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GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION FROM THE HINSDALE DOINGS



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Introduction

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 different surname that includes the relationship. Some listings are abstracts, others in which the articles were very short include the full text. Obvious spelling errors are not corrected but followed by “[sic]”. Generally, other spelling, abbreviation, capitalization, and punctuation, especially the use of, or lack of, commas, is left as in the original article. 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, the information was only included once. When additional important information was included in a later issue, for example, out of town relatives at a funeral, the information is shown in “[]” with the issue date. 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. The microfilm can be borrowed on interlibrary loan from the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in Springfield, Illinois. Beginning with the January 3rd, 1902, issue, the paper changed its publication date to Friday instead of Saturday. Continued from *The Review* Vol. 37, Number 2, November 2010 issue.

Oak Forest Cemetery frequently cited in obituaries is the current Bronswood Cemetery located at 3805 North Madison Street, Oak Brook, Illinois. The name was changed from Oak Forest to Bronswood about 1910. A searchable database for the Bronswood Cemetery burial index is now available on the Oak Brook (DuPage County, Illinois) Historical Society’s website at www.oakbrookhistory.com/Bronswood/. That society will also begin gradually placing photos of gravestones, where a stone exists, with each burial record.

There are no January, 2, 1903 or January 9, 1903 issues on the film.

Hamilton **Reed**, the young boy who seriously injured his hand New Year’s Day while showing friends how a corn shredder worked ... [now has lock jaw from his injuries.]
Volume VIII, No. 16, Friday, January 16, 1903

Charles **Hess**, a popular Hinsdale young man ... a manager for the Prudential Insurance Company at Quincy, Ill., was married last Saturday in that city. The Quincy Journal gives the following account: “... noon... at her home, 1836 Maine Street, Miss Edith Payne **Mikesell**, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Parker **Mikesell**, became the bride of Charles Henry **Hess** ... ceremony performed by Dean W. H. **Moore**, the Episcopal ring service being used, and the bride’s little nephew, Master John **Warfield** of Sioux City, Iowa, carrying the ring ... Mr. and Mrs. Hess will [live] in the pretty new home erected for them on Maine Street by the bride’s mother. Guests from outside the city were Mr.; and Mrs. Will **Warfield** and son, John, of Sioux City, Iowa, the lady being a sister of the bride, and the groom’s father, John **Hess**, and his brother, Jack **Hess**, both of Chicago. [Article on page one and continues on page two.] January 16, 1903

Careless in dropping lighted matches on the floor may cost Miss Emma **Nagle** of Downers Grove her life. The young woman, a domestic at the home of John C. **Garman**, Downers Grove, while lighting the stove Saturday morning,

she dropped lighted matches on the floor ... and her clothing became ignited ... Miss Nagle is daughter of a farmer living near Lamont and twenty three years old ... January 16, 1903

E. H. **Ditzler** spent Sunday in Naperville with his aged mother who is quite ill. January 16, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. **Hattendorf** of W. Springfield adopted ... an eight month old boy. January 16, 1903

Mrs. **Hayes** of Elgin, Ill., [visited] her sister Mrs. M. L. **Raftree**. January 16, 1903

Mr. **Kinney** who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. J. D. **Adams**, departed for his home in Atchison, Ks., Monday. January 16, 1903

Mrs. Peter G. **Maitland** of LaGrange died in Chicago at noon Wednesday. January 16, 1903

The remains of Mrs. William A. **Tope**, wife of the well known Downers Grove physician, were brought to Hinsdale Tuesday for interment at Oak Forest Cemetery. Paralysis of the brain was the direct cause of death. January 16, 1903

Friday, January 23, 1903, issue is missing from the film.

C. Herbert **Orr**, one of Hinsdale’s most esteemed young men, passed away at 8 o’clock Sunday morning at Ann Arbor, Michigan, where he was student. Funeral services

were held at Ann Arbor Monday. The body arrived in Hinsdale Monday night and Wednesday morning at 7:30 services were held at the home of Mrs. **Orr** [by] Rev. A. M. **Brodie**. The body was taken to Wateman, Ill., for interment beside his father. ... [He] was born at Waterman July 6, 1880 where he resided fourteen years. ... 1894 to Downers Grove, year later to Hinsdale. A mother and sister survive. [cause of death heart failure]. ¶ Card of thanks ... to our friends and neighbors ... at the time of our great sorrow ... Mrs. **Orr** and Nina *Volume VIII, No. 18*, Friday, January 30, 1903 [Resolutions of Respect to the memory of C. Herbert **Orr**. ... Accepted at the Regular meeting of Royal Circle, Lodge no. 178, Hinsdale. February 29, 1903]

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. **Fox** of Pomona, Cal., will be pained to hear of the sad death of their little daughter, Ernestine [**Fox**] ... measles then typhoid pneumonia. January 30, 1903

