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GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FROM THE HINSDALE DOINGS



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Introduction

These abstracts differ from the long running “100 Years Ago in DuPage” column in that only genealogical relevant (in my opinion) articles were selected. Therefore, the abstracts contain not only births, marriages, and deaths, but also information from “gossip” columns that would be helpful in searching for ancestors. This includes “visits” that include a relationship or a different surname that includes the relationship, that is “... Mrs. John Smith of Buffalo, NY, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Brown, in Hinsdale”, “Mr. John Brown has moved to Los Angeles”, etc. Some listings are abstracts, others in which the articles were very short include the full text. The date at the end of the listing is the date of the issue of the newspaper. The volume and number are shown at the first listing for the date. When the same information was reported in several issues, for example “Mrs. John Smith of Buffalo has returned home after visiting ...”, I have only included the information once. The ¶ symbol in an abstract indicates the information following was in a separate article in the same issue. The newspapers are available on microfilm at Hinsdale Public Library but will not be loaned on interlibrary from there.

Abstracts

Volume II:

Mr. Charles **Liebenstein** and family are occupying L. **Muller**'s residence for the summer. Their daughter, Mrs. Albert **Stein**, and her husband will [live] with them. Volume II, number 40, Saturday, July 3, 1897

Hinsdale's population reached 2543 people as shown by the school census finished Thursday. July 3, 1897

Miss Florence **Keeler** of Chicago is visiting her aunt, Miss Ella **Warren**. July 3, 1897

Born – a son to Mr. and Mrs. D. J. **Miley** of Downer's Grove Thursday. Mrs. Miley was formerly Miss Laura **Skeels**. July 3, 1897

Miss Louise **McGee** of Chicago was the guest of her parents. She was accompanied by Miss Leah **Baubein**. July 3, 1897

Mrs. H. G. **Ohls** and daughter went to California this week with her brother, W. A. **Ogden**, of Chicago. July 3, 1897

Mr. Henry **Liefer** [left] for his home in Los Angeles, California, after ... visiting his brother, William. July 3, 1897

Fisk **Wilcox**, night operator at this station ... will visit his mother in Sandwich. July 3, 1897

Miss Marie **Zimmerman** of New York City is a guest of Miss Lucy **Bradley**. Miss Zimmerman lived in Hinsdale several years ago. July 3, 1897

Mrs. A. M. **Titsworth** was entertained by her daughter, Hattie, in Chicago Wednesday. July 3, 1897

Mr. Peter **Fleming** left for Rockford after [visiting] his daughter, Mrs. J. C. **Ross**. July 3, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. **Sherry** will leave for Canada ... where they will [visit] his mother. July 3, 1897

Mrs. J. C. **Ross** ... will go to Oakland, California, where she has a sister. July 3, 1897

Miss Bessie **Hinckley** will enjoy the summer at Burlington, Vermont, with her aunt who lives [there.] July 3, 1897

Mrs. Clark **Nettleton** of Seattle is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. **Brophy**. July 3, 1897

Volume II, number 41, July 10, 1897, is missing from the microfilm.

Guy **Babcock** of Aurora is [visiting] his aunt, Mrs. Babcock, of N. Lincoln St. Volume II, Number 42, Saturday, July 17, 1897

Rev. Samuel **Moore** and family left for Rockford [to visit] relatives. July 17, 1897

Mr. M. J. **Tarble**, accompanied by Mrs. A. W. **Avery** and child, drove down from Aurora and visited his sister, Mrs. A. M. **Titsworth**. July 17, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. **Cook** [and son] of Kansas City visited in Hinsdale with his brother, G. G. **Cook**. July 17, 1897

Rev. George H. **Wilson** former pastor of the Hinsdale Congregational Church and now [pastor] at Paxton, Illinois, visited friends in Hinsdale. July 17, 1897

Agard **Ross** is [visiting] his cousin in Evanston. July 17, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. **Carpenter** of Bloomington, Illinois, are visiting with relatives in Hinsdale. July 17, 1897

W. G. **Gordon** and family left for a visit with relatives in Burlington, Iowa. July 17, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. S. T. **Blodgett** and son, who have been the guests of their cousins, the Misses Blodgett, left for Jacksonville. Miss Georgie Blodgett accompanied them. Mr. **Blodgett** is the Superintendent of the Training Schools of Massachusetts. Volume II, Number 43, Saturday, July 24, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. **Hetzler** started last evening for Waterloo, Iowa, where they will visit Mrs. Hetzler's parents. July 24, 1897

