

INFORMATION & DATA ON THE FAMILY OF:

**JOHN & SUSANNA D. (HAY) WILTS**

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Being a collection of information from Public records, biographies, histories and family sources, and arranged to present a coherent view of said family and their individual relationship. This has all been done for the purpose of preserving for future generations a knowledge of their past.

Date 08 Apr. 1989

*Edward E. Bartlett*, Compiler

**MITTS**  
Surname  
**FAMILY INFORMATION CHART NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

Husband's full name <u>John MITTS</u> born on <u>10 Sept. 1841</u> at <u>Sangamon County, Illinois</u> married _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ Interred at _____ Groom's ___ marriage	Authority/Source of Data:  Records, Census & Other: U. S. Census Records: 1850, '60 & '70 Sangamon Co., Fancy Creek Twp., Illinois.
Occupation _____ Religion _____ Military Service _____ His father _____ Mother's maiden name _____	
Wife's maiden name <u>Susanna D. HAY</u> born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ Interred at _____ Bride's ___ marriage	
Her father _____ Mother's maiden name _____	
Abodes & removals:	

Sex	Their Children:	Additional Information:
	(1) Name <u>Charles MITTS</u> born on <u>1868</u> at <u>Sangamon County, Illinois</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(2) Name <u>William MITTS</u> born on <u>Jan. 1870</u> at <u>Sangamon County, Illinois</u> died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	
	(3) Name _____ born on _____ at _____ died on _____ at _____ married _____ at _____ to: _____	

Taylor Cemetery  
Clear Lake Township

This cemetery is located in Section 2 of T. 16 N - R. 4 W,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile north  
of Route 54 at Borley, Illinois  
descriptions copied by Mrs. George Herbert Horn.

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Muller, John T  
June 5, 1831  
Apr 7, 1892

Muller, Nancy B (Ellen)  
his wife (nee Meyers)  
Aug 10, 1843  
Nov 14, 1920

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Muller, John  
Sept 28 1789  
Mar 27 1875  
aged 85 y. 5 m. 29 d.

Muller, Jane wife of  
John Muller  
Mar 9 1790  
Mar 15 1877  
aged 87 yrs. 6 d.

Seaside Cemetery

This cemetery is located in sec 14 of T. 16 N about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile  
north of Route 36 at the Mackinaw Bluffs.

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Council Electus  
d 1873

Council Melissa M.  
1849 - 1873

(above are funeral home markers)

1850 CENSUS — UNITED STATES

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37			Jane Mitts	58	F				Kentucky					
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40			John Mitts	18	M	-	Farmer		"					
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29			Marilda Mitts	24	F				do	/				
30			William Mitts	4	M	-			Illinois					
31			Columbia Mitts	1	F				do					
27	390	390	Jesse Mitts	34	M	-	Farmer	600	(Kentucky)	/				Married 18 Sept. 1838 in Sangamon Co., IL, to Serrilda Shelton.
28			Cerilda Mitts	28	F				Virginia	/				
29			Stephen Mitts	7	M	-			Illinois	n/r				
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HISTORY  
OF  
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RELIGIOUS, CIVIL, MILITARY, AND POLITICAL HISTORY; PORTRAITS  
OF PROMINENT PERSONS, AND BIOGRAPHIES OF  
REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS.

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HISTORY OF ILLINOIS,

EMBRACING ACCOUNTS OF THE PRE-HISTORIC RACES, ABORIGINES, WINNEBAGO AND  
BLACK HAWK WARS, AND A BRIEF REVIEW OF ITS CIVIL,  
POLITICAL AND MILITARY HISTORY.

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widow of E. L. M. Johnson, by whom there was one child, Jennie H., born February 22, 1867. She died May 6, 1873. Mrs. C. was born in Springfield, Ohio, November 15, 1835, daughter of J. H. and Elizabeth J. (Hummel) Meriweather, who emigrated to Sangamon in 1838, where he embarked in general merchandising. He died October 15, 1863; mother died August 18, 1868.

Mr. Carpenter is one of the prominent farmers in the township; has nine hundred acres of land, six hundred and forty of which is under cultivation, valued at \$50 per acre, raises one hundred and fifty acres of corn, twenty-five acres of wheat; turns out one hundred head of hogs and sixty head of cattle yearly. In politics, is a Democrat. He and family are members of the M. E. Church.

