



# BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

## UPCOMING 2018 PROGRAMS

The speaker for January 25, 2018, will be Penny Christman, the owner of Preserving Your Heritage, which was established after her retirement in 2015. Prior to beginning a new business, she completed a career which included administrative and management positions in customer support, human resources and payroll. She received an Associates in Applied Science degree majoring in management. She recently moved to this area to be closer to family.

Over the years her love of genealogy has grown from occasional weekend research to the development of a business pursuit during her retirement. The idea for her business came from working on her family trees. The credit for Penny's curiosity and love of family history goes to her aunt (the family historian) and her grandfather (the story teller). They passed along the "bug" to her, and she does not believe there is a cure! She purchased a scanner in order to preserve old pictures, negatives, documents, etc. After completing a few initial scanning jobs for clients, she expanded her business offering to include scrapbooking and genealogy. Her presentation will include details of the three types of services offered: digital scanning of photos, documents, slides and negatives; displays and scrapbooks for heirlooms and memorabilia; and capturing genealogy data for family history.

Penny's presentation is primarily via Power Point, but she will have a few items to display showing actual samples of her own family history.

Bill Kemp will return to speak to the Bureau County Genealogical Society on February 22, 2018. Bill is a librarian and co-curator from the McLean County History Museum and will present "The 'Lost Speech' Found: Abraham Lincoln and the Founding of the Illinois Republican Party."

On May 29, 1856, Lincoln delivered what has become known as the "Lost Speech." Lincoln was one of the leaders organizing a new political party, the Republican Party, to oppose the expansion of slavery.

Learn about this momentous event and how the "Lost Speech" is not entirely lost.

Both meetings will be held at the Bureau County Genealogy Society at 629 S. Main St. The meetings will start at 7:00 p.m.

Our Annual Meeting, required of all non-profit organizations, will be part of our January 25<sup>th</sup> meeting.

## OFFICERS FOR 2018

President	Carol McGee
Vice President	Elaine Newell
Meeting Secretary	Vanessa Zimmerlein
Board Secretary	Pam Haughawout
Treasurer	Patrick Hodge

## CONFERENCES FOR 2018

National Genealogical Society Conference  
May 2 - 5  
in Grand Rapids, Michigan

Federation of Genealogical Societies  
Conference  
August 22-25, 2018  
Fort Wayne, IN

## RECLAIMING LUXEMBOURG CITIZENSHIP

By Vanessa Zimmerlein, BCGS Meeting Secretary

The nation of Luxembourg is accepting applications for dual citizenship for direct descendants of Luxembourg citizens who were alive on January 1, 1900, no matter where they were living. This Luxembourg law was put into effect on January 1, 2009, and will expire on December 31, 2018, leaving the option for reclamation of citizenship open for a period of ten years. Applicants must prove their lineage to their ancestor born in Luxembourg through vital records, such as birth, death, and marriage certificates. These records must then be translated into French by a certified translator to be submitted to Luxembourg for approval. Once that goes through, citizenship application forms and documents must be submitted in person to an office in Luxembourg. Ordinary requirements for non-native Luxembourgers to become citizens, such as residency, language exams and civic courses, are waived for those who can prove their ancestry.

There are many benefits to reclaiming Luxembourg citizenship, and in effect, citizenship of the EU. Luxembourg citizens can obtain an EU passport which allows them to travel, study, live, and work unrestricted throughout Europe, whereas U.S. citizens can only stay in a country for 90 consecutive days and are not allowed to work without a green card. Citizens also gain voting rights, although they are not obligated to pay taxes in Luxembourg unless they actually reside there. In addition, these benefits are passed on to future generations, and there is never any obligation to live in Luxembourg. Beyond the physical benefits of dual citizenship,

there is also a feeling gained of holding onto one's ancestral heritage. For anyone looking for help with the process, the Luxembourg American Cultural Society in Belgium, Wisconsin, offers a fee-based program to help those working toward their Luxembourg citizenship.