Mr. William **Benton** of Aurora was the guest of his son, E. L. **Benton**. July 24, 1897

Charles **Pickett**, a former resident, [visited] Hinsdale will become instructor in the law department of the University of Illinois. July 24, 1897

Mrs. Horace W. **Noble** of Erie, Penn., a sister of H. C. **Middaugh** of Clarendon Hills, was killed by lightning last Sunday while at Dill's Park near Erie. ... strange coincidence as a brother of Mr. Middaugh's was killed by lightning about 30 years ago. Mr. Middaugh attended the funeral at Erie Wednesday. July 24, 1897

Born – to Mr. and Mrs. James **Bolsdon**, a daughter on Monday last. July 24, 1897

Born – Friday July 16, to Mr. and Mrs. **Brettman**, a son. July 24, 1897

Mr. Carl **Warren** of Laural, Miss., [is visiting] his parents. July 24, 1897

Mrs. William **Babcock**, formerly Miss Hattie **McIntyre** of Hinsdale, [died] at Los Angeles, Calif., on July 15th. July 24, 1897

Miss Nina **Wadington** returned Wednesday from visiting her aunt, Mrs. **Fowler**, in the city. She was accompanied on her return by her cousin Chester. July 24, 1897

A photograph of F. A. **Fournier**, paperhanger in Hinsdale, is on page 5 of this issue. July 24, 1897

Allen **Ross** of Evanston visited his cousin Agard **Ross**. Miss Alice C. **Ross** [visited] in Evanston. July 24, 1897

Mr. Henry **Holland** of Lyons, Wisc., visited his brother in law, Herman **Bockhop**. July 24, 1897

Mr. F. B. **Newell** and family of Oak Park [visited] his sister, Mrs. C. C. **Snow**. July 24, 1897

Miss Edna **Webster** left for Adams Centre, NY, to visit her sister, Mrs. Sherman **Trowbridge**. July 24, 1897

Born – To Mr. and Mrs. B. G. **Merrill**, a son. The young man arrived in Hinsdale Tuesday morning. [Handwritten in margin of original paper “July 20, 1897”] July 24, 1897

Mrs. William **Wilson** and son of Geneva, NY, visited her sister, Mrs. J. M. **Frost**. July 24, 1897

The Misses Lulu and Nellie **Landis** left to visit relatives in Sandwich Ill. July 24, 1897

Miss Elizabeth **Troeger** who has been studying painting in Paris, Germany, and Holland is the guest of her brother, E. O. **Troeger**. Miss Troeger is one of the few Americans whose paintings were hung in the Paris salon. Her painting “Holland Interior” will be exhibited at the Art Institute this fall. July 24, 1897

Mrs. H. S. **Parrish** of Western Springs left for San Francisco where she was called by the illness of her mother. Volume II, Number 44, Saturday, July 31, 1897

Mrs. H. L. **Conard** and son, Donald, will visit her parents in Centerburg, Ohio. July 31, 1897

William Abbot **Ross**, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles **Ross** of LaGrange, formerly of Hinsdale, died yesterday morning of ... cholera ... funeral today and the remains interred in Oak Forest. July 31, 1897

Miss Birdena **Farwell** left for her home in St. Paul. July 31, 1897

Born – last Tuesday to Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn **Wakeman**, a son. July 31, 1897

Miss Kathryn **Sieber** of Glencoe, Ill., visited her cousin Miss Isabel **Sieber**. July 31, 1897

Mrs. John **Moore** of Mpls. [visited] her father, Mr. C. A. **Brophy**. July 31, 1897

Mrs. **Woodcock** visited her son, the Rev. T. J. **Woodcock** of Chicago. July 31, 1897

Mrs. John **Fuller** entertained relatives ... in celebration of Mrs. Fuller's birthday. July 31, 1897

Last Monday ... at the home of Mrs. M. **Fuller** ... the celebration of the eighty-fourth birthday of her father, Mr. John **MacKinder** ... Among those present were his daughters, Mrs. Robert **Chilvers**, Aurora, Ill., Mrs. C. **Fetterman**, Germantown, Neb., Mrs. John **Fuller**, Fullersburg, his son, John **MacKinder** of Smith River, Calif., and his brother-in-law Thos. **Cross** of Petonica, Ill. July 31, 1897 [Mr. and Mrs. C. **Fetterman** returned to their home in Germantown, Neb., after an extended visit with their son, E. M. **Fetterman**. August 7, 1897]

