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History in the works for Fall and Winter programs

After a hot June gathering at the Joseph farm and a session to die for with debut novelist Andree Swanson in July, members can look forward to more good times at meetings in the future.

On Aug 18, Bill Wilson of Greenville, Ill., will discuss his book, *The Grotts/Seybold Family Heritage: Early Illinois Pioneers*, focusing on Elizabeth Grotts and her ties to the Rock Spring area and cemetery.

Air Force Col. Matt Swanson will give a presentation on 9/11 Sept. 15. He was in the Pentagon the day of the attack.

It's "Historical Halloween" on Oct. 20. Linda Potter will put on one of her visual presentations. Members are also invited to share their memories and items of past Halloweens.

The meeting on Nov. 17 will be on Scott Air Field. Brian Keller will present a new video of dirigibles from Scott.

The annual Christmas Party will be Dec. 15. Members should bring a treat for the post-meeting get-together.

January's meeting will be "Show and Tell." Members may bring an item of interest to share with the group.

Moonlight Hall added to Landmark buildings



Stephen Brown, O'Fallon Historic Preservation Commission, talks about Moonlight Hall, the newest addition to O'Fallon's efforts to preserve its history. The photo below shows the exterior of the Cherry Street building.

Moonlight Hall at 104 S. Cherry became the latest addition May 30 to preservation efforts of the O'Fallon Historic Commission.

Built in 1903 as a state bank, the sprawling one-story building was converted to a saloon and lunch room with bowling alley by Frank Hartman in 1904 when the bank never opened. In 1908, a new

upper story added a huge dance floor uniquely free of posts, with a capacity of 900, said to be the largest in Southern Illinois.

After a fascinating history at the very center of recreational and social events, the Moonlight Hall fell into decline until in 2005.

Renovations by owners Brad and Timi McMillin have done much to bring the building up to its former glory. During the work, they uncovered decorative Mesker ironwork, clapboard siding on the second floor, red bricks on the north and west facades of the first floor, flat-roofed skylights and an arched entrance on the diagonal at the 1st and Cherry Street corner.

Visitors to the presentation of a historic landmark plaque to the McMillins were able to wander with O'Fallon residents who used to use the facility during its heyday.



Presidential Ponderings:

Picking through the summer's harvest

At our June 23 meeting, we were once again treated to a wonderful time at the farm of members Kenneth and Mary Ann Joseph. Postponed for a week due to rain, the gathering was on hot day but it cooled enough in the evening to allow for a delicious potluck followed by equally delicious homemade ice cream, courtesy of the Josephs. Our hosts also displayed a fascinating array of historical items from the farm for our inspection. Our heartfelt thanks to the Josephs for a very fine evening.

Recently, Kelsey Swanson (daughter of Quarterly editor Andree) and Courtney Meek

earned the Girl Scout Gold Award by developing walking and driving tours of historical landmarks in O'Fallon complete with distinctive patches to go with them. The tour brochures and patches will be available at the museum in the near future. Both Kelsey and Courtney put a lot of work into this and we're happy that they chose to work with us to develop the tours to help educate the public about the history behind many of the historic sites in our town.

We also recently lost three of our members. Robert E. Bode (b. 1918) on April 15, Leola M. Titter (b. 1914) on May 13 and Ralph D. Lurtz (b. 1934) on June 21. All

three were active in developing the Society from its earliest days and we are deeply saddened by their loss.

If you haven't visited the museum lately, come and see what's new. There's quite a bit. We have a wonderfully dedicated volunteer staff who will be thrilled to show you around.

Of course, why just be a visitor? We can always use help at the museum even if it's only once in a while. But visitor or helper, come just the same. We'll be happy to see you!

~ Brian Keller

Local author tells story of novel's creation

Calling the path of her story "History to Mystery (or How a Quiet, Respectable Interest in History and Genealogy Led to Murder in St. Clair County)," the O'Fallon Historical Society Quarterly editor told about getting her suspense story published.

Andree Swanson, writing as AJ Brower, wrote *A Family to Die For* using the local area for inspiration. O'Fallon Township High School became Swansea High School, but Belleville, Caseyville, and the St. Louis Arch all make appearances as they are.

Described as "*History*

Detective meets CSI," the book focuses on the descendants of a man who likely stole the identity of World War I soldier. Baseball coach Mike Garretson calls in historian Dr. Jennie Foster to solve the puzzle so he can inherit a Victorian mansion. She's happy to help out, until bodies from the past begin to surface!

A Family to Die For will be available at Wild Rose Press (www.thewildrosepress.com)



At July's meeting, members heard Andree Swanson talk about getting published.

or Amazon on Nov. 13. More information on the book can be found at ajbrower.com.

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Watch Out, Boys! Girl Scouts have something to see

A frequently heard comment from museum visitors, who tend to be under 18 and of the female variety, is “Why isn’t there a Girl Scout room like there is a Boy Scout room?”

Not for lack of desire, but a lack of donations has stymied the O’Fallon Historical Society. That dry spell hit a rainy spot in July.

Roxanne Melton donated her Shiloh Girl Scout paraphernalia from the 1960s. In addition to the sash with badges sewn on, the collection included rings, headbands, shirts in original bags, and many other items.

OHS received many other donations as well.

We are particularly grateful to Maurice Hesse for funding an additional swinging panel

display. He also arranged for a new sign for the Rock Spring cemetery with DeMond Signs.

Other recent donors are: Bill Carriel, Ned Drolet, Nancy Dunn, Dorothy Falk, Steve Goaring, Virginia Grybinas, Maurice Hesse, Illinois State Police, Irene (Bernreuter) Jacobs, Brian Keller, Norman Keller, Ralph Keller, Joel Litman, Jean and Floyd Lorenz, Arline Magee, Timi McMillin, Tammy Montgomery, Eva Oberneufemann, O’Fallon Police Department, O’Fallon Public Library, O’Fallon Woman’s Club, Guy Randall, Debbie Schachner, Jim Songer, Andree Swanson, Dorothy Vecera, David Wiesen, Dave and Sue Witter and Joyce Zimmerman.



Girl Scouts of all ages will recognize the favored beanie and sash of the Junior Girl Scout.



No one worried too much about the heat at June’s meeting, held at Kenneth and Mary Ann Joseph’s farm, where the bell on the right can still ring out. Our hosts hauled out the history, from the quilt at left and the tools, below left. But we really came for the homemade ice cream!



ROCK SPRING CEMETERY**Final Resting place of five Civil War Veterans *****Stones read by Gloria Dettleff and Dorothy Falk on 22 July 2006****Researched by Linda Potter and Dorothy Falk****©2009 O'Fallon Historical Society**

This begins a series about the people who are buried in the O'Fallon area pioneer cemeteries.

Rock Spring Cemetery, located in O'Fallon Township, Section NESW27, T2NR7W, St. Clair Co., IL, is about a half mile northeast of the intersection of US Routes 50 and 158 (Scott-Troy Rd.) Entrance to the cemetery can be made from U.S. Route 50 on Commerce Drive between the Ready Mix plant and the Asphalt Plant fence. There are more than 100 stones remaining in this cemetery, counting the natural stone markers. Some of the markers we have assumed who they belong to, and further assume that many more burials are still undocumented. The oldest stone is 28 Oct 1839.

We don't know who owns the cemetery land. There was a Rock Spring Association formed in the mid-1900's to maintain the cemetery, but it was not the owner. Neither is the OHS. The cemetery was basically an abandoned cemetery within the boundaries of O'Fallon Township when the OHS spearheaded the reclamation and restoration of the cemetery from neglect and vandalism in 1996 – 1997. The OHS accepted responsibility to arrange for its upkeep and we receive funds from O'Fallon Township to assist in doing that. In the past, we have also received funds from the City of O'Fallon. A new cemetery sign was installed in May 2009 by the OHS.

