

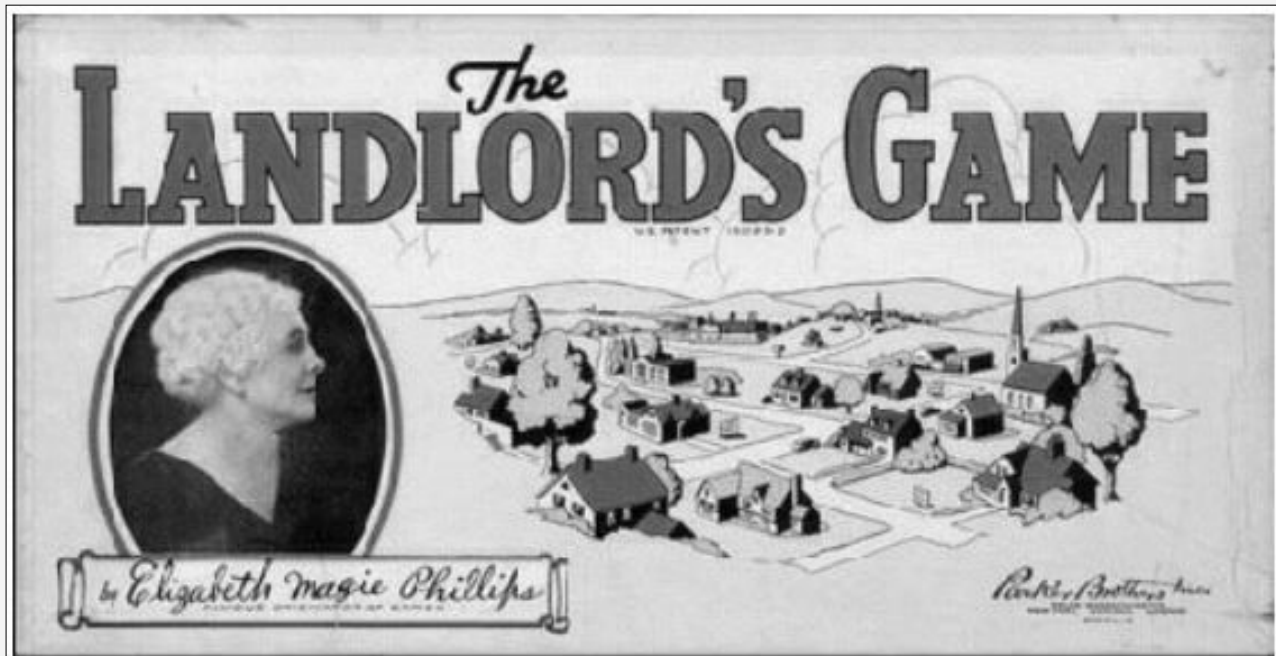


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**Birthplace of
Elizabeth “Lizzie” Magie
Inventor of Monopoly**

News and Notes From the President

History never looks like history when you are living through it.
It always looks confusing and messy, and it always looks uncomfortable.
John W. Gardner

Greetings:

I came across this quote which I had written down many years ago, and thought it was very appropriate for what we are all facing today. There is no doubt we are writing history during current events, but I try to remember that history has many versions. When researching our own family history, how often have you found conflicting stories about Great Uncle John or Grandma Senga? There is the official version which we can find documented in court houses and newspapers, and then there is their own version which is written in a diary or in letters which had been sent to others. All versions make up the complete history, and as researchers it is important that we try to uncover as many versions as we can.

We have plenty of newspaper, press release, magazine, and YouTube versions of current history, but have you recorded your own version of it? Have you kept a diary, journaled, or written letters to others sharing your thoughts? Researchers in the future will refer to these first-person documents when talking about current events.

We at the McDonough County Genealogical Society are trying to find ways to keep you involved, engaged, and informed of what we have going on. Even though our research center isn't open to the general public right now, we have volunteers, who are socially-distancing, continuing our work, which you can access once we reopen. We are also searching for grants to make our treasures more accessible for members, and we're trying to share other resources with you from other societies to help you with your family research.

Stay safe,
stay healthy,
and keep writing!