Mrs. F. J. **Vanderblue** was called home from Bay View by the death of Mr. Vanderblue's mother in Austin. July 31, 1897

On Monday Mrs. Wm. **Johnston** of Berwyn was buried in Oak Forest Cemetery. The deceased resided in Hinsdale several years ago, being a daughter of Mrs. **Holt** Suffered from cancer ... died last Saturday. Volume II, Number 45, Saturday, August 7, 1897

Lester **Childs** is rustivating at Lake Geneva with his parents. August 7, 1897

Herman **Fletcher** started for Hornbeck, Ark., where he will enter into business. August 7, 1897

The sad news that his mother was rapidly nearing her death called George **Kline** to his home in Midland, Mich., Tuesday. August 7, 1897

Born – to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. **Banker** of Western Springs, a promising son. August 7, 1897

Mrs. S. M. **Thompson**, of Mpls., is visiting her sister, Mrs. P. W. **Perry** of Western Springs. August 7, 1897

Mrs. H. A. **Stocker** and her children of Western Springs have gone for a month's visit to Ligoner, Ind., where Mrs. Stocker's mother resides. August 7, 1897

W. M. **Patterson** who moved from Western Springs to Calif. some time ago, has returned from the west ... has decided to locate in Oak Park. August 7, 1897

Born – to Mr. and Mrs. H. M. **Coleman**, a daughter on Saturday last. August 7, 1897

Mr. W. E. **Paschen** of Princeton, Ill., is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. C. **Snow**. August 7, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Y. **Moore** will soon become a resident of our neighboring metropolis, having decided to move from Minneapolis. Their Hinsdale acquaintances will be pleased to learn of their removal. August 7, 1897

Miss Edith **Ross** with her sister, Alice, is expected to return today from Rockford. August 7, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. **Lincoln** departed Tuesday for St. Paul and Mpls. where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. W. **Hervey**. August 7, 1897

Mrs. William **Duryea** of Nyack on the Hudson, NY, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. C. D. **Irwin**. August 7, 1897

Mrs. F. E. **Carsley** and her two children are [visiting] I. S. **Bush** on North Lincoln street ... is a daughter of Mr. Bush. August 7, 1897

Volume II, Number 46, August 14, 1897, is missing from the microfilm.

Born – on Tuesday, a son to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. **Anderson**. Volume II Number 47, August 21, 1897

H. S. **Weeks**, the newly appointed village collector and superintendent of waterworks ... for many years he was teller of the Wisconsin Marine and Fire Insurance Company's Bank of Milwaukee and for four years assistant collector in the U. S. Custom House at that city. He came to Hinsdale in 1894. August 21, 1897

Mrs. Fred **Van Inwagen** visited her sister at Geneva Lake Tuesday. Mrs. J. **Van Inwagen** of Chicago visited her son Fred **Van Inwagen** on Thursday. August 21, 1897

Mrs. C. J. **Capron** of Freeport, Ill., and daughter visited in Hinsdale ... formerly resided here. August 21, 1897

Mrs. **Brown** of Milton, Wisc., accompanied by Miss **Brown** is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Alfred **Burdick**. August 21, 1897

Mr. J. B. **Kelsey** of Holyoke, Col., is visiting his brother, Mr. Kelsey, of the north side of Western Springs. August 21, 1897

Mrs. **Harvey** of Indianapolis has been visiting her sister Mrs. **Warner**, of Western Springs. August 21, 1897

Mr. O. N. **Hill** and Miss Louise **Hill** are visiting with their sister Mrs. **Peterson** at Rose Hill. August 21,

1897 [Mrs. Mary **Peterson** of Rose Hill is visiting her mother, Mrs. A. B. **Hill** of Western Springs. September 4, 1897]

Mrs. Ida **Walters** of Lewisburg, Pa., is visiting her cousin Mrs. **Raidabaugh**. Miss **Walters** attended the C. E. convention in San Francisco and is on her way home. August 21, 1897

The marriage of Georgine Bower **Thatcher** and Chas. Hall **Perry** of Western Springs was solemnized, Wednesday evening, August 18 '97 at Pine Rest, the country home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. W. **Unger**. The Rev. Chas. **Scadding** officiating. ... She was attended by Miss Mary **Fuller** ... August 21, 1897

Mrs. C. D. **Bird** and daughters, Helen and Ray, left on Wednesday for a short visit in Perry, Iowa. August 21, 1897