This land was part of an original land purchase made by Rev. John Mason PECK on 27 Dec 1836 from the State of Illinois. He designated this acre for use as a cemetery by local residents. Peck died in 1858. The rest of the 80 acres purchased at that time probably went to his children - probably the Smiths.

Photos of many of these tombstones will be posted at www.ofallonhistory.net.

We assigned row numbers to assist researchers in locating the tombstones. Numbering began on the right as you enter the cemetery. There is a cluster of natural stone markers in Rows 8, 9 and 10 that marked graves before stonemasons were in this area.

There seems to be a problem with the 1870 censuses used to identify people in the cemetery. There were hundreds of duplicate entries in the O'Fallon Village and O'Fallon Township censuses while other families seemed to have been missed entirely. Possibly the office staff got their stacks of papers confused when they were writing two duplicate copies in long hand. Some of these Rock Spring people seemed to have been in the "missed" category. In some census years, people might be in O'Fallon Township and the next census shows them in Shiloh Valley Township, but we suspect the people lived on the same farm and the enumerator made the decision where the farm was.

We used James BRIDGES' two published booklets "Rock Spring Cemetery Burials and Some of the Related Family Group Sheets" and the "Some St. Clair Co. Illinois Descendants of Sergeant George Darrow Along With Some of the Ancestors for the St Clair Descendants" genealogy/history booklets and thank him immensely for permission to use his painstaking research. Copies of those booklets are at the OHS museum.

There is a computerized Family Tree Maker (FTM) genealogy program at the OHS museum that shows multiple generations of thousands of O'Fallon families. We are willing to share what we have for a specific family. This is an ongoing project and we are always delighted to add more O'Fallon families if you would like to add yours.

The following recap gives a general idea of the lives of the people who are buried there. Spelling, punctuation and capitalization were retained as shown on the original documents. Please send updates to this research to the OHS either by mail, email, phone or in person.

ABERNATHY, Agnes, nee SIMMONS, a daughter of Luther and Nancy (nee CROZIER) SIMMONS, was born on 21 Aug 1836, in Randolph County, IL. In the 1850 Census, she lived with parents and siblings Levi S.

12, Mary R. 11, Hester A. 8, Sarah P. 5, Martha M. 2, and two laborers. She married Thomas ABERNATHY on 24 Dec 1857 in Randolph County, IL. The couple lived in the city of Sparta in Randolph County in the 1860 Census, and her sister, Esther SIMMONS, lived with them. Agnes died on 15 Mar 1869 at age 32. Her tombstone, in Row 5, has been repaired in two places. There is also an A A footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Censuses.

BANKSON, John F., son of William and Margaret A. (nee SMITH) BANKSON, was born in Iowa on 10 May 1846. William BANKSON and Margaret SMITH were probably included in the 1820 and 1830 Censuses of their fathers' households in Clinton County (no names listed in those years). William married Margaret on 25 Apr 1840 in St Clair Co., IL and they are listed in the 1840 Census for Clinton County. William died on 2 Mar 1848 in Jackson Co., Iowa, leaving Margaret widowed at 30. By 1850, she and her children lived with her brothers, Samuel and Vincent SMITH, in Tete Des Morts, Jackson Co., Iowa, including John F BANKSON, at age 4. In 1860, the families were working farms in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, St Clair County, IL (Post Office: O'Fallon). John attended school and lived with his mother and sister near his Uncle Samuel. John died on 15 Nov 1862 at age 16. His tombstone, in Row 12, says "Many dreams lie burried here." There is also a J F B footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses, Illinois and One World Tree databases.

*BRIDGES, Lafayette, also known as William Lafayette BRIDGES, was born about 1843, a son of George and Elizabeth (nee MELVIN) BRIDGES. He enlisted in the O'Fallon Regiment, Co. I, 117th Infantry on 12 Aug 1862. That was Capt. David MCFARLAND's Company. He was 19, 5'11", had brown hair and hazel eyes, with a fair complexion. He was single and a farmer. He mustered in on 19 Sep 1862 at Camp Butler, Springfield, IL. and mustered out 5 Aug 1865, also at Springfield. He married Eliza A. ELLIOT, daughter of Jessie Isaac and Martha (nee MELVIN) ELLIOT, in O'Fallon Township on 12 Sep 1867. She had been born on 17 Feb 1850. Their children were Mary, born in 1869 and Livonia, born 1871, both in Oak Hill in O'Fallon Township. Since both children were born at Oak Hill, it could be assumed that the family lived there for the 1870 Census and is one of the missing families in the 1870 O'Fallon Township Census. William died on 17 Jan 1873 in Salem, Marion Co., IL. The cause of death was disease of his lungs, presumably tuberculosis. His tombstone, in Row 13, is a government head stone. His widow, Eliza, married James H. BAKER on 16 Oct 1878 in St. Clair County. She died on 9 May 1929 in St. Clair County.

Sources: Illinois Civil War web page, Censuses, Bridges' history and Harold BOYLES in Salem.

BRIDGES, Olive L., daughter of Hiram Augustus and Mary Ellen (nee COOK) BRIDGES, was born on 12 Oct 1881. She died on 8 Nov 1881, age 27 days. Her tombstone, in Row 2, says "This lovely bud so young and fair called hence by early doom, Just came to show how sweet a flower in Paradise would bloom." There is also an O L B footstone.

Source: Tombstone.

BUDINA, Clara M., daughter of Wilhelm and Johanna (nee RUNKWITZ) LOMMER, was born on 26 April 1824 in Germany. On 25 June 1860, Clara, 34, her husband, Augustus BUDINA, 36, a barber, daughter Annalia 8, and son Gustav arrived on board the ship Edmund in New Orleans on their way to Rock Spring. They originated from Altenbaurgh (Saxony), Germany, the ship debarked from Bremerhaven. The 1880 Census shows Clara BUDINA as Herman RUNKWITZ's mother-in-law who "helped around the house". In 1900, Clara, lived with her daughter Aurelia and grandson Richard and a boarder in O'Fallon Township. She had had two children, both of whom were living. Her tombstone, in Row 5, seems to be newer than 1906.

Sources: Immigration records, censuses, tombstone.

Obit: Mrs. Clara BUDINA

"Early Friday morning (3 a. m.) Mrs. Clara BUDINA, better known as Grandma BUDINA, passed away, aged

82 years and 1 month. In January of this year, she fell breaking a hip bone, which, owing to her advanced age, refused to heal and ultimately resulted in her death.

Several weeks ago, she was brought in from the old home place at Rock Spring to the Richard RUNKWITZ home. The funeral occurred from there Saturday afternoon to the Rock Spring Cemetery, Rev. HEITHAUS officiating

She leaves one son, Gustav BUDINA, our west end Lumber Dealer and one daughter, Mrs. Aurelia RUNKWITZ who returned from California to wait on her mother after the accident and who had been constantly at her bedside until she passed away. Also eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

The deceased came to this country from Germany in 1859 and since then had lived between O'Fallon and Lebanon.

Mrs. Fannie VOSSBRINK, one of her grandchildren, of Union, Mo., attended the funeral."

Source: O'Fallon Progress 1 Jun 1906.

COOK, Druzilla A., daughter of Henry R. and Sarah P. (nee SIMMONS) COOK, died on 9 Sep 1869, age 1y5m22d. There is also a D A C footstone. The tombstone, in Row 5, was engraved by VanDrover, DuQuoin, IL.

Source: Tombstone.

COOK, I. A baby-sized footstone with just initials is next to Nellie Agnes and Sarah Elsie COOK in Row 5.

Source: Footstone.

COOK, Nellie Agness, daughter of Henry R. and Sarah P. (nee SIMMONS) COOK, was born on 18 Nov 1881 and died a week later on 25 Nov 1881. She shares her tombstone in Row 5 with her sister, Sarah Elsie, and has an N A C footstone.