*Thomas R. Claypool*, was born on a farm, in Champaign county, Ohio, February 19, 1826. His parents moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, and settled in Athens precinct, when he was eighteen months old. He remained here on a farm with his father until 1857, when he struck out for himself. He went to Menard county, Illinois, and improved a farm three miles north of Sweetwater, where he remained eight years, when he sold out and returned to Sangamon county and settled on the farm where he now lives, just north of Cantrall. He was married to Miss Fannie Holland, October 8, 1854. She was born in Sangamon county. She was a daughter of Turner Holland, and Nancy Cantrall. They were both members of the Christian Church. Mr. and Mrs. Claypool have had six children, five living, viz: Ida M., now Mrs. Van Meter, residing in Fancy Creek; Clara B., Levi B., Chloë, and Fred. Charley H. Claypool died in infancy. The father of Thomas R., Levi Claypool, was born in Greenbriar county, Virginia. He was a farmer, and died in February, 1867. His wife, Melinda Rollins, was born in Fleming county, Kentucky. She and husband were both members of the M. E. Church. She is still living at Athens, Menard county, Illinois. The subject of this sketch, Mr. T. R. Claypool, has a farm of four hundred and forty acres in Cantrall township, all under good cultivation and well stocked, growing grain, and raises stock for the market. In politics he is a strong supporter of the Republican party, and cast his first vote in 1847, for a Whig President.

*John H. Council*, farmer and stock raiser, post office, Sherman, was born in Sangamon county, on the 19th day of May, 1822. Son of Hardy, born September 20, 1793, near Tarboro,

North Carolina, was taken by his parents to Tennessee, thence to Barren county, Kentucky, and thence to White county, near Carmi, Illinois. He was married in 1818, to Jane Hanna, who was born February 25, 1795, in Kentucky. They moved to Sangamon county, Illinois, arriving in August, 1819, in what is now Fancy Creek township, preceding his brother William two years. Mrs. Council carried a sack of wheat on the horse she rode besides many household implements. Mr. Council carried all he could in the way of tools and other articles necessary to farming. He commenced improvements by building a camp or rough cabin. He was unable to obtain a plow, but being anxious to raise some wheat for a beginning, he took a grubbing hoe or old fashioned mattock, and dug up about one acre and a half near the junction between the prairie and timber, and on the ground thus prepared sowed the wheat brought by his wife, and raised a good crop. When the land was surveyed and brought into market there was a line between his cabin and where he raised his crop of wheat. He could only enter one piece, and he chose that with the house on it. The land where the wheat grew was entered by another person who never cultivated it, but allowed a growth of young cottonwood trees to start on it, which has made quite a grove that can be seen for several miles, many of the trees are more than two feet in diameter. Mr. Council came in company with Robert McClelland and they cut an ample supply of grass and stacked it for their horses and cattle. They knew nothing of the prairie fires, and before they were aware of the importance of protecting it, their hay was all burned. They kept their stock alive by cutting down elm trees so they could eat the buds. Mr. and Mrs. Council had seven children, two of which died in infancy. The living are as follows: John H., Wesley, William F., Robert and George. Robert died September, 1881. Mr. Council came to the county a poor man but by hard work and good management accumulated a large property, owning 2,100 acres of land. Previous to his death he gave his land to his children. He died July 26, 1873. Mrs. Jane Council died March 30, 1863. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received a common school education. Married Miss Edna Lake, a daughter of Bayliss Lake. She was born on June 7, 1831. The fruits of this marriage is five children, four sons and one daughter, viz: James H., Charles F., George R., John W. and Annie F. Mr. Council is one of the large and extensive far-

mers of the county, owning one thousand one hundred and forty acres of land, one thousand and eighty of which is under cultivation, and valued at \$65 per acre. Mr. C. has been identified with the county all his life, and has seen it from its infancy to one of the best counties in the State. In politics he is a Republican.

*Hardy F. M. Council*, farmer, Fancy Creek township, was born in Fancy Creek township, on the place where he now resides, February 10, 1841. Son of William Council, who was born in Tarboro, North Carolina, October 1, 1790, and Mary Groves, of East Tennessee, born June 15, 1802. They were married in White county, Illinois, in 1819, where one child was born, and moved to Sangamon county in 1821, and located north of Springfield, and kept the ferry on the Sangamon river, near where Carpenter's mill now stands. There was a family of twelve children, nine of whom lived to be adults. Shortly after coming to the county, he bought a claim of Jack Cline, which had ten acres broke, and built a cabin, beginning at the lowest round of the ladder, worked up, until he had accumulated a fine property, where he remained until his death, which occurred July 8, 1846.

Mother died January 25, 1869. Mr. and Mrs. Council were members of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The subject of this sketch was reared on a farm and received academic school education. In 1870, married Miss Charity Ray, daughter of James and Susannah Ray, natives of Ohio, born January 22, 1849. There were three children, one of whom is living—Mary Frances, born November 9, 1879. In 1862, enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry. After breaking camp at Springfield, they went to Memphis, where they remained a short time. He participated in the battle of Jackson, Miss., Vicksburg, Black River, second battle of Jackson, and was on all of the marches and fights of the regiment, with the exception of Guntown; at that time was in the hospital at Memphis. Mustered out at Vicksburg and discharged and paid off at Springfield. Mr. Council has two hundred acres of land, one hundred and sixty under cultivation, valued at \$75 per acre.

