# BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

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## JULY ZOOM PRESENTATION

On **July 23, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. (CDT)** writer, lecturer and genealogist Lisa Alzo of Ithaca, NY, will present by Zoom her program entitled **"No Easy Button: Using Immersion Genealogy to Understand Your Ancestors".**

Family history is so much more than just names, dates, and places, or boxes, lines and charts. For 21st century genealogists, it is easy to limit our research to the documents or other facts we find online, or to what others tell us to be true. Learn how to take your research a step further to understand your ancestors' lives through "immersion genealogy" - the process of discovering where they lived, worked, and worshipped, and experiencing those customs and traditions they passed down through the generations. Key resources, methodology, and tips for reaching out to relatives and repositories, and how to make the most out of a trip to your ancestors' hometown (whether in North America or across the pond) will be discussed.

This presentation will be by Zoom only. A Zoom link will be provided by email a few days in advance to members who have requested access to Zoom presentations. This program will be recorded.



## AUGUST ZOOM PRESENTATION

On **Thursday, August 27, at 7:00 (CDT)**, the Bureau County Genealogical Society will present a virtual meeting using Zoom. Scott Norrick will give a program titled **"America at 250! Researching Your Revolutionary Ancestors."**

This presentation will cover the top resources, struggles, websites, libraries, archives, and organizations for learning more about your ancestors at our nation's founding. Resources and documents available at the National Archives, Daughters of the American Revolution, Sons of the American Revolution, as well as state and local organizations will be included. The presentation will also reveal that many colonists did not support independence and supported the British/Tory cause.

A Zoom link will be provided by email a few days in advance to those members who indicated a desire to be notified about our Zoom presentations. It will be recorded and you may view it at a later time but must request a new link from us.

Scott is a lead genealogist with over 30 years of family history research experience. He has traced and documented thousands of ancestors and relatives in both the United States and Northern Europe. His passion is connecting people to their past. Scott is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists. Many of us enjoyed hearing him in January when he spoke about the Germans who migrated to the Midwest.

## MAY PRESENTATION

The Bureau County Genealogical Society held their May meeting online via Zoom. The program was given by Jennifer Warner who has spent forty-three years in the genealogy field. Her topic for the evening was: Getting the Most out of Newspapers.com.

She finds newspapers an excellent source for genealogy researchers. Years ago, local papers featured a great deal of personal information about community residents and events including neighborhood parties, out-of-town visitors, and accidents and injuries. Along with family history, newspapers are also helpful when researching topics such as World War II or the royal family.

Jenny prefers Newspapers.com. over other similar sites. It is the largest online archive of its kind and features newspapers from the 1700s through the 2000s.

She demonstrated how to go to the Newspapers.com website and search for information. Articles of interest can be clipped digitally and then forwarded to an Ancestry account, posted on Facebook, emailed, or printed off.

Newspapers.com is a paid subscription, but a seven-day free trial is available. That gives researchers an opportunity to try it before taking out a subscription. Jenny feels this site offers the most information with over one billion pages of historical newsprint. If you would like to contact her with further questions, she can be reached at jennywarnergenealogist@gmail.com. Her website is: www.jennywarnergenealogist.weebly.com.

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## NEW ACQUISITIONS

The WY-HI-AN Wyanet Community High School Yearbook (1953 &1954)
1933 picture of Bryant School pupils with names
Donated by Sharon Perkins of the Stark County Genealogical Society

Postcard History Series Princeton by David Belden
Map and Sketches—Bureau County, IL by N. Matson
Bureau Township Consolidated Schools 1921-1962
Donated by Martha Hasenyager

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## *In Memoriam*

It is with sadness that we announce the loss of one of our active BCGS volunteers. Norma Ann Hedges passed away quite suddenly on May 29 in Princeton. Norma had been a high school teacher and counselor. After her retirement she enjoyed working at our Society and especially liked looking for old newspaper items for our newsletter and making indexes for our collection. She enjoyed the history of Bureau County and was a good resource of information for the DePue and Malden areas. We greatly appreciate Norma's service to our organization.