## FACEBOOK AND GENEALOGY

If you have a Facebook page, try using their list of genealogy and historical groups <<http://socialmediagenealogy.com/genealogy-on-facebook-list>>. It is an excellent list of Facebook websites that you can click and see what each has to offer. The list is organized by state, foreign countries, various topics such as adoption, cemeteries, etc. Dave Feurer, a BCGS member, submitted this information to us. He found that it works best if you highlight the Facebook website and paste it into the address area on your Facebook page. Carol Mc Gee just viewed it without doing this and found some very good websites to search. Now that the holidays are over, give it a try.

## FREE NEWSPAPER WEBSITE

Go to [www.nsnewsmap.com](http://www.nsnewsmap.com). You can now search for anything of interest in eleven million newspapers between 1789 and 1922. I typed a family name SIGAFUS. You will see a map of the United States. Watch as blue dots appear, showing you where to find newspaper articles with the search word SIGAFUS. I found an article from the Norwich Bulletin, Norwich, Connecticut, dated July 15, 1910, about my uncle from San Bernardino, California. My uncle owned silver mines in Colorado and California and had made and lost several fortunes throughout his lifetime. The point is - I would have never dreamed of checking Connecticut for information about him. This is an article I had never seen previously. Try it! Best of all it's FREE.

*From the Peoria Genealogical Society, September, 2017.*

## SOCIETY UPDATE

I want to thank all those who have renewed their memberships and those who have donated to our society to help us with our expenses. Please note that a renewal form is enclosed with your newsletter, if you have not renewed yet. For those who receive their newsletters by email, this form will be the second attachment. Carol Mc Gee

## DID YOU KNOW?

Our society will be 28 years old this year.

We still need more volunteers willing to learn about our collection or who enjoy computer work. Even if you can only work a few hours a week or on a special project, we would appreciate your help.

Our building has 2,622 square feet of space on the first floor plus a basement and second floor. This has enabled our collection to really grow.

Carol Mc Gee owns our building but has let us use it at no charge for 15 years. The building will become the property of our society at her death or before.

Our average expenses to operate amount to about \$21,000 a year.

Your membership fees, donations, and research fees have enabled us to cover these expenses.

In 2017 we had 449 members.

We are one of the few genealogical societies that sits down and assists our visitors unless they prefer to work independently.

As of November 27 we had 393 visitors in 2017. We are trying to promote our society more to increase this number.

We answered 61 requests to do research for members and non-members who were unable to visit.

*NOTE: In the actual newsletter, this space contains the names and addresses of new members of BCGS. For privacy reasons, we have chosen to not include that information in this online version.*

## UPCOMING CONFERENCE

The DuPage County Genealogical Society 43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at the NIU Conference Center, 1120 East Diehl Road, Naperville, IL 60563. The featured speakers include Blaine Bettinger, John Philip Colletta, Steve Szabados, and Katherine Willson. Topics include Polish Genealogy, Our National Archives, Introduction to DNA and many others. For further information, e-mail Nancy Ristau at registrar@dcgs.org or visit the DuPage County Genealogical Society website: dcgs.org.

### THEY PAID THE BILL

(The Ohio Herald, 9 March 1902)

A farmer named Shaw, living in Orange county owned a dog and paid taxes on it. One night he found his dog had killed seven fine ewes and was tearing away at the throat of another. Farmer Shaw shot the dog dead. Then he put in a bill for \$60 against Orange county for the eight sheep his dog had killed. "It was my dog that did it, I know," he admitted. Then the commissioners laughed at him for expecting pay for the sheep his own dog had killed. "But," argued Shaw, "I had paid tax to the county on him, and if he had killed some other fellow's sheep, the county would have to pay for them, wouldn't it? Well, haven't I got as many rights against holding a sheep-killing dog as my neighbors have? I want them \$60." The commissioners stopped laughing and asked their council what it would be best to do, and he said he guessed Farmer Shaw had 'em where the hair was short, and they had better pay, and they did.

Genealogy One Liner

Okay, so I don't descend  
from anyone ... now what?

