

McLean County Historical Society

## McLean County Poor Farm Collection

Processed by  
Michael Kozak  
Spring 2008

### Collection Information

Volume of Collection:	One Box.
Collection Dates:	1859-1980, 2004, 2007
Restrictions:	Some brittle documents. Use photocopies unless authorized by Librarian / Archivist.
Reproduction Rights:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the McLean County Museum of History.
Other Finding Aids:	Record in National Union Catalog Manuscripts Collection On-Line
Location:	Archives
Notes:	For additional information, see: McLean County Poor Farm Photographs.

## Historical Sketch

For more than 90 years, the McLean County Poor Farm, located south of Bloomington, housed some of the area's poorest and most unfortunate residents. In 1859, three local men were appointed to identify a suitable location to establish the county poor farm. In September of that year, the county purchased 230 acres in Bloomington Township. The farm eventually encompassed acreage in parts of sections 28, 29, 32, and 33 of Bloomington Township, several miles south of Bloomington and west of present-day U.S. Route 51.

Superintendents, under the employ of the county government, were appointed to govern and operate the farm. The first superintendent was David Simmons, appointed in 1860. The next three superintendents were James Grover (appointed in 1862); Levi Simmons (1870); and Jefferson Vandervort (1872). The first permanent buildings on the Poor Farm date to the 1870s and 1880s, including the residence, or dormitory, for male "inmates" (as they called in official reports and by the local press). Other buildings followed, including a large superintendent's house in 1895. The burial ground, or "paupers" cemetery, was located west of the main grouping of buildings.

From 1860 to 1908, about 4,000 residents spent time at the Poor Farm, with stays ranging from overnights to a decade or longer. All too often, the mentally ill were housed at the farm, though by the early 1900s, many were being sent to the state-run Asylum for the Insane at Bartonville. Too often, the Poor Farm was found to be under-funded and poorly staffed. Throughout its history, the Poor Farm was also used as the county pest house to care for those suffering from highly contagious diseases, such as smallpox. In 1916, Ms. Anna Hinrichsen, a state inspector, reported that the farm was in a terrible state, lacking properly trained personnel and on-site facilities to care for the ill. In 1949, the Bloomington *Pantagraph* newspaper called the farm unsafe and in shambles.

In 1954, the Poor Farm became the county-operated Maple Grove Nursing Home. By 1970, with old physical plant in disrepair, the county government decided to close the nursing home, slowly phasing out operations over several years. The county constructed a new nursing home on the grounds of the Fairview Tuberculosis Sanitarium in north Normal. The Poor Farm and its acreage were auctioned off in 1974, with 320 acres sold to Russell O. Shirk for about \$830,000.

## Scope and Content Notes

The McLean County Poor Farm collection consists of 1 box and 13 folders containing material from 1859 to 1980, 2004 and 2007. Items in the collection include newspaper clippings, death and burial records, court documents, research papers, articles in *Gleanings*, the quarterly publication of the McLean County Genealogical Society, death certificates and U.S. Census data.

## Box and Folder Inventory

### Folder 1: Newspaper Clippings

From *The Pantagraph* unless otherwise noted.

- 1.1.1 Two notices, Overseer of the Poor candidates, February 2 & 4, 1859 (precursor to Poor Farm?).
- 1.1.2 Notice for bids. January 18, 1860
- 1.1.3 "For Rent" August 23, 1862, p. 3.
- 1.1.4 "The County Poor Farm," December 29, 1864, p. 4.
- 1.1.5 "The County Poor Farm" January 18, 1866, p. 4.
- 1.1.6 "Visit to the McLean County Poor Farm," July 29, 1869, p.4
- 1.1.7 "Death at the Poor Farm" (Old woman named Ferguson, 86 years old, formerly from Chenoa) November 7, 1871
- 1.1.8 "A Miss Johnson" (to be cared for at the Poor Farm) December 7, 1871.
- 1.1.9 Notice, February 9, 1875, p. 3.
- 1.1.10 "The Poor Farm" (flourishing condition, 39 inmates) September 5, 1876
- 1.1.11 "Over the Hill," June 1, 1877, p. 3.
- 1.1.12 "The City" August 17, 1880.
- 1.1.13 "City Matters" (John McNamara taken to poor farm, refused to eat, died)
- 1.1.14 "At Last Disposed of," October 7, 1881, (Charles Howlett—he had several aliases—buried at Poor Farm. Howlett murdered McLean County Jailer, Teddy Frank and was then lynched by Bloomington mob).
- 1.1.15 "Poor Farm Productions." August 9, 1882. *The Daily News*
- 1.1.16 "McLean County Court" (notice on Nannie C. Carey) December 13, 1882, p. 3.
- 1.1.17 "Killed by the Cars," April 5, 1883, p. 4 (Thomas Neal buried at Poor Farm).
- 1.1.18 "Robert Moore Insane," September 25, 1883, p 4 and "Rev. Robert Moore Goes to the Poor Farm," September 29, 1883, p 3.
- 1.1.19 "Pity the Aged and Infirm," August 2, 1884, p. 4.
- 1.1.20 "A Baby Found," August 11, 1884, p. 3.
- 1.1.21 German named Krause now in Poor Farm. *Daily Leader* January 7, 1886, p. 4.
- 1.1.22 "A Pair of Simple People," *Bulletin*, February 23, 1886, p. 4.
- 1.1.23 "Poor Farm Statistics," March 4, 1886, p. 3.
- 1.1.24 "Died in a Hovel" (Mulwock, young Polander miner, died; family going to poor farm) April 13, 1886, p. 4; follow up article April 14, 1886, p. 4.
- 1.1.25 October 4, 1886. Article about John Kuhn getting drunk and breaking his leg in town. P. 4
- 1.1.26 "A Midnight Suicide," and follow-up article on suicide of Poor Farm resident, Ferdinand Tessman, October 6 & 7, 1886.
- 1.1.27 Notice of Mrs. Maggie Dunlap giving birth to a girl at the poor farm, December 22, 1886, p. 4.
- 1.1.28 "The Alleged Insane Decker" (John Decker), May 5, 1887, p. 3.
- 1.1.29 "An Insane Hospital. The Supervisors Make an Important and Proper Move" *Daily Bulletin*, June 8, 1887.
- 1.1.30 "Spigot Saving" *Sunday Bulletin* April 22, 1888, p. 1.
- 1.1.31 "A Death at the County Farm" (Caroline Shrader) January 18, 1892, p. 7.
- 1.1.32 Notice (death of Kate Dagon) May 10, 1892, p. 5
- 1.1.33 Notice (Death of A. Durman) May 24, 1892, p. 5.

- 1.1.34 Notice on recommendation to purchase steam pump, June 16, 1892, p. 5.
- 1.1.35 Notice on employee Archie Duvall, July 15, 1892, p. 6.
- 1.1.36 "Affairs at the Poor Farm" August 1, 1892, p. 6.
- 1.1.37 "Another Unfortunate" (death of eighteen-month old child of Belle Mays), September 3, 1892, p. 5.
- 1.1.38 "Death of Mr. Philip Kadel" September 5, 1892, p. 7
- 1.1.39 "Death Came as a Release" (Mr. Charles Gallagher) October 6, 1892, p. 6.
- 1.1.40 "Died at the Age of 92" (Mr. Thomas Henderson) November 1, 1892, p. 5.
- 1.1.41 "Two Runaways at the County Farm." November 25, 1892, p. 8.
- 1.1.42 "Taken to the County Farm" (Mrs. Wrightsmith and family of four children) November 28, 1892, p. 5.
- 1.1.43 "About the County Farm" December 8, 1892, p. 7.
- 1.1.44 "McLean's Quota is Filled" December 15, 1892, p. 6.
- 1.1.45 "A Death at the County Farm" (Miss Susan Perry) February 11, 1893, p. 7.
- 1.1.46 "A Death at the County Farm" (Mrs. Tappe) May 23, 1893, p. 5.
- 1.1.47 "A Death at the County Farm" (John H. Curtile) Thursday, September 7, 1893, p.5.
- 1.1.48 "What They Eat. What They Eat at the County Farm and How Much – One Mouth's Food," February 2, 1894, p. 5, c. 3.
- 1.1.49 "Died at the County Farm" (Robert Goglin) February 12, 1894, p. 7.
- 1.1.50 "Barometers at the Poor Farm" *The Daily Bulletin* (level of activity of insane and feeble minded indicates weather change expected) December 13, 1894, p. 1
- 1.1.51 "The Sufferings of the Poor" February 9, 1895, p. 5.
- 1.1.52 "Died at the County Farm" (Sarah Sawyer) February 14, 1895, p. 7.
- 1.1.53 "Proposals for Poor Farm Residence" July 23, 1895, p. 7.
- 1.1.54 "Died at the County Farm" (Miss Ella Johnson) August 19, 1895, p5
- 1.1.55 "Committee Visits the Farm" March 19, 1896, p. 5.
- 1.1.56 "Gone to His Reward" (George Bluford) December 16, 1896, p. 6.
- 1.1.57 "M'Lean's Insane." May 12, 1897, p. 5 and "Quota Again Exceeded." May 14, 1897.
- 1.1.58 "Died at the Poor Farm" (John Stillet) May 18, 1897, p. 5, col. 4
- 1.1.59 "The County Farm" June 10, 1897, p. 8.
- 1.1.60 "Annual Invoice of County Property Will Be Taken February 22" *Daily Bulletin* February 8, 1898.
- 1.1.61 "Died at the Poor Farm." September 26, 1898, p. 6.
- 1.1.62 "Sickness at the County Farm" November 16, 1898, p. 3.
- 1.1.63 "Major Fado Dead" December 22, 1898, p. 2.
- 1.1.64 "Brief Mention," February 10, 1899, p. 5. (Daniel Huffman death)
- 1.1.65 "Identity Established, Man Killed at the Union Depot Proves to Be Jas. Fitzgerald" (buried at Poor Farm) *Bulletin*, March 20, 1899, p. 1.
- 1.1.66 "Big Henry is Dead" (Henry Coolidge) *Bulletin*, March 20, 1899, p. 1.
- 1.1.67 "Died at the Poor Farm," March 21, 1899, p. 5
- 1.1.68 "Brief Mention," May 17, 1899, p. 5.
- 1.1.69 "To the County Farms" (David Herring taken to farm) August 22, 1899
- 1.1.70 "Career of Albert Knease" September 1, 1899, p. 3.
- 1.1.71 "Died at the County Farm" (Charles Symkie) February 26, 1900, p. 5.
- 1.1.72 "Dies at the County Farm" (John the Baptist) March 9, 1900, p. 5.
- 1.1.73 "Died at the County Farm" (W. Wilson) March 27, 1900, p. 5.
- 1.1.74 "To The Pest House" January 4, 1901, p. 5.