Julie Terstriep, President

Current Research Center Hours Update

Please check our website, or call us at 309-255-5161 to verify the hours we will be open, before making a trip to visit the Research Center during this trying time. If you would like to schedule an appointment to visit the center while the building is closed, please call us to do so. Leave a message with your available time and we will return the call as soon as we can. We do practice social distancing and ask that you wear a mask. Thanks.

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Elizabeth J. Magie, Creator of Monopoly, Born in Macomb, IL

Elizabeth was born in Macomb, IL, on May 9, 1866, in a small home located at 222 North College Street. She was the daughter of James K. Magie, of New Jersey, and Mary Jane Ritchie, of New York.

James K. Magie purchased the home in which Elizabeth was born on October 1, 1864, and almost two years later, on September 3, 1866, sold the home to a Mr. Bigger J. Head. The Magie family then moved to Canton, IL, where James had purchased the interest of Mr. Alpheus Davison in the *Canton Weekly Register Newspaper*, as of October 1866.

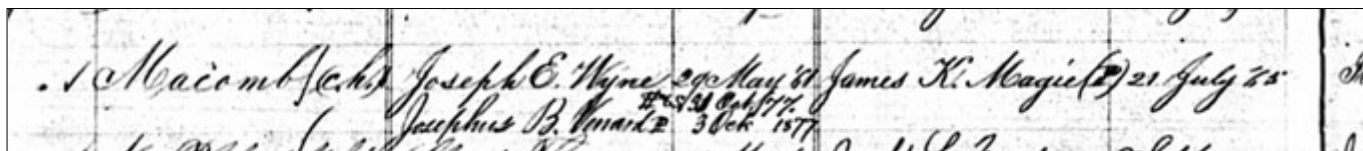
Elizabeth, being the daughter of a journalist, and well educated by her father, was destined for greatness. She was quite influenced by the book, "Progress & Poverty," written by Henry George in 1879. In his book, George promoted the idea of the "single tax" which would allow the state to tax the use of bare land, but not the improvements to it. This theory led Elizabeth "Lizzie" to the creation of "The Landlord's Game" which eventually became known as the game of "Monopoly."



Early Life in Macomb

James K. Magie was an abolitionist and followed politics closely. He had accompanied Abraham Lincoln on his travels during the Lincoln/Douglas debates, and is credited for urging Lincoln to visit the Pearson photographic studio while on a stop in Macomb in 1858 to have his photograph taken.

James Magie became a proprietor of the *Macomb Journal* newspaper when he first purchased half interest in the paper in the spring of 1861. In 1863, Magie became the sole owner of the *Macomb Journal*, until he sold his interest to B. R. Hampton in 1865. During the Civil War, Magie served with the 78th Ill. US Inf. He enlisted on August 1, 1862 in Macomb, and mustered out on June 7, 1865. While in service, Magie sent letters (to be printed in the paper) back to the *Macomb Journal*, writing of the war, the status of the 78th, and its soldiers. On



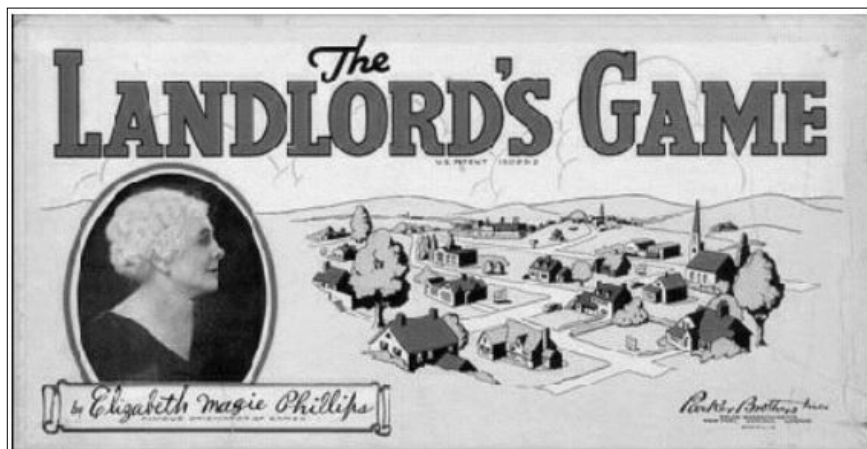
An excerpt taken from the National Archives U.S. Appointments of Postmasters 1832-1971

July 21, 1865 James K. Magie was appointed as the U. S. Postmaster in Macomb, a position he held until September 19, 1866. It was at this time, as stated earlier, that James K. Magie and his wife, Mary, and infant daughter, Elizabeth, moved to Canton, Illinois.