## PREDICTS A TOOTHLESS AGE

(Bureau County Republican, 14 May 1913)

### British Doctor Gives Out Opinion That Soft Foods Are Working Havoc With the Race

What our dentists have from time to time been saying has been at last taken up by a London doctor, namely, that our teeth are less solidly set in the jaws than they should be for the reason that civilization encourages us to eat soft foods. "Biting is becoming a lost art," says this British doctor. "The surest way to save your teeth from extinction is to bite hard substances. Growing young people of today should be given a diet of hard biscuits and chop bones." He pointed out that the jaws of today are narrower than those of our ancestors -- and this applies to America as well as to Britain -- and that unless some changes are made in our mode of life, evolution will breed a race that will be practically toothless. He gives as the reason for the narrowing of the jaws and that they are less powerful that they are not sufficiently exercised and that we do not use our teeth to crunch hard foods as did the early Britishers. He notes that wisdom teeth, owing to the general narrowness of the jaws are cut at all manner of times, and tells of a man of fifty-two who had just cut a wisdom tooth owing to the removal of other molars which at last allowed it to show itself above the gum.

### OTTAWA WOMAN KILLS RATTLESNAKE ON ROAD

(Bureau County Republican, 26 July 1923)

When Mrs. Alex Gowins, 1434 Kansas Street, Ottawa, encountered a big rattlesnake on the concrete highway three miles south of the county seat, she pinned the reptile to the wheel of her automobile, secured a club and killed it. The woman placed the snake on the running board of her car and took it into Ottawa. When it was measured, the reptile was found to be 53 inches in length and had ten rattlers and a button. The rattlesnake is said to have been one of the largest killed in LaSalle County in recent years. Mrs. Gowins is the wife of an interurban motorman, who is well known in Princeton.

## INDISPUTABLE EVIDENCE

The first paragraph of this article was written by Esther Tracy.

Did your ancestor have the means to purchase a sewing machine, piano, or organ in the 1800's? Scan the list to see if you can find a person of interest from this ad of February 1888. Do you imagine the ad was motivating?

[The article itself is from the Bureau Co. Tribune, 17 Feb 1888]

The following persons have purchased during the past seven months either a piano, organ, or sewing machine at A. D. Garnsey's New Music Store in Princeton, one door north of Dunbar's.

### PIANOS

Oliver Cook	H. M. Ferrell
Mabel Prutzman	E. Reniff
Frank Haney	Henry Hanson
Sarah Fanbel	J. W. Ward
R. T. Miller	R. J. Isdel
J. S. Anderson	M. Peterson
E. Knox	Geo. Boltz
Mrs. Dr. Hoosier	G. Lee
America Seaton	G. J. M. Porter

### ORGANS

G. W. Greenman	Mary Burt
John Royce	R. C. Waugh
F. M. Fassett	Joseph Burr
John Leech	O. C. Anderson
N. C. Anderson	Casper Schafer
J. H. Childs	Allen Stinson
John McCall	Carrie L. John
John W. Hensel	Sven Trafalgar
Nels Edulfson	J. W. Marlin
W. C. Scharf	N. P. Pierson
W. D. Ham	Jas. Coulter

J. C. Phillips	D. W. Coombs
Mrs. Lymus Halladay	N. E. Redbaugh
David Hartnady	Mrs. J. C. Phillips

### SEWING MACHINES

D. L. Allen	Thomas Isdel
Thomas Hamilton	Daniel Driscoll
Albert Stevens	David Zearing
Geo. Walker	J. E. Shears
N. P. Broad	Clara Anderson
C. E. White	J. P. Baird
Jane Avery	Wm. Nelson
Geo. Boltz	C. Sundell
R. Hunter	Elias Mercer
D. Adams	C. Johnson
Nelson Weise	R. H. Wickersham
Andrew Batton	Anton Johnson
Chas. Bengier	John Gipe
— Hyde	J. Hungerford
Sim Waddell	Joseph Burr
Henry Miller	M. Coddington
Chas. P. Philips	E. P. Morton
C. J. Johnson	Sarah Newton
Wm. Hammer	Nellie Hopkins
C. Schroeder	Fred Bacon
J. Leech	Joseph Busser
H. Fletcher	L. E. Ring
J. Lintuer	A. M. Fordham