# SOCIETY UPDATE

We are still in the process of finding a new editor or two people to be co-editors for our newsletter and who will work together. Val Horras and I have compiled the last three newsletters with the help of a number of volunteers who typed up the articles or did proofreading. Contact me if you live locally and would be willing to help with our newsletter in the future.

Our society has purchased two computers to replace what I call "senior" ones that were located in our front room. One was actually 16 years old.

Our Zoom presentations, which are a membership benefit, are very popular. For our last one about Newspaper.com, the website which has so many Bureau County newspapers, we had 30 people see it live and 19 requested the new link to see the recording. Once you give us permission to send you the links for these, you will always receive the links as long as you are a BCGS member. Most speakers give us permission to record their programs so we can send you a new link to see them for several days. You must request a new link from us to see the recording. Members who know they will not be available to view a live presentation often ask us to put them on our list to see the recording. If you have any suggestions for topics for our future Zoom meetings, please contact me.

The name index for our 2025 Bureau County obituaries has been completed by Cindy Smucker, Mary Romanelli and Karen Newton. Karen also made name indexes for old newspaper articles about marriages from two scrapbooks that were donated to us. One covers the Tiskilwa area and the other the Mendota area.

We recently learned from Shaun Klee of Grand Island, NE that the records of the former Methodist Church in Buda are held at the Illinois Great Rivers Conference (IGRC) Archives, P.O. Box 19207, in Springfield, IL 62794. Their archivist, Kenyon Reed, confirmed they received record books covering 1859 to 2006 with the exception of three years from the 1920's. You might want to contact this facility if your ancestors were members of this church. You can also visit their library or their website to view these records.

Carol Mc Gee

## THE MOST COMMON MISTAKES IN GENEALOGY

1. Not using family group sheets and pedigree charts.
2. Not contacting relatives for assistance.
3. Assuming that "no one else is working on my line."
4. Not using maps of the area at the time your ancestors were living there.
5. Not knowing the history of the area in which you are conducting research.
6. Not using common sense when reading family histories. If a source for information is not listed, be cautious about accepting it. Some information may be hearsay.
7. Gathering information on everyone with "that "surname, unless it is a very uncommon one.
8. Not using primary sources: land, probate, church, county records, but relying on printed histories.
9. Not making photocopies.
10. Not making a master copy. Leave the master copy at home when you travel to do research and take the duplicate with you.
11. Not organizing your records.
12. Not paying attention to clues your ancestors might have left.
13. Assuming that your surname is never spelled a different way.
14. GIVING UP

# 32 WAYS TO FIND ANCESTOR BIRTH INFORMATION

The following article was written by Kenneth R. Marks and is from his Facebook post by theancestryhunt.com. It is protected by copyright and reprinted with his permission.

- State Birth and Death Indexes – whether online or in a book at a library/archive – these provide dates and sometimes the location of birth. But since they are indexes that are most likely entered from birth certificates, hospital reports, or death indexes, you always have to keep in mind that transcription and typing errors can occur.
- Birth Certificates – this is the best document for establishing date and location of birth. Usually they are signed by an attending physician who was there when the baby was born. At least for those in the last several decades.
- Cemetery Records – there are lots of different ways to find this information. On a headstone the date of birth (often only the year) is inscribed. And you can visit individual cemeteries where records sometimes are made available. But these are only as good as the information that the purchaser of the gravestone has provided. Mistakes can be made.
- Draft Cards – the applicant must enter their exact birth date.
- Naturalization and Citizenship Records – Exact birth dates are included.
- Military Records – the military is quite good at keeping lots of information regarding service members – so you should have lots of places where the birth information is recorded, especially in enlistment papers.
- Social Security Applications – the birth date is always requested in the SS-5 application.
- Birth Announcements in Newspapers – older ones in the Vitals section say “To the wife of John Smith, a son, in Maryville on Wednesday” or something like that. You can calculate based on the date of the newspaper the exact birth date. There are also birth announcements in the local news and society page sections.
- Census Records – well, you won’t find anyone’s birth dates in most census records (except you can get the birth month and year in the 1900 U.S. Census). But you do get the age stated and that could lead you to a possible birth year within 1, 2, or 3 years.
- Immigration Records – although the exact birth date is not often included – the age is, so simple math, similar to census records, can get you within a year or so for the birth year.
- Travel Records – although these are sometimes called immigration records – many in the 1900’s indeed do have the actual birth date of the traveler.
- Death Certificates – often the date of birth is included in the death certificate, if not the actual date but at least the age of the person’s passing so the year can be calculated. But again – the information is only as good as the memory of the informant.
- Church Records – baptism and christening records and similar records for other faiths may include birth dates or the date of the event, from which you might be able to calculate the birth date. You might want to keep track of what churches, synagogues, etc. that your ancestors and their families worshiped.
- Personal Bibles – many families recorded birth and death date information in the family Bible.
- Marriage Licenses and Announcements – usually the age of the applicant is listed in the newspaper and on the license itself, so again simple math can lead you to the birth year.
- Funeral and Memorial Records/Books – often the deceased’s birth date is included in the memorial cards or books. And also the records from the funeral home.
- Passport Applications – the date of birth is included in many variations of applications for passports.
- Social Security Death Index (SSDI) – the date of birth is included in the SSDI
- Great Registers –used for voting primarily in the 1800s, the age of the voter is included – so you