Elizabeth Magie's Games

The Landlord's Game In 1903, Lizzie Magie filed a legal claim for *The Landlord's Game*, which was more than three decades before *Parker Brothers* began manufacturing *Monopoly*.

“Magie’s game featured a path that allowed players to circle the board, in contrast to the linear-path design used by many games at the time. The plat of the board game is surprisingly similar to that of Macomb’s Downtown Square. In one corner of the board were the Poor House and the Public Park, and across the board was the Jail; Macomb’s Jail, incidentally was, at that time, in one corner of the Square. Also included on the board were three words that have endured for more than a century after Lizzie scrawled them there: “Go to Jail.” She called her creation, *The Landlord's Game*.



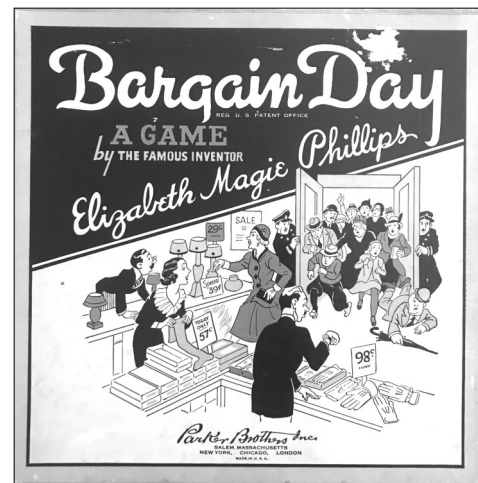
It was a version of this game, years later, that Charles Darrow was taught by a friend, played and eventually sold to Parker Brothers under the name of *Monopoly*. The version of that game had the core of Magie’s game, but also modifications added by the Quakers to make the game easier to play. In addition to properties named after Atlantic City streets, fixed prices were added to the board. In its efforts to seize total control of *Monopoly* and other related games, the company struck a deal with Magie to purchase her *Landlord's Game* patent and two more of her game ideas, not long after they made a deal with Darrow.

Caption to photo, at right, from the *Washington Evening Star*, Jan. 28, 1936: Mrs. Elizabeth Magie Phillips, Clarendon, Va., and the “monopoly” game she patented in 1904. To her left is the miniature model, to the right the new “landlord’s game” she is now perfecting.

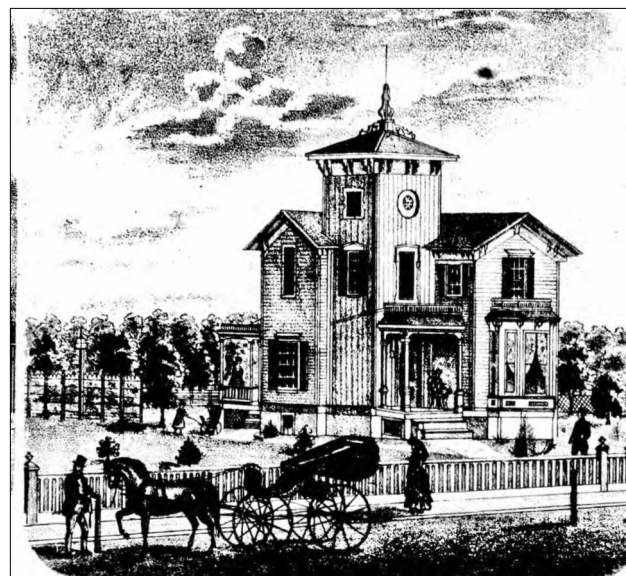
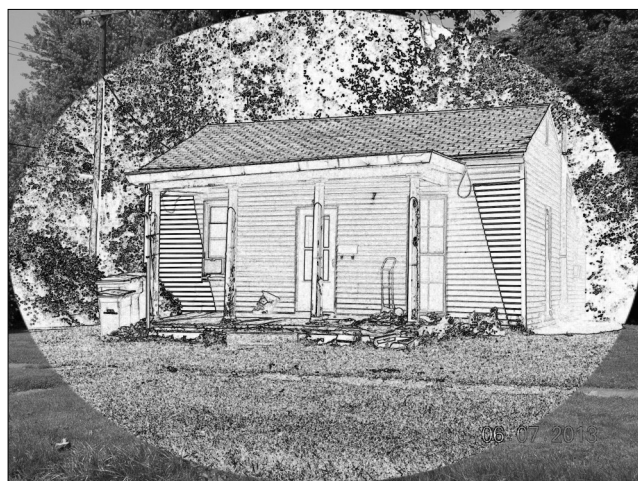
While Darrow made millions and struck an agreement that ensured he would receive royalties, Magie's income for her creation was reported to be a mere \$500, the amount that Parker Bros. paid Magie for the patent only. No one, at that time, could have known that *Monopoly* wouldn't be just a mere hit, but a perennial best seller for generations.