- 1.1.75 "To Be Taken to the county Farm" January 9, 1901, p. 5.
- 1.1.76 "Would-Be Murderer Suicides" June 21, 1901, p. 3 (first half of article, later mentions burial at Poor Farm).
- 1.1.77 "The Soldiers' Orphans' Home" November 18, 1901, *Daily Bulletin* p. 2.
- 1.1.78 "Pest House a Cold Place" December 17, 1901, p. 5.
- 1.1.79 "Death of Joel Yoder" July, 1902, p. 7.
- 1.1.80 "Last of Insane to Bartonville" December 1, 1904 *Daily Bulletin*
- 1.1.81 "Buried Long-Lost Brother" December 18, 1905, p. 5.
- 1.1.82 "Sent to Poor Farm" (Hayes) June 21, 1902, p. 5.
- 1.1.83 "Last of Insane to Bartonville" *Daily Bulletin*, December 1, 1904, p. 5.
- 1.1.84 "Died at County Farm" (John Fox) January 29, 1907, p. 9.
- 1.1.85 "Death of Katherine Buck" March 30, 1907, p. 7.
- 1.1.86 "John Spencer Goes to the County Farm" February 27, 1908, p. 10.
- 1.1.87 "Aged Veteran's Story" February 29, 1908, p. 10.
- 1.1.88 "Buried at County Farm," July 7, 1908, p. 9, c. 3
- 1.1.89 "Out at the County Farm" June 11, 1908, p. 6.
- 1.1.90 "Died at County Farm" (William Stesford) December 16, 1908.
- 1.1.91 "County Gets Money From Farm Inmate" February 16, 1909, p. 7.
- 1.1.92 "The Strange Case of Mrs. Quinlan" March 1, 1909.
- 1.1.93 "Light at County Farm" March 30, 1909, p. 5.
- 1.1.94 "Longs for County Farm" April 2, 1909, p. 5.
- 1.1.95 "Sudden Wealth for Poor Boy" *Sunday Bulletin*, August 22, 1909, p. 2.
- 1.1.96 "Newhouse Vanishes; Story All a Hoax," August 31, 1909, p. 6.
- 1.1.97 "Semi-Centennial at County Farm" September 12, 1909
- 1.1.98 "John Oae Passed Away at County Farm" September 14, 1909
- 1.1.99 "Nine Tramps Asked For Free Laundering" February 25, 1910, p. 9.
- 1.1.100 "C & A Held Blameless" June 14, 1910, p. 11 (two Italians buried at the Poor Farm).
- 1.1.101 "Dies at County Farm" (Margaret McCabe), transcription from March 10, 1911.
- 1.1.102 "To County Farm Every Month" September 19, 1912, p. 9.
- 1.1.103 "Twenty Years at the County Farm" February 25, 1913.
- 1.1.104 "Death of Abraham McClelland" November 14, 1913.
- 1.1.105 "Pat Rarity Cut Face with Scissors" *Daily Bulletin*, June 24, 1914, p. 4. Man sent to Poor Farm. Note difference in headline and article spelling Rarity and Rearity.
- 1.1.106 "Is In Dying Condition" (former sheriff George Johnson at Poor Farm) September 28, 1914, p. 2.
- 1.1.107 "Buried in Potter's Field" (unknown suicide) May 24, 1915, p. 7.
- 1.1.108 Map for Middle West Tractor Farming Demonstration, Hendrix, Aug 23-24, 1915, *Daily Bulletin*, August 23, 1915, p. 2 (Poor Farm was one of the sites of demonstrations).
- 1.1.109 "Died at County Farm" August 24, 1915, p.12.
- 1.1.110 "Arraigns McLean County Poor Farm" January 14, 1916, p. 11.
- 1.1.111 "Let Public Look Over the County Farm" January 21, 1916, p. 11.
- 1.1.112 "Good Man Dies at County Farm" (William Woodward) February 21, 1916, p. 12.
- 1.1.113 "I Talk German" April 26, 1918, p. 9.
- 1.1.114 "Potter's Field at County Farm" October 21, 1925.
- 1.1.115 "McLean County Claims to Have the Model 'Public Farm and Home in United States" March 31, 1925, p. 6.

- 1.1.116 "John Flink Found Dead in Bed" *LeRoy Journal*, March 25, 1927.
- 1.1.117 "96 Persons Housed at County Poor Farm Now; Increase Is Expected." December 1, 1927.
- 1.1.118 "Milton Bowman Soon to Get Warm at County Farm, Supervisors Hear" December 6, 1927, p. 15.
- 1.1.119 "Prepare Winter Meat at County Poor Farm" December 23, 1927, p.3
- 1.1.120 "Women's Home at County Farm Filled, Jones Says" January 19, 1928, p. 5.
- 1.1.121 "Louis Godfry, 53, Dies Friday at County Farm" July 7, 1928, p. 3.
- 1.1.122 "County Farm Houses 82--Largest Summer Number in 16 Years" July 10, 1928, p. 11.
- 1.1.123 "Slain Baby's Body Given Number and Buried in County Farm Grave" September 8, 1930, p. 3.
- 1.1.124 "Numbers Take Names' Places," September 21, 1930 with accompanying picture.
- 1.1.125 "Ummels Take County Farm" March 2, 1931, p. 3
- 1.1.126 "High Alfalfa Value Shows" September 17, 1936, p. 3.
- 1.1.127 "He Knew 'The Count' - A. L. Bowen Also Tells of Dr. Schroeder" January 13, 1941
- 1.1.128 "Family Housed at County Farm" September 17, 1947, p. 3.
- 1.1.129 "County Farm in Sad Shape" April 21, 1949, p. 3.
- 1.1.130 "Home for County Aged Advanced" September 21, 1951, p. 3.
- 1.1.131 "County's Farm Shows Profit; Officials Say Sale Impractical" March 3, 1957, p. 3.
- 1.1.132 "Poor of another era in Forgotten Cemetery" May 28, 1973, p. A-3.
- 1.1.133 "County Farm Death Records 'found' in Society Publication" May 29, 1973, p. A8.
- 1.1.134 "For sale: One Farm (owned by taxpayers)" October 10, 1973, p. A-5.
- 1.1.135 "Farm Home History" August 31, 1980, p. C-3.
- 1.1.136 "Former Foreman and Wife Recall 'Poor Farm' Life" August 31, 1980, p. C-3.
- 1.1.137 "McLean County's Port in the Storm" January 4, 1998.
- 1.1.138 "Shirk Gets Farm on \$832,207 Bid" undated, [1974? See "Farm Home History", August 31, 1980].

## **Folder 2: Death and Burial Records**

- 1.2.1 91 pgs. of handwritten entries (photocopied from source unknown)
- 1.2.2 E-mail and attached document clarifying a hand-written entry in death and burial records

## **Folder 3: Death and Burial Records Goldsmith, 1993**

- 1.3.1 "Death and Burial Records at County Farm, McLean County, Ill. (Typed by Mary E. Goldsmith) from Card File – McLean County Genealogical File" 10 p. unpublished manuscript

## **Folder 4: Death and Burial Records Herring, 1969/1970**

- 1.4.1 "Death and Burial records at County Farm, McLean County, Ill." Compiled and contributed by Betty Herring in *Gleanings From the Heart of the Cornbelt*, vol. 3, no. 4 (Dec 1969): 108-113.
- 1.4.2 "Death and Burial records at County Farm, McLean County Ill." Compiled and contributed by Betty Herring in *Gleanings From the Heart of the Cornbelt*, vol. 4, no. 1 (Mar 1970); 123-26
- 1.4.3 25 p. typed draft of the two *Gleanings* contributions.