*John Ray Dunlap*, farmer, was born in Carter county, East Tennessee, on the 24th day of April, 1831; son of John and Catharine (Tipton) Dunlap, natives of Tennessee, where they were married and raised a family of nine children, viz: Isaac, Margaret, Sarah, Tennessee, Ruth, James T., Susannah, Mary Ann. In 1828, his parents emigrated to Sangamon county, and

located in Fancy Creek township, where J. R. now resides; moved into a log cabin sixteen by eighteen feet, where they remained one winter, where one child was born, Edna M.

He entered land, and made a home and remained until his death, which occurred in 1856; mother died in 1857. They were members of the Baptist church. The subject of this sketch came to the county when seven years of age, and has lived on the same farm for fifty-three years. He married Miss Emily A. Brown; she was the daughter of James L. and Jane Brown, natives of Kentucky, and emigrated to Sangamon county, about 1824; she was born on May 12, 1824. The fruits of this marriage was ten children, eight of which are living, Almira, now the wife of Theodore Allen, of Missouri; James A., a practicing physician of Sullivan, Illinois; Robert, now a theological student, at Lexington, Kentucky; Franklin P., a farmer of Fancy Creek; Eliza Jane, now the wife of George D. Power, of Sangamon county; John, who is attending school at Bloomington; Clarence P., and Olive L., at home.

Mr. Dunlap has been identified with the county all his life, is one of the large and well-to-do farmers of the county; has five hundred and forty acres of land, valued at \$60 per acre. Mr. Dunlap has held several local offices of trust, having represented the township as supervisor two terms. Mr. and Mrs. Dunlap are members of the Baptist Church. In politics he is a Democrat.

*William L. England, M. D.*, Cantrall, Illinois, was born in Bath county, Kentucky on the first day of October, 1822, son of Jesse and Hannah (Mershon) England, father of English descent, and born in Virginia; mother a native of New Jersey, married about 1798 or 1799. There was a family of nine children all of which lived to be adults: Cornelius M., who died July 18, 1833; Martha, a wife of Charles Bailey, and located in Bath county, Kentucky; Nancy, wife of Martin Honaker, of Bath county, Kentucky; Catharine, wife of P. B. Hord, of Carter county, Kentucky; Sarah, wife of Chas. W. Honaker, of Lewis county, Kentucky; Eliza, now Mrs. Dunlavy; Annie L., wife of Chas. N. Lewis, a representative of the State Senate, of Kentucky; Stephen J., of Kansas. Father was a farmer, who died in Carter county, Kentucky, October 12, 1879. The Doctor was reared on a farm, his mother, who was an intelligent woman and kept medical books to which the Doctor had access, got to reading and fitted himself. In 1843 and 1844, attended lectures at the Cincinnati Eclectic

1862, enlisted in the Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, Company C, and participated in the battles of Fort Donalson, Shiloh, Jackson, Mississippi, siege of Vicksburg, and was on the march to the sea, and march to Washington and review, was mustered out at Louisville, Kentucky, and discharged at Camp Chase, Ohio; was in the service nearly three years.

*David McRoberts*, merchant and farmer, was born in Williams township, May 19, 1843, son of John and Sarah (Gibson) McRoberts, natives of Ireland, who came to this country in 1849 or 1850, and located in Springfield where they remained a short time, when they moved to Fancy Creek township, where he rented a few years and then purchased property in Sherman and embarked in the merchandising of goods, which occupation he followed until his death, which occurred in 1869. Mother still living in Sherman. There was a family of twelve children, five of whom are living, four sons and one daughter, viz: John, Samuel, Hugh, David and Mary. The subject of this sketch embarked in the mercantile business in 1869, and carries a line of dry goods, groceries, boots and shoes, and everything that is usually kept in a country store; carries a stock of \$2,500 and does a business of \$10,000 per year. Mr. McRoberts has a farm of one hundred and ten acres of land under a high state of cultivation valued at \$75 per acre. Raises twenty-five acres of corn, twenty acres of wheat, ten acres of oats. In politics is a Democrat.

*Samuel Millenger*, farmer, Fancy Creek, post office, Cantrall. Son of Henry and Polly (Mickel) Millenger, natives of Franklin county, Pennsylvania, where he was born January 27, 1832. There was eleven children of his father's family, five sons and six daughters, ten of whom lived to be adults, Susannah, Polly, Nancy, William, Elizabeth, Jacob, Henry, Sarah, Harry, Samuel and Catharine. His father died in Franklin county about 1860, at the age of one hundred and one. In 1851, Samuel left Pennsylvania and came to Ohio where he remained one year, and in 1852, came to Sangamon county, where he married Miss Almira Cantrall. She died in 1857, leaving one son, Samuel I. He again married Maranda Cantrall, a widow of Wm. Snelson, by whom one child was born, Chas. H. Mrs. Millenger was born in Fancy Creek township, May 12, 1826. There was four children, viz: Wm. C., Mahala, Debbie and Lucy E. In 1860, enlisted in the One Hundred and Fourteenth Regiment, Illinois Volunteer Infantry, Company C. His first engagement was at the

battle of Jackson, Mississippi, siege and capture of Vicksburg, battle of Guntown, Tupelo, Spanish Fort, Ft. Blakely—and served three years—and was honorably discharged at Camp Butler. Has eighty acres of land valued at \$50 per acre. Raises twenty acres of corn, twenty-five acres of wheat, turns off twenty-five head of hogs.