will have to use your math and subtraction skills to ascertain the approximate birth year.

- Employment and Union Records – hard to find but may include date of birth.
- Newsletter and Minutes – organization, clubs, churches, and other types of organizations often publish or recognize birthdays for members, which sometimes may include the year of birth as well.
- School Records – enrollment records
- Employment Records – job applications and other employment files
- Membership Organizations – unions, fraternities/ sororities, lodges, clubs, etc.
- Divorce Records – at least the age is included if not the birth info.
- Wills and Estate Files – age and possibly birth information is included. Probate court documents may prove fruitful
- Pension Records – whether military or civilian, birth date and location may be included.
- Town Records – Most often in the New England states, but also in others, towns maintained vital statistic information and published them in annual Town Reports.
- Personal Testimony – often used in obtaining a Delayed Registration of Birth when no official records were created at the actual time of birth.
- Hospital Records – might be useful if accurate records were maintained and made accessible years after the birth.
- Obituaries – might include the actual birth date and location, if not just the age. It seems that more recent online tributes contain the actual date, while older newspaper obituaries more than likely do not.
- Motor Vehicle Department Records – if retained, at least the age if not the birth date of the driver will be included.

## BUREAU COUNTY VITAL RECORDS

These are available at the Bureau County Clerk's Office, 700 S. Main St., Princeton, IL 61356 815-875-2014. https://bureaucountygenealogy.com/ Use this website to view the County Clerk's name indexes with dates of births, marriages and deaths. You may email them if you are unsure of the location or date of an event. Copies of certificates for genealogical purposes obtained this way cost less than certified copies.

In Illinois, marriage certificates started when a county was formed, and for Bureau County this was 1837. Birth and death certificates started in 1878 but were not required by law until 1916. From 1878 to 1916 they were optional.

Starting in 1878, a report completed by the minister or justice of the peace was required with each marriage. This form included the names of the parents of the bride and groom and other genealogical information. Some marriage records include affidavits that might contain the name of the parent if the person was a minor at the time of the marriage and needed the consent of a relative in order to get married. When you purchase a marriage certificate, you receive copies of all the available documents. Marriages prior to 1878 do not state the names of the parents.

**HAVE A QUESTION FOR US?**

Board members can be contacted through our email or regular mail to their attention. Our email address is bureaucounty@gmail.com. Our website is www.bcgenealogy.org. You can also mail inquiries to BCGS, 629 S. Main St., Princeton, IL 61356. For immediate service, please call 815-879-3133 or 815-303-7686.

# WHEN WERE STATE BIRTH RECORDS STARTED AND REQUIRED

The following list was compiled by Kenneth R. Marks and is available on his website https://theancestorhunt.com or on Facebook. It is protected by copyright and reprinted with his permission.

If you are looking for birth records, including certificates, you need to know the timing of each state's requirements. Each state in the U.S. started requiring birth registrations in different years. Generally, some type of records were created prior to the official state laws, either at the county, city, or town levels. But state records weren't required until a law was passed. Some states passed laws that mandated that records be kept at the local level, even though there was no mandated state registration. Furthermore, even though registrations and certificates were mandated, general compliance was not achieved by all entities for just a few years or even a few decades in some instances.

