Peter kept the horse 10 years and falling in my debt \$1300, consented to my taking the horse and cancel his store account. I owned him eight years before he turned his heels to the daisies at the age of 59 years. (NOTE: very long article.)

Mr. James HATLEY of Evansville, Indiana, has recently been visiting his mother, Mrs. Nancy REED.

Another young Republican, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin SUMMERS have a bran spang new boy baby.

Ewing College: The wife of Mr. James HILL, living about a mile south of here, died Sunday night and was buried at the grave yard in this place Monday evening. She leaves a husband and five little children.

Mulkeytown: J.M. VANZANDT was married fifty years ago, the 13th inst. to Miss Dicy HUGHES, near Abingdon, Va. Mr. VANZANDT was born near Nashville, Tennessee in 1815 and she in 1817. A dinner was given by the old couple on their anniversary. T.P. VANZANDT and brother started for Northern Texas last wednesday morning.

Dr. REAGIN of Goode Tsp., Franklin County, has rented Dr. DYER's residence at DuQuoin and intends to locate there.

February 10th was Alexander McCREERY's birthday. The old fellow does not recognize many of his friends now. Mrs. McCREERY is still pert and rightfully at herself.

Frankfort: G.M. WILLMORE's wife presented him with an eleven pound baby boy on the 9th. G.M. MADDOX and wife have agreed to not agree. G.M. started for Texas last week.

20 Feb 1884

McLeansboro: Deaths: Phoebe POWELL, 68, near Belle City, on 1 Jan. 1884 of paralysis. Naoma J. WEBB, 8 days, died on 14 January. Lou Annie SHUSTER, 14 years. died typhoid fever on 16 dec. 1883. Lula BARNETT, 2 years, died of meningitis. The infant child of Frank GHOLSON has passed away.

27 Feb 1884

McLeansboro: Mrs. Martha SANDERS died on 22 Feb. of typhoid fever. She was the wife of James R. SANDERS and the daughter of Mr. Mart GORDON.

McLeansboro: Mrs. Mary J. STERLING, 55y 10d, died at the home of her son William STERLING, in McLeansboro on 23 Feb. of typhoid fever. She was born and raised near Sacramento, White Co., and has resided here for a few months. For many years she was a member of the Presbyterian Church. Burial was at Sharon Cemetery near Sacramento on the 24th.

McLeansboro: Mr. John UPCHURCH, a young farmer living 2 miles east of town, died last Saturday, the 23rd., Burial at the HUTSON Grave Yard on the 25th.

McLeansboro, Dahlgren: "Uncle" Abel KUYKENDALL, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of this county, has passed away.

29 Feb 1884

Jonas FOLLETT vs. Catherine FOLLETT - divorce.

Edward GALBRAITH, 17, son of Gilbert GALBRAITH, died February 5th after an illness of about three weeks, near West End. All who knew him, loved him. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Lebanon, Saline County, near his home and there in the church yard his body now lies at rest.

Willis TAYLOR and family returned to Benton and expect to make this their future home. They have been living at Lawrence, Kansas the past five years.

I.R. SPILLMAN, of Franklin County, and Miss Sophia TINGLEY of Mulkeytown, were married at Mulkeytown at the home of the bride's parents by Judge WILLIAMS.

"Mun" TAYLOR's youngest brother, from Kansas, is here on a visit.

Mr. Louis WILLIAMS and Miss Rosie JOINER were married at Upper Ewing by Dr. WASHBURN at the home of the bride's father.

A new baby at Sam MARTIN's.

Capt. DILLON, of Joneses, is visiting his old home in DeWitt County this week.

An indissoluble tie - Ada HOSKINSON and Rozzie MOYERS.

Our best banjoist, Johnny ADAMS; best harpist, Willard TREECE; best fiddler, George SHEPHERD.

Johnnie McCARTY, little son of widow McCARTY, died very suddenly one day last week of congestion.

A weighty young duck - Mr. and Mrs. Doc. DUCKWORTH have a new boy baby, weighing fourteen pounds.