*Carlisle Mitts*, farmer and stock raiser, post office, Cantrall, was born in Sangamon, Fancy Creek township, on the 12th day of March, 1830, son of Cyrus and Martha (Burbridge) Mitts, who emigrated to Sangamon county from Ohio, in 1828; father a native of Pennsylvania and mother of Kentucky, where they were married, where there were two children born, James M. and Jesse. He afterwards moved to Ohio, where two daughters and one son were born, Jane, Roland, and Elizabeth. In 1829, came to Sangamon county, where there was six children born, viz: Cyrus, Robert, John, Joseph, Martha and Mary. Mr. Mitts purchased land and made a farm in Fancy Creek township. In August, 1852, was accidentally killed a short distance from his home, by a runaway team, by the tongue of the wagon striking him in the back. Mr. Mitts was an elder in the Christian church, and done much in building up the same; mother died in 1862.

The subject of this sketch married Miss Margaret Hall, of Athens, Menard county, Illinois, June 7, 1863. The fruits of this marriage was three children, all of which died in infancy. Mr. Mitts has ninety-eight acres of land, all of which is under a high state of cultivation, valued at \$65 per acre. Mr. Mitts was born here and has seen the county from its infancy to one of the best cultivated counties in the State; can remember when there was not a family living between here and Elkhart. Mr. Mitts has a fine farm and beautiful home, and is one of the well-to-do farmers of the township.

*Henry Nave*, retired, Cantrall, Illinois, was born in Carter county, East Tennessee, on the 22d day of December, 1812; son of William and Martha (Williams) Nave, natives of East Tennessee, where they were married, and twelve children were born, with the exception of one, which was born in Sangamon county. The children were as follows: Eliza, wife of James Jenkins, of Tennessee; Abraham, married Eliza Bowars, and settled in Missouri; William, married Jane Crow, and settled in Illinois in 1839; Mary, now Mrs. Godfrey Crow, of Tennessee; Catharine, married Henry Harden and came to Illinois in 1843; Vina, married Eli Pletcher and resides in Tennessee; Delilah,

county, Missouri, in 1810. They were married in Kentucky, and came to Illinois on horseback, making a practical "bridle tour." They were the parents of ten children, viz.: George W., John W., Nancy F., William S., Reuben S., Edna E., Lucinda J., Wilber C., Jacob B., and Henry S. William S., was married December 28, 1871, to Miss Elizabeth S., a native of Sangamon county, Illinois. Her father, John Zane, was born in New Jersey in 1805; her mother born at the same place in 1811. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bullard have had two children, viz.: Leatha Irene, born May 3, 1873, died in 1874, and Mary, born March 7, 1875. Mrs. B. died November 4, 1877. Mr. B. owns, in partnership with his brother Reuben, about one thousand acres of land, valued at \$40 an acre.

*John M. Council*, post office, Illiopolis, was born in this county, June 7, 1851; his father, Geo. W. Council, was born in White county, Illinois, in 1820. His mother, whose maiden name was Jane Mitts, was born in 1822; both were of German descent; they were married about 1842, and had eleven children, viz: William C., Mary A., John M., Nelson L., Elizabeth, Charles, Henry, Flora, Emma, George Grant and Anna May; Charles is deceased, and the mother died in 1878.

John M. Council, the subject of this sketch, was married, September 21, 1871, to Miss Elizabeth E. Hay, daughter of Benjamin and Isabel Hay, of Ohio, and was born June 9, 1850; she was of German extraction; they have four children: Flora Bell, born in July, 1872; Robert Arthur, in November, 1874; Louella Jane, in March, 1876; George Walter, in March, 1879, and J. E., September 10, 1881. Mrs. Council's father died in 1873, and her mother in 1874. Mr. C. owns one hundred and fifty-one acres of land, valued at \$50 an acre. He was elected justice of the peace, but declined to serve. They are members of the Christian Church.

*Hugh Erwin*, son of David and Rose Erwin, was born in Ireland, and came to America in 1868, landing at New York, but immediately came to Springfield, and has lived in this county ever since—mostly on a farm. His father was born in Ireland in 1809, and his mother, whose maiden name was Rose, was also born in Ireland, in 1811. They were married in Ireland, and had six children, viz: William John, Betty A., Rose, Maria, Samuel and Hugh. The mother died in Ireland. In February, Hugh married Miss Mary Collins, daughter of Maggie and Michael Collins, and was born in this county, September 17, 1859; her parents were born in Ireland. Mr. and Mrs.