Source: Tombstone.

COOK, Sarah Elsie, daughter of Henry R. and Sarah P. (nee SIMMONS) COOK, was born on 25 May 1883 and died on 8 Nov 1883, age almost 4.5 months. She shares her tombstone with her sister, Nellie Agness, in Row 5 and has an S E C footstone.

Source: Tombstone.

COOK, Sarah P., daughter of Luther and Nancy (nee CROZIER) SIMMONS, was born in Illinois on 16 Feb 1845. She is listed in the 1850 and 1860 Censuses living with her parents and siblings on the family farm in Randolph County, IL. She married Henry R. COOK on 17 Nov 1864 in Randolph County, Illinois. She died on 22 Oct 1886, age 40. Some of their children were Henry A., Druzilla A., Levi Wilson, Robert S., Nellie Agness and Sarah Elsie. Her tombstone, in Row 5, says "Gone Home. Farewell dear husband and children all From you a mother Christ did call. Mourn not for me it is in vain To call me to your sight again."

Sources: Tombstone, U.S. Censuses, IL databases.

CROSBY, Thomas, was born in England about 1801. He became the gardener for the Duke of Cleveland at Hammersmith, near London. He married Mrs. Faith Wood, who had a 14-year old son, William, around 1831. Faith had been born in Appleton, Yorkshire, England. Their children were George F. and Thomas. Faith died in 1840; Thomas married Mary Ann Hall later that year. Thomas and two boys immigrated to Nashville, Tennessee from Liverpool, England on the ship Cambridge which landed in New York City on 22 Aug 1844. There, Thomas was overseer of John Bell's house and garden. His wife, who had immigrated on date unknown, had charge of the education of Mr. Yeatman's family in St. Louis. She and Thomas had two additional sons, William and Arthur. In July 1850, Thomas & Mary Ann were in the 1850 US Census in St Louis, MO, with John BEDEFORD living with

them. In October 1850, the 3 are listed in the 1850 US Census living in Ridge Prairie next door to John Mason PECK. The family opened the Crosby Nursery, east of O'Fallon, it was later called the Rock Spring Nursery. Thomas, the son, died in Athens, Ga. in 1858 where he had been in business with his half-brother, William WOOD, in a steam planning mill, furniture factory and undertaking business. The 1870 census showed Thomas, the father, and Maria living in Shiloh Township, TR1N7W, Shiloh post office, as a gardener, his real estate was valued at \$5,000 with \$500 personal property. Their son George, daughter-in-law Hanna, and their children Sara, Thomas, Wm Fred and Edward lived with them, as did 2 farm hands. In the 1880 Census, Thomas, a nurseryman, and his wife Mary Ann, were living in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W with their servant Eliza (nee ELLIOT) BRIDGES BAKER and her daughter Livonia, age 8. They became widely known gardeners and nurserymen. Thomas, and other family members were first buried here but their bodies were moved to the Crosby plot in the Shiloh Cemetery in 1922.

Sources: Immigration records, censuses, O'Fallon Progress Jan 1922.

DARROW, Charles B(rown), son of Zadock and Lucy, nee LORD, DARROW, was born on 19 Sep 1806 in Lyme, Connecticut. He was the seventh of the ten children born to Zadock and Lucy, and was born prior to the family's move to New York. He was named for Charles BROWN, who married his paternal aunt, Hester DARROW.

Charles married Sarah PEACH on 12 Feb 1826 in Randolph County, IL. Charles and Sarah lived on a farm in St Clair County with their 3 children in 1830, his father, Zadock, lived next door. Charles and Sarah had six children: Lucinda Darrow (married Charles Jackson F. BRIDGES), George Washington Darrow (married Drusilla Andrews STITES), Lucy Lord Darrow (married Daniel Boone DUNAVANT), Mary Amanda Darrow, William Augustus Darrow (married Malvina SIMMONS), and Charles Brown Darrow (married Mary DWYER).

When the DARROWS settled in St Clair County, Charles was originally a member of Bethel Baptist Church, but he then transferred to Rock Spring Baptist Church, where he was a deacon. Charles died after a month-long illness on 28 Oct 1839, at Rock Spring. He shares a tombstone in Row 6 with Sarah and Mary A. He also has a C B D footstone.

The following memorial is taken from "Records of the Proceedings of the Rock Spring Baptist Church, volume 1, pp 92-93, dated December 14 1839:

"According to the request of our late brother and Deacon Charles B. DARROW who departed this life October 28th, 1839, and by previous arrangement a meeting was held at Rock Spring.

"Elder James LEMEN preached from Phil. 1:21 "To Die is gain." "Thou will show me the path of life: - In thy presence is fullness of joy; at the right hand are pleasures forever more." At the close he gave a short sketch of the character of the deceased.

"The church resolved that the following tribute to his memory be recorded:

"Brother DARROW and his wife professed religion in the autumn of 1832, and joined the Methodist Society. Being dissatisfied with that connection, and learning more fully his duty, himself and wife were baptized and united with the Bethel Church in the spring of 1833. In September, 1837, he and nearly twenty other baptist members united with the Rock Spring church. Soon after he was chosen Deacon, and December 24, was ordained to that office in this church, which he faithfully filled till his death. Our brother possessed rare and excellent qualities as a man and a Christian. He was superintendent of our Sabbath School and bible class.

"He was conscientiously punctual in all his engagements and in all of his appointments in the Sabbath School, the prayer meeting, and the church. His religion was that of the everyday Christian. His light shown steady, and his lamp was ever trimmed and burning. He was industrious in worldly business, yet fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. During his sickness he affirmed that he should not live, set his house in order, gave directions about his funeral, and conversed with death as a familiar friend. His faith was firm, his hope bright, while a holy calmness and resignation possessed his soul amidst the last agonies of dissolving nature. The neighborhood, the church, and especially his bereaved family have sustained an irreparable loss - while to him "To Die is gain".

He died of a congestive, bilious fever after a severe illness of four weeks, at the age of 33 years, in full hope of a triumphant resurrection and blessed immortality

(Written by) J. M. PECK, Pastor

Sources: Census databases, One World Tree, 1881 St Clair County Illinois History, 1847 St. Clair Atlas, Combined History of Randolph, Monroe, and Perry Counties, Illinois, Bridges' History, Rock Spring Baptist Church Proceedings, tombstone.

DARROW, Elizabeth Maria, daughter of Lemuel and Hannah Matilda (nee BEACHER) DARROW and the granddaughter of Zadock and Lucy (nee LORD) DARROW, was born on 20 Mar 1842. She joined the Oak Hill Baptist Church on 12 Dec 1858 and died 16 Jun 1859 at age 17. She was originally buried at Rock Spring Cemetery but her body was removed to the family lot in Shiloh by her brother, C. H., in Jan 1922.

Source: O'Fallon Progress Jan 1922, Oak Hill Church Minutes and Bridges' history.

DARROW, Eva, a daughter of William Augustus and Malvina (nee SIMMONS) DARROW, and granddaughter of Charles Brown and Sarah (nee PEACH) DARROW, was born on 3 Jan 1873. She died on 19 Jan 1874, one year old. Her tombstone is in Row 7.

Sources: Tombstone and OHS FTM file.

DARROW, Frank B., a son of William Augustus and Malvina (nee SIMMONS) DARROW and grandson of Charles Brown and Sarah (nee PEACH) DARROW, was born on 20 Oct 1867. He died on 14 Apr 1868 at age 5 months. His tombstone, in Row 7, says "Like the rose bud he faded, With life scarce begun, And angels, bright angels, escorted him home." He also has an F B D footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and OHS FTM file.