Mrs. Esther **Ditzler**, mother of E. H. **Ditzler**, of this village died at her home in Naperville last Sunday. The Naperville Clarion contains the following obituary: Esther **Alspaugh** was born near Orwigsburg, Pa., on May 24, 1814, being one of a family of twelve children. ... She was married to Jonathan **Ditzler** Oct. 5, 1834, and soon after they moved to Stark County, Ohio, and lived there nine years, where two children were born to them. In 1844 the family came to ... Naperville ... where two more children were born. ... Her husband died over twenty years ago ... Two of her children, Mrs. Elizabeth **Cable** of California, and Mrs. Susan **Butts**, of Oregon, could not be present. Eli, of Hinsdale, and Hannah of our city were with her. ... she leaves one sister in Iowa, Mrs. John **Ricket**, who is now the last link of the once large family. Funeral services were held on Tuesday afternoon at the Salem church, conducted by Revs. **Berberich** and **Fouke** ...” January 30, 1903

In the Circuit Court of Du Page County: George **Boger**, Louisa B. **Warkentine**, Dietrich H. **Boger**, William **Boger**, and Mary **Kalzow**, complainants vs. James A. E. **Barrus**, the unknown heirs of James A. E. **Barrus**, deceased, Joseph **Battell**, Trustee under the last will and testament of Joseph **Battell**, deceased, David **Fuller** and Catherine **Fuller**, his wife, the unknown heirs and devisees of David Fuller, deceased, ... on the first Monday of March, 1903 ... Thomas M. **Hull**, Clerk, Cleveland & Conover, Solicitors January 30, 1903

Harry **Burton** of Chicago visited his sister, Mrs. Herbert **Thayer**. January 30, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Harry **Barker** spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. Barker's mother, Mrs. **Woodcock**. January 30, 1903

Andrew **Harvey** and son Clarence of Detroit, visited his sister, Mrs. Otis **Cushing**, Sunday. January 30, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. **Weiss** have issued invitations for the marriage of their daughter, Sara, to Alexander **Frost**, Feb. 11th, in Grace church. January 30, 1903

The members of the Swedish church celebrated the eleventh anniversary of the founding of their church, Thursday

evening, February 5th. Dr. **Brodie** made an address ... *Volume VIII, No. 19*, Friday, February 6, 1903

Mrs. L. P. **Conover** is enjoying a visit from her parents of Madison, Wisconsin. February 6, 1903

Mrs. **Irish** is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Frank **Krohn**. February 6, 1903

F. H. **Jones** and family of Keokuk, Iowa, will move into the house formerly occupied by Fred **VanInwagen**. February 6, 1903

Mrs. Thomas F. **Rogers**, of Mt. Sterling, Kentucky, is visiting her son and daughter, the Rev. Harry C. **Rogers** and wife. February 6, 1903

One of the prettiest weddings ... Miss Sara Elizabeth **Weiss** and Alexander Gray **Frost** in Grace Episcopal church Wednesday evening, Feb. 11th ... at 7:30. ... best man Oliver **Hurd** of Cincinnati ... maid of honor Miss Ethel **Weiss** ... ceremony performed by Rev. **Chase**. ... The ushers were Harry **Ross** and Robert **Banghart** of Hinsdale, Geo. **Buck** of Buffalo, and Jas. D. **McLoud** of Chicago. Mr. **Bruce** played the wedding march. ... Among out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. **Metcalf**, Mr. and Mrs. **Wyllie**, Mr. and Mrs. **Hawtin**, Mr. and Mrs. **Spicer**, Miss **Woodbridge**, Miss Nellie **Landis**, Harry **Frost** and Mr. **Bruce** of Chicago, and Miss **Mellinger** of Kentucky. ... {They} left on a wedding trip to Watkins, N.Y., Mr. Frost's former home ... will make their home at 5038 Forrestville avenue [Chicago]. *Volume VIII, No. 20*, Friday, February 13, 1903

Died of scarlet fever at Evanston, Ill., Feb. 3, 1903, Barbara Elizabeth **Prouty**, aged six years, six months. She was the only child of Wm. B. **Proutry** [sic], formerly of Hinsdale. Since the death of her mother three years ago ... The remains were brought to Hinsdale and buried in the family lot at Oak Forest cemetery. February 13, 1903

E. **Karlson**, the shoe dealer, has purchased the Gertrude **Smith** residence on North Lincoln street ... the deal was closed with the heirs of the estate ... February 13, 1903

After an illness extending over several years, Mrs. Abby H. **Stewart** died last Friday afternoon at the home of her sister, Mrs. Geo. E. **Smith**. On Saturday afternoon services were conducted by Rev. E. C. **Smith**, pastor of Unity church. Sunday services were held in Winona, Minn., where relatives reside and where the body was laid beside that of her husband. February 13, 1903