## **Folder 5: Death and Burial Records Moody, 2005**

- 1.5.1 The Death and Burial Records for the Old County Farm Cemetery, McLean County, Illinois which cover the years from 1860 – 1930. Originally compiled and contributed by Betty Hering in 1970 and retyped by Jack E. Moody on April 7, 2005 with a total of 320 graves.

### **1860:**

- April 7 - Louis EINBERK, age 37, from Bloomington Twp. Buried in the Graveyard in Bloomington.
- April 28 – Susan ?OGT, age 40, Buried in graveyard in Bloomington.
- Oct. 13 - Allis Jane KING, from Bloomington, age 15 months.
- Oct. 20 - Jane SMITH, Residence Bloomington, age 21.
- Dec. 10 - Catherine COOK, from Danvers Twp., age 2 yrs. 5 mos.

### **1861:**

- Aug. 29 - John Growley, age 40 yrs.

### **1865:**

- Mar. 29 - John HEIFREN, from Bloomington, age 39 yrs.
- Dec. 25 - Edward ROBERTS, from Bloomington, age 45 yrs. Colored.

### **1866:**

- April 8 - Infant child born to Henrietta CLARK, Oct. 17, 1964. Died at the County Farm and buried at the Christian Church Cemetery.
- July 23 - HENDERSON, the rest of her name not known, from Dale Township. Age 38.

### **1867:**

- Dec. 12 - John BUCKLEY, from Cheney's Grove, received Dec. 13, 1866, age 37.
- Aug. 4 - Bump C. NEWTON, received Dec. 23, 1866, from Bloomington, about 2 weeks old.
- Jan. 25 - Twin infant born Jan. 8, 1867, of Elizabeth OCONAL. The other left in care of its mother.
- Mar. 28 - Pat MCIOLEY received from Bloomington, March 12, 1867, age 30. Taken away by his friends.
- Dec. 12 - Gorge TAYLOR, from Bloomington, age 64 yrs.
- Mar. 7 - William BURNS, from McLean Station, age 2 yrs. old.

**1868:**

Sept. 18 - MACCABAY, from Bloomington, age between 35 and 40, buried in graveyard on the County farm.

Feb. 19 - Samuel FORGESON received Oct. 7, 1866, from Lexington, age 70 yrs.

June 11 - Cager WATKINS, received March 19, 1867, from Money Creek Twp. Age 17  
Yrs... Taken away by his friends June 14, 1868.

Mar. 3 - Alan NEAL, from Bloomington, age 37 yrs. Taken away by his friends.

April 14 - Infant child born of Julia GORDON, Jan. 6, 1868.

Feb. 22 - Mary Ann ROBINSON, from Bellflower Twp, age 7 yrs. old.

Mar. 14 - Alice BURNS, from McLean Station, age 48 yrs. old.

Mar. 29 - Meranda MERIT, from Bloomington, age 31 yrs.

Oct. 3 - Infant child found in Bloomington. No name.

**1869:**

Jan. 11 - Cary BRIDDGET, from Bloomington, age 39 yrs.

Jan. 5 - Mary HARTNETH, from Old Town Twp. Age 100 yrs.

Feb. 2 - Ira CALL, from Hudson town, McLean County, IL. Age 75 yrs.

Nov. 21- Elizabeth ROCKHOLD, from Dale Twp, age 56 yrs.

**1870:**

Mar. 12 - SNIDER, from Bloomington, age 40 yrs.

Aug. 17 - Timothy McCARTY, residence Bloomington, age 30 yrs.

Aug. 19 - John PALADY, from Normal Twp., received on July 8, 1868, age 68 yrs.

Sept. 1 - Thomas J. LUERMAN, from Bloomington, residence unknown, age 28.

Sept. 20 - A stranger known but to God. Name unknown.

Nov. 2 - Timothy McCARTY, No. 2, age 58 yrs. residence unknown.

Nov. 3 - Edwin MILES, from Bloomington, age 21 yrs.

**1871:**

Mar. 16 - Charley LEE, received Sept. 12, 1866, age 22 yrs., from Bloomington. Buried in Block 7, Grave 7, numbering from the south.

Aug. ? - John MONROW, from Bloomington, age 23.

Sept. 3 - Michael LOLY, from Bloomington, age 25.

**1872 and 1873:**

Jan. 1 - Strout FILIMORE, from Bloomington, received March 2, 1871, age 20.

Feb. 3 - Obadia FURGASON, from Chenoa, received Apr. 11, 1871, age 40.

Nov. 6 - Rachel E. FURGUSON, from Chenoa, received July 15, 1871, age 86.

Sept. 7 - Cornel HUNTER, from Bloomington. 1873.

**1874:**

May 3 - Joseph RIGBY, from Bloomington, age 50.

June 23 - Milton IONECALF, from Bloomington, age 70.

Sept 6. - Addam BENDER, from Bloomington, age 58.

Sept. 16 - Barbry ABEL, from Lexington, age 21.

Aug. 31 - Mary Ann PECK, from Bloomington, received on Dec. 17, 1873, age 50.

Dec. 3 - Jacob MILLER, from Allan Twp, age 62.

**1875:**

- Jan. 25 - Andrew J. MASON, from Dry Grove Twp, age 48?  
Mar. 18 - John WILLSON, from Bloomington, age 18.  
Mar. 26 - Francis "Irish Frank" SMITH, from Bloomington, age 40.  
April 6 - PATRICK, from Towanda.  
May 8 - Miles the man from Bloomington.  
May 10 - Mistress HICKS, from Dale Twp., age 70.  
June 3 - Cassie WILLAN, from West Twp, age 72.  
Sept 8 - Infant child of Ellen ROLBERTS, from Bloomington, age about 6 mos.  
Sept 8 - Phillip MARCHINGTON, from Normal, received May 3, 1873, age 50.  
Sept 28 - John DIDGE, from Bloomington, age 34. Died of Congestion in the lungs.  
Oct. 7 - William H. SNIDER, from Lexington, received Nov. 28, 1874, age 81?  
Oct. 12 - Fredrich KILLER, from Dale Twp., age 28.  
Oct. 17 - George BUTTERMAN, received from Bloomington, June 8, 1875, age 57.  
Oct. 25 - Henry MILLS, from Bloomington, age 49.

**1876:**

- Mar. 19 - Henry HASE, from Danvers, age 30.  
Mar. 28 - Milton H. MIRES, from Downs, age 37.  
July 24 - Child born to Molly West from Bloomington.  
Aug. 3 - Joseph WILLIAMS, from Funks Grove, born Dec. 20.

**1877:**

- July 15 - Oliver WAGNER, from Lexington, age 30.  
July 23 - Harriet HARTY, from Bellflower, received Jan. 4, 1875, age 76.  
July 25 - John M. HUSE, from Bloomington, age 31. Died of epilepsy.  
July 31 - J. S. MAPLE, from Bloomington, age 55.  
Aug 24 - Lotty GAY, from Bloomington, age 35.  
Oct 13 - Bridget BONY, from Bloomington, age 70.  
Oct 27 - Infant child of Ellen ROBERTS, mother, and J. WILLIAMS, father, of Bloomington, born Oct. 5, 1877.  
Nov. 8 - Emily EMERSON, from Saybrook, age 36.

**1878:**

- Feb. 14 - Ann WOODERN ?, from Jacksonville, received Apr. 8, 1877, age 33.  
Mar. 18 - Infant child born March 16 of Mary FURNER. Father James COFFEE of Bloomington. Died of epilepsy.  
July 24 - Infant child born of Elizabeth HARDSTRUM, July 16, 1878, a son. Father Augustis WILLIAMS.  
Sept. 13 - Mrs. SHEAHAN, age 30-40.  
Sept. 20 - John BAKER, from Bloomington, age 18.  
Sept. 22 - A. FORRESTER, from Bloomington, received June 14, 1878, age 70.

**1879:**

- Jan 2 - Barbary Lidda TOMLINSON, from Bloomington, age 18, died of epilepsy.  
April 20 - William COE, from Gridley, received Oct 11, 1878, age 70.  
Sept. 25 - Thomas HAZELWOOD, from Normal, received Oct. 12, 1875, age 81.

**1880:**

- Mar 3 - Lena HALLENA, from Bellflower, age 22.
- Jan 25 - Fredrick RINEHART, from Danvers, age 45.
- June 2 - Matilda EVANS, from Chenoa, received Apr. 20, 1877, age 80.
- July 13 - Azaniah KRESS, of Bloomington, received June 23, 1873, age 74.

**1881:**

- June 24 - Mary DORANEZ, from Bloomington, received on Aug. 12, 1878, age 28.
- Aug 27 - Eva RACE, from Bloomington, age 35.