Cornelius BOSTER, teacher of Cantrell school, Hamilton Co., was visiting his brother, John BOSTER today.

Ben FISHER heard today that his father, Jordon FISHER, was lying at the point of death.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis PHELPS have a new girl baby. Mr. and Mrs. William PUCKETT are rejoicing in the same happy blessing.

Virgil MORRIS, who had been visiting his mother, Mrs. G.W. BROWN, of this place, has returned safely to his home in Arkansas.

A.D.W. WILLIAMS and wife have agreed to disagree and yesterday called in parties to divide their effects and made (as they say) a final separation, signing away all right and interest in his effects whatever. She moved her things to her daughter's, Mrs. W.E. BRILEY.

Edward NEAL and Miss Emma McCOLLUM were married at C.E. McCOLLUM's on the 26th inst. by Elder James MADDIX. May they never repent the trade.

Our good friend Willie MOORE is very sick with typhoid fever. We miss him greatly and trust he may soon recover.

@ Mar 1884

Charles ROUINTREE has traded his farm in Eastern to Carroll GLOVER's house and lot in Turneyville and has gone to Texas to remain until next fall.

R.F. DOTY received word from Randolph County that an acquaintance of his, James LAWRENCE, shot and killed himself last Friday night. The jury brought in a verdict of accidental shooting, but it is believed he killed himself on account of private troubles.

Saturday night last, Joe DOTSON and Thomas DALLIS, confined in the jail in this place for larceny and perjury, respectively, made their escape by cutting loose a sheet-iron patch over an

old hole in the floor of the hall between the two rolls of cells, cut for the same purpose a few years ago.

Jacob BREEDEN, formerly of this county, died at his home in Arkansas on the 9th inst.

Nathan ASH, of Townmount Prairie, died Sunday night.

Nine pound boy born to Mr. and Mr. A.J. STROUD on the 26th.

Squire SINKS remarried Dr. JACKSON and his divorced wife last week.

Died, near Christopher, January 25th, 1884, Claiborn ROGERS, in the 73rd year of his life. He has lived on the Four Mile Prairie nearly 50 years, being one of the earliest settlers of this section of the county.

Watch Womack, nee Hardsock, was a dog, the property of Col. WOMACK. He was noted far and wide for his good qualities as a rabbit and coon dog. Watch unluckily followed a couple of Benton's most industrious nimrods on a hunt for the frisky rabbit one day last week and met an untimely end by being run over by a hand-car.

Joined hearts and hands: marriage license since last report:

George E. BROWN and Eva R.M. LOUCKS, Ewing Tsp.

Abe L. MARTIN and Miss Jennie E. CORNELIUS, Benton.

W.R. STEWART and Margaret D.A. GRAY, Browning Tsp.

Calvin L. OVERTURF and Estelle DAWSON, Buckner.

F.D. JACKSON and Mrs. Rachel JACKSON, (former wife), Frankfort.

Our good friend Willie MOORE is recovering from his recent severe illness.

1 Mar 1884

John R. McKEMIE was born 11 August 1832 in Wayne Co., Illinois and died 18 January 1884 at his home four miles southwest of Benton. Burial was at New Union Cemetery. He came to Franklin County in his childhood and spent the rest of his time here until his death. During the Civil War, he enlisted in Co. I, 110th IL. Inf. Vol. but was discharged due to failing health after a few months. He never belonged to any church but was a diligent student of the Bible. He leaves a wife and five children. Obit by J.W. MADDOX.

(At the cemetery, his wife is listed as Sidney McKEMIE, died 19 Feb. 1894, 61y 6m 23d. John R. McKEMIE married Sidney GIFFORD 21 March 1852 in Franklin County.)

5 Mar 1884

McLeansboro: Rev. Thomas MELLON died 5 Feb. 1884 at his home in Knight's Prairie,

Hamilton County, Illinois. He was born 5 Sept. 1820 in Louisiana and spent his boyhood in Philadelphia. He came to Hamilton County in 1848 and united with the United M.E. Church about 1851 and remained a faithful member, filling several offices there. He is survived by his wife and five children.