DARROW, H(annah) Matilda, nee BEACHER, was born on 27 Mar 1817. She married Lemuel DARROW, son of Zadock and Lucy (nee LORD) DARROW, on 6 Sep 1836 in Madison County, IL. She was the mother of Austin, Charles Harvey, a former mayor of O'Fallon, IL, Elizabeth, and Julia (nee DARROW) MAGEE. Mrs. DARROW died 14 Apr 1869 and was originally buried in Rock Spring Cemetery. Her body was removed to the family lot in Shiloh by her son C. H. in Jan 1922.

Sources: O'Fallon Progress and Bridges' history.

DARROW, Lucy nee LORD, daughter of John and Sarah (nee WAY) LORD, was born on 8 Nov 1768 in Lyme, New London Co., Connecticut. She married Zadock DARROW, son of Zadock and Hester (nee LEE), in Lyme on 25 Jan 1791. Their children were Lucy Way DARROW (married John GRUMMON), Sarah Lord DARROW (married Slyvanus [sic] GUERNSEY and Horace LOOK), Emma Corbett DARROW (married Horace LOOK), Mercy Way DARROW, Nancy Maria DARROW, Lemuel DARROW (married Hannah Matilda BEACHER), Charles Brown DARROW (married Sarah PEACH), Joseph Lee DARROW (married Harriet BEATTY), Washington DARROW and Thomas Lord DARROW. Lucy died in Rock Spring on 23 Sep 1823 at age 32. She was the first burial in Rock Spring Cemetery, one of the natural stone markers could be hers.

Sources: OHS FTM file and plat map.

DARROW, Mary Amanda, a daughter of Charles Brown and Sarah (nee PEACH) DARROW was born on 16 Jul 1834 in St Clair County, IL. She died on 4 Sep 1853 in St Clair County, IL, age 19 years.

Sources: One World Tree & OHS FTM file.

"Mary died the 4th day of September 1853 after living most three years in the service of the Lord. She always went to church meeting and she was always at prayer meeting and took a part in the worship of the Lord. She lived a holy life in this world and is now gone home to Glory, praising God for the riches of redeeming grace."

Source: Oak Hill Church history 7 Nov 1853.

Mary shares her tombstone, in Row 6, with Charles B. and Sarah. There is also an M A D footstone.

Source: Tombstone

DARROW, Sarah was born on 27 Oct 1778 in Marblehead, Essex, MA, to Nathaniel and Anna (nee LASKIN) PEARCE. On 22 Jan 1800, Sarah married William PEACH, of Marblehead, MA, in Newbury, VT. In 1815, the PEACH family moved from Newbury to Marietta, OH, for four years before buying land and settling on Horse Prairie, four miles from Red Bud, Randolph, Co., IL. Sarah had ten children before William's death in 1822: William (married Percilla McKINLEY), Mary (married William SIMMONS), Sarah (married Charles Brown DARROW), Lois (married Levi SIMMONS), Thomas, Nathaniel, Samuel H. (married Elizabeth ADELSBERGER and Margaret HOOLIHAN), Emaline (married William D. ROSS), John (married Mary BRICKEY), and Eliza Ann (married James H. PATTERSON). Sarah married Zadock DARROW, a widower, a Baptist preacher, farmer and carpenter, on 17 Aug 1825, and they moved to Rock Spring, St Clair Co., IL. In 1840, Zadock and Sarah lived in St Clair County near Charles Brown DARROW and Lemuel DARROW, her step-sons, and their families. Zadock died on 18 Jul 1849, in Collinsville, Madison Co., IL. Sarah died on 16 Apr 1857 in Rock Spring, O'Fallon Township, St. Clair Co., IL. Her tombstone, in Row 7, says "Wife of Rev. Zadock Darrow, aged 78 years 6 months 11 days."

Sources: Census databases, One World Tree, 1881 St Clair County Illinois History, 1847 St. Clair Atlas, Combined History of Randolph, Monroe, and Perry Counties, Illinois, tombstone and Bridges' history.

DARROW, Sarah, daughter of William and Sarah (nee PEARCE) PEACH, was born on 27 Dec 1804 in Newberry, Orange County, Vermont. She married Charles Brown DARROW on 12 Feb 1826 in Randolph County, IL. Their children were Lucinda, George Washington, Lucy Lord, Mary Amanda, William Augustus and Charles Brown. Charles died on 28 Oct 1839, and Sarah is listed in the 1840 Census as living next to her father-in-law Zadock and her brother-in-law, Lemuel, near the families of William BRIDGES and Morris BRIDGES. Sarah married Henry ROSS on 23 Feb 1843 in St. Clair Co., IL. In the 1870 Census, she is listed as Sarah ROSS living with son, Charles B. DARROW and his wife, Mary. The 1880 census lists her as Sarah DARROW living with her son, Charles B. DARROW and his family. She died on her birthday, 27 Dec 1891 in Oak Hill, age 87. She shares her tombstone with her first husband and daughter Mary A. under the tombstone in Row 6 that was probably already engraved. There is an S D footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Internet and Bridges' history.

DARROW, Zadock, father of Charles, moved the family from Connecticut to New York, then to St Louis, Missouri. Because Missouri was a "slave state", he moved to the Rock Spring, IL area, in 1817, where he preached at Rock Spring Seminary, founded by John Mason PECK. Zadock's wife and the mother of his ten children, Lucy (nee LORD) DARROW, died on 23 Sep 1823 at Rock Spring. The couple had been married since 1791, nearly thirty-two years. In addition to his ministry, Zadock was also a farmer and carpenter. He then moved to Horse Prairie, Randolph Co., IL. and preached at a church near there. In 1825, he married Sarah (nee PEARCE) PEACH, the widow of William, a farmer and livestock dealer in the Horse Prairie area. The couple returned to the St Clair area, and lived near his sons, Charles and Lemuel, as listed in 1830 and 1840 Censuses.

According to the Rock Spring Baptist Church records, Zadock is often mentioned together with Rev. John Mason PECK and Rev. J. PULLIAM. He was one of the trustees for Rev. PECK's school and later his college.

Zadock died from cholera at the home of his daughter Emma (nee DARROW) LOOK on 18 Jul 1849, in Collinsville, Madison Co., IL, and is buried there. He is included here since he was such an integral part of settling this area and would have probably been buried here if he could have been moved had he died from any other disease. Both of his wives are buried here.

Sources: Internet, and Bridges' history.

DRESCHER, Emilie, daughter of Gustav and Emeline DRESCHER, died at age 1 year and 12 days. No dates were given. Her family lived in Shiloh Township, T1NR7W, St Clair Co., IL. She shares a tombstone with her father, Gustav, in Row 3. There is also an E D footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, Census.

DRESCHER, Gustav Wm. was born on 2 Jan 1819 in Germany. His possible immigration was: Wilh. DRESCHER, 30, departed from Delfziil on the Eberhard arriving in New York on 25 Aug 1849. The 1870 Census for Shiloh Township, T1NR7W, Shiloh Post Office listed William DRESCHER, 52, farmer, land \$7,500, Personal Property \$1,000, born in Saxonia; Emeline, 36, born in Prussia; Fritz, 9, born in Missouri and Ad NETEN, 18, born in Illinois, who helped on the farm William died on 10 Oct 1870. He shares a tombstone with Emilie in Row 3. He was probably Sophie Dorothea (nee Drescher) RUNKWITZ's brother.

Sources: NY passenger lists, Census and Bridges' history.

DUNAVANT, Alice L., maiden name unknown, was born 28 Jun 1852. She married Alonzo Dunavant, who was the son of Daniel Boone Dunavant and Lucy Lord nee DARROW. Alice died on 19 May 1875, age 22y10m21d. Alonzo Dunivant moved to Washington sometime after Alice's death. Her tombstone, in Row 2, says "The fairest earthly flowers that bloom Are sure to find an early doom. Dearest wife: again, we hope to meet thee when the day of life is fled, Then in heaven with joy to greet thee where no farewell tear is shed." There is also an A L D footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Bridges' history.