The chart to the right lists for each state when registration was required, when it started at local jurisdictions, and when general compliance with the state law was achieved. Please note that local level registration and records were not adhered to by all local jurisdictions. If the year is blank, I could not find the information for that entry.

The source of these dates is a combination of each state's vital records website in conjunction with the FamilySearch Wiki. A great resource with more details can be found at: https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/How to Find United States Birth Records

| State | Year Mandated | Year Records started at Local Jurisdiction | Year of General Compliance |
|---|---|---|---|
| Alabama | 1908 | 1881 | 1927 |
| Alaska | 1913 | | |
| Arizona | 1909 | 1855 | 1926 |
| Arkansas | 1914 | 1881 | Mid 1930s |
| California | 1905 | 1800 | |
| Colorado | 1907 | 1876 | 1920 |
| Connecticut | 1897 | 1630s | 1915 |
| Delaware | 1881 | 1650 | 1921 |
| District of Columbia | 1874 | | |
| Florida | 1899 | 1865 | 1920 |
| Georgia | 1919 | 1875 | 1928 |
| Hawaii | 1842 | | 1929 |
| Idaho | 1911 | 1907 | 1920s |
| Illinois | 1916 | 1877 | 1922 |
| Indiana | 1907 | 1881 | 1920 |
| Iowa | 1907 | 1880 | 1924 |
| Kansas | 1911 | 1885 | |
| Kentucky | 1911 | 1852 | 1917 |
| Louisiana | 1911 | 1790 | |
| Maine | 1892 | 1700 | |
| Maryland | 1898 | 1649 | |
| Massachusetts | 1841 | 1600 | 1850 |
| Michigan | 1905 | 1867 | 1915 |
| Minnesota | 1908 | 1870 | 1915 |
| Mississippi | 1912 | 1879 | 1921 |

**NOTIFICATION OF VIRTUAL MEETINGS**

The links to our virtual meetings via Zoom will be sent only to those members who requested it in the past or when they renewed their membership. If you have not done so and would like to be notified please contact Carol McGee at BCGS at 815-879-3133 or at bureaucounty@gmail.com.

# MILITARY RECORDS
## AT THE
## BUREAU COUNTY GENEALOGICAL
## SOCIETY LIBRARY

***World War II Project – Late 1940 to 1946** by Joan Ecklund - Names of service persons listed in the Bureau County Republican with branch of service, rank, and where stationed as well as when they were there. Some pictures.

***Record of the Services of Illinois Soldiers in the Black Hawk War 1831-32 and in The Mexican War 1846-8** by Isaac H. Elliott

**Veterans Serving from Buda, Illinois** compiled by American Legion Post 261

***War of 1812 – Bureau County Soldiers** compiled by Clark and Beverly Larson. This book tells where they are buried.

***Soldiers and Sailors Monument 1912** Names of Civil War Veterans and their company are on the monument in the park. compiled by Dana Fine.

***Bureau County Men in Civil War** (Extracted from Bureau County Republican 1861-1865, Princeton, IL.) compiled by Jacquelyn Gee Glavinick

**Bureau County Veterans** by Nancy Ohda. Medal of Honor, Bureau County towns, Bureau County Cemeteries, Bureau County WW II casualties, Buried – 1929 Date Base, Civil War by Town and Name, Spanish American War, WW I by name, Korean War by name

**Military Information for Bureau County from the IL State Archives** - Database of 1929 Roll of Honor, Civil War Muster, Soldiers' and Sailors' Home Residents (1887 - 1916), War of 1812 Bureau County Soldiers

***Service Record Book of Men & Women of Cherry-Arlington & Community** sponsored by VFW AUX Post No. 8351. WW II servicemen with pictures.

***War of 1812 Soldiers Buried in the State of Illinois** compiled by Illinois Society – National Society United States Daughters of 1812

**DePue World War II Service Personnel** compiled by Mr. and Mrs. Fred W. Krueger and indexed by their granddaughter Norma A. Hedges from scrapbook clippings from LaSalle Daily News Tribune

***Service Record World War II for DePue and Community** Contains pictures.

**A Journal of the American Civil War - Vol. 3 No. 3** Editors: Theodore P. Savas and David A. Woodbury. It contains the 93rd Illinois Infantry.