E. have one child, William John, born February 15, 1881. Mr. E. was naturalized about 1877; is a farmer by occupation and is prosperous. Post office, Illiopolis. They are members of the Roman Catholic Church, and politically, are Democrats.

*William A. Fullenwider*, son of J. N. and Sarah A. (Bullard) Fullenwider, was born in this county, November 20, 1842. William was raised on a farm, and on March 4, 1875, married Miss Alice Elkin, daughter of John and Eveline (McNabb) Elkin, who was born in this county, February 20, 1852. They have had two children, Eva, born October 16, 1877, and died July 4, 1879, and William, born January 13, 1879, and died August 19, 1880. Mrs. Fullenwider's father died August 27, 1867. Mr. Fullenwider owns two hundred and eighty acres of land valued at \$50 an acre. Himself and wife had good educational advantages in early life and are highly esteemed in their community. Post office, Mechanicsburg. He is a member of the Methodist Church and she of the Christian Church, and are Republicans.

*Henry T. Fullenwider*, a farmer, post office, Mechanicsburg, a son of Jacob and Sarah Agnes (Bullard) Fullenwider, was born in this county March 1, 1846. He was raised on a farm, and on December 28, 1871, married Sarah C. Lindsly, daughter of Henry C., and Julia A. (Hickman) Lindsly, who was born in Christian county, Illinois, October 21, 1849; her father was born in New Jersey and her mother in Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Fullenwider have had four children, namely: Chasley W., born December 22, 1872, died February 11, 1873; Arthur E., born September 8, 1874; Agnes, born December 15, 1876; and Thomas I., born March 8, 1881. Mr. Fullenwider owns two hundred and eighty-three acres of land, valued at \$50 an acre; raises grain, cattle and hogs, and feeds them for market. The farm is well cultivated, with fields divided by osage orange hedges. Mrs. F. is of English and Scotch extraction, and he of German, and both have had good educational advantages—Mrs. F. having attended the high school at Springfield. Both are Methodists and are in politics Republicans.

*Samuel Fullenwider*, son of J. N. and Sarah A. Fullenwider, was born in this county, June 21, 1851, and was brought up as a farmer. His grandfather (Fullinwider) came from Kentucky, entered land near Mechanicsburg, returned to bring his family, and was taken sick and died in Kentucky July 17, 1834; his wife came the same year with her nine children, and improved the

born in Illinois March 10, 1821, being in her thirtieth year when she died.

Mr. Constant was married again in the city of Springfield, October 7, 1852, to Mary W. Stapleford, a native of the State of Delaware, came to Illinois in 1836, and spent a few months at Salisbury, then went to Springfield. Mrs. Constant has enjoyed good school privileges, and in her earlier life was engaged in teaching school for several years, in the following places: Springfield, Illinois; St. Louis, Missouri; Vermont, Illinois, and at Fancy Creek, Illinois; became acquainted with Mr. C. while teaching at the latter place. Mr. Constant entered the mercantile business in Williamsville, Sangamon county, Illinois, January, 1859, in which he remained till January, 1863. After closing out his mercantile interests, he gave his attention to farming. He is in possession of three good prairie farms, one in Logan county, the other in Williams township, two of which consist of one hundred and sixty acres each, the others two hundred and ninety-one acres, all improved, and all, save one hundred and thirty-five acres, under good cultivation. The old home farm is partly in timber, and included in the above farms mentioned. Mr. Constant has served in offices for several years, in Williamsville, serving as a member of the town trustees, and president of the same body for several years, and has been on the board of education in Williamsville for a number of years. Mr. and Mrs. C. have been active members of the Christian Church for over forty-three years.

His children: Wm. S. occupies one of his farms in Williams township; James H. carries on his farm in Logan county; Mary A. is the wife of James H. Groves, and resides in Williamsville.

George W. Constant thinks the first chinch bugs discovered in Illinois was in 1832, by his father and his uncle and himself in a low basin of prairie land on his father's farm, section seven, first discovered in a small number and area, while cutting corn, and they so named them from their peculiar offensive odor. It was several years before this pest was much known or did any damage to growing crops.

*Wesley Council*, grain dealer, Williamsville, was born in Fancy Creek township, November 21, 1824; he is the son of Hardy and Jane (Hanna) Council, born in North Carolina, 1795, and Kentucky, 1707, respectively. They were married in White county, Illinois, in the spring of 1819, and settled in Fancy Creek township, Sangamon county, the same year; had seven