7 Mar 1884

Some years ago, in Saline County, a young man by the name of GORDON was bitten on the leg by a mad dog, which bite left a running sore. Every full moon thereafter, until cured, young Gordon would go mad, although not dangerously so, and would wander off in the woods and remain several days. During these periods he was entirely unconscious of his action. Several years after being bitten by the mad dog and while binding oats in the harvest field, he was bitten on the back of the hand by a rattlesnake, and from that moment the sore on his leg began to heal and he never afterwards felt any effects of the mad dog or snake bite. The truth of the above is vouched for by Dr. DURHAM of this place who is well acquainted with the young man and the circumstances. Dr. DURHAM is well known by the citizens of this county and his veracity is not questioned by anyone.

12 Mar 1884

McLeansboro: Zacharia ALLEN, an old settler of this place, died Sunday at this home in Taylortown. He leaves a young wife.

14 Mar 1884

Harrisburg Sentinel: Mr. SWEET, who came to town with his brother to bring some chickens to James PRICE,, was viciously assaulted by three young men. Arrested were George NEWELL, Harvey GASKINS and Edward BAUGH. Note: long article.

Freddie ROBERTS was recently married to Miss Clara OBBS.

The Macedonia school, taught by J.W. KERN closed Saturday. The MANION school, taught by William FLY, closed last Wednesday. The FRANKLIN school, successfully taught by Mr. SUTTON, closed Friday.

Ben FISHER's father, Jordan FISHER, of Hamilton County, died the 26th ult, after a long illness.

The mention of Aaron NEAL's name as a candidate for State's Attorney takes almost equal to magic among Democrats.

William J. ROYAL, whose residence and barn burned last November, has received his insurance money and is preparing to rebuild.

Long article about trip to Moore's Prairie (Jefferson Co.) Mentions Cyrus TAYLOR has coaxed a poor girl to come and starve to death with him and was married to an Edwards Co. girl last Sunday.

Last Thursday, four of Frankfort's star young men left this place and moved to other localities. J.M. and Lewis STROUD went to Elk Co., Kansas; William CLARK went to Cobden, Illinois and William C. SADDLER Jr. went to DuQuoin.

L. Barney REEVES, of Horse Prairie, has been visiting here with his uncle, W.R. WEBB. Miss Belle GRIMES, daughter of Capt. S.F. GRIMES, was married to Charley BAKER on Wednesday evening, March 12th. at Belle Rive, Illinois. Her relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. R.E. HOSKINSON attended.

DuQuoin Tribune: Mrs. Phebe PERRY, of Tamaroa, aged 98y 11m 17d, died at the family home on February 27th. The family moved to this county in 1838-1840 and Mrs. Perry has resided here since. She leaves four children, one daughter, the eldest, aged 80, and the youngest a son, aged 64.

People who use tobacco ought to have respect enough for common property not to practice their filthy habit in the church house. A tobacco stained church floor tells badly for any community.

Miss Stella CRAIG is a pleasant player on the guitar.

19 Mar 1884

McLeansboro: Died at her home three miles east of McLeansboro, Ruth Mary JONES, wife of Thomas H. JONES. She was born in Boone Co., Ky, 23 Dec. 1849, daughter of Joseph and Ruth MORETON SKIBINSKI. She moved with her parents to Hamilton Co., Illinois when quite young. In 1869 she married T.H. JONES, who survives, along with their children. Funeral and burial at Concord Church, Friday, March 14th.

McLeansboro: Samuel SMITH of Flannigan has gone crazy again.

McLeansboro, Dahlgren: Samuel WYCOFF, a resident of Hamilton County, committed suicide by hanging himself on the 12th inst. at a deserted house. He was found by one of his sons. He had been partially insane for sometime. He was sent to Anna two years ago, stayed a short time and was declared cured and released but soon showed signs of insanity again. The cause of his insanity was thought to be a fall from a railroad trestle six years ago. The 30-40 foot fall was said to have injured his spine, causing the insanity. The Wycoff family came to Hamilton County from Ohio about 14 years ago. He leaves a wife and several children.