**Korea – The Forgotten War – A Brief History of the Korean War**

**Observations of an Illinois Boy in Battle Camps and Prisons - 1861 to 1865** by Henry H. Eby, Company C, 7th Illinois Cavalry.

***This Republic of Suffering – Death and the American Civil War** by Drew Gilpin Faust. A very interesting book explaining what happened to the ones who died.

**How to Locate Anyone Who Is or Has Been in the Military** by Lt. Col. Richard S. Johnson

**Conco News – Conco Engineering Mendota, IL.** This company had a government contract from WW II until Feb. 1948 and employed people from Northeast corner of Bureau County.

***Neponset Veterans** May 30, 2011 Roster of Graves for all wars.

***Honor Roll Death Information State of Illinois** Names, burial places, and other related information of veterans buried in Bureau County prior to July 1, 1955.

***Honor Roll 1917 - 1919 - Bureau County, IL.** WW I service records with pictures published by Clifford Trimble, Princeton, 1920.
***Walnut Veterans** compiled by Nancy Ohda. Short biographical sketches of veterans from all wars including service information, spouse and occupation.

***Obituaries for Walnut Veterans** compiled by Nancy Ohda. Covers all wars.

***Abstracted Information for Those Who Served During World War I from the Bureau County Republican** by Bob Lord. When viewed on microfilm, some articles have pictures.

**Asterisk *** notes those resources that include a name index or have information in alphabetical order.

**Free Offer from our library to you -**
**Send us by email the names of up to 3 persons from Bureau County in your family that served in the military. We will do a free search to tell you if we have information in our library about their military service. Please give us their NAME, BIRTH YEAR, DEATH YEAR, and, if known, the BRANCH of SERVICE, and WHERE THEY LIVED in BUREAU COUNTY. Then you will receive a reply with what information we found to share with you. Contact us if you have any questions about this gift we have to offer. Our E-MAIL address is bureaucounty@gmail.com.**

# SHEFFIELD HAS FOUNDER'S NAME; SETTLED IN 1852

Bureau County Tribune, December 16, 1927

**Joseph Sheffield of Connecticut Organized Mining Company Before Railroad Was Built.**

The town of Sheffield has the distinction of having been named for one of its founders - Joseph E. Sheffield, of New Haven, Conn., with Henry Farnum, also of that city, built the first division of the Chicago, Rock Island railroad under the firm name of Sheffield and Farnum. Actual construction of the road was begun in 1852, and the steel was laid into Sheffield in the fall of 1853.

In 1851, when the surveys were completed, Sheffield and Farnum, with others of their company organized the Sheffield Mining and Transportation company. They purchased 1,000 acres of land from John Green Reed, in Concord-Mineral Townships, and western Bureau County, their objective being the development of the local beds thereunder.

Pay $10,000 for Tract

They paid the owner the munificent sum of $10,000 for the tract, when good land could be purchased here for as low as $1 to $3 an acre.

Henry C. Porter, a young engineer, who was the first secretary of the company, plotted the town and it was called Sheffield in Mr. Sheffield's honor.

The company at once built the Sheffield house, a pretentious hotel in that early time and a large patronage was enjoyed even before the railroad reached the town. P.M. Ford is the present owner of the hotel, which pioneers say, looks much the same as it did when they arrived.

The lumber used in the construction of the hotel is solid walnut, and was hauled overland from Peru. Some of the timbers, however, were cut from Coal Grove at the edge of town.

Began Mining

While wood was being used in firing the first engines of the railroad, the Sheffield company began mining operations and for half a century furnished over 100 tons of coal per day to the Rock Island.

Shortly after the mine closed, the Sheffield Tile Works grew over the old shaft and today Sheffield Clay Products plant, recently remodeled and enlarged, is one of the finest industries of its kind in the mid-west.

The Rock Island line planted memorial trees and placed markers for Joseph Sheffield and Henry Farnum in Railroad Park here when celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the road in October, 1922.