EHLI, John Sylvester, son of John and Lois (nee PEACH) EHLI, was born on 5 Apr 1850. In the 1860 Census, he lived with his widowed mother and siblings in O'Fallon, St Clair Co., IL. John died on 10 Sep 1869, age 19 years. His tombstone, in Row 1, says "Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, Where none ere awakes to weep." There is also a J S E footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Censuses.

EHLI, Lois was born in St Clair Co., IL, on 24 Jan 1829, to William and Percilla (nee SIMMONS, previously MCKINLEY) PEACH in Oak Hill, O'Fallon Township, St Clair Co., IL. She married John EHLI on 25 Mar 1847, in O'Fallon, St Clair Co., IL. She was 21, and lived with her husband in Centerville, St Clair Co., IL, in the 1850 Census. John got gold fever and went to California in 1852 with his wife and two children. Three years later Lois and three children: John, Louise, and Columbus returned to IL, one child died in California. John, determined to find gold stayed there and never rejoined his family, though they did hear from him occasionally. Lois Ehly accepted the right hand of fellowship of the Oak Hill Church on 12 Dec 1858." In the 1860 Census, Lois was listed as "widowed", but probably was "separated" and lived with her three children in O'Fallon, IL. Columbus moved to California near John when he became an adult. In 1880, Lois kept house for her widowed half-brother, John PEACH and his two sons on his St Clair Co. farm. In 1900, Lois, 71, lived with her daughter, Louise, and son-in-law, Andrew MOORE and their children in O'Fallon. Lois died at Andrew's home on 23 Nov 1905 at age 76. Her tombstone, in Row 1, says "He giveth His loved one sleep."

Sources: Censuses, IL databases, Oak Hill Baptist Church minutes, Bridges' History, OHS FTM file. Brief Obituary

"Mrs. L. Ehly passed away yesterday evening at the home of her son-in-law, Andrew Moore, after a lingering illness of several years, aged nearly 77. The funeral occurs tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock from the A. Moore home to the Oak Hill Church where services will be held; after which the remains will be laid to rest at the Rock Spring Cemetery."

Source: 24 Nov 1905 O'Fallon IL Progress

Full Obituary

"Deceased was born Jan 24, 1829. She died Nov. 23, 1905, aged 76 years and ten months, lacking one day.

She was the second daughter of the late William and Percilla PEACH, there being four children of this union William, Lois, Rebecca and Sarah.

Rebecca SWIFT of Marsails, Ill. is the only one still living. She also had five half-brothers and sisters. They were Elizabeth ELLIOT (now deceased) Samuel W. Peach of Port Townsend, Wash., John Peach who is present with us, Charles H. Peach, who died quite young and Eliza A. MOREY of So. west Mo., being the youngest one of the family.

She was united in marriage to Mr. John EHLy when about 18 years of age. With this union where [sic] five children. Two died in infancy and one when a young man. Still two remain to mourn her death, namely Mrs. Louisa MOORE and Columbus Ehly.

In 1852 she and her husband and their two children immigrated to California remaining there but three years when she returned to her old home in Illinois where she made her home until summoned home to her final rest.

She united with the Oak Hill Baptist Church in about 1857 and has ever lived a faithful ardent and a devoted christian life.

For the past eight years she had lived with her daughter Louise Moore, being afflicted with paralysis ever since and suffered for those many years, gradually getting worse until death came to her relief.

The funeral occurred Saturday from the Andrew Moore home to the Oak Hill church where services were held, thence to the Rock Spring Cemetery."

Source: 1 Dec 1905 O'Fallon IL Progress

ELLIOT, Almerie G., daughter of Joseph and Sarah Ann (nee OBRIANT) ELLIOT, was born on 16 Oct 1864 and died on 15 Oct 1865, age 1 day short of one year. Her tombstone, in Row 14, says "For such is the kingdom of Heaven." There is also an A G F footstone.

Source: Tombstone.

ELLIOT, Elsie Jane, daughter of Joel and Elizabeth (nee PEACH) ELLIOT was born on 17 Apr 1875 in St Clair County, IL. Elsie was the granddaughter of William and Elizabeth (nee GROTTs, previously GREGORY) PEACH of O'Fallon, IL. She died on 7 Jan 1877, age 19 months. Her tombstone, in Row 3, says "Dear Little Sister, Thou hast left us here, Thy loss we deeply feel, But tis God that has bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal." The stone was by Tisch from Belleville, IL. There is also an E J E footstone.

Source: Tombstone, OHS FTM file.

GIBSON, Mary J., nee PATTERSON, daughter of James H. & Eliza Ann (nee PEACH) PATTERSON was born on 1 Oct 1863 in St Clair County, IL. She married John H. Gibson and died on 13 Sep 1882, age almost 19. Her tombstone is in Row 6, she also has an M J G footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Bridges' history.

GRUMMON, Lucy Way, nee DARROW, was born on 30 Oct 1792 in Lyme, New London Co., Connecticut, the first born of Lucy (nee LORD) and Zadock DARROW. She married John GRUMMON in Rock Spring, O'Fallon Township, in Sep 1816. Their children were Zadock (married Letitia FROST), John L. (married Catherine FRY), Joseph L. (married Sarah E DANE), and Frances (married Joseph FRY). Lucy died 19 Feb 1849 in Rock Spring and is probably buried here with one of the natural tombstones.

Source: Bridges' history.

GRUMMON, Zadock, born on 22 May 1820 in Columbus, Franklin, OH, to John and Lucy (nee DARROW)

GRUMMON. He married Letitia FROST on 9 Jan 1847. He died on 9 Jan 1858, in Rock Spring, O'Fallon Township, St Clair Co., IL. It is assumed that Zadock was buried in Rock Spring Cemetery, probably another of the natural rock tombstones.

Source: Bridges' history.

HUGHES, Mary S., daughter of Levi and Lois (nee PEACH) SIMMONS, was born on 3 Oct 1841. She lived with her parents and siblings on a farm in Centreville, St Clair Co., IL in 1850. She married Isaac S. Hughes on 16 May 1867 in St. Clair County. She died on 6 Dec 1870 at the age of 29. Her tombstone is in Row 5, she also has an M S H footstone.

Sources: OHS FTM file & Census.

LOMMER, August W. Top half of stone with his name is missing and some of dates are chipped. The footstone gives us initials. August W. LOMMER was born in Saxony in Oct 1816. He is listed as Charlotte RUNKWITZ's second husband. The 1870 Mortality Index lists August LUMMER [sic], married, born in Saxony about 1816, age 54, died in March, of fever, in O'Fallon Township, T1N R7W, St Clair County, IL. He died on 4 Mar 1870. His tombstone, in Row 3, is written in German. He also has an A W L footstone.

Sources: Tombstone, footstone, Mortality Index, OHS FTM file.

LOMMER, Emil C. was born in Saxony on 31 Oct 1819. He married Henriette RUNKWITZ on 4 Mar 1845 in St Clair Co., IL. (IL marriage data base shows LOMMER, Emil & BUNKWITZ, Henriette.) Emil and Henriette lived on the O'Fallon, IL. family farm in 1860 with their children Clara, Emil, and Arthur. In 1870, Emil farmed land near Shiloh, IL, with his wife and children, Emil, Arthur, Louis, and August; also Catharin LUMER [sic] who owns part of the farm and keeps house, lives with them. Emil died on 19 May 1872, aged 52 years, 6 months. Emil's gravestone, in Row 5, is written in German. It says "Here Rests." He also has an E C L footstone.

Sources: Census and Illinois databases.