**1882:**

- Aug 10 - Hardy WOODCORN, from Bloomington, received Apr 19, 1881, age 77?
- Oct. 14 - John WORLD, from Bloomington, age 50.

When the age follows a received date, that usually means the age at the time of coming to the County Farm and not the age at death.

**Block 4, Graves 12-28**

Peter FINSPARR. Age 79. Died Sept 21, 1881, of consumption. Buried in Block 4, Grave 12.

Pears Alice Howlet HENRY. Buried Oct 5, 1881, in Block 4, Grave 13. Lynched by mob October 1, 1881, for the murder of Teddy Frank. (Alias: Henry Pierce or Charles Howlett.)

Charles KING. Buried Nov 24, 1881, in Block 4, Grave 14. Died of consumption.

Received an unknown man from Bloomington Jan. 21, 1882, buried in Block 4, Grave 15. Died of exposure and exhaustion.

John DOCKHORN. Died February 19, 1882. Buried in Block 4, Grave 16.

Received an unknown man from Bloomington. Was once a Sheriff of Cook County, IL, this March 31, 1882. Buried in Block 4, Grave 17. Received an infant buried in the same grave and received at same time from Bloomington, March 31, 1882.

Hardy WOODCOME. Died Aug 10, 1882, age 80. Buried in Block 4 and Grave 18.

Received an unknown dead man from Bloomington, Sept 3?, 1882, Buried in Block 4, Grave 19.

John WORLD, from Bloomington, died Oct 14, 1882, of consumption. Buried in Block 4, Grave 20.

**1883:**

The following burials under H. C. Scott's Administration Commencing March 1<sup>st</sup>

**Block 4, Graves 21 – 28**

Henry SHRADER, died on poor farm April 3, 1883 of Catarh (?) in the head, age 77,

Buried in Block 4, Grave 21.

Thomas NEAL. Irish. Of Bloomington but from Leroy, killed by the cars on the night of April 3 & 4. Buried in Block 4, Grave 22. (Exhumed – taken to Leroy by friends.)

John McCRIEAN, died on the poor farm, April 8, 1883, age 75. Irish. Buried in Block 4, Grave 23.

Lyda BENJAMINE, died on the poor farm on April 13, 1883, age 60. American. Buried in Block 4, Grave 24.

Received an unknown dead man from Bloomington, May 23, 1883. Nationality unknown. Buried in Block 4, Grave 25.

Mary STANEVER, died June 6, 1883, buried in Block 4, Grave 26. Age 60, Irish.

LILLY. Died June 17, 1883. Buried in Block 4, Grave 27. Age 14. American.

Olive NORMAN, died July 6, 1883, and was buried in Block 4, Grave 28. Age 70. American.

### **Block 5, Graves 29-51**

Patrick BURK, killed by the cars, (assume railroad cars) on Aug. 21, 1883, near Funks Grove. Buried in Block 5, Grave 29. Age unknown. Irish.

Barton SWANSON, male. Died Nov. 11, 1883. Buried in Block 5, Grave 30. Age 40. American.

Received an unknown dead child. Nov. 13, 1883. Buried in Block 4, Grave 31. American.

Frank NELSON. Died Nov. 17, 1883, taken to Shirley by his relatives and buried there. American.

Joseph N. THOMAS. Died Nov. 23, 1883. Buried in Block 5, Grave 32 (?) Age 30. American.

### **1884:**

Howard LAND. Died Feb. 17, 1884. Buried in Block 5 and Grave 33. Age 57. American.

Fred VOIGHT. Died Feb 21, 1884. Buried in Block 5 and Grave 34. Age 26. German.

D.B. BENEDICT. Died Feb 21, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 35. Age 29. American.

### **1885:**

The following burials commenced March 1<sup>st</sup>

Mrs. CAMPBELL. Died March 5, 1885. Buried in Block 5, Grave 46. Age 75.

Received a dead baby on March 5, 1885. The child of \_\_\_\_\_. Buried in Block 5, Grave 47. By order of Mrs. Brown.

BETTEY. Colored. Female. Died Feb 29, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 36. Age about 40, but no known American.

Joseph ORWIG. Died April 5, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 37. Age 77. American.

Robert CAMPBELL. Died May 6, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 38. Age 75. Scotch.

Baby still born to Laury CROSBY was buried on June 15, 1884, in Block 5, Grave 39. American.

John L. PEARSON. Sent out from Bloomington by Coroner B. RISER. Oct. 2, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 41 on October 5, 1884. American. Shot Oct. 2, 1884 by James Bradley.

Received a dead baby Sept 11, 1884. Child of Mary Peters. Buried in Block 5, Grave 40.

Thomas FRYE. Died Oct 5, 1884. Taken to Heyworth by his friends and buried there. American.

FRENCHMAN. Died Oct 6, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 42. Frenchman.

Mrs. Etta CULVER of Normal Twp. Died October 13, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 43. By order of B.W. RISER, Coroner. American.

Received a dead baby Oct 31, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 44, by order of Mrs. BROWN. American.

Barton HAYS. Male. Died Dec. 25, 1884. Buried in Block 5, Grave 45. Age 76. American.

Leo RITINGER. Bloomington. Died March 21, 1885. Buried in Block 5, Grave 48. Age 45. German.

C. SMITH. Bloomington. Colored. Died March 29, 1885. Taken to Bloomington by his friends and buried in the cemetery there. Age 48. American.

John H. WEST. April 1, 1885, killed by being struck by the engine of the Denver Express. Buried in Block 5, Grave 49. American.

Jonathan O. THOMAS. The first white child born in Cheney's Grove TSP, died May 9, 1885. Taken to Bloomington by his friends and buried in the cemetery there. Age 66.

Rebecka MILLER. Died June 11, 1885. From Martin Twp. Buried in Block 5, Grave 50. Age 70.

G.W. HAYS. Died June 15, 1885. From Dry Grove Twp. Buried in Block 5, Grave 51. Age 25.

Elizabeth THOMPSON. Bloomington Twp. Died July 5, 1885. Taken to Bloomington by her husband and buried in the cemetery there.

**Block 5, Graves 53-55**

John ALSOP. Died July 30, 1885. From Empire Twp. Buried in Block 5, Grave 53. Age about 30. Cause of death – sunstroke.

Received a dead child from Bloomington. Buried in Block 5, grave 54.

Received an unknown dead man. Buried in Block 5, Grave 55. By order of W. NIGHTWINE, T.M.

**Block 6, Graves 56-75**

W.M. DRIN. Died October 31, 1885. Age 32. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital in Bloomington, Oct. 30, 1885. Buried in Block 6, Grave 56, by order of W. NIGHTWINE.

**1886:**

The following burials commenced January 11<sup>th</sup>

S.F. GATES. (male) Died Jan. 10, 1886, of old age and general debility. From Bloomington Twp. Buried in Block 6, Grave 57. Age 82.

Marty LARIMORE. (female) Died Mar. 20, 1886 of general debility. From Bloomington Twp. Buried in Block 6, Grave 58. Age about 75.

SNEDICER. (male) Died April 14, 1886 of dropsy. From Bloomington Twp. Buried in Block 6, Grave 59. Age about 72.

Thomas HENRY. Died May 6, 1886 of blood poisoning from having the left leg amputated below the knee, caused by being run over by the cars (railroad??) at Shirley. Buried in Block 6, and Grave 60. Catholic. Age 25. Dale Twp. Catholic.

ASHBY \_\_\_\_\_. (female) of Bloomington Twp. Died May 8, 1886 of dropsy and old age. Buried in Block 6, Grave 61. Presbyterian. Age 83.

Pat McGRAW. (male) of Mount Hope Twp. Died May 28, 1886 of paralysis. Buried in Block 6, Grave 62. Age 32.

Ana LARKINS. (female) Died Aug. 15, 1886 of consumption. Buried in Block 6, Grave 63. Age about 50. Of Bloomington Twp.

Hankey FRANKS. (male) Died Aug. 28, 1886 of inflammation of the bowels and chorranfantam? Taken to Bloomington by his mother (Minerva FRANKS) and buried there.

Ferdinand TESSMAN. Bloomington. Died October 5, 1886. Buried in Block 6, Grave 64. Age 61. By suicide. Was resident at Poor Farm.

Robert CODLING. Age 94. Died Dec. 5, 1886 of old age. Was in his usual health the day before. Buried in Block 6, Grave 65.

**1887:**

N.W. PORTER. (male) From Hudson Twp. Died Jan. 30, 1887 of general debility. Buried in Block 6, Grave 66.

Zera MUNSELE. (male) Age 75. Dry Grove Twp. Died Feb. 8, 1887 of pleurisy and old age. Taken to Twin Grove by his friends and buried there on Feb. 10, 1887.

Female baby of Ella TRAINERS. Age 3 days. Died Mar. 9, 1887. Buried in Block 6, Grave 67.

Maggie DUNLAP. Age 20. Bloomington Twp. Died Mar. 28, 1887 of consumption. Buried in Block 6, Grave 68.

Eddie McKEE. A dead boy received April 6, 1887. Killed by cars running over him at Normal. Buried in Block 6, Grave 69. Age about 15.