McLeansboro: Died 4 Feb. 1884 at her home near McLeansboro:, Maggie BAINS, wife of William L. BAINS. She is survived by her husband, father and mother. Maggie was born 28 Sept. 1854 at Monroe Co., Tn and moved to Hamilton Co., Illinois early in 1855. She and William were married 29 April 1883. She made a profession of faith at age 14, three years later joining Blooming Grove Baptist Church.

26 Mar 1884

McLeansboro: Mrs. Artimissa (MAULDING) SHOEMAKER was born in Hamilton Co. and died at her home at Ashley 19 March 1884. She is the mother of J.M. SHOEMAKER.

28 Mar 1884

A 12 pound son has made his arrival at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John McCOLLUM.

Little Benny, 1 1/2 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas HORRELL of Galatia, died on the 20th. His remains were brought to Frankfort for burial.

4 Apr 1884

Polly HALE vs. Thomas HALE - divorce.

Its a girl at W.R. WARD's, a girl at State's Attorney TREECE's and a boy at Constable MOORE's.

John CASDY and Miss Ella GRABLE, both of Benton, were married last week by Rev. J.G. MITCHELL.

J.W. MADDOX's school at Laur, Jefferson Co., closed last week and he is now at home.

Columbus GAITHERS and wife have agreed to disagree.

Thirteen dollars per month is the regular wages for farm hands.

Old Mrs. P. VARNIER has been quite sick but is now slowly recovering.

The widow of the late Jordon FISHER is visiting her son, Ben FISHER.

John GAITHER was married not long since to Della SMITH, yesterday they set up housekeeping about 2 miles south of Akin. Last night they were loudly chivariated.

18 Apr 1884

Pinckneyville: Mrs. Jane HARBESON, who lived near Hopewell Church about 4 miles southwest of town, is, we believe, the only woman in the U.S. who draws a Revolutionary War pension. She is 90 years old. She was born in York Co., South Carolina. Her maiden name was Jane ANDERSON. At the time of her marriage she was 15 and her husband was 65.

A serious cutting affray took place at Parrish Saturday evening between Andy DILLON and John N. MILLER when Dillon stabbed Miller seven times in the back and abdomen with a pocketknife. Some of the wounds are quite serious but it is not believed they will be fatal. Dillon gave himself up.

On complaint of J.M. McDONALD, Mr. and Mrs. L.W. STONE were arrested Sunday evening charged with cruelly beating a little 11 year old orphan girl, whom they had taken to raise. The child is a niece of Mr. McDonald. The evidence showed that Mr. Stone had no hand in inflicting the severe punishment. Mrs. Stone was fined \$40 and costs. She was immediately rearrested on another charge for a like offense committed at another time and her trial set for next Tuesday. It is said that the child's body is almost a solid mass of bruises.

Miss Cora TAYLOR is the prettiest girl in this city or county.

Bouncing boys are the latest arrivals at Logan JONES and Deputy Sheriff MOORE's and the town is almost too small to hold the happy parents.

23 Apr 1884

McLeansboro: Delila LOWRY, 73, wife of Eld. Y.S. LOWRY, died on 14 April. She and her husband were natives of Tennessee and moved to Illinois in 1839. She was the mother of 5 children, 1 preceded her in death. Delila was a member of the Regular Baptist Church for 52 years.

25 Apr 1884
Smothersville

John SUTTON lost a child last Monday.

Moses MOORE is very sick.

May CHATHAM, granddaughter of William RUSSELL, died Saturday.

Mrs. Cora STONE, whose trial for cruelly beating a child was set for last week, failed to appear and has left for parts unknown with her husband. (This was her second trial)

2 May 1884

My wife, Malonie SUMMERS, having left my bed and board without any just cause or provocation, I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by her. All persons are warned not to harbor her on my account. Daniel SUMMERS

John S. SMITH has a new daughter born on the 23rd of April.

9 May 1884

Akin: Mrs. Lizzie CARTER, wife of Benj. CARTER, died on the 2nd.