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C. Johnson	Ernest Eichmeier
Jesse Barre	Nels Oleson
Herbolsheimer	W. Billings
D. Benson	Rev. Brown
A. Daniels	Geo. Lambert
Theo. Streeter	A. Sackman
Mrs. G. Porter	J. Swanson
Prof. S. W. Moses	Chas. Weston
Wm. Ioder	W. H. Snow
M.E. Smith	R. Alspaugh
Belle Whitmore	Mary Harris
Mary Kent	O. A. Clark
C. Wright	J. A. Slygh
Chas. Wilson	R. Smith
M. Bellangee	M. Peterson
L. Matson	F. E. Randall
T. J. Lockwood	A. Garmon
Saran Ballard	Joseph Burholz
Wm. Vickery	J. McCorkle
Dallas Law	Marion Doty
E. M. Dean	P.H. Zeigler
J. H. Holbrook	C. Snyder
Mattie Mavity	W. H. Lewis
D. W. Chase	M. C. McKinney
D. H. Harrington	Louise Larson
J. Bryan	John P. Johnson
J. H. Doty	Sophia Nelson
Henry Beaber	H. A. Lockwood

E. R. Sperm	H. S. Howard
Chas. Hassler	Wm. Osborn

Don't buy until you have seen my stock, and get prices and terms. Can save you money. Have the best goods the market affords.

**A. D. GARNSEY**

Feb.17, 1888

## RAILROAD EXPANSION IN BUREAU JUNCTION

(Bureau County Tribune, 13 April 1894)

Bureau Junction has something great in store for itself, or else its citizens will be very much mistaken. On three acres of land purchased of David Miller last winter the Rock Island is building a long "Y" west of the depot. The present roundhouse will be torn down, and another one will be built further west, the material for which will be partially obtained from the roundhouse at Peru, which will be torn down. The "Y" will be used for turning engines around. A gang of men and a number of teams are now at work upon these improvements. Although the railroad authorities are more mum in relation to their affairs, employees of the road and citizens of Bureau are constantly putting this and that together and are figuring so closely alike that it seems they can hardly be mistaken when they declare Bureau Junction is about to be made a division for the Rock Island of some kind. And then it is said the Northwestern is negotiating to get into Peoria by way of Bureau Junction. Should this scheme also be consummated, the little burg will have a boom which will awaken the natives.

## GENEALOGY ONE LINERS

**I trace family history so I know who  
to blame**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following three articles all deal with disastrous fires that struck the community of Walnut, IL, within a 10-year period. Remember to pay special thanks to our current fire fighters who help prevent both the occurrence and spread of fires.



### **BIG FIRE AT WALNUT, ILL. THE ENTIRE BUSINESS PORTION OF TOWN BURNED. LOSS \$125,000**

(LaMoille Gazette, 2 August 1890)

Fire broke out in a billiard hall, run by John Larson, on the west and south side of Main St., at 2 o'clock Thursday morning, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and as the fire apparatus was in poor condition and everything so dry, the flames spread rapidly to adjacent buildings and crossed the street, and in less than three hours the entire business portion of the town, as well as eight dwelling houses, the lumber yard, two large elevators and the R. R. Depot were in ashes, 56 buildings being burned and 16 families rendered homeless.

The fire spread so rapidly that all efforts to arrest its fury were in vain and but few goods were saved. The gross losses are estimated at \$125,000 with only \$40,000 insurance.

The Motor office was mostly saved but badly mixed up. Editor Wilson will publish his paper as usual, doing the press work in the Tornado office at Tampico, for the present.

The Walnut House, a large three story building, was saved and is extensively patronized by the large number of people who are visiting the town. It is being used by the Post Master and Dan Livy is fitting up the basement for a meat market. Bass & Ennis will continue to buy grain and load into cars. The R. R. Agent is using the hand-car house for an office and box cars as store houses. The

origin of the fire is unknown but is thought to have been from a cigar stub.

### **A DISASTROUS FIRE**

(Walnut Leader, 1 September 1899)

Walnut was again visited by a disastrous conflagration which destroyed in the neighborhood of \$20,000 property. At about three o'clock Tuesday afternoon fire was discovered in the dry house of the Walnut Lumber and Coal company which stood just across the alley from the new grain elevator owned by Andrews Bros., which had but recently been completed. The fire spread so rapidly that before a stream of water was turned on, the flames were climbing the side of the elevator, soon burning through the steel siding and setting the elevator building on fire. Once the water was turned on, the flames were held in check from getting into the business buildings on the west side of Main street, which saved the town from being burned, as was the case in 1890. Fred Long's house and barn, barn and granary owned by G. S. Fox, which stood near the dry house, were burned and the house of G. S. Fox was saved with some damage by the lively work of the boys with the engine. Had it not been for the water works the town would surely have been destroyed again, and those who took an active part are deserving of proper credit. The Ohio hose company promptly responded, coming down in full force on the passenger, and their services were duly appreciated.