Nora WILLIAM'S baby girl (age 12 days) died April 29, 1887 in spasms. Buried in Block 6, Grave 70.

J.M. BEATTY. (male) Age 71. White Oak Twp. Died July 16, 1887 of Brights Disease of the kidneys, (a vague and general medical term once used to diagnose chronic nephritis). Buried in Block 6, Grave 71.

Harry CUNDIFF. Age 36. Bellflower Twp. Died Aug. 2, 1887. Buried in Block 6, Grave 72.

Thomas J. THAYER, Jr. Age 68. Bloomington Twp. Died Aug. 17, 1887 of old age. Buried in Block 6, Grave 73.

Lizzie TAYLOR. Age about 80. Bloomington Twp. Died Dec. 18, 1887 of old age and general debility. Buried in Block 6, Grave 74.

**1888:**

Maryann WALLS. Age 70. Allen Twp. Died Feb 6, 1888 of old age and broken or strained hip joint. Buried in Block 6, Grave 75.

Willie WALTON. (male) Age 14. Normal Twp. Died April 8, 1888. Was taken away by his father and buried in Bloomington Cemetery.

**Block 6, Graves 77 – 79**

Received a dead man May 10, 1888. Has the initials "W.C." on his arm. About 40 years old. Buried in Block 6, Grave 77.

Sarah BLUE. Age 70. Old Town Twp. Died June 11, 1888 of general debility and neuralgia of the bowels. Taken away by her friends and buried near Downs.

Isaiah FRANKS. Age 82. Died July 3, 1888 of cancer and old age. Was taken to Bloomington and buried in the Old Cemetery there by his wife. Rev. H.O. Hoffman officiating.

Gustave PETERSON. Age 63. Died July 14, 1888 of dropsy. Buried in Block 6, Grave 78.

M. RENTCEHLER. Age 65. Luther German. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital July 2, 1888. Was buried in Block 6, Grave 79.

**Block 7, Graves 80 – 82**

Willie STONER. (male) Age 3 years. Died of Typhus Malaria fever on Aug. 4, 1888 and buried in Block 7, Grave 80.

Harvey WOOLLEY. Age 67. Died Sept. 23, 1888 of general debility and paralysis. Of Hudson Twp. Buried in Block 7, Grave 81.

Mike PHALAN. Age about 60. Died Oct. 13, 1888 of heart disease. Of Bloomington Twp. Buried in Block 7, Grave 82.

**Block 7, Graves 93-95**

Mary BYERS. Age 45. Died Nov. 19, 1888 of general debility. Of Bloomington Twp. Buried in Block 7, Grave 93.

Mark SLAUGHTER. Age 26. Colored. Died Dec. 2, 1888 of consumption contracted in a coal mine. Buried in Block 7, Grave 94.

William STEVENS. Age 60 Died Dec. 12, 1888 of dropsy. Taken to Bloomington by his daughter and by her buried there.

**1889:**

Christian CLINTON. (male) Age 63. Died Jan. 8, 1889 of rheumatism and paralysis. Of Normal Twp. Buried in Block 7, Grave 95.

Jes GRAYBIRD. (male) Age 67. Died Jan. 9, 1889 of dropsy. Taken to Woodford County for burial by his son.

**Block 7, Graves 97 – 113**

F.J. GOODSWELER. (male) Age 79. Swiss. Died Jan 10, 1889 of general debility and old age. Buried in Block 7, Grave 97.

John T. SILK. German. Was a resident of Milwaukee, Wis. Buried in Block 7, Grave 98. No date given, just January.

Carl BLOSS. German. Age 76. Died Jan. 16, 1889 of inflammatory rheumatism and heart trouble. Buried in Block 7, Grave 99.

Louis CLAUS. (male) German. Age 73. Died Feb. 19, 1889 of inaction of the heart. Buried in Block 7, Grave 100.

Louisie (?) CLAUS. German. Age 80. Died Jan. 29, 1889 of general debility and diarrhea. Buried in Block 7, Grave 101.

Albert HASE. (boy of Hattie Hase) One year and one month old. Died Feb 24, 1889 of winter diarrhea. Buried in Block 7, Grave 102.

George CKLINE. Age 73. Died May 14, 1889 of consumption. Buried in Block 7, Grave 103.

Gustof LJUNG. Age about 24. Died of consumption on the train (Dewer Express) on his way to Chicago on June 20, 1889. Buried in Block 7, Grave 104.

Received an unknown dead child June 24, 1889. Was found buried in the bank of the C & A railroad near the coal shaft in Bloomington. Buried in Block 7, Grave 105.

Received an unknown dead man August 24, 1889. Buried in Block 7, Grave 107.

An unknown child born on July 4, 1889, that was left at a residence in Bloomington. Died on July 19, 1889 of cholera infantum. Buried in Block 7, Grave 106.

Received an unknown dead child Sept. 14, 1889. Buried in Block 7, Grave 107. (Second person in that grave) See August 24, 1889 listing on this page.

Andrew LAWSON. Age 77. Danish. Died Dec. 7, 1889 of general debility and old age. Buried in Block 7, Grave 108.

Milton BOWEN. Age 24. Died Jan 19, 1890 of epilepsy and consumption. Buried in Block 7, Grave 109.

Received an unknown dead child on Feb. 10, 1890 (said to be stillborn). Buried in Block 7, Grave 110.

Susan BROWN. Of Hudson Twp. Died Feb 23, 1890 of epilepsy. Taken to Hudson by her husband and buried there Feb. 24, 1890.

Dan MONNAHAN. Of Bloomington Twp. Died April 14, 1890 of epilepsy and general debility. Taken to Bloomington by his wife and was buried there in the Catholic Cemetery in Bloomington.

Caroline TEDDY. Age 81. Of Bloomington Twp. Died May 29, 1890 of inaction of the heart. Buried in Block 7, Grave 111.

Mary OBRINE. Age 65. Of Bloomington Twp. Died June 26, 1890 of death by intense heat. Buried in Block 7, Grave 112.

John MEYERS. Of Bloomington Twp. Died June 27, 1890 of bilious fever and old age. Buried in Bloomington by his brothers.

W.C. MORGAN. Age 64. Of Bloomington via res. of county. Died July 16, 1890 of typhoid and malaria fever and inflammatory rheumatism. Buried in Block 7, Grave 113.

**Block 7, Grave 96**

Julia CLINTON. Age 72. Of Normal Twp. Died Oct. 4, 1890 of general debility. Buried in Block 7, Grave 96. The reason this is grave 96 is because the space was left for this person to be buried in by her husband who was buried in grave 95. See that listing on top of page 10 of this record.

John BARTEN. Age about 50. Died Oct. 9, 1890 from the effects of a fall and a fit from which he never recovered. Taken to Bloomington by his brother (Perry Barton) and buried there.

**Block 7, Graves 114 – 116**

Oly OLSEN. (male) Age about 33. From Colfax, IL. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital on Oct. 25, 1890 and was sent here for burial on Oct. 26, 1890. Buried in Block 7, Grave 114.

William H. KERFOOT. Age 74. Died Jan. 5, 1891 of general debility and old age. Was taken to Gridley by the County and buried by his son and other relatives on Jan. 7, 1891.

J.L. DAVIS. (male) Age 72. Died Jan 24, 1891 of paralysis and epilepsy. Was taken to Heyworth by his senior law Mr. Smock and was buried there on Jan. 25, 1891.

Linda DAVISAN. Age 16. Died at the Indus Trial Home in Bloomington on Jan. 29, 1891 of pneumonia. Buried in Block 7, Grave 115.

Thomas M. SHADY. Age 44. Died Feb 13, 1891 of heart disease. Buried in Block 7, Grave 116. This party was taken up \_\_\_\_\_ 1891 by his brother Wm. H. Shady----- York City and taken there for -----(torn page)

William FULTON. Age ?? Died Feb. 27, 1891 of chronic diarrhea and old age. Buried in Block 7, Grave 116. Two persons are buried in Grave 116 per this writing. Could be a typo, but I do not think so.

Martin DUNN. Age ?? of Chenoa Twp. Died Mar. 22, 1891 of an epileptic fit which lasted three days. Taken to Lexington by his sons and buried there on Mar. 24, 1891.

End of records search and report compiled by Ms. Betty Hering in 1970.

**1891:**

**Block 8, Graves 117 - 124**

Anna McCARTY. Age about 70 of Danvers Twp. Died May 27, 1891 of dropsy. Buried in Block 8, Grave 117 numbering from the south end of block.

John WILLIAMS. Age 83 of Bloomington Twp. Died June 3, 1891 of heart failure and dropsy. Buried in Block 8, Grave 118.

Stephen FLANAGHN. Age about 70. Died June 9, 1891 of apoplexy. Buried in Block 8, Grave 119. (Footnote written in 1891 on this listing says "He was a good and faithful man")

Willie JOHNSON. Age 1 year, 3 months, 10 days. Died August 10, 1891 of cholera infantum. Was taken to Bloomington for burial.