LOMMER, Henriette, daughter of Karl and Sophie Dorothea (nee DRESCHER) RUNKWITZ was born on 21 Jan 1828. The family arrived in St. Louis, Mo. on Aug. 24, 1834. They sailed on the Johanna Medora and landed at Baltimore, Md. and made a six weeks trip by boat and wagon to St. Louis Mo. After residing there for five years, Mr. RUNKWITZ purchased a farm in St. Clair Co., IL. Besides farming and dealing in livestock, he was a bookbinder by trade and one of the founders of the Belleville Public Library.

Henriette married Emil LOMMER on 4 Mar 1845 in St Clair Co., IL. She lived with her husband and children on farms in O'Fallon in 1860 and Shiloh in 1870. Emil died in 1872. In 1900, Henriette lived with her son Averil [sic] and family in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In the 1905 Milwaukee Census, Henrietta, 77, lived with daughter & son-in-law, Gustav R. & Clara (nee LOMMER) DRESCHER. Henriette died on 27 Dec 1907, 79 years old, in Milwaukee, WI. Her tombstone is in Row 5.

Sources: Census and Illinois databases, OHS FTM file.

Mrs. Lommer

"The body of Henryette LOMMER, one of the oldest pioneer settlers of our county, was brought here for burial by some of her children from Milwaukee, Wis. Tuesday Dec. 31, 1907 and was interred at Rock Spring Cemetery.

She was the widow of Emil LOMMER, who lived near Oak Hill and died in the year 1872.

Mrs. LOMMER, the deceased, left her home in the spring of 1881 and moved to her daughter Clara DRESCHER in West Bend, Wisconsin. A few years later, she moved with the DRESCHER family to Milwaukee where her two sons are also living. She leaves four children Emil and Arthur LOMMER and two daughters Mrs. Clara DRESCHER and Mrs. Louise WEBER, three in Milwaukee and the latter in St. Clair Co. One brother Charles

RUNKWITZ of St. Clair Co., 10 grandchildren and two great grand-children.

Deceased came to this country with her parents in 1834 at the age of 6. In 1835, the RUNKWITZ family left St. Louis and settled down in St. Clair Co. In 1845, she was married to Emil LOMMER. The couple settled down on a farm near Oak Hill. Twelve children were born to them, 8 of them died while young.

Mrs. LOMMER always enjoyed good health until about 4 years ago, when she lost her hearing, later she lost her eyesight, and became helpless.

She was born in Altenburg, Saxony Jan 21, 1828 and was one of the last surviving old settlers who came to this country from Germany in 1834. She died Saturday Dec. 27, 1907, aged 79 yrs 11 months and 6 days. May she rest in Peace.”

Source: O’Fallon Progress 3 Jan 1908.

LUCKNER, Ida, daughter of Richard and Juliana (nee JAENNISCH) RUNKWITZ, was born on 12 Jan 1874. In the 1880 Census, she was 8 years old lived at home with parents and siblings Alvina 16, Emily 14, William 12, Josephine 10. Their neighboring farm included 13 year-old Otto LUCKNER. Ida and Otto were married on 5 Apr 1899 in St. Clair Co. The 1900 Census showed Otto, age 33, born Oct 1866, and Ida, age 26, born Jan 1874 lived on his farm in O’Fallon Township; they had been married for 1 year and had no children. She died on 30 Sep 1903 at age 29. We didn’t find a stone.

Sources: Censuses and Bridges’ history.

MELVIN, Edmond Binb was born on 8 Sep 1794 in North Carolina. He married Nancy WRIGHT on 20 Nov 1815 in Davidson County, TN. He purchased 80 acres of land for \$100 on 18th and 21st of March 1834 in what is now O’Fallon Township. His family was in the 1840 North Half of St Clair County, IL. Census. The family structure was: Males: 1, under 5; 1, between 5-10; 1, between 10-15 (Francis); 1, between 15-20 (James); 1, between 20-30 (John); 1, between 40-50 (Edmond). Females were: 1 between 5-10; 1 between 15-20 and 1 between 40-50.

The 1850 Census for Ridge Prairie, St Clair Co., IL. showed Edmund, age 55, Farmer, Farmer, property valued \$5000. His wife, Nancy, was also 55, also born in North Carolina; and 5 children, all born in St. Clair Co., IL: George 11, Louisa 9, William 7, Mary 5, and Augustus 1. Edmond died on 17 Oct 1859 at age 65. His tombstone is in Row 12. We don’t know if Binb is a middle name, a title, or something else.

Sources: Tombstone, Tennessee Vital Records and IL Censuses.

MELVIN, Francis was born on 13 May 1828 in Tennessee, son of Edmond and Nancy. He is listed in the 1840 Census with his parents and siblings lived on the family farm in the North half of St Clair County, IL. He died on 5 Oct 1849 from typhus fever. His tombstone, in Row 12, says “Dearest one, sleep on And take thy rest. God called thee home, He thought it best.”

Sources: Tombstone and US Mortality Schedule: Oct 1850, St Clair Co., IL.

MELVIN, James, son of Edmond and Nancy, was born in TN on 22 Apr 1823. He was listed in the 1840 Census with his parents and siblings lived on the family farm in the north half of St Clair County, IL. James married Eliza Ann JAMES on 10 Feb 1842 in St Clair County, IL.

The 1850 Census for Ridge Prairie, St Clair Co., IL showed him, age 28, a farmer, with his wife Eliza A, 24 and children Mandy 6, Andrew 6, Elizabeth 2 and Edmund MELVIN, 86, born Maryland; also, William O. Briant [sic], age 49, born VA, farmer & Eli ELLIOT, age 19, born IN, farmer. James died on 15 Mar 1859 at age 35.

Sources: Tombstone and Censuses.

MELVIN, John, son of Edmond and Nancy MELVIN, was born in TN on 15 Feb 1819. He was listed in the 1840 Census with parents and siblings lived on the family farm in the north half of St Clair County, IL. He

purchased 40 acres of land on 19 Mar 1838 in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, for \$1.25 an acre, total \$50. John married Nancy CHANCE on 9 Jul 1840 in St Clair County, IL. He died on 8 Jan 1851, his tombstone is in Row 12 with a worn verse.

Sources: Tombstone, Censuses and land entries.

MELVIN, Nancy, nee WRIGHT was born about 15 Nov 1798 in North Carolina. She married Edmond on 20 Nov 1815 in Davidson County, TN. She was listed in the 1840 and 1850 Census for Ridge Prairie, St Clair Co., IL, with her husband Edmond and, in 1850 with grandchildren (or children?), Edmond 8 and Bently 2. She died on 1 Dec 1858 at age 60 years and 15 days. Her tombstone is in Row 12, she also has an N M footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Censuses.

MEYNER, Augustus was born on 1 Mar 1796 in Germany. He immigrated from Bremen at age 38 and arrived at Baltimore on the Virginia on 4 Sep 1834. In 1840, August lived in the north half of St Clair County, IL with his wife and young son (probably George). In the 1850 Census, Augustus, a tailor, and Elizabeth were raising their family: George, Louisa, William, Mary and baby Augustus in Ridge Prairie, IL. In the 1860 Census, Augustus was still a tailor in O'Fallon. He died on 7 Dec 1868 at the age of 72. He shares a tombstone with Margaret & George in Row 6. His tombstone says "Gone but not forgotten." He also has an A M footstone. In 1880, Elizabeth, 70, was widowed & lived with Augusta in Lebanon, St Clair, IL.

Source: Tombstone, Censuses, Ancestry passenger lists.