Andrews Bro's elevator was insured for \$4,500. It contained about 20,000 bushels of grain, with no insurance.

Walnut Lumber & Coal company probably fully protected by insurance.

J. F. Long, loss \$1,400, with insurance of \$1,150 and he received \$1,125, and was well satisfied.

G. S. Fox damaged about \$300, insurance covers loss.

## **SWEPT BY FIRE**

(Bureau County Tribune, 13 July 1900)

### **WALNUT IS AGAIN VISITED**

#### **Loss of \$100,000 Estimated by the Recent Conflagration**

On Tuesday morning of this week the people of Walnut were aroused from their slumbers by an alarm of fire. This was a few minutes before 3 o'clock, and in an incredibly short time the people were up and on the streets and running towards the blaze.

The fire originated in the Opera house block, upstairs, and from what could be learned started in the opera room. The fire department was soon on hand and worked on the south side of the building first, but this was a wooden structure and the wind being from the southeast it soon got beyond their control and worked rapidly towards the west and north. The firemen fought the flames with terrible energy, some of them being badly burned about the face and hands, especially the fire chief, John Sheflett, whose hands and face were a pitiful sight. He was still on deck, however, all day Tuesday, directing the work of pulling down standing walls and turning streams of water on burning grain and flour which was still burning at noon. The firemen worked at a disadvantage on account of insufficiency of hose and lack of force to the stream of water thrown by the fire engine. The volume thrown by nozzle of hose looked like garden hose when compared with the force and precision thrown by the fire department here, which can literally drown a building in two minutes. The town council of Walnut were aware of this deficiency and held a special meeting Monday night and made arrangements for providing adequate and better facilities for subduing fire in the future. This meeting, held for this particular purpose, hardly adjourned and the aldermen had hardly retired before they were rudely awakened.

Despite the heroic work of all classes of people, who knew from bitter experience what a monster the fire demon was, the fire swept steadily on. By a strange coincidence

Walnut was swept by an even worse fire ten years ago this month, and which started at the same hour in the morning. At the earlier fire the buildings were not so substantial and had been replaced by good, solid brick blocks, in a measure, at least. The fire by this time had gone on its destructive work from the Opera block, where it burned out Harry Straw's all night lunch room, on the first floor, John O. Neill, agricultural implements, and the Mail and Express printing office, owned by Squire Mayhall.

It next took the Frederick House, formerly Fisher Hotel, burning the building and its entire contents. Harry Stahl, a boarder, escaped just in time, but lost \$100 which he had under his pillow. The next house was a dwelling owned by Miss D. and Mrs. Jno. Knight, and then another dwelling belonging to Mrs. Mary Dodge. The extreme west limit on this street was the corner store occupied by George Sample, restaurant and groceries. This building was a total wreck, although a few groceries were removed. Hammond Irvin's hardware and furniture store was badly burned in the rear, and a warehouse filled with paint was consumed.

A barn belonging to Mrs. Kelly was also burned in this district, and a back fire burned a house belonging to David Wolf on the extreme east of this street. The next house on the east belonged to Truman Wolf, of this city, and singularly enough it was saved, one gable being burned slightly, in the same manner as ten years ago.