In addition to *The Landlord's Game*, Lizzie also created other games that proved to be entertaining and challenging as well, including *Bargain Day* and *King's Men*.

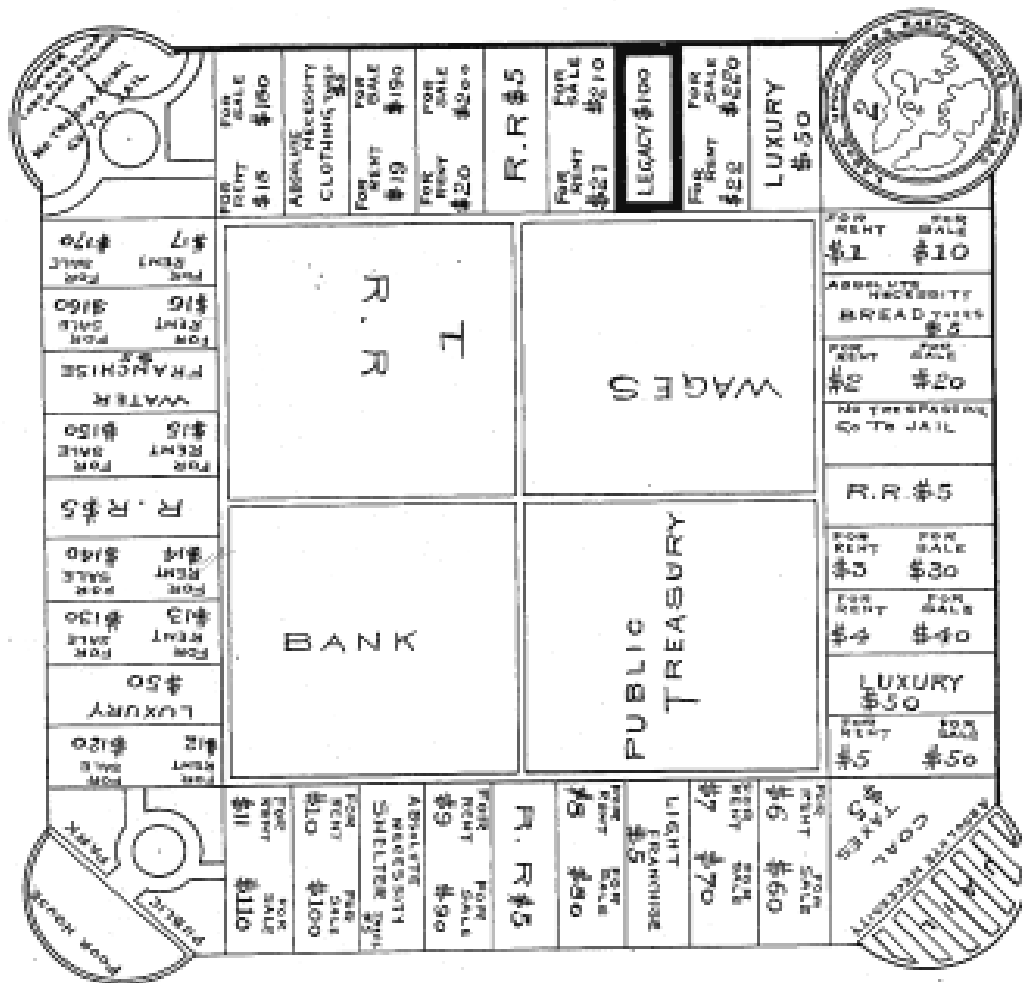
Bargain Day was an easy and delightful shopping game for young people. The player who shops most economically; that is, the one who has the most money remaining at the end of the game, is the winner.