James WAY, son of Isaac WAY, died on the 6th.

14 May 1884

McLeansboro: Died April 8 & 15th of typhoid pneumonia, at their father's home, Ollie M., aged 13y 6m 4d, and Rella, aged 7y 5m 3d, daughters of Peter M. and Polly A. CLEEK. They are survived by their parents and two sisters.

16 May 1884

Died at the home of her father, John UPCHURCH, on the 14th inst., Mrs. Nancy Emily BLAIR, wife of Thomas BLAIR, aged 32.

"Uncle" Alex McCREERY, the oldest citizen of this county, died at his home near Thompsonville, Tuesday last, aged 91.

Died on the 13th, Mrs. DARR, wife of William DARR.

23 May 1884

Smith AKIN died on the 16th and was buried on the 18th in the family graveyard at Knob Prairie church cemetery.

J.B. REED has a new daughter.

Aunt Nancy WEBB, relict of the late Rev. E.T. WEBB, of Webb's Prairie, died suddenly last Sunday.

30 May 1884

Jim SIMS is happy, its a girl.

13 Jun 1884

Mrs. Matilda PUCKETT, 22, died on the 9th inst. of typhoid pneumonia. She is survived by her husband, David PUCKETT, of Eastern, and two small children.

20 Jun 1884

Alexander McCREERY was born 10 Feb 1798/3 in Clark Co., Ky. On 25 March 1817 he married Miss Ann HERRELL in Ohio Co., Ky. The day after their marriage they started for Illinois and settled at Jordon Fort. His wife tells us that after their marriage, as she stood on the banks of the Ohio River waiting for the ferry to come and ferry us over the river and into Illinois, and I had bade farewell to my family and childhood friends, I looked with fear at the river I had never crossed and thought of the wild country where we were going to make out home. I was crying bitterly and he took me lovingly by the hand and said, "Don't cry so Ann, you shall never regret your choice." And this promise, she says, he had faithfully kept, for I never have. Many are the thrilling incidents we have heard Uncle Alex relate of adventures with wild indians and wild beasts and the hardships of frontier life.

In the fall of 1824, at a camp meeting near McLeansboro, Alex and Ann professed religion, and their souls were set free. As their children came along, the family altar was erected where was read evening and morning lessons of divine truth. The children, ten in number, which we will mention by their familiar names in the order of which they were called into the family circle were: Harlan McCREERY, who died during childhood; Emily, who will be remembered as one of Benton's earliest settlers, was the wife of S.K. CASEY; Warren, Ashly and William, all long time residents of Benton; also George, Cyrus, Sidney, now the wife of Judge ELSTUN, Matilda, the widow of the lamented James KENADY, and Harriet, wife of Lieut. W.A. STEWART. Of the above, half, namely Hardin, Emily, William, George and Harriet have preceded their father in death. Uncle Alex died 14 May 1884 and was buried at the Old Liberty Church yard cemetery.

4 Jul 1884

Richard C. CULLY, 80, died at his home in Akin on 21 July 1884. He was born in Virginia and moved to Indiana with his parents when he was eight years old, remaining there several years before he moved to Jackson Co., IL., before coming to Franklin County. He leaves a wife, three sons and three daughters. Burial was at Knob Prairie

31 Jul 1884

McLeansboro: William BROWN died at his home at Hoodville 17 July 1884, aged 48y 5m 12d, from being struck in the back with an axe by Dick GULLIC. He leaves his wife and children.

1 Aug 1884

An 11 pound daughter is born to Mr. and Mrs. Jake TROUT. Jake is a young papa, aged only about 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie CARNEY are happy with the arrival of a son, after having had five daughters.

14 Aug 1884

McLeansboro: Mrs. B.T.M. PEMBERTON, 51, died 10 August 1884. William Beverly UNDERWOOD was born 14 August 1814 in North Carolina and died 14 June 1884. At age 22 he moved to Kentucky and married Fatima JINES. They moved to Illinois in 1860.