Sheffield, under the leadership of English, Irish and Danish immigrants grew and flourished, and became the second town in size in the county, dropping to fourth place only when coal was found in Spring Valley and the Mineral Point Zinc Company was built in DePue.

The Sheffield company built the first grain elevator to meet the needs of the farmers and in 1868 the late B.F. Williams became a partner of a Mr. Mahoney in the grain business, which today is managed by his son under the firm name of B.S. Williams and Company.

Recall Founders

None of the older residents recall Joseph Sheffield, although a few remember Henry Farnum, but many still revere the memory of Henry Porter, their secretary who so well plotted the beautiful village with its wide streets, large blocks and building lots, laid out two parks for public use and started the first school library.

The company set aside a block of land for a school, the first rooms of which were built in 1854-55. The old building was disposed of in 1922 when a fine new community consolidated school was dedicated.

Mr. Porter in partnership with the late Albert Wyatt Boyden, organized the first banking business and with the passing of the former in 1857, Mr. Boyden became the company's secretary. A son George W. Boyden, succeeded his father and acted until the company dissolved.

G.W. Boyden and a younger brother, Charles W. Boyden, the present mayor of Sheffield are still bankers. Their venerable uncle, Theodore Webb, 95 years old, a resident of the township, hauled timbers for all the bridges in the township and hauled timbers for all the bridges the railroad built between Tiskilwa and Annawan.

Another firm, Prior Brothers, is now doing business at the old stand on Railroad Street where their father and grandfather conducted a meat market back in 1855.

The only descendant of either of the Rock Island builders now living in this part of the country is Miss Julia Farnum, of Sheffield, a niece of Henry Farnum. She and Mrs. Leora Williams Booth of the class of 1870 are the two oldest graduates of Sheffield high school.

Sheffield and Farnum worked together until they had constructed the railroad through to Iowa City and the branch in Illinois from Bureau to Peoria. In 1856, Mr. Sheffield expressed the desire to obtain a charter for a railroad from Davenport to San Francisco.

Saw First Train

He lived to see the locomotives cross the continent. He and Mr. Farnum spent their declining years in New Haven from whence they came to lay the first steel that was to link Chicago with the great west and south.

Henry Hotchkiss, a G.A.R. member, when a small boy saw the first train pull into town.

Among those now living who came to Sheffield in the early fifties are Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Barthelman; Leonora Fairmon Halsted; Mrs. Elizabeth Scott Saylor; Mr. and Mrs. Hamlin Wicks and Charles Wetherall and sister, Miss Sarah Wetherall.

Sheffield's first store building is now serving as a grist mill at Wood Howard company's lumber yards.

The first brick building, erected by C.H. Boyden in 1871, is now occupied by Runft and Maher hardware company.

Have Fine Library

The post-office building, which is the home of the Masonic lodge was the second brick structure to grace Main Street.

Sheffield has a fine library, one Catholic church and five Protestant churches. The Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church was organized in 1869 and is believed to be the first of its denomination in the United States. The present church was erected in 1880.

Mrs. Alice Lawton Howard is the oldest person living here who was born in the corporation.

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## SOME SOURCES IN OUR COLLECTION TO USE WHEN SEARCHING FOR RECORDS IN AND AROUND THE SHFFIELD, CONCORD TOWNSHIP AREA

**Sheffield Cemetery Records**- (1) Revised Caretaker Records by lots & alphabetical order (2) Recording of the Inscriptions on the Gravestones by lot, name indexes for both types