King's Men is a game designed for two players. The object of each player is to reduce the number of his own tokens to 2. The first player to do this is the winner.



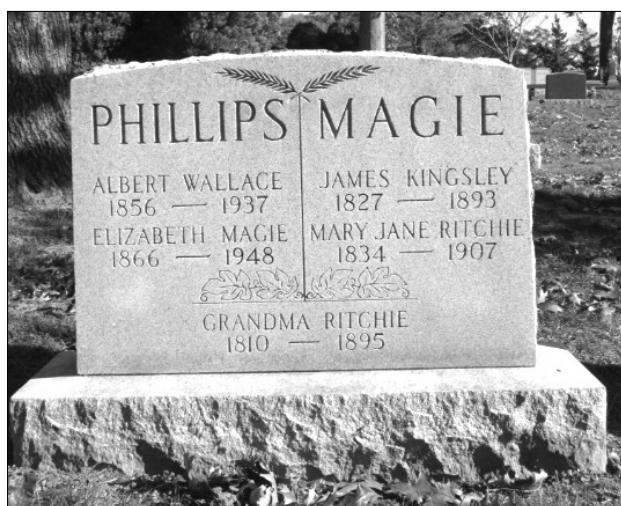
On the right is the home where Lizzie Magie was born in Macomb, Ill. On the left is a drawing of the home that James K. Magie owned in Canton, Ill, where he was editor of the *Canton Register*.



This sketch of *The Landlord's Game* was submitted as part of the original patent to the United States Patent Office.

Patent No. 748,626
Patented Jan. 5, 1904

Lizzie Magie married Albert Wallace Phillips on October 27, 1910. He preceded her in death on July 3, 1937. Lizzie died on March 2, 1948. The couple is buried in Columbia Gardens Cemetery in Arlington, VA, along with Lizzie's parents, James Kingsley and Mary Jane Ritchie Magie, and her grandmother, Mary Ann Ritchie.



Information for this article was submitted by Allen Nemeč, a member of the MCGS .

More information on Lizzie Magie can be found at:
<https://www.visitforttonia.com/lizzie-magie-inventor-of-monopoly/>

Old Diseases Terminology and Their Modern Definitions: Part I

compiled by Allen Nemec

Over the years, diseases have claimed billions of lives. Statistically speaking, some diseases of a particular name have not claimed many. But upon further examination of the topic, one may find out that the statistics are a little skewed by history's linguistics problem. For instance, what is called a "cold" today was most often referred to as something completely different many years ago, Coryza. This list is a compilation of various lists of diseases, but is by no means all-inclusive. It is a list of 289 diseases and medical terms once known to our forebearers as something else. The list will continue in future issues of the *Newsletter*.

- ABLEPSIA/ABLEPSY** Blindness.
- ACUTE MANIA** Severe insanity.
- ADDISON'S DISEASE** Marked by weakness, loss of weight, low blood pressure, gastrointestinal disturbances & brownish pigmentation of skin.
- AGLUTINATION** Inability to swallow, frequently found on death certificates.
- AGUE** Recurring fever & chills of malarial infection, Also known as "chill fever" or "the Shakes."
- AGUE CAKE** A hard tumor or swelling on the left side of the abdomen, lower than the false rib, resulting in the enlargement of the spleen or liver, supposed to be the affect of intermittent fevers.
- AMERICAN PLAGUE** Yellow fever.
- ANASARCA** Generalized massive edema.
- ANCOME** Ulcerous swelling, also called Whitlow.
- APHONIA** Laryngitis.
- APHTHA** Infant disease "thrush."
- APOPLEXY** Paralysis due to stroke.
- APTHAE** Thrush.
- ASPHYCSIA** Cyanotic and lack of oxygen.
- ATROPHY** Wasting away or diminishing in size.
- BAD BLOOD** Syphilis.
- BARREL FEVER** Sickness produced by immoderate drinking.
- BILIOUS FEVER** Term applied to certain intestinal & malarial fevers.
- BILIOUSNESS** Jaundice or other symptoms associated with liver disease.
- BLACK DEATH** Typhus, or Bubonic Plague.
- BLACK FEVER** Acute infection with high temperature & dark red skin lesions & high mortality rate. Black Plague.
- BLACK JAUNDICE** Wiels' Disease.
- BLACK LUNG** Disease from breathing coal dust, typical of coal miner's death.
- BLACK PLAGUE** Bubonic plague.
- BLACK POX** Black small pox.
- BLACK VOMIT** Vomiting old black blood due to ulcers or yellow fever.
- BLACKWATER FEVER** Dark urine associated with high temperature.
- BLOOD POISONING** Diphtheria.
- BLOODY FLUX** Bacterial infection; Septicemia.
- BLOODY SWEAT** Dysentery, Blood stools.
- BONE SHAVE** Sweat accompanied by a discharge of blood, Sweating sickness.