children who lived to be adults; one lately died; the living are John H., Wesley, Wm. F., George W.; Robert died this fall. Mr. Hardy Council, father of Wesley Council, took quite an interest in fine stock, and kept some of the best in the county, and took the premium on Short-Horn Durhams, at the Sangamon County Fair, 1837. Mr. Wesley Council's education was received in the old-time schools in his early life, and the work at home prevented his attending school regularly, and his education was obtained outside the school by his own personal efforts; he took the control of his father's saw-mill, the first portable saw-mill in this region, which he managed for five years; this mill was established by his father in 1849, and did the sawing for a large area of country. Mr. Council remained at home until his marriage, April 14, 1863, to Martha A. Wigginton, and by this union had thirteen children, of whom four are living, viz: John W., Willie H., Nellie and Bessie. January 1, 1857, Mr. Council moved to Williamsville, and soon after began the grain business, acting as agent for Samuel N. Fullinwider; before the close of the year 1857, he engaged in the same business for himself, in which he is still engaged. Mr. Council has one of the best elevators of its capacity on the Chicago and Alton Railroad; all of its machinery and apparatus for the unloading and carriage of grain to their respective departments are of first-class modern improvements, thus rendering it convenient for receiving and shipping grain. Its spouting capacity is fifteen thousand bushels; crib room for ear corn, four thousand bushels. He can dump, shell and ship five thousand bushel per day. In 1863, he bought out Carlin Buffum, who was dealing in grain and lumber in Williamsville, and has ever since carried on the lumber business also. He has two elevators in the building—one for corn on the ear and the other for wheat, oats, rye and shelled corn; Mr. Council handles two hundred thousand bushels of grain each year; has a mill in the elevator which will grind fifty bushels of meal or sixty bushels of feed per hour; the engine is of thirty-five-horse power; the original cost of the building is \$10,000, erected by him in 1877; in connection with the grain business Mr. Council deals in lumber and agricultural implements. He was the first president of the board of town trustees of Williamsville, Illinois, and has held the office of police magistrate, and now holds the office; he is also president of the Williamsville Protection Association. Mrs. Council is of a family of eleven children, viz: William, Samuel, Andrew,

James, John, Eliza, Dollie, Martha, Mary, Elizabeth A. and Nancy E., of whom only four are living. Mr. and Mrs. Council identified themselves with the Methodist Church in the early years of their life, and are zealous believers and lovers of their early religious faith.

*Mary M. Ellis* is the daughter of James and Roxana (Stillman) Stewart. Mrs. Ellis was born in New York, April 6, 1813, and is the fifth of nine children, viz.: Jane C., Benjamin H., William A., Abigail C., Mary M., Roxana, Martha B., James O., and Joseph B. Mrs. Ellis came to Sangamon county from New York, and in 1820 settled in Williams township. Mrs. Ellis was married to Nathan E. Constant, August 26, 1843, and by this union were born to them William F., born February 25, 1838, and Nathan E., Jr., born December 19, 1847. Nathan E. Jr., enlisted in the late war August, 1862, for three years, in Company G, One Hundred and Fourteenth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, under Captain Wilson. Was taken prisoner at the battle of Guntown, Mississippi, June, 1864, and taken to Andersonville prison, and subsequently to other southern prisons, but spending most of his prison life, which was nine months, in Andersonville. He was liberated at the close of the war. Nathan E. Constant, Sr., was born April 8, 1807, in Clark county, Kentucky, and is the son of Thomas and Margery (Edmondson) Constant. He came to Sangamon county in 1820. He owned one hundred acres of land in Williams township. Enlisted in the Black Hawk war at Springfield in the Sangamon county company. Mr. Constant was a successful farmer, was a member of the Christian Church, and loved by all who knew him. His death occurred August 8, 1843.

Mrs. Ellis was married to Miletus W. Ellis, farmer, and native of Virginia, is the son of Levi and Cynthia Ellis, natives of South Carolina and Virginia, respectively. Mr. Ellis came to Sangamon county, where Springfield now stands, in 1817. After they were married moved on his farm, which is her present home. Mr. Ellis was a member of the trustees of Williamsville. He was a member of the Christian Church and acted as elder for thirty-eight years. Mrs. Ellis is a member of the Christian Church and is faithful to all her duties, and respected by all who know her.

*Frank Hickman* was born June 25, 1845, and is the son of George T. and Elizabeth (Lyon) Hickman, natives of the State of Kentucky and moved to Sangamon county in the fall previous to the deep snow. Mr. Frank Hickman received

his early education in the common schools in his county, and subsequently completed the commercial course in the Springfield Business College in 1866. He continued to farm at home after his return from college until twenty-five year old, then began to control his farming interest for himself. Mr. Hickman was married on the 27th of December, 1871, to Sophia Burns, daughter of John R. and Lucy Burns, natives of Kentucky, and settled in Sangamon county, about 1828, were also the first persons married in Buffalo Hart township, and to them were born Mary J., Thomas, William A., Martha, Armentia, Iva, John T., Robert and Sophia. Mr. Hickman has six brothers and sisters, viz.: William H. enlisted in the late war in Company B, One Hundred and Thirtieth Illinois Regiment Infantry Volunteers, August 1862, and died January 19, 1863, in the hospital in Memphis, Tennessee; Mary E., Richard O., Henrietta, Thomas C. Mr. Hickman enlisted in the late war in May, 1864, in response to the government call for one hundred day soldiers and was discharged September 24, 1864. Mr. and Mrs. Hickman had one child Arthur Franklin, born February 2, 1875, and died February 14, 1879. Mr. Hickman has in his possession a good farm of one hundred and sixty acres, all under cultivation. Mr. Hickman is a Republican.