*MEYNER, George, son of Augustus and Elizabeth MEYNER, was born on 14 Jan 1840. He is listed in the 1840 and 1850 Census with his parents and siblings on the family farm in Ridge Prairie, St Clair Co., IL. He was possibly in Missouri at the 1860 Census time period. George served as a Union soldier during the Civil War. He enlisted as a Corporal in Captain Charles Ruge's Co. F. of Krekel's Battalion, US Reserve Corps, on 11 Sep 1861 in Warren County, MO. This unit served for 120 days and mustered out on 10 Jan 1862 in St. Louis, MO. Col. Krekel then formed the 1st Missouri State Militia Cavalry Battalion in St. Charles, MO on 26 Mar 1862. George again served in that unit as a 6th Corporal until it disbanded 11 Nov 1862. George may have been injured while in the service, he died on 8 Mar 1866, age 26. His mother, Elizabeth, applied for a pension on 5 Dec 1890, Application #500,013, based on his 1st Battalion Missouri State Militia Cavalry service. He shares a tombstone in Row 6 with Augustus and Margaret. He also has a G M footstone. The verse on the tombstone is too worn to read.

Source: Tombstone, Census, National Park Service Civil War Records.

MEYNER, Margaret, daughter of Augustus and Elizabeth, was born on 18 Jan 1852. She is listed in the 1860 Census with her parents and siblings on the family farm in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, St Clair County, IL. She died on 23 Nov 1864 at age 12. She shares a tombstone with Augustus and George in Row 6. Her tombstone says "Beautiful lovely she was but given A fair bud to earth to bloom in Heaven." She also has an M M footstone.

Sources: Tombstone and Census.

MEYNER, William, son of Augustus and Elizabeth Meyner, was born 21 Nov 1843. He is listed in the 1860 Census with his parents and siblings on the family farm in O'Fallon Township, T2NR7W, St Clair County, IL. He died on 16 May 1873 at age 29. His tombstone in Row 6 says "Sacred to the memory of William Meyner." and "Many hopes lie burried [sic] here.

Sources: Tombstone and Census.

MOORE, Infant Daughter of Andrew and Louise E (nee EHLI) MOORE. Her tombstone is in Row 1.

The Rock Spring Cemetery database will continue in the Fall 2009 issue of the O'Fallon Historical Society Quarterly.

1860 U.S. Census, O'Fallon Post Office, O'Fallon, St. Clair Co., Ill. [Enumerator J.W. Pulliam, 30 June 1860.]

Transcribed by Dorothy Falk and proofread by Carol Ryan-Spenader

This is the seventh and final part of the 1860 Census for the O'Fallon Post Office area. A new index will appear in the next issue of the Quarterly.

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449	741	23	Stohl, Antone	30	M					Switzerland
471	763	11	Stohl, Mathias	10/12	M					Illinois
471	763	10	Stohl, Terance	20	F					Illinois
445	737	4	Strander, Alonzo	18	M	B				Illinois
445	737	6	Strander, Dennis	12	M	B				Illinois
445	737	5	Strander, Ezau	15	M	B				Illinois
445	737	7	Strander, John	8	M	B				Illinois
445	737	8	Strander, Lucinda	15	F	B				Illinois
467	759	38	Stross, Adam	45	M		Farmer			Rhein-Bayern
467	759	40	Stross, Leonhard	4	M					Illinois
467	759	39	Stross, Martha	34	F					Wurtemberg
468	760	1	Stross, Susan	9/12	F					Illinois
441	733	11	Stuart, William	29	M		Labor			Ireland
466	758	17	Suiter, Joseph	31	M					Baden
447	739	15	Sweeny, George	16	M					France
447	739	16	Sweeny, John	13	M					France
447	739	17	Sweeny, Margaret	11	F					Illinois
447	739	14	Sweeny, Margt	45	F					France
447	739	13	Sweeny, Peter	47	M		Farmer	400	250	France
447	739	18	Sweeny, Sarah	7	F					Illinois
449	741	32	Sweide, Margt E.	15	F					Unknown
449	741	9	Thomas, Charles	1	M					Illinois
456	748	15	Thomas, Clara M.	8	F					Illinois
449	741	34	Thomas, D. D.	24	M		Carpenter	--	--	Tennessee
449	741	3	Thomas, Elizabeth	25	F					Illinois
449	741	8	Thomas, Ester	21	F					Ohio
449	741	2	Thomas, Isabella	58	F					Illinois
449	741	7	Thomas, J. F.	17	M					Illinois
449	741	5	Thomas, J. J.	20	M					Illinois
449	741	35	Thomas, J. L.	28	M		Carpenter	--	--	Tennessee
449	741	4	Thomas, J. R.	23	M		Farmer	--	--	Illinois
456	748	16	Thomas, John	3	M					Illinois
449	741	1	Thomas, John	60	M		Farmer	300,000	25,000	Virginia
449	741	6	Thomas, M. V.	20	F					Illinois
456	748	14	Thomas, Mary E.	11	F					Illinois
456	748	13	Thomas, Wm.	35	M		Farmer			Illinois
445	737	33	Titus, Nace	23	M					Illinois

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445	737	31	Titus, Samuel	72	M	B				Virginia
450	742	27	Trinkle, John	50	M				300	Savoy Italy
466	758	26	Uhlner, Fredk.	12	M					Pennsylvania
466	758	23	Uhlner, Fredk.	40	M		Shoemaker			Sweden
466	758	25	Uhlner, Jacob	14	M					Pennsylvania
466	758	24	Uhlner, Susan	30	F					Pennsylvania
459	751	15	Umbarger, Anderson	8	M					Missouri
459	751	12	Umbarger, Anderson	37	M		Farmer	3,000	500	Virginia
459	751	14	Umbarger, Harriet	13	F					Missouri
459	751	13	Umbarger, Sarah	37	F					Illinois
461	753	11	Van Court, Amelia C.	32	F					Germany
461	753	10	Van Court, Benj. J.	39	M		Farmer	15,000	1,500	Pennsylvania
461	753	15	Van Court, Eliza	50	F					Pennsylvania
461	753	12	Van Court, Mary M.	4	F					Missouri
465	757	33	Veller, Barbary	50	F					Unknown
465	757	32	Veller, Henry	40	M		Laborer		100	Darmstadt
459	751	28	Vermillion, F. St. Clair	1	F					Illinois
440	732	8	Voisin, Anna	4	F					Illinois
440	732	5	Voisin, Geo. W.	9	M					Illinois
440	732	7	Voisin, John	7	M					Illinois
440	732	6	Voisin, Joseph	8	M					Illinois
440	732	3	Voisin, Martin	38	M		Farmer	3,000	600	Bavaria
440	732	9	Voisin, Mary	1	F					Illinois
440	732	14	Voisin, Mary	72	F					Bavaria
440	732	13	Voisin, Saml.	74	M					Bavaria
440	732	4	Voisin, Terace	33	F					Bavaria
467	759	6	Wacomer, Mary C.	18	F					Missouri
439	731	18	Wagoner, Cathrine	19	F					Rhine Germany
439	731	16	Wagoner, George	52	M		--			Rhine Germany
439	731	17	Wagoner, John	23	M					Rhine Germany
444	736	26	Wakefield, Caroline	31	F					Illinois
444	736	30	Wakefield, Don	4	M					Illinois
444	736	31	Wakefield, Guy	1	M					Illinois
444	736	29	Wakefield, Henry	6	M					Illinois
444	736	27	Wakefield, Lora	11	F					Illinois
444	736	25	Wakefield, Wilson	34	M		Farmer	8,000	500	Illinois
444	736	28	Wakefield, Wirp	8	M					Illinois
451	743	11	Walard, Lilian	1	F					Illinois
451	743	10	Walard, Lucy	18	F					Illinois
451	743	9	Walard, W. W.	26	M		Farmer		600	Illinois
447	739	11	Walter, Bernhard	40	M		Farmer	1,000	300	Rheinbern