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Macomb Journal, July 10, 1902

BRAIN FEVER	Sciatica.
BREKBONE	Dengue fever.
BRIGHT'S DISEASE	A catch-all term for kidney diseases/disorders. In an acute form, known as nephritis.
BRONZE JOHN	Yellow fever.
BULE	Boil, tumor or swelling.
CACHEXY	Malnutrition.
CACOGASTRIC	Upset stomach.
CACOSPYSY	Irregular pulse.
CADUCEUS	Subject to falling sickness or epilepsy.
CAMP FEVER	Typhus; aka camp diarrhea.
CANCER	A malignant and invasive growth or tumor.
CANINE MADNESS	Hydrophobia, rabies in humans.
CANKER	Ulceration of mouth or lips; or herpes simplex.
CANKER RASH	Scarlet Fever, also called Scarlatina.
CARDITIS	Inflammation of the heart wall.
CATALEPSY	Seizures/trances.
CATARRH	Inflammation of the mucous membrane which caused profuse running of the eyes and nose.
CATARRHAL	Nose and throat discharge from cold or allergy.
CEREBRITIS	Inflammation of cerebrum; or lead poisoning.
CHILBLAIN	Inflamatory swelling of the hands and feet caused by exposure to cold.
CHILD BED FEVER	Septic poisoning which sometimes followed the birth of a child. Also call Puerperal Fever.
CHIN COUGH	Characterized by breathing difficulties, and in its worst stage, convulsions. Also called Whooping Cough or Pertussis.
CHLOROSIS	Iron deficiency anemia, but also a number of confounding diseases, like leukemia, that were not recognized at the time.
CHOLECYSTITIS	Inflammation of the gall bladder.
CHOLELITHIASIS	Gall Stones.
CHOLERA	Acute, severe, contagious diarrhea with intestinal lining sloughing.
CHOLERA MORBUS	Characterized by nausea, vomiting, abdominal cramps, elevated temperature; could also be appendicitis.
CHOREA	Dancing madness, an epidemic characterized by contortions, convulsions, and dancing. Also called Saint Vitus' Dance.
COLD PLAGUE	Ague which is characterized by chills.
COLIC	Paroxysmal pain and cramping in the abdomen or bowels. Can occur from disease in the kidney.
COMMOTION	Concussion.
CONGESTION	An excessive accumulation of blood or other fluid in a body part or blood vessel. In congestive fever the internal organs become gorged with blood. Any collection of fluid in an organ, i.e. lungs.
CONGESTIVE CHILLS	Malaria with diarrhea.
CONGESTIVE FEVER	Malaria.
CONSUMPTION	Tuberculosis.
CONVULSIONS	Severe contortion of the body caused by violent, involuntary muscular contractions of the extremities, trunk and head.

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Macomb Journal, August 4, 1865