15 Aug 1884

Mrs. Jake TROUT is chilling and her infant son is quite sick.

Abraham COOK, a former citizen of this county, died at his home in St. Johns, Perry Co., yesterday morning, aged about 32 years. The funeral will take place at the First Baptist Church, Rev. W.P. THROGMORTON officiating.

The Sunday school convention at Mt. Etna last Sunday was a rather tame affair. The attendance was large and order good but the singing was fearful poor and interest dull.

Mrs. HALE, Raleigh, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. CHENAULT, this week.

Miss Maria CHAPMAN, who has been visiting her father and friends here, returned to her home with her brother in St. Louis this week.

Mr. George LUNSFORD, Jasper Co., a former resident of near Ewing, was in town Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. George BAIN are blessed with another boy.

Orr, Mr. Philander JONES' son, who was kicked by a cow, died on the 7th inst.

Third annual reunion of children of Uncle Lewis PAYNE was held last Monday at the home of C.C. PAYNE. Present were seven of the nine living children (six being dead), 45 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren. This was the celebration of his 73rd. year. He has been a resident of this county about 35 years, having been born in North Carolina.

22 Aug 1884

R.R. DOTY of Franklin County has been engaged to teach a nine month school in Randolph County this winter.

W.W. McFALL is the happiest man in town, a new girl baby.

Mrs. George WEBB attempted to commit suicide near Sam WEBB's mill at Need More on Tuesday last. She attached one end of a rope to the limb of a tree hanging over a small creek and tying the other end around her neck, swung off. Some children playing nearby saw her rash act and gave the alarm, when her husband, who is employed at the mill rushed to the spot and cut the rope just in time to save her life. Domestic trouble is supposed to be the cause of the attempt to end her life.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. SHAW are blessed with a new son.

James McGILLEY, formerly of Franklin County, and son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. William HUTCHISON, died at his home in McLeansboro on the 18th inst., aged about 30 years.

Mr. James SNEED, father of C.?. SNEED, died at the home of his son-in-law yesterday, aged 67 years. Funeral this morning from home.

28 Aug 1884

McLeansboro: Died at his home at McLeansboro: on 21 August of obstruction of the bowels, Leroy B. HARWOOD, aged 73. Burial was at Odd Fellows Cemetery.

McLeansboro: From the Monticello Herald (Indiana): George McCULLOCH died last Saturday afternoon. He was born here 10 August 1853. In 1875 he moved to Hamilton County, Illinois and worked as cashier at the Bank of McLeansboro until Feb. 1882 when he was forced to leave on account of his health and returned to his former home.

29 Aug 1884

D. CORN and family started for Arkansas on the 28th.

W.R. MOORE, a former resident of Franklin County, but now of Prairie City, Indian Territory, is here visiting his parents and other relatives.

Jeff MOORE, brother of the constable, is lying very low with consumption at Riley MOORES, five miles northeast of Benton. His death is looked for at any moment.

Mr. and Mrs. FELTS have taken one of the orphan girls left by the late Abraham COOK to raise.

11 Sep 1884

McLeansboro: Whitfield MARTIN was born in Bedford Co., Virginia 7 July 1835 and died 29 August 1884. He came to Illinois at the close of the war and resided in Mt. Vernon for a few years before moving to Dahlgren in 1871. He is survived by his wife and five children.

12 Sep 1884

Old "Uncle" Jack PRY, one of Frankfort's oldest citizens, died on the 3rd. inst.

Noah WILLIAMS, after several years sojourn in Arkansas, Texas and Indian Territory, has returned to Eastern Township.

David WILLIAMS, who has been insane in our jail for some time, was taken to the asylum yesterday.

Paul Fisher TAYLOR, infant son of W.A. and Jennie TAYLOR, died on the 10th, aged 13m and 3d.

19 Sep 1884

Myrtle GRIMES, aged about 5 years, daughter of R.O. and A.E. GRIMES, died Saturday last and was buried on Sunday.

The hogs on our streets are a nuisance and must go.