Fred H. STAUPR. Age 36. Died October 13, 1901 from the effects of a hurt received in attempting to board a moving train near Chenoa. Buried in Block 8, Grave 120

Clark R. BURNETT. Age 80. Died October 18, 1891 of old age. Taken away by his daughter and by her buried.

Dame TOWSLEY. Age about 30. Female. Died October 22, 1891 of epilepsy in a fit that lasted 48-hours. Buried in Block 8, Grave 121.

Plesant JARMAN. Age 81. Colored. Male. Died November 24, 1891 of inflammation of the stomach. Buried in Block 8, Grave 122.

Bruen HUTCHIN. Age about 60. Male. Died November 26, 1891 of epilepsy and general debility. Buried in Block 8, Grave 123.

Received an unknown dead man found in a cornfield east of Bloomington on Saturday November 28, 1891. Was undoubtedly murdered and left there by unknown parties. Buried in Block 8, Grave 124.

### **1892:**

#### **Graves 125 - 131**

Margaret SHARKEY. Age 70 from Chenoa Twp. Died January 15, 1892 lagrip and of a fall and old age. Was taken to Bloomington by her friends and buried there.

John FERELL. Age 45. From Chenoa Twp. Died December 6, 1891 of consumption. Buried in Block 8, Grave 125.

Caroline SHRADER. Age 65. From Lexington Twp. Died January 16, 1892 of lagrip and was also very feeble. Buried in Block 8, Grave 126.

Received a dead man supposed to be Andrew O'Donnell of Brooklin, Arkansas. Buried in Block 8, Grave 127.

Belle McGLOTHLAND. Age 65 of Bloomington Twp. Died March 23, 1892 of general debility and epilepsy. Taken to Bloomington by her daughter and buried there.

Kate DAGON. Age about 75. Of Bloomington Twp. Died May 8, 1892 of old age, rheumatic and general debility. Has been in bad condition for 2 years and also was blind for over 12 years. Buried in Block 8, Grave 128.

GERMAN, A. Age 76. Died May 23, 1892 of general debility and skin tumor of a very bad character or form. Buried in Block 8, Grave 129.

Received a dead (colored) baby. Name not known. Buried in Block 8, Grave 130.

Mrs. DONLEY. Killed by train on Ill CC Rail Road at the Sugar Creek Bridge. Buried in Block 8, Grave 131.

Phillip KADELL. Age 78 of Bloomington Twp. Died September 5, 1892 of dropsy. Taken to Bloomington for burial by his friends.

Charles GALEGHER. Age about 70 of Bloomington Twp. Died October 5, 1892 of cholera and general down of the system. Taken to Bloomington by his wife for burial on October 6, 1892.

Thomas ANDERSON. Colored. Age 71. Died October 31, 1892 of old age and general debility. Taken to Bloomington for burial by his daughter.

Joseph PETERS. Age 82. Died December 28, 1892 of apoplexy. Taken to Bloomington by his children for burial.

### **1893:**

#### **Graves Block 8, Grave 132 – Block 9, Grave 7**

Received an unknown dead child on January 16, 1893. Buried in Block 8, Grave 132.

Margaret HUNT. Age 73. Died January 24, 1893 of dysentery and paralysis. Taken to Bloomington for burial by her brother Sam Buckley of Pekin, Ill.

James WELCH. Age 61. From Chenoa. Died February 4, 1893 of paralysis. Buried in Block 8, Grave 133.

Sue PERRY Age 50. Died February 9, 1893 of general debility. Buried in Block 8, Grave 134.

Still born babe of Jenie HOWEL on February 16, 1893. Buried in Block 8, Grave 135.

High MILLER. Age 48 of Randolph Twp. Died February 27, 1893 by starving himself and would not eat anything and was insane. Heyworth by his relatives for burial.

John SHADD. From Bloomington. Of consumption. Died September 28, 1893. Buried in Block 9, Grave 2.

Still born baby from Bloomington died October 3, 1893. Buried in Block 9, Grave 3.

Baby Anderson from Chenoa. Died October 17, 1893. Buried in Block 9, Grave 4.

John BURNS. Died October 23, 1893. Of Lawndale. Buried in Block 9, Grave 5. Was paralyzed.

“Old Pipp” McKEON. Died November 2, 1893. Buried in Block 9, Grave 6. Of old age.

Aunt Seillie OLINGER. Died December 12, 1893. Buried in Bloomington County. Of old age.

J. SEVERS. Brought from Bloomington. Died December 19, 1893. Buried in Block 9, Grave 7. Delirious.

J. HEINAN. Brought from Bloomington. Died January 5, 1894. Brd. in Block 9, Grave 8.

Robert GOGLIN. Age 53. Of Chenoa. Died February 11, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 9. Of inflammation of the stomach. Was a resident at the farm 11 years. Born in England. He father died at the County Farm several years prior. Uncle in Chenoa and 2 nephews.

D. STENAD. Taken by friends. Of old age. Died February 11, 1894. Buried in Bloomington cemetery.

DAVIS, A.M. From Saybrook. Transient. Died February 20, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 10. Of general breathing difficulties.

Sam STEWARD. From Normal. Died February 28, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 11. Of old age.

J. THOMAS. Colored. From Bloomington. Died March 10, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 12. Of consumption.

J. MARTIN. From Lexington. Paralyzed. Died March 18, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 13.

Pat COSTILA. By train car. Died March 23, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 14.

John LINN. From Chenoa. Died March 30, 1894. Buried in Block 9, Grave 15. Of consumption.

Albert DENHAM. From Bloomington. Of heart trouble. Died May 20, 1894. Taken by friends.

Charles STEVENS. Died May 23, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 136. Of general debility.

Mrs. TAPPE. From Bloomington. Of old age. Died May 30, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 137.

John SESSIONS. From Bloomington. Of Tremors. Died May 31, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 138. No Friends.

H. GULBY. From Leroy. Died June 17, 1894. Of old age. Buried in Block 8, Grave 139.

Colored man from Bloomington. Of consumption. Name unknown. Died June 21, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 140.

Tho FINNEGAN, transient. No friends. Of Rheumatic trouble. Died June 24, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 141.

Joseph CRISTIAN. From Bloomington. Of consumption. Died September 6, 1894. Buried in Block 8, Grave 142.

Sarah SAWYER. Age 44. Died February 13, 1895. Of dropsy.

Major Fado (AKA "Whistling Major") died at 7:00 a.m. at Poor Farm December 21, 1898. African-American. Age 86. Was a cook by trade and also spoke German.

CRAMER, A. From Colfax. Of Heart trouble. Died September 18, 1903. Buried in Block 8, Grave 143.

### **1903:**

#### **(South) Block 9 – Graves 1-5**

Mary STONER. Colored. Of Normal. Of old age. Died September 25, 1903. Buried in Block 9, Grave 1, south end.

William MAIRET. Age 60. Died at Carlock December 3, 1903. Swiss. Buried at County Farm.

Charles WEIN. Age 46. Died at Brokaw Hospital on December 29, 1903 of tetanus. German. Buried at County Farm.

### **1904:**

William JASMAND. Age 30. Died at 3:00 a.m. on January 9, 1904 of dropsy. German. Buried at Bloomington.

Tom STEWART. Age 62. Died at 4:00 a.m. on January 28, 1904 of paralysis. American. Buried at Bloomington.

John SHYNE. Age 55. Died at 6:00 a.m. on February 3, 1904 of general debility. American. Buried at County Farm.

Alex DOTY. Age 48. Died on February 10, 1904 at St. Joseph's Hospital of blood poisoning. American. Buried at County Farm.

Stillborn baby died on February 1, 1904 and buried at County Farm.

Two-day-old baby died on February 2, 1904, from S. K. King's farm. Buried at County Farm.

Stillborn baby died February 26, 1904, and buried at County Farm.

Bennett CLAYTON. Age 35. Died at 5:00 p.m. on February 29, 1904 at St. Joseph's Hospital of pneumonia. American. Buried at County Farm.

Paul MILLER. Age 87. Died at 8:00 a.m. on March 3, 1904 of pneumonia. American. Buried at County Farm.

Lettie CRISP. Female. Colored. Age 41. Died at 12:00 a.m. on March 12, 1904 of suicide. American. From Normal. Buried at County Farm.

Jordan FRENEE. Age 46. Died at 4:00 a.m. on March 13, 1904 of consumption. American. Buried at County Farm.

Baby found in a well, no name, no dates, Caucasian, buried on County Farm.

John THOMAS. Age 45. Colored. Died March 22, 1904. From Normal. American. Buried on County Farm.

Major STEWART. Age 26. Died May 4, 1904 of congestion of the lungs. American. Buried at County Farm.

SCILLMAN, A.B. Age 85. Died at 5:00 p.m. on May 24, 1904 of heart trouble. Buried in Bloomington.

Harry MUESE. Age 84. Died at 7:40 p.m. on May 24, 1904 of kidney trouble. American. Taken to Gridley.

Lee KECKLIN. Age 65. Died at 9:00 a.m. on May 25, 1904 of kidney trouble. American. Buried in Bloomington.