CORRUPTION	Infection.
CORYZA	A cold.
COSTIVENESS	Constipation.
CRAMP COLIC	Appendicitis.
CRETINISM	Congenital hypothyroidism.
CROP SICKNESS	Overextended stomach.
CROUP	A congested cough that babies get. Spasmodic laryngitis, marked by episodes of difficult breathing and hoarse metallic cough. Laryngitis, diphtheria or strep throat.
CYANOSIS	Dark skin color from lack of oxygen in blood.
CYNANCHE	Diseases of throat.
CYSTITIS	Inflammation of the bladder.
DANCING MADNESS	An epidemic characterized by contortions, convulsions and dancing. Also called Saint Vitus' Dance, or Chorea.
DAY FEVER	Fever of a days' duration or coming on in the daytime, also called sweating sickness.
DEBILITY	Lack of movement or staying in bed.
DECREPITUDE	Feebleness due to old age.
DELIRIUM TREMENS	Hallucinations due to alcoholism.
DENGUE	Infectious fever endemic to East Africa.
DENTITION	Cutting of teeth.
DEPLUMATION	Tumor of the eyelids which causes hair loss.
DIARY FEVER	A fever that lasts more than one day.
DIPHTHERIA	Infectious disease which could be spread by infected milk. Characterized by the production of a systemic toxin and the formation of a false membrane on the lining of the mucous membrane of the throat and other respiratory passages, causing difficulty in breathing, high fever, weakness. Also called Membranous Croup. Contagious disease of the throat.
DISTEMPER	Usually animal disease with malaise, discharge from nose, throat and anorexia.
DOMESTIC ILLNESS	Mental breakdown, depression, Alzheimers, Parkinsons or the after effects of a stroke.
DROPSY	Edema (swelling, fluid buildup in some tissue or cavity) often caused by kidney or heart disease. Also, congestive heart failure.
DROPSY OF THE BRAIN	Encephalitis.
DRY BELLYACHE	Lead poisoning.
DYSCRASY	An abnormal body condition.
DYSENTERY	Inflammation of the intestinal membrane most often accompanied by acute diarrhea.
DYSOREXY	Reduced appetite.
DYSPEPSIA	Acid indigestion. Indigestion and heartburn; heart attack symptoms.
DYSURY	Difficulty in urination, accompanied by pain and a sensation of heat.
ECLAMPSIA	A form of toxins in the blood accompanying pregnancy.
ECLAMPSY	Symptoms of epilepsy; convulsions during labor.
ECSTASY	A form of catalepsy characterized by loss of reason.
EDEMA	Nephrosis; swelling of tissues.
EDEMA OF LUNGS	Congestive heart failure, a form of dropsy.
EEL THING	See Erysipelas.
ELEPHANTIASIS	A form of leprosy.
EMPHYSEMA	A chronic irreversible disease of the lungs.

- ENCEPHALITIS** Swelling of the brain; aka sleeping sickness.
- ENTERIC FEVER** Inflammation of the intestines.
- ENTEROCOLITIS** Inflammation of the intestines, could also take the form of Enteric Fever (Typhoid).
- EPILEPSY** A disorder of the nervous system.
- EPITAXIS** Nose bleed.
- ERYSIPELAS** Contagious skin disease due to Streptococci with vesiculas and bulbous lesions.
- ERYSIPHELAS** Skin disease caused by strep infection which devastates the blood, also called Saint Anthony's Fire.
- EXCRESCENCE** An unnatural or disfiguring outgrowth of the skin.
- EXTRAVASATED BLOOD** Rupture of a blood vessel.
- FALLING SICKNESS** Epilepsy (aka. Jacksonian Epilepsy, aka. Jackson's March, so named for President Andrew Jackson who suffered this disease.
- FATTY LIVER** Cirrhosis of the liver.
- FITS** Sudden attack or seizure of muscle activity.
- FLUX** Drainage or discharge of liquid from a body cavity. Dysentery.
- FLUX OF HUMOUR** Circulation.
- FRENCH POX** Venereal disease. Syphillis.
- GALLOPING CONSUMPTION** Pulmonary tuberculosis.
- GANGRENE** Death or decay of tissue in a part of the body, usually a limb.
- GATHERING** A collection of pus.
- GLANDULAR FEVER** Mononucleosis.
- GLOMERULONEPHRITIS** Accute inflammation of the kidney, typically caused by an immune response.
- GOITER** Noncancerous enlargement of the thyroid gland, visible as swelling at the front of the neck that is often associated with iodine deficiency. Common in hill-folk of the Appalachian mountains.
- GOUT** A disturbance of uric acid metabolism occurring predominantly in males, characterized by painful inflammation of the joints, especially of the hands and feet. Also called Podagra.
- GRAVES DISEASE** Disorder of the thyroid gland.
- GREAT POX** Syphilis.
- GREEN FEVER** Anemia.
- GREEN SICKNESS** Anemia, a disease of young women giving the complexion a greenish tinge. Also called Chlorosis.
- GRYPE/GRIPPE/GRIP or LE GRIPPE** Influenza, flu like symptoms
- GROCER'S ITCH** A cutaneous disease caused by mites in sugar and flour.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH

16. DATE OF DEATH *February 3*, 191*6*
(Month) (Day) (Year)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *Sept*, 191*4*, to *Feb 3*, 191*6*
 that I last saw him alive on *Feb 3*, 191*6*
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *1:30 p.m.*
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
Apoplexy (Cerebral.)