*William S. Hussey* was born in Green county, Ohio, November 2, 1809; is the son of Nathan and Mary (Stewart) Hussey, natives of Pennsylvania and Virginia, respectively, came from Ohio to Sangamon county in 1819, and settled on Fancy creek, and this was the first settlement on that creek. Here he lived until 1845, when he moved to Oregon, and died there in 1858, being seventy-three years old. His wife, Mary Hussey, was born in 1786, and died 1842. Mr. William Hussey came to Sangamon county with his parents, in 1819; his education was received in the district schools of Sangamon county. At the age of twenty-one he commenced farming for himself, by improving and cultivating new prairie land which his father had given him. By his industry and untiring will he added largely to his first farm, and in 1851, had accumulated twelve hundred acres of land. Mr. Hussey was married to Sarah Yocom, in Williams township, in 1834. They were the parents of the following named children: Nathan, Jacob Y., Mary J., William F., and Stephen, are living. Mrs. Hussey was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Yocom. Mr. Hussey moved to Oregon in 1851, where he remained till 1864, when he returned to this county. Mrs. Hussey died the 18th of March,

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parents is in his possession—a good farm of two hundred and forty acres. The Doctor is a respected citizen, and by his industry enjoys the blessings of a nice home in Williamsville. In politics, a Republican, and cast his first vote for Taylor, for president.

*Robert M. McClelland*, Williams township, was born in Fancy Creek township, July 12, 1841, and son of James and Mary (Brown) McClelland, the former a native of Illinois, the latter of Kentucky. The subject of our sketch was married to Miss Lydia A. Groves, December 1, 1870. She is the only living daughter of Jacob and Barbara Groves, who are natives of Pennsylvania and Illinois, respectively. Mr. and Mrs. McClelland have two children living: Minnie B., born September 15, 1872, and Jacob, born October 6, 1873. Mr. M. received his education in the common schools of his native State. He is a member of the Masonic Order. In connection with farming, he formerly dealt in stock, and is now farming one hundred and sixty acres of fine prairie land, well improved and under cultivation.

Mr. and Mrs. McC. are members of the Christian Church and respected citizens.

*Robert E. McClelland, M. D.*, was born in Williams township, September 1, 1850, and is a son of John and Elizabeth A. (Mitts) McClelland, natives of Illinois and Ohio respectively; had seven children, of whom John, Martha, Charlotte F., Leticia and the Doctor, are living. Mr. McClelland has enjoyed good educational privileges. He attended the State University at Springfield, Illinois, in 1867, and after four years of a student's life in the Wesleyan University, at Bloomington, Illinois, graduated in the eclectic scientific course.

In 1871, studied medical works under Dr. Van Meter, in Williamsville, Illinois; attended his first course of lectures in 1872 and 1873, at Rush Medical College, Chicago, Illinois, and in 1874, graduated in the same institution, receiving a diploma. He begun the practice of medicine in Williamsville, and practiced two years with Dr. Winn, of the same town. At present Dr. McC. is without a partner, and is reaping the reward of his earnest and faithful research in his calling; has been a member—secretary—of the town trustees, four years.

Dr. McClelland was married to Miss Sue O. Turley, September 8, 1874. She is a daughter of Charles and Louisa Turley, old settlers, and of their children, Stephen S., Margaret, David C., Amanda, Sue C., James P., Marshall, General Mead and Ina, are living. The Doctor has

two children, Pearl, born August 14, 1876, and Ila, born May 18, 1878. Dr. McC. and wife are members of the Christian Church. He manifests an interest in all he advocates, and is a respected citizen. In politics he is a Republican and cast his first vote for U. S. Grant.

*Charles Miller*, was born in Scioto county, Ohio, July 18, 1820; is a son of John W. and Polly (Headley) Miller, natives of Virginia; the former born 1781, the latter 1782. Mr. Charles Miller came to Williams township, Sangamon county, Illinois, October 22, 1854, and took up his abode, in a log cabin; afterwards he purchased four hundred acres of land on which he located, and has resided since. To this possession he has added five hundred acres of land in Sangamon county, and four hundred and ten acres of land in Menard county, Illinois, all of which is under cultivation. Mr. Miller's education was of that character which so many of our early settlers experienced, spending only a short time in the log school house during the winter.