**1905:**

Minta QUACKENBUSH. Female Age 46. Died November 9, 1905. Of general debility. American. Buried at County Farm.

J.J. ROWLEY. Male. Age 78. Died at 3:00 p.m. on November 24, 1905. Of general debility. American. Buried at County Farm.

**1906:**

J.M. DOUGLAS. Male. Died at 2:00 a.m. on January 7, 1906. Of consumption. Buried at County Farm.

Unknown man killed at the railroad January 26, 1906. Buried at County Farm.

Daniel BELL. Age 76. Died at 10:00 a.m. on February 23, 1906 by hanging himself. Swedish. Buried on County Farm.

G.F. BOWMAN. Male. Age 56. Died at 2:00 a.m. on April 3, 1906. Of general debility. Buried in Lincoln, IL.

Dennis McCARTHY. Died April 16, 1906. Killed at railroad. Buried at County Farm.

Baby died April 23, 1906 and was buried at County Farm.

Frank MILLER. Died April 23, 1907 of dropsy. Buried at County Farm. Correct date. It was logged this way on the original sheet. Not a typo.

Baby died April 25, 1906 and was buried at County Farm.

Unknown man died May 2, 1906, killed by the railroad and was buried at County Farm.

Frank D. GODFREY. Died May 19, 1906, of consumption. Buried at County Farm. American.

Thomas LAKEY. Died May 27, 1906. Killed at the railroad. Buried at County Farm.

John M. MORSE. Age 78. Died August 11, 1906 of old age and general weakness. Henry Worth took the body away.

William ARGADINE. Died October 14, 1906. Taken away.

Charles MCQUEAN. Died November 24, 1906. Buried here.

William MOORE. Died December 3, 1906. Native of England. Buried here.

W. STEENCE. Died December 21, 1906. Native of Germany. Taken away for burial.

### **1907:**

John FOX. Died January 28, 1907. Age 66. American. Buried at Farm. (Had inquest)

RABER, A. Died February 19, 1907. (Cottage man). Age 79. Took him to Danvers.

John BURNS. Died March 23, 1907. (Cottage man). Age 49. Buried here.

Frank MILLER. Who died April 23, 1907, body exhumed and removed to Montreal, Canada on November 23, 1907.

Michael CROSBY. Died at 8:20 p.m. at County Farm on October 19, 1907, of consumption. Irish. Taken to Bloomington by relatives.

John CONNORS. Unknowing who was struck by a west bound passenger train No. 9 on the Lake Erie and Western Railroad near Howard Street on Wednesday, October 23, 1907. Was buried on the County Farm October 25, 1907. Relative unknowing.

Stillborn unknowing child from Bloomington died November 7, 1907. Buried in County Farm Graveyard.

Andree OAKES. Died November 25, 1907 on County Farm. Deceased has brother Otto and is living in Decatur, IL.

M. G. NEEDLES. Male. Age 42. Died at 9:00 a.m. on November 30, 1907 of consumption. Buried at Cressdoff Cemetery.

**1908:**

George GREEN. Age 71. Died at 8:00 a.m. on January 30, 1908 of a sore leg. German. Buried at County Farm graveyard.

Stillborn baby from Bloomington died February 24, 1908. Buried County Farm.

Charles HOWARD. Age 62. Died at 5:00 a.m. on March 19, 1908 of consumption. Taken to City by relatives.

John BUSHMAN. Age 87. Died at 2:00 p.m. at County Farm on April 13, 1908 of old age. German. Buried at County Farm.

SPENCER, J.M. Male. Age 76. Died at 11:00 a.m. at County Farm on May 27, 1908 of old age. Taken to Bloomington by friends.

MILLER, G.P. Died of old age at County Farm June 22, 1908. Buried at County Farm.

Unknown colored man killed on the railroad by a Bloomington on June 24, 1908. Buried at County Farm. (Typed exactly as it was written in 1908).

The body of John TIGE or GUY DAVIS that was found dead in a boxcar at Bloomington on July 6, 1908 was buried on the County Farm. Two identities on body.

Aaron CARR. Died at County Farm August 8, 1908 of old age. Remains taken to Heyworth.

The unknown man that was found dead in an asparagus bed on the C.A. rideaway near Normal was buried in the County Farm graveyard.

Adam KLEINARD. Died October 18, 1908 at 6:00 a.m. of old age at the County Farm. Remains taken to Heyworth.

Robert GRIMM. Age 41. Died at the County Farm on Saturday, October 24, 1908, at 2:25 a.m. of dropsy. The remains taken away by relatives, buried in Bloomington.

William SESFORD. Age 82. Died at 5:00 a.m. at the County Farm on Monday, December 14, 1908. Of old age. The remains taken to Bloomington.

**1909:**

EWING, J.E. Male. Age 79. Died at 4:00 a.m. on February 4, 1909 of old age. Buried in Bloomington.

ELLIS, E. J. Male. Age 82. Died at 5:00 a.m. on February 23, 1909 of old age. Taken to Bloomington for burial.

Baby boy of Kate LEMONS. Died March 3, 1909.

Lewis SHRADER. Died March 26, 1909 of consumption. Buried in Bloomington.

John DIBBS. Died April 1, 1909. Found on the stairway. Taken to Wisconsin and buried.

Joseph HARVEY. Died April 18, 1909 of old age. Taken to Heyworth and buried.

JENNINGS, N.E. Died April 19, 1909. Buried in Bloomington.

John McCREARY. Negro. Died May 10, 1909. Buried at County Farm.

Robert DUNNING. Died June 12, 1909. No more information listed.

James C. TROGDEN. Age 60. Died July 25, 1909 of consumption. Buried at County Farm.

Henry BOTHA. Died August 6, 1909. No more information listed.

Old lady HIGGINS. Died September 5, 1909. Buried in Bloomington.

John OA. Died September 14, 1909. Buried at County Farm.

John WAGNER. Died November 18, 1909 of old age. Buried in Bloomington.

Unknown man from Bloomington died December 12, 1909. Buried on Poor Farm.

Julius GAGRICH. Died December 19, 1909 of dropsy. Buried at County Farm.

Wand VALENTINE baby died December 20, 1909 and buried on County Farm.

William HAWKINS. Negro. Died December 25, 1909 of a bad disease. Buried on County Farm.

**1910:**

Eleba SHANKS. Died January 11, 1910 of old age. Buried in Danvers.

Unknown man from Bloomington on May 14, 1910. Buried here.

John PERCHE. Killed at Shirley by railroad handcar at 11:30 p.m. June 11, 1910. Buried here. Italian. Was drunk. Five Italians were on the handcar, the rest survived.

Tony MASCHEA or LUGISATA. Killed at Shirley by railroad handcar at 11:30 p.m. June 11, 1910. Buried here. Italian. Was drunk. Was armed with a handgun. Inquest conducted. Pantagraph articles listed two different last names in 2 different articles about this same man. It was a huge news item for about a week.

Joseph WATTS. Died of a fever at the hospital on June 20, 1910, buried on Poor Farm.

Price BERRY. Died in the hospital on June 28, 1910, buried here.

Man by the name of DOOLITTLE killed himself in Bloomington on June 30, 1910. Buried on County Farm.

PATTERSON, C.F. Died July 26, 1910. Buried here.

Fritz HOLLAND. Died in the hospital August 5, 1910 of dropsy. Buried here.

FREEMAN, R.C. Killed in Bloomington August 11, 1910. Buried here.

William JONES. Negro. Died December 2, 1910 and buried in Bloomington.

### **1911:**

Sophia GREGORY. Died January 2, 1911 of old age and buried in Poor Farm.

Unknown man from Bloomington on January 5, 1911. Buried here.

Mary McCABE. Died March 9, 1911 of old age. Buried here.

William JONES. Negro. Died May 28, 1911. Buried in Bloomington.

Charles KEGLER. Died August 29, 1911. Buried in Bloomington.

Margaret GARRIS. Died September 19, 1911. Buried in Stanford.

Edwin HOLT. Died September 22, 1911. Buried at County Farm.

CALLIHAN, E. Died October 12, 1911. Buried in Bloomington.

LEWIS, S.P. Negro. Died October 14, 1911. Buried in Bloomington.

Thomas GREGORY. Negro. Died October 25, 1911. Buried in Bloomington.

Joseph OWEN. Died October 31, 1911. Buried in Stanford.

Mariala LEHMAN. Died November 2, 1911. Buried here.

**1912:**

Hatty HAYS. Died February 19, 1912. Buried here.

Mary THOMAS. Negro. Died March 16, 1912. Buried in Bloomington.

William VOCKHART. Died March 20, 1912 of old age. Buried in Danvers.

Jennie ROBINSON. Negro. Died March 28, 1912. Buried in Bloomington.

George LONG. Died in the hospital in Bloomington May 30, 1912. Buried here.

John BURK. Died July 16, 1912 on Poor Farm. Buried in Bloomington.

Walter MARSHALL. Negro. Died July 29, 1912. Buried here.

Thomas THOMPSON. Died August 11, 1912. Buried here.

Unknown woman from Bloomington died August 14, 1912. Buried here.

David CRATHY. Died September 4, 1912. Buried here.