Many ... will be interested in the ... passing of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Lawrence **Middleton**. She was born in New York City, September 4th, 1832. ... On May 3rd, 1854, she married Mark H. **Middleton** and during the fall of 1855 came west and settled in Illinois, where she resided until the time of her death, which occurred at the age of seventy years and four months, while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. E. **Walker** in Clark County, Missouri, on the seventh day of January, 1903. Interment taking place there. She leaves a husband, daughter, and a brother, G. W. **Lawrence** of Minneapolis ... February 13, 1903

Miss Erma **Linsley** has just returned from a visit in Toledo, Ohio. Her cousin, Miss Florence **Linsley** accompanied her. February 13, 1903

James R. **Hopkins**, eldest son of Senator **Hopkins**, is soon to wed Miss **Douglas** of Chicago. She is a grand-daughter of ex-Governor **Harris**, and formerly lived in Aurora. February 13, 1903

Mrs. Nick **Poppelriter** resides on a hundred acre farm to the south of Hinsdale and two miles north of Lemont. One year ago six children, four sons and two daughters made their home with their mother. One by one they married until one son was left, Peter **Poppelreiter** and during the past week he ... to the altar making six marriages in one family in eight months. February 13, 1903

Miss Mary **Delano** and Miss Ellen **McKay** of Chicago are guests of their aunt, Mrs. **Hoffmeyer**. February 13, 1903

E. P. **Webster** will soon move his family to Wheaton, Ill, where they will make their home in the future. February 13, 1903

Edwin C. Lawton was united in marriage Monday evening at the home of Dr. **Lawton** to Miss Jennie **Brown**. Mr. **Rogers** performed the ceremony. February 13, 1903

Christian **Wilkie**, a prominent farmer living southwest of Downers Grove just across the line in Lisle township, dropped dead from heart disease while at Belmont Tuesday morning. Mr. Wilkie was 70 years old and had been a resident of Du Page county for many years. ... Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Burial will be made in Lace cemetery by the side of his wife, whose death occurred several years ago. Mr. Wilkie leaves four sons and three daughters. *Volume VIII, No. 21*, Friday, February 20, 1903

Tragic Death of S. G. **Townsend**. The funeral of Samuel G. [Gilbert] **Townsend**, oldest son of A. H. **Townsend**, was held Thursday morning from the family residence. Rev. H. C. **Rogers** preached. ... one whose life ... a touching devotion to his brother and sister. The burial was at Torode cemetery. The tragic story of Mr. Townsend's death is told in the following account from the Wheaton Illinois: Samuel G. **Townsend**, aged about 35 years, born in York township, but whose parents now reside in Hinsdale ... brother, Melvin C. **Townsend**. ... The coroner's jury found [suicide] while temporarily insane. February 20, 1903

Robert **Carlisle**, one of Hinsdale's early residents died Wednesday, at the ripe age of 76 years. ... lagrippe. Funeral was held Friday morning from the residence of E. O. **Troeger**, interment being at Rose Hill. Mr. Carlisle came to Hinsdale about 1870. February 20, 1903

Miss Florence **Cooper** of Toledo, Ohio, is visiting at the home of T. H. **Linsley**. February 20, 1903

Mrs. **Kirkpatrick** of Columbus, Ohio, is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. F. H. **Jones**. February 20, 1903

Mr. and Mrs. Thos. **Murray** and Harry **Ross** will move to Rochelle, Ill., early next week. February 20, 1903

Born – To Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Serviss, (Constance Williams of Hinsdale), on February 23, 1903, at 2 o'clock P.M. a son George Henry; weight, 8 ½ lbs. ... *Volume VIII, No. 22*, Friday, February 27, 1903

A letter from O. J. **Stough** ... in San Diego, Cal., ... tells of a visit from Jarvis **Fox** and wife of Longmont, Colo., a brother of H. M. **Fox** of this place. It was of him that Mr. Stough bought his first farm at Hinsdale ... February 27, 1903

Mrs. **Sheehy**, an aged Downers Grove woman who lived alone in a house on Prince street, was found dead in her chair by neighbors Monday. She was afflicted with Bright's disease. February 27, 1903

Mrs. **Granville** formerly of Hinsdale is visiting among relatives here. February 27, 1903

Mrs. John **Wadington** entertained ... Friday in honor of her mother, Mrs. **Shaw**. Mrs. Shaw will return to her home in Chicago tomorrow. February 27, 1903

Miss Lillian **Merrill** is visiting her brother at Channahon, Ill. February 27, 1903

Howard **Scotford** has returned to Hinsdale after a three year's absence. February 27, 1903

Mrs. **Naper**, of Naperville, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Nelson **Webster**. February 27, 1903

E. P. **Webster** and family will leave Saturday for Wheaton where they will make their home ... Mr. **McCord** from Cincinnati will occupy the house vacated by Mr. Webster. February 27, 1903

All of March 1903 and the April 3rd issue of the Doings are missing from the film.