His marriage took place in Ohio, October 12, 1848, to Rebecca Miller, daughter of Abraham and Rebecca Miller, natives of Virginia, the former being born in the historic year of 1776. Charles Miller and wife were blessed with eight children, W. H., born February 8, 1845, enlisted in the Civil War in May, 1864, at Williamsville, Sangamon county, in Company I, One Hundred and Thirty-third Regiment, Infantry Volunteers, with Captain Orendorf in command. Was sent to Rock Island, to guard prisoners, and died while in camp, August 28, 1864; Franklin R., born March 1, 1847, died March 21, 1847; Gideon C., born July 9, 1848; Polla H., born December 26, 1850, died December 7, 1875; Edwin B., born July 30, 1853; John A., born March 10, 1856, died March 1, 1881; James T., born December 28, 18—; Oscar H., born December 4, 1859, and was killed August 5, 1880, by a railway accident, while en route for Chicago, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*William L. Perce*, druggist, Williamsville, is a son of John A. and Mary J. (Lilly) Perce, natives of Ohio. Mr. Perce was born in Ohio, March 7, 1847. His early schooling was obtained in the common schools, and at the age of fifteen, entered the Springfield University, of which he was a student four years. In 1868, Mr. Perce graduated in the law department at Ann Arbor, Michigan, and the same year was admitted to the bar, and at once entered the legal profession and practiced in Springfield. Preferring teaching, he

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Page 163-4 Capt. Japhet A. Ball's Company (Black Hawk War)

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Page 367-8 7th Infantry Illinois Volunteers, Company I  
Roster of three year men, Mustered in July 25, 1861.  
Private **Mitts, Thomas J.**

Page 393 160 Infantry, Illinois Volunteers Mustered in U.S.  
service August 1862.

Company C.  
Private **John Mitts**

Page 548 Sangamon County Agricultural and Mechanical Association  
Organized Oct. 7, 1852, approved for corporation by state legisla-  
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Sangamon County Agricultural Board

**Mitts, Carlyle**  
**Mitts, J. T.**

Page 789 **David H. Harmon** was born in Wilks Co., North Carolina,  
January 12, 1805. His grandfather was German and his grandmother  
was English. **Sally Mitts**, born February 11, 1811, in Grant Co. Ky.  
They married in that county August 27, 1827, moved to Sangamon Co.,  
Illinois, arriving October 26, 1830, in what is now Ball Township.

Page 797 **William Hermon**, born in this county November 20, 1842,  
son of **David & Sally (Mitts) Hermon**. In 1865 he married **Emma Mitts**,  
daughter of **Jacob & Marinda Mitts**.



(No. 4.) SCHEDULE of the whole number of persons within the division allotted to John Taylor

Name of County, City, Ward, Town or Township, or District	Names of Heads of Families	FREE WHITE PERSONS, INCLUDING HEADS OF FAMILIES.										FREE COLORED PERSONS																								
		MALES					FEMALES					MALES					FEMALES																			
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	Males	Females	Under 10 yrs.	10 & under 24	24 & under 36		36 & under 55	55 & under 100	100 & upwards	Males	Females	Under 14 yrs.	Deaf & Dumb	Deaf & Dumb 14 & under 25	Deaf & Dumb 25 & upwards	Blind	At public charge.	At private charge.	Blind	Deaf & Dumb	Blind	At public charge.	At private charge.	At public charge.	At private charge.	No. of Scholars	No. of white persons over 20 who cannot read and write.									
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County Sangamon State Illinois

PARENTS 1. Given Name 2. Spouse's Name	CHILDREN 1. Given Name 2. Spouse's Name	Birth Year of 1. of 2.	YEAR OF CENSUS													Death Year of 1. of 2.		
			1790	1800	1810	1820	1830	1840	1850	1860	1870	1880	1900	1910	1920			
Cyrus		1798				X	X	X	X	X	X							1852
Martha BURBRIDGE						X	X	X	X	X	X							1862
James M.		1819				X	X	X	X	X	X							1858
Eveline B. ENGLE										*	*							
	Thomas J.	1845								X	X							
	M. E. (fem.)	1848								X	X							
	Lewis P.	1850								X	X							
	Bell V.	1857								X	X							
	David H.	1852								X	X							
	Mary J.	1849								X	X							
	James E.	1856								X	X							
	Bell M.	1858								X	X							
Jesse		1820				X	X	X	X	X	X							1864
Julia RUSSELL						X	X	X	X	X	X							
	Martha	1849								X	X							
Jane		1822				X	X	X	X	X	X							
George W. COUNCIL						X	X	X	X	X	X							
	William	1844								X	X							
	Martha	1847								X	X							
	Mary	1849								X	X		X					
	John M.	1851								X	X							
	Elizabeth E. HAY									X	X							
	Lafayette	1852								X	X							
	Elizabeth	1854								X	X							
	Charles	1856								X	X							
	Henry	1858								X	X							
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	Anna	1867											X	X				
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Cyrus, Jr. Sarah J. LAYTON		1832				X	X	X	X									
Robert		1835				X	X	X	X	s								
Martha Robert MCCLELLAND		1837				X	X	X	X				X					
	Marietta	1855											X					
	George	1858											X					
	William	1862											X					

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	Catherine	1864										X						
	Lewis	1867										X						
Mary A. Jefferson M. Pierce		1839						X	X	X								
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	William	1870																