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459	751	36	Watson, Cornelia E.	26	F					New York
459	751	35	Watson, Geo. R.	33	M		R.R. Employee	500	300	New York
459	751	37	Watson, Kate	5	F					Illinois
444	736	5	Watt, Mary	32	F					Illinois
461	753	36	Weaber, Cathrine	27	F					Baden
461	753	35	Weaber, John	30	M		Rent Farmer		100	Baden
461	753	37	Weaber, Mary	7/12	F					Illinois
446	738	32	Wedicus, Andrew	16	M					Illinois
446	738	30	Wedicus, Jacob	55	M		Farmer	4,000	300	Rheinbern
446	738	31	Wedicus, Mary C.	55	F					Rheinbern
448	740	23	Weil, Andrew	3	M					Illinois
452	744	9	Weil, Anna	6	F					Illinois
448	740	19	Weil, Cathrine	33	F					Rheinbern
448	740	24	Weil, Cathrine	6/12	F					Illinois
452	744	4	Weil, Cristina	35	F					Rhein-Bayern
448	740	21	Weil, Elizabeth	11	F					Illinois
452	744	6	Weil, John	13	M					Illinois
448	740	18	Weil, John C.	51	M		Farmer	4,000	400	Rheinbern
452	744	10	Weil, Julia	4	F					Illinois
448	740	20	Weil, Mary	13	F					Illinois
452	744	11	Weil, Otto	2	M					Illinois
452	744	8	Weil, Peter	8	M					Illinois
452	744	3	Weil, Peter	41	M		Farmer	5,000	800	Rhein-Bayern
452	744	5	Weil, Philipena	15	F					Illinois
448	740	22	Weil, Phillip	7	M					Illinois
452	744	7	Weil, William	10	M					Illinois
452	744	21	Weise, Bernhard	3	M					Illinois
452	744	18	Weise, Charles	9	M					Illinois
452	744	16	Weise, Chas.	37	M					Saxony
452	744	17	Weise, Henrietta	30	F					Saxony
452	744	23	Weise, John	75	M		Farmer	1,500	400	Saxony
452	744	19	Weise, Otto	7	M					Illinois
440	732	12	Weise, Peter	35	M		Brick Layer	--	--	Bavaria
452	744	22	Weise, Richard	1	M					Illinois
452	744	20	Weise, Sophia	5	F					Illinois
471	763	32	Weisert, Abraham	2	M					Illinois
471	763	31	Weisert, Cathrine	21	F					Illinois
471	763	30	Weisert, Michl	21	M		Farmer	1,500	500	Rhein-Bayern
471	763	33	Weisert, Phillip	1	M					France
460	752	23	Weisman, Samuel	26	M		Laborer			Pennsylvania
447	739	1	Welacht, Cath'ne	6	F					Illinois
446	738	40	Welacht, Henry	3	M					Illinois

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446	738	38	Welacht, John	13	M					Illinois
446	738	37	Welacht, Ordelia	35	F					France
446	738	39	Welacht, Peter	9	M					Illinois
446	738	36	Welacht, Peter	46	M		Farmer	--	300	Darmstadt
469	761	18	Weld, Jacob	35	M		Laborer		100	France
469	761	22	Weld, John	3	M					Illinois
469	761	19	Weld, Mary	32	F					France
461	753	40	Welser, Cathrine	2	F					Illinois
461	753	39	Welser, Elizth	29	F					Bavaria
461	753	38	Welser, William	34	M		Rent Farmer		600	Bavaria
460	752	4	Welsh, Thos.	50	M		Mason			Ireland
460	752	15	Wenans, Saml. J.	24	M					Indiana
457	749	36	Wendelin, Michl.	26	M		Laborer			Alsasia France
450	742	12	Werth, Michl.	23	M		Laborer			Rhein-Bayern
451	743	39	Westfield, Augustus	28	M			1,000		Illinois
451	743	40	Westfield, Elsa A.	18	F					Illinois
451	743	38	Westfield, Isabella	24	F					Illinois
459	751	7	Westfield, M. A.	40	F					Ireland
451	743	37	Westfield, Mary A.	65	F					Ireland
451	743	36	Westfield, Walter	70	M		Farmer	21,000	500	England
458	750	40	Whaley, Jesse	22	M					Ireland
460	752	13	Wheatley, James W.	22	M		Carpenter			Canada
455	747	40	Whiteside, Olive	21	F					Illinois
455	747	39	Whiteside, W. W.	20	M		Farmer		300	Illinois
468	760	10	Whitlock, Caroline	26	F					Ohio
468	760	12	Whitlock, Charles	4	M					Illinois
468	760	11	Whitlock, Menard	11	M					Michigan
468	760	9	Whitlock, Samuel	34	M		Farmer		500	Vermont
439	731	20	Wiggins, Amanda	49	F					N. Jersey
439	731	21	Wiggins, Anna	19	F					Missouri
439	731	22	Wiggins, Edward	14	M					Missouri
439	731	24	Wiggins, Leander	5	M					Missouri
439	731	19	Wiggins, Samuel	53	M		Nursery man	1,000	300	N. Jersey
439	731	23	Wiggins, Theodore	11	M					Missouri
470	762	40	Wilkins, George	40	M		Laborer			Ohio
467	759	28	Winson, Abigail	20	F	B				Illinois
467	759	27	Winson, Augustus	21	M	B				Illinois
467	759	29	Winson, Ellen	16	F	B				Illinois
467	759	26	Winson, Joseph	23	M	B				Illinois
467	759	30	Winson, Mary	13	F	B				Illinois
467	759	25	Winson, Mary	48	F	B	Widow	3,000	2,000	Illinois
467	759	31	Winson, Victoria	8	F	B				Illinois
460	752	21	Wolcot, And. J.	40	M		Laborer			Connecticut

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468	760	8	Wolf, Arnold	28	M		Laborer			Prussia
471	763	8	Wolf, Eve	18	F					France
438	730	32	Wolf, Fred'k	17	M		Labor			Alsace, France
471	763	38	Wolf, George	38	M		Laborer			France
456	748	37	Young, Edward	12	M					Massachusetts
470	762	14	Zelinger, Agness	27	F					Rhein-Bayern
470	762	15	Zelinger, Anna	4	F					Illinois
470	762	16	Zelinger, George	1	M					Illinois
470	762	13	Zelinger, Jacob	28	M		Rent Farmer			Rhein-Bayern

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Answers to Cemetery photo quiz on back page

Answers:

Cemetery	Ancestor	Descendant
Rock Spring	William Peach	William Peach
Keppler	Frederick Keller	Ralph, Norman, Brian Keller and Arline Magee
Keppler	Sebastian Joseph	Kenny Joseph
Keppler	Bernhard Hesse	Maurice Hesse
St. Clare	John Poignee	Linda Potter and Pam Wier
Lurtz	Peter Lurtz	Ralph Lurtz
Keck	Theobold and Anna Keck	Joan Houston
Tiedemann	Maria and August Behrns	Le Yaeger
Mace	Drucilla and Henry Mace	Joyce Zimmerman
O'Fallon City	Wilber Scott	Dorothy Falk

If you got all 10 descendants, you are obviously a native. If you got seven to nine, you're probably still a native, but you've got senioritis bad. Four to six points, you're a long-term transplant. And if you got three or less (like your editor), you're forgiven for trying.

As for those cemeteries, if you can find them on a map or have heard of them, I believe Dorothy Falk and Linda Potter could use you for a volunteer project...

Now for a bonus question: Who does the tombstone on the left belong to? Hint: it's found next to the tombstone on the right.



(We don't know who the rock belongs to. Would be nice if it was O'Fallon's first resident, Capt. Joseph Ogle's! He's an ancestor of O'Fallon's most famous native, William Holden.)

How well do you know the families of O'Fallon?

Most of our members didn't know these citizens of O'Fallon. But you might recognize their names.

Your test today: identify the descendant of the ancestor's gravestone pictured. For bonus points, guess the cemetery where the tombstone can be found!

Answers on page 19.



Maria and August Behrns



William Peach



Drucilla and Henry Mace



Wilbur Scott



Frederick Keller



John Poignee



Theobald and Anna Keck



Bernhard Hesse



Sebastian Joseph



Peter Lurtz