Mrs. R. A. **Childs** and son, Kent, spent Sunday in Hinsdale. They returned to Lake Geneva on Tuesday. August 21, 1897

Miss S. S. **Fesenden** of New York, recently a guest of her sister, Mrs. H. A. **Gardner**, departed Saturday for Chariton, Iowa. August 21, 1897

Mrs. A. T. **Heaphy** with her daughters, Atilda and Catherine, and son, Thomas, left on Monday for two weeks visit at Lake Delavan, Wis. August 21, 1897 [Mrs. A. E. [sic] **Heaphy** and daughters, Atilda and Ruth [sic] and son Thomas, returned ... September 4, 1897]

W. E. **Janes** left Thursday for the east where he will visit his old home near Rochester ... August 21, 1897

The death of Mrs. **McKiahur** who has been in feeble health for two years, occurred Wednesday. [She] is the mother of Engineer **Jones** of the Waterworks. The funeral will take place today. August 21, 1897

Mrs. Dr. **Shill** and Miss **Bradford** of La Fayette, Ind., visited Mrs. W. C. **Wickersham** and her sister Miss **Cowdry** Thursday. August 21, 1897

Born – on Tuesday a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew **Patska**. Volume II, Number 48, Saturday, August 28, 1897

The marriage of Frederick **Wilke** and Alwine Wordelman was solemnized in the German Lutheran Church last Saturday. The couple will continue to make their home in Hinsdale. August 28, 1897

Clara daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Mahler** ... died Sunday [of cholera infantum] age 3 years, 2 months ...

funeral Tuesday ... Oak Forest Cemetery. August 28, 1897

Professor N. Z. **McLain** of Wabash College at Crawfordsville, Ind., ... [visited] his brother, N. W. **McLain**. August 28, 1897

George **Henthorne** who is now employed in Whiting, Ind., visited his parents [in Western Springs.] August 28, 1897

Fred **Allen** and George **Ostrum** have gone to seek their fortunes in the Golden West. They expect to make the Klondike next spring. August 28, 1897

Mrs. Phebe A. **Swezey**, wife of T. R. **Swezey**, passed away quietly at her home on First street Monday morning ... The funeral occurred Wednesday from the residence of her mother, Mrs. Anne **Davies**, 3146 Vernon ave., Chicago, Rev. D. S. **Johnson** conducting the services. ... Mrs. Swezey was a member of the Presbyterian church. August 28, 1897

The death of Mrs. Laura R. **Wilson** occurred late on Friday evening of last week. The funeral services were beautifully conducted by Rev. M. N. **Preston** on Sunday afternoon at the family residence on Third street. ... Oak Forest cemetery. Mrs. Wilson was the mother of Mrs. C. T. **Merritt** ... The deceased was sixty-six years old. August 28, 1897

The body of a man supposed to be Frank **Smith**, a motorman on the Milwaukee Electric Railroad, was discovered lying on the track at West Hinsdale by the crew of the 8:19 passenger train Thursday evening. ... He had fallen from a freight that passed a short time previously. ... A paycheck dated August 10, 1896 [sic], and payable to Frank Smith was [found in his clothing.] August 28, 1897

Miss Florence **Henthorne** [of Western Springs] left for the east Tuesday to visit friends in Washington and New York. August 28, 1897

George **Henthorne** [of Western Springs], who is now employed at Whiting, Ind., spent Wednesday at the home of his parents. August 28, 1897

John **Banker** of New York is visiting Elias **Banker** [of Western Springs]. He resided in Hinsdale many years ago and is well known among the early settlers. August 28, 1897

Mrs. Juliet E. Hall **Perry** [of Western Springs], wife of Rev. P. W. **Perry**, pastor of the Congregational church, died at her residence at eight o'clock Thursday morning, aged 58 years, 4 months, 14 days. ... cancerous tumor ... Mrs. Perry was born in Brooklyn,

Mich., April 12, 1839 and was educated at Hillsdale College. ... was elected preceptress in the Cheshire (Ohio) Academy ... On June 12, 1861, she was married to Mr. Perry, who at that time was principal of the academy. Mr. and Mrs. Perry came to Western Springs nine years ago. Three children, Elmont W., Charles H., and Frank W. ... Mrs. Perry leaves a husband and son Charles ... funeral services [at] the residence tomorrow at one o'clock and the burial at Oak Forest. August 28, 1897

John **Robbins** gives an early history of Hinsdale in a letter on page one and two of the August 28th issue. There is corroboration of the history on page 2 of the September 4th issue.