3 Oct 1884

Harry PARKER, an old time school teacher, has returned from Anna sound and well after a 7 year stay at the insane asylum.

We are pained to announce the death of Mrs. Ira COLE, only surviving child of Mr. and Mrs. W.A. SIMPSON, last Saturday after a lingering illness. She leaves her husband and 1 little girl.

Frankfort: Died on the 23rd, the infant daughter of James and Sarah MUIR.

Mr. and Mrs. James SHERRING have a new daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. SUMMERS are rejoicing in the birth of their ninth son, all of whom are alive and doing well.

10 Oct 1884

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff SHIRLEY have a new 10 lb. girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott HENDRICKS have a new son.

John SMITH of Pennsylvania is visiting his uncle Louis ROBERTS here this week.

7 Nov 1884

Dr. Nep DURHAM, brother of Dr. DURHAM of Benton, who for several years has been living in the east is here at present on a visit.

14 Nov 1884

Mr. HATCHETT's daughter, of Gresham, is very sick.

The wife of John MOORE, living about five miles northeast of Benton, died on the 12th inst.

Miss May DUFF, daughter of Judge DUFF, of Carbondale, died on the 11th after a lingering illness.

Miss Maggie NEWMAN of Benton was married one day last week to Mr. SMITH of Thompsonville.

Mrs. HASCALL of Mulkeytown, leaves for Kansas this week, perhaps to make it her future home.

Miss Maggie DUNGIE, daughter of William DUNGIE of Franklin County, who has been residing with relatives at Clinton, Illinois has been visiting her father here the past few weeks. She returned home yesterday morning and will be missed.

Quincy DOWNS, for committing rape on the 12 year old daughter of Fred MELVIN, near Parrish, a few months ago, was tried at Marion this week where he had taken a change of venue, found guilty and punishment fixed at 40 years in the penitentiary. Sentence light enough.

Col E.P. BUEL, of the late lamented Narrow Gauge fame, has been indicted at Rochester, N.Y. for bigamy. Some months ago the gallant Col. married a wealthy widow of that city while he had a wife living in St. Louis at the time. Most any fool can marry two wives but it takes a smarter man than the Col. to keep people from finding it out.

ONWARD TO VICTORY

By R.M. WHEATLEY of DuQuoin, known as "Hardshell" by his comrades in the army, in honor

of Col. James J. DOLLINS of the 81st IL. Vol. Inf., who fell on the 22d of May 1863 while leading his regiment in that memorable charge on the rebel works at Vicksburg.

"Onward to victory!" nobly he cried,
"Onward to victory," onward till he died;
In arms the rebel phalanx stood,
Behind their works of earth and wood.

"Give us vict'ry or give us death!"
Brave Dollins cried with his last breath,
And "Onward!" was the last command,
That Dollins gave his gallant band.

Through whizzing shot and bursting shell,
Onward he charged, until he fell-
A fatal ball had pierced his head,
And laid the gallant colonel dead.

His men were true to his command,
And made a bold and gallant stand,
Until the field of strife was red,
With the blood of the noble dead.

May Holy Reverence mark the grave,
Where lies Dollins, the leader brave;
May Holy Angels guard his tomb,
And Heavenly Spirits waft him home.

Around 1884, exact date unknown

Cyrus McCREERY and wife went to DuQuoin, being called there by the serious illness of R. ELSTUN Sr.

Robert MOORE, tax assessor of this tsp., was in town Tuesday.

The family of O.P. FULTON started for Wichita, Kansas, Monday.

Louis MEADOW's little girl died of milk-sick last week.

Douglass BRENNAN and lady, of Clinton, Mo., were here visiting their uncle, Val. RICE, this week.

Mrs. WILBURN, a widow lady who resides about two miles west of Benton was found dead in

her bed Tuesday morning last. She had retired the night before in apparently good health. Heart disease was the cause of her sudden death.

Something Left behind, by Ressho ROBERTSON

Yes, there is something in fame,
Which fires our youthful zeal;
There is something in it's name,
Which fills many a mind with weal.