The fire now worked north and in the face of a tremendous struggle by everybody that could lift a hand, and it was soon seen that the fine block owned by Gunther A. Baumgartner was doomed. The Walnut bank, Wm. Mercer's drug store, Frederick & Handsell's bakery and restaurant, Meltzer's lunch room, Harry Mitchell's barber shop and

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John Fisher's butcher shop were all on the ground floor of this block, situated in the heart of the town. Very little property was saved from any of these rooms, and some of the parties had but little insurance. Handsell & Frederick, who had but recently purchased the bakery, had received an insurance policy calling for \$600 a few hours before the fire. Their loss was \$1,000, as they had but recently paid that in cash for their business. On the second floor of this building was the offices of Dr. Burrell, dentist, Stiver and Mathes, lawyers and land agents, Georgia Mayhall, M.D., the telephone station, and John Dust's lodging rooms. Mr. Dust, it is reported, lost \$200 in cash, as he left in the excitement without "the needful." The occupants of the second floor of this block lost nearly everything, and their insurance was light.

The fire had caught in several places on the north from the Opera House block, and continued on its deadly work until it had swept out of existence the building of Wm. Walter, saloon, John Larson, billiard hall, who had \$250 insurance, H. D. Chapman, meat market, no insurance, a building owned by Henning, the Mendota brewer and occupied by Tom Fisher, and insured for \$800; Richard Meishner's implement house, a building 25x96 feet, filled with implements, etc.; the buggies and binding twine were largely removed and saved. Preston, blacksmith, jocularly remarked that he lost everything but his anvil.

The fire next swept across the street to the north and attacked the immense grain elevator of Ennes & West, piled full with eighty thousand bushels of corn and oats. Here, if the city had been possessed of even six feet more of good hose, it is thought the building with its immense deposit of life-sustaining food might have been saved, but it was burned to the ground and the flames leapt into the sky to an immense height, making a magnificent sight, that put the Fourth of July fireworks to shame. "Jim"

Ennes saw the hopelessness of the fight to save his property, and generously told those fighting the flames to turn their attention to the west street which contained many wooden buildings which were in great jeopardy. The weary but most determined people made a desperate fight all along this line, and by hanging wet blankets facing the fire this entire west street was saved except the windows, which were cracked by the intense heat. The fire, having destroyed the elevator and the grain office, and raging among the big pile of grain, next swept over towards the C. B. & Q. depot on the north and soon leveled it to the ground. Here it was checked from going any farther by superhuman efforts, as it was thought the Walnut house and the lumber yards were surely doomed, as well as many residences in the north part of the city. Fire-brands were carried by the wind to the extreme limit of the north part of town, and several citizens had great difficulty in saving their homes.

In all eighteen buildings were destroyed and a property loss variously estimated at from \$100,000 to \$110,000 sustained. This loss was about half covered by insurance, some people losing heavily, with little or no insurance. Faber had \$5,500 on his merchandise while Guither had only \$2,000 on the brick building costing more than five times that amount. There was \$16,000 insurance on the elevator and contents, and \$3,000 on the bank building. The bank officials immediately took steps to begin business and soon had a counter in the post office and everything in shape to conduct business. On Wednesday R. Virden of this city, who has stock in the bank, was on the ground, and urged them to start up at once on Tuesday.

Steps will be taken at once to clear away the debris and begin the work of building up the town again. While the people were

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discouraged by this second visitation of a terrible fire, they were unitedly and perfectly agreed that Walnut must be rebuilt better and bigger than ever, and this time with a complete and perfect fire department. The losses were:

## SOUTH BLOCK

	Loss	Ins
Davis Wolf Building	500	
Davis Wolf Household	200	
Opera House, Heckman Sterling	2,500	
Opera House furnishings	500	
Harry Strong, rest't and furniture	400	
W. S. Mayhall, Mail and Express	1,500	
John O'Neal, buggies	500	
Henry Fredericks, Fisher Hotel	1,500	
" " furniture	500	
Mrs. John Knight, vacant building	1,000	
Miss Mary Dodge res. & furniture	1,500	
Mrs. Nettie Kelly, barn	200	
H. Irvin, furniture & hardware - back end and roof burned out	1,500	
Geo. Sample brick veneer restaurant	2,000	
Furnishings	800	