William RISCH. Died in hospital October 12, 1912. Buried here.

A little baby died in Bloomington October 15, 1912. Buried here.

Mike BRADLEY. Died November 12, 1912 of old age. Buried here.

William SELLES. Died November 18, 1912 at the hospital. Buried here.

**1913:**

Unknown man buried here from Bloomington January 8, 1913. Committed suicide by hanging in the Hartman barn.

Sarah LUCAS. Died January 16, 1913. Buried in Heyworth.

Unknown man buried here from Bloomington on February 9, 1913.

Unknown baby buried here from Bloomington March 3, 1913.

Unknown colored man buried here from Bloomington March 11, 1913.

Harvey BURK. Died June 6, 1913. Buried here.

Unknown colored man buried here June 16, 1913.

John KASHSIK. Killed near Shirley, Ill. December 9, 1913. Buried in County Farm Cemetery December 12, 1913.

Joseph MASKOWSKI. Killed north of Towanda December 26, 1913. Buried in County Farm cemetery December 27, 1913.

Richard HARRIS. Age 47. Died at St. Joseph Hospital January 4, 1913. Buried in County Cemetery. Negro.

George NORMAN. Sent to St. Joseph's Hospital January 12, 1913. (See item below.)\*\*

A baby died in Normal in Babyfold January 13, 1913. Buried in County Cemetery. Age about 3 months.

\*\*George NORMAN. Died January 14, 1913 in St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried in County Farm cemetery January 16, 1913. Age 60.

John BAIRD. Sent to St. Joseph's Hospital January 16, 1913.

Mrs. Bell MOORE. Sent to St. Joseph's Hospital January 19, 1913.

Harvey MILES. Sent to St. Joseph's Hospital January 27, 1913.

Colard SCHILD. From Normal. 77 ? months old. February 26, 1913. Buried in County Cemetery.

Mrs. Cristine FUCHT. Sent to St. Joseph's Hospital March 23, 1913.

Thomas MALVIN. Sent to Brokaw Hospital March 23, 1913.

Anna McCARTY. Sent to Brokaw Hospital March 23, 1913.

William KITWELL. Died and buried in County Cemetery March 28, 1913.

### **1914:**

George HAMMER. Died June 2, 1914, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried in County Farm.

Mr. DUNLAP. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital August 2, 1914. Buried in County Farm.

Unknown woman died at St. Joseph's Hospital August 3, 1914. Buried in County Farm.

Unknown man died in Bloomington September 19, 1914. Buried in County Farm.

Unknown colored man died in Bloomington November 6, 1914. Buried in County Farm.

George WILSON. Killed at Funk's Grove November 18, 1914. Buried here.

### **1915:**

Peter TOM. Died May 11, 1915. Buried here in cemetery.

Unknown man committee suicide May 24, 1915. Buried at Poor Farm.

Unknown man from hospital died May 24, 1915. Buried here.

A. L. GRADY. Died August 24, 1915. Friend took him from here to be buried.

Unknown colored man died August 31, 1915. Buried here. From El Paso.

Urich colored man died October 28, 1915. Buried here. From Bloomington.

Robert HUNT. Died December 21, 1915. Buried here. From Bloomington.

Unknown colored man died December 29, 1915. Buried here. From Bloomington.

**1916:**

James HICKS. Died January 1, 1916, in St. Joseph's Bloomington. Buried here.

William WINC. Died September 6, 1916, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried here.

Victor MILLER. Died January 18, 1916, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried here.

William WOODWARD. Died February 19, 1916, buried in Blooming Grove Cemetery.

John W. STRAYER. Died March 4, 1916. Buried in Bloomington Cemetery.

Baron JOYCE. Died July 6, 1916. Buried here.

David MERRITT. Died September 19, 1916. Buried here.

Unknown baby buried in County farm September 19, 1916.

Charles ANDERSON. Died November 16, 1916. Buried here. From Bloomington.

James CRAFT. Died December 12, 1916. Buried here. From Bloomington.

Emma STRUCMAN. Died December 19, 1916. Buried in Normal.

**1917:**

Alexander JOHNSON. Died February 3, 1917. Buried in Bloomington.

Unknown baby buried here from Bloomington March 15, 1917.

Two unknown colored men killed in a wreck in Bloomington on June 15, 1917. Buried here.

Robert HUMPHREY. Died July 20, 1917. Buried here. From Bloomington.

Mat FRANKS. Died August 2, 1917, at St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried here.

August ANDERSON. Died in the hospital September 2, 1917. Buried here.

Unknown man from Bloomington died September 17, 1917. Buried here.

George McGARRAHAN. Died in the hospital September 18, 1917. Buried here.

James KENNEDY. Died in the hospital December 29, 1917. Buried here.

**1918:**

George SNEDCKER. Died at the County Farm January 21, 1918. Buried in Bloomington.

Edward FINN. Buried at the County Farm February 13, 1918.

Carl CURTIS. Died in Bloomington April 23, 1918. Buried here.

George CURTIS. Died April 30, 1918. Buried at Downs.

Unknown man died in Bloomington May 6, 1918. Buried here.

James CLARK. Died September 17, 1918. Buried here. From Normal.

Charles ECKHART. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital September 23, 1918. Buried here.

Edward PETERS. Died October 3, 1918. Buried in Bloomington.

Sam PATON. Colored. Died in Bloomington November 7, 1918. Buried here.

William SETTE. Died November 17, 1918. Buried here.

C.J. HITTER. Died at St. Joseph's Hospital December 3, 1918. Buried here.

**1920:**

J. G. McATEE. Age 86. Died at County Farm February 13, 1920.

Jerry WARD. Age 64. Died at County Farm at 6:00 p.m. February 28, 1920. Buried here.

Dan NELSON. Age 93. Died at the hospital March 8, 1920. Buried here.

Unknown man from Normal died March 19, 1920. Buried here.

H. H. HOWELL. Age 81. Died at the hospital July 13, 1920. Buried here.

**1921:**

Harry BENTON. Age 81. Died at the hospital August 12, 1921. Buried here.

August MILLER. Age 68. Died at the hospital August 13, 1921. Buried here.

**1922:**

Fred GOSKEY. Age 83. Died May 12, 1922 at the hospital. Buried here.

Mort. BORK. Age 81. Died at the poor farm July 8, 1922. Buried here.

**1923:**

David CONLEE. Died February 20, 1923 at St. Joseph's Hospital. Buried here.

**1930:**

"Slain Baby's Body Given Number and Buried in County Farm Grave". Article in September 8, 1930, p. 3 issue of Pantagraph.

This is the end of the list of persons buried at the old County Farm Cemetery. As of this writing (April 8, 2005) the first burial was in 1860, and the last was in 1930. The "Poor Farm" began March 1851. Burials of record began April 7, 1860. Maple Grove Nursing Home was the name of the property for many years.

**Folder 6: Death and Burial Records McLean County Hospital**

1.6.1 7 pgs. (photocopied) from "McLean County Hospital" record book; first entry Dec. 1903, last entry Nov. 1912.

**Folder 7: County commissioners Court, 1832**

1.7.1 2 p. transcription of 1832 County Commissioners Court; with mention of Elizabeth Jones, pauper.

**Folder 8: Ferguson Paper**

1.8.1 13 p. research paper titled "The McLean County Poor Farm" by Corlin R. Ferguson, for Illinois State University internship at McLean County Historical Society (undated; no footnotes or bibliography).

**Folder 9: Tri-Valley Middle School Paper**

1.9.1 "The McLean County Poor Farm" by Amanda Boward and Brittney Whitted. March 2001

**Folder 10: Miscellaneous Secondary Sources**

- 1.10.1 "Poor Farm. County Commissioners' Court" in vol. 1 *Transactions of the McLean County Historical Society* (1899): 272-277.
- 1.10.2 "County Poor Farm and Home" in vol. II of *History of McLean County* (1908): 885-886.
- 1.10.3 "Caring for the Poor in Woodford County, 1860-1900," by Jo Ann Rayfield, undated. 23 pp.

**Folder 11: *Gleanings*, Fall 2004 (vol. 38, no.2)**

- 1.11.1 Entire issue devoted to Poor Farm, including: Historical sketch; photographs; and list of superintendents.

## **Folder 12: Death Certificates (photocopies)**

- 1.12.1 George W. Johnson, Jan 26, 1930.
- 1.12.2 Jerry Lawrence, March 10, 1934
- 1.12.3 Ellis Higgs, Apr 15, 1943.

## **Folder 13: Federal Census**

- 1.13.1 1860, 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 Federal Census of McLean County Poor Farm, Bloomington Township (printout from Census).
- 1.13.2 Transcriptions of Census.

## **Folder 14: Census Data Analysis**

- 1.14.1 “Brief Analysis of Poor Farm Census Data 1860-1880 and 1900-1930” by Nola Marquardt in *Gleanings* (Spring 2007); 8-19.
- 1.14.2 “Poor Farm Related Items from *The Pantagraph*” by Nola Marquardt in *Gleanings* (Spring 2007): 19-23.