Dr. and Mrs. Sylvester **Morris** of NYC are visiting Mrs. Morris' parents, Mr. and Mrs. **Thayer**. Volume II, Number 49, Saturday, September 4, 1897

Henry **Frost** of Watkins, NY, will make his home with is uncle, J. M. **Frost**, during the next year and will attend the High School. September 4, 1897

Miss **Washburn** of Toronto is visiting her brother, C. L. **Washburn**. September 4, 1897

W. J. **Sawe** and son Harry visited Hinsdale, Wednesday. They were old residents of the south side. September 4, 1897

Clarence **Ripley** visited with relatives in Princeton, Ill., Monday and Tuesday. September 4, 1897

Mrs. Caroline **Ripley** arrived here from Princeton, this state, yesterday and will make her home with her son, J. A. **Ripley**. September 4, 1897

Robin **Thayer** returned from visiting relatives in Conneant [sic] Ohio. September 4, 1897

Mrs. **Moore**, with her daughter, have moved to the city, where they will make their home with J. C. Y. **Moore**, 831 S. Polk street. September 4, 1897

M. A. **Myers** has gone east. His father accompanied him as far as Rochester, N.Y., where he will visit a month or two with another son. September 4, 1897

Mrs. C. E. **Raymond** and Miss Addie **Raymond** returned Tuesday from an extended visit with relatives in New York and Connecticut. September 4, 1897

Mrs. E. Fletcher **Ingals** and Dr. J. E. **Rhodes** of Chicago, the latter being Mrs. M. A. **Myers'** brother, spent Tuesday afternoon in Hinsdale. September 4, 1897

Volume II, Number 50, Saturday, September 11, 1897, is missing from the microfilm.

Mrs. I. S. **Bush** will winter in Bakersfield, Vt., where she has relatives. Volume II, Number 51, Saturday, September 18, 1897

Mrs. J. W. **Reed** is visiting her daughter in Dixon, Ill. September 18, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. **Tenny**, with their son, attended the wedding of Mr. Tenny's sister, Ella, to John **Dress**, at Downers Grove, Wednesday evening. September 18, 1897

Nineteen young friends of Paul **McDonald** assisted him in celebrating his fifth birthday last Saturday ... September 18, 1897

Mrs. **Candee** left on Wednesday for a visit to her sister in Geneva. Miss Mary **Carlisle** is in charge of the public library in her absence. September 18, 1897

Mrs. **Taylor**, who was taken to the Presbyterian Hospital two weeks ago, passed quietly away early Wednesday morning. Mrs. Taylor was a resident of Waterman, Ill., and at the time of her sudden illness was visiting Mrs. E. P. **Orr**. September 18, 1897

Mrs. Jas. **Courter** who has been visiting her brother, D. A. **Courter**, left for the west Thursday. Volume II, Number 52, Saturday, September 25, 1897

W. H. **Carpenter** has moved his family to Downers Grove, where they will make their winter home. September 25, 1897

Mrs. George **Beach** received an extended visit last week from her sister, Mrs. J. J. **Johnson** of Lewiston, Ill. September 25, 1897

Miss Lucretia **Cushing** and sister Irene returned last Sunday evening from Detroit, where they visited relatives. September 25, 1897

W. B. **Perry**, formerly of San Francisco has rented a portion of the River Bluff addition and will engage in the poultry industry. September 25, 1897

Clarence **Ohle** of Petrosky has accepted the post of book-keeper for Ditzler and Linsley recently made vacant by M. **Townsend**. September 25, 1897

Married – Joshua **Hyde** of Hinsdale and Elle **Allen** of Louisville, Ky., Thursday evening at the home of Horace **Jackson**. Rev. Geo. C. **Moore**, Downers Grove First Baptist church officiated. September 25, 1897

Mr. Charles **Ward** of Bradford, Penn., is paying a visit to his sister Mrs. **Button** in Western Springs.
September 25, 1897

Chas. **Hole** of Western Springs and his grandmother, Mrs. **Moffett**, left Wednesday for Columbus, Ohio.
September 25, 1897

Mr. and Mrs. **Hole** [of Western Springs] and son Ralph started for a trip to Seattle, Wash. September 25, 1897

C. H. **Crandell** of Batavia, Ill., and formerly Superintendent of Schools there visited his former pupils in Hinsdale ... was superintendent here in the '80s. September 25, 1897