## CENTER BLOCK

Henry Guither 2 story brick build	10,000	2,000
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John Faber, dry good & groceries	11,000	7,000
Keller, photographer	250	
Walnut bank building	12,000	3,000
" " furnishing	1,000	
W. A. Mercer drug store	2,500	
Ed. Meltzer restaurant	200	
Will Frederick & Otto Hensel bak'y	1,000	500
John Fisher, meat market	750	
E. C. Mitchell, barber shop	300	
Mathis & Stiver law office	1,000	
Dr. E. A. Burress, dentist	750	
Bureau Co. Ind. Tel.	500	
Dr. Georgia Mayhall	600	
Jacob Thurn, building	1,000	
Thos. Fisher, furnishings	500	
Chapman's Meat Market	1,000	
Stock & furniture	1,200	
John Larson, billiard hall	1,000	
Saloon [Jacob Sowers] dry	800	
Furnishings	100	
R. C. Meishner building	1,500	
" stock implements	3,000	
Turner, blacksmith & furniture	300	
Robt. Miller paint shop	100	
Ennes, West & Co. elevator	10,000	
80,000 bushels corn and oats	30,000	14,500
Elevator office	200	

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	Loss	Ins
C. B. & Q. depot	2,000	
W. D. Milliken's lumber damaged	75	
Walnut House, damaged	50	
T. Wolf, residence damaged	60	
John Dost, money	150	
G. S. Fox damage to building	50	
E. Atkinson "	50	
J. W. Ross "	150	
Harry Fuller "	40	
E. O. Mathis "	100	
O. C. Nussle "	5	
J. E. Schwarzentraub "	75	
Total	110,460	

**THE MILITARY TRACT**

(Bureau County Tribune, 11 August 1899)

One is asked frequently "What is the Military Tract?" "The Military tract extends from the junction of the Illinois and Mississippi rivers at the southern end of Calhoun county to the north line of Mercer county and spreads out to embrace all the territory between the two rivers. It is 169 miles long from south to north and at the north end is about a hundred miles wide. It comprises the counties of Calhoun, Pike, Hancock, Adams, Brown, Schuyler, McDonough, Fulton, Henderson, Warren, Knox, Peoria and Mercer and parts of the counties of Henry, Putnam, Stark, Bureau and Marshall. It was surveyed in 1815 and 1816, before Illinois was admitted to the union as a state, and was called the Military Tract because most of the land was appropriated to bounties to the soldiers of the regular army who served in the war of 1812. It is the garden spot of the great Mississippi Valley."

**A WOMAN'S "MARRIED" NAME**

(Tiskilwa Chief, 5 October 1921)

If you have from your very first conscious thought regarding yourself as an Anna Maria Brown, you can't suddenly, with any comfort regard yourself as Mrs. Thomas Smith, or a few years later as Mrs. Henry Green and then as Mrs. Richard Robinson. It is too reminiscent of cattle branding, says the New Republic.

And historically, of course, it is the same class. For a woman to take a man's name is a symbol of what once was true; that once he owned her body, her property and her opinions. Man and wife were one not in the same sense that they were he and she, but entirely and altogether he. Anna Marie Brown was quite thoroughly done away with it, and it was very proper to symbolize that by taking away her name. And it is equally proper now to give it back to her. Married women do vote, after all, and manage their property and get divorces if a finger is lifted against them; they've got back their bodies and money and opinions, why not their names?

**MANLIUS CHEESE PLANT HAS  
SUCCESSFUL OPENING**

(Bureau County Republican, 5 March 1936)

The Manlius Milk Products Company opened for business auspiciously last Saturday with an estimated attendance of 800 guests, who were served sandwiches and coffee from 11:30 in the morning until five o'clock in the afternoon. The management of the plant were also highly pleased by the large volume of milk received. Two receiving vats are now in operation and it is expected that a third will be installed within a short time. The manager of the new Manlius industry is Robert Natchway, a native of Wisconsin, who is an expert in the manufacture of cheese.

Two presses have been installed and it is expected that within a short time the plant will be fully equipped for steady operation.

The plant was located in Manlius through the efforts of the Manlius Community Club and farmers residing near the town.

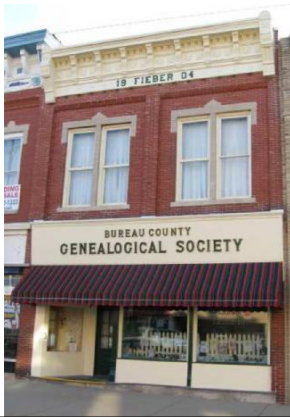
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