**St. Patrick's Cemetery**- Recording of the Inscriptions on the Gravestones by lot with name index

**Hopeland Cemetery**- (1) Caretaker's Records & (2) Recording of the Inscriptions on the Gravestones

**Lyford-Fifield Cemeter**y- Recording of the Inscriptions

**General History of Sheffield**- 3-ring binder, 133 pages with name index, old newspaper articles

**Church Records for the St. Peter's Danish Church**- baptisms, marriages, deaths (1871-1952)

**Sheffield Newspapers on microfilm**- 1889, 1908-1940 (some issues missing)

**Probate Records**- 1837 to 1930, also on FamilySearch.com (contact us for directions)

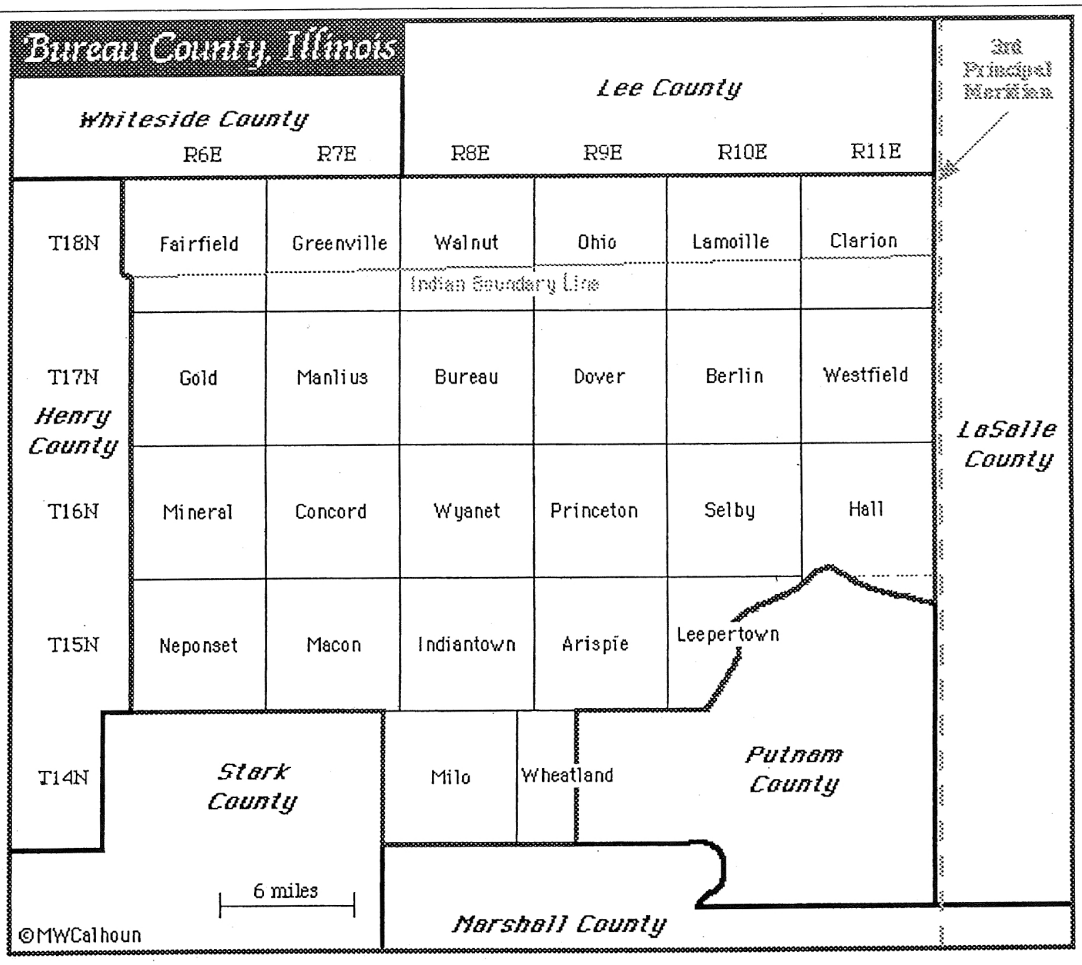
**Obituaries**- 1900 to the present

**Historical Maps starting from 1867**

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# Townships
# Bureau County
# Illinois
# USA




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P. O. Box 346
Kewanee, IL 61443

Stark County Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 83
Toulon, IL 61483

Marshall County Historical Society
314 Fifth St.
Lacon, IL 61540

Putnam County Historical Society
P. O. Box 74
Hennepin, IL 61327

LaSalle County Genealogical Guild
115 W. Glover St.
Ottawa, IL 61350

Lee County Genealogical Society
115 S. Hennepin St.
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BCGS Website: www.bcgenealogy.org

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Other times are available by appointment: Call 815-879-3133 or 815-303-7386
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