Although fickle in our sight,
Are the deeds that we have done;
Yet, when upon us shall come the night,
Our work will only have begun.

They stand, they move, they linger still,
After death shall have sent it's sting;
Uttered at one impulse of the will,
One word may honor, or shame, good or evil bring.

It seems to me I could gladly go,
When death shall summon me home;
If only the works which I have done below
Could be seen when my grave is unknown.

Oh! yes, it may surely be so,
If only will your part you've done;
Your acts may eagerly be read below,
Long after your body to its rest has gone.

20 Nov 1884

McLeansboro: Travis DANIEL died at the home of Thomas BEARD on the 17th of November.

28 Nov 1884

The county clerk issued a marriage license to Charles H. EUBANKS and Miss Sarah McFATRIDGE, both of Goode Tsp.

James HILL, the butcher, steps mighty high just now. It is a girl and put in her appearance last

night.

We are pained to record the death of Mrs. G. Merritte BOYLES, of Lower Gun Prairie. She was a kind-hearted, hospitable lady.

Miss Rosa FLANNIGAN, who was recently married to a Mr. HURON, of Thompsonville, is now a resident of that place, where Mr. H. has been in business for some time past.

5 Dec 1884

Mrs. OBERLY, 85, mother of Hon. J.H. OBERLY, died last Saturday.

Calvin WEATHERFORD, recently a Smothersville resident, is studying medicine under Dr. BROWN.

Thomas BLAIR and Mrs. Fayette BROWN were married Thursday evening, 4th inst., by Squire EVANS, at the home of W.S. ODUM.

Four prisoners are confined in the county jail at present: John SHEPHERD, indicted for murder; J.G. CANAHAN, J.S. DAVIS and J.S. WALLER, burglary and larceny.

Miss STEVENS, who has recently returned from missionary work in India, will deliver a lecture at the First Baptist church next Tuesday evening.

Mrs. BURBANK, of Perry County visited her step-son, John S. SMITH in this place last week.

The infant child of Ben SMITH, of Mulkeytown, was brought to Benton for burial Wednesday.

Rufus ESKEW was called to Tennessee last week by the serious illness of one of his children. He will probably remain there all winter.

Earl SHERWOOD, a former attorney of Benton, but now a resident of Hardin County, spent a couple of days here among his old friends.

A.J. WALL, formerly of Franklin County, is employed in the Advocate office at Greenville.

Aaron BURLISON, recently returned from Kansas and has purchased his birthplace, the Uriah WALLER farm, in Eastern Township.

Miss Belle SCROGGINS was seriously burned by falling into the fire place while setting up with a sick brother in Saline Co. recently.

Mrs. Monroe TAYLOR, who recently moved from here to East St. Louis, was here this week visiting relatives. Also Mrs. Effie GOODIN of the same city.

Marriage licenses:

Albert HATCHETT and Miss Melissa E. MAIZE, Townmount.
Milton NEWSOME and Miss Bexy J. HAGGART, Benton Tsp.
D.E. McREYNOLD and Miss E.J. ROTRAMEL, Cave tsp.

Thanksgiving Sociable: You are respectfully invited to attend a Thanksgiving Sociable at the home of Mrs. E.D. CANTRELL, Thursday evening, November 27th. Note: Long article about the sociable and entertainment that was provided, including list of those present.

12 Dec 1884

Kenneth McKENZIE of Franklin County started last Saturday on a voyage across the sea to visit the highlands of his native Scotland. He will remain until about the first week of March.

The suit for divorce against Sam BUNTIN by his second wife, was withdrawn Saturday last and the parties were remarried by G.C. ROSS.

M.J. "Hocky" MASON left for California where he will make his home.

19 Dec 1884

A new son was born at the home of Col. MOYERS last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas BOSTER, who reside three miles north of Macedonia, are blessed with 3 new babies, 2 sons and 1 daughter.

26 Dec 1884

William SLOAN, a good citizen of Smothersville, died Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Holt HAITHCOAT have a new son.

Mr. and Mrs. Jasper WHITTINGTON have a new daughter.

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