17. I HEREBY CERTIFY, That I attended deceased from *December 5*, 191*5*, to *Jan. 4*, 191*6*,
 that I last saw him alive on *January 4*, 191*6*,
 and that death occurred, on the date stated above, at *3:30 P. m.*
 The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
"Typhoid La Grippe"

The CAUSE OF DEATH* was as follows:
"General Breaking Down"

Notices of Deaths found in the *Macomb Journal* between May 12, 1865 and Nov. 17, 1865

This is a continuation of the Notices of Deaths found in the *Macomb Journal* which appears in previous issues of the *Newsletter*. More information on some of these entries, especially the ones sent from J.K. Magie of the 178th, can be found at <https://idnc.library.illinois.edu/> in the digital copies of the *Macomb Journal*.

May 12, 1865: No issue of the paper available.

May 19, 1865: **DIED** In this city, on Monday evening, **William Herbert**, son of **Rev. J. H. Rhea**, aged about 13 years. William had been sick a number of weeks with the epidemic which has been raging among us, and for sixteen days had not partaken of a morsel of food. This child was an example among young Christians; having a genial, social disposition, he was beloved by all, and we could not help but notice something more than ordinary in that bright eye and pleasant countenance.

This is the twelfth death in Mr. Rhea's family in five years. His wife and six children were among the number.

June 2, 1865: **Resolutions on the Death of Dr. Harrison.**

At a meeting of the physicians of Macomb, the following action was taken relative to the decease of W. C. R. Harrison, M.D.: Whereas, In the providence of God we have been bereft, by death, (May 24) of one of our most esteemed, efficient and steadfast brothers and members, Dr. W. C. R. Harrison, whose qualities as a physician were marked for their assiduity and accuracy of investigation. [More in actual article]

June 23, 1865: **At Home.** Mr. Magie, proprietor of the *Journal*, arrived home on Wednesday, in company with the other members of the 78th from this section.

June 30, 1865: **DIED**

At his residence, four miles east of Macomb, on the 28th inst., **Rev. Milton Bourne**, for many years a minister in the M.E. Church. The friends of the deceased and citizens generally, are invited to attend the funeral services at the M.E. Church in this place on Friday, June 30th, at 11 o'clock, A.M.

At Bushnell, in this county, on the 16th inst., **Henry Allen**, only child of **E. A. and Sarah E. Snively**, aged 1 year and 21 days.

In Rushville, 18th inst., **Thomas Henry**, son of **Geo. W. and Sarah E. Scripps**, aged eight months and nine days.

June 30, 1865: **Probate Notice** for **James C. Watson, Mary Watson**, Administratrix.

July 14, 1865: **Probate Notice** for **Laura Thomas, Lloyd S. Thomas**, Admin'r.

July 28, 1865: **Probate Notice** for **Garrett J.D. Jarvis, James Jarvis**, Adm'r.

August 4, 1865: **DIED** In Macomb, August 2nd, 1865, **Willie**, eldest son of **Alex. and M. J. McLean**, aged 7 years and six months.

August 4, 1865: **A Terrible Accident:** On Saturday last Mr. **William King**, the head miller at the mill of Clisby & Trull, was killed by being caught and wound around the shaft of the wheat screen. It appears that a spout that lead the wheat from the elevator to the screen got "choked" by some rags, and Mr. King went up to the place to remove the difficulty, and while so doing, the tail of his coat was caught by the revolving shaft of the screen, when he was instantly doubled up over the shaft. By his body being on the shaft, it was thrown out of gear, or else his body would have been torn into pieces. The hands of the mill immediately saw that something was wrong, when James Binnie ran up stairs and found Mr. King in the situation above described. The machinery was stopped, and Mr. King taken from the shaft, still alive but terribly mangled. This occurred about ten o'clock a.m., and he lingered in great agony till one o'clock, when he died. His body was taken to Brookland for burial. Mr. King leaves a wife and several children who were dependent upon him for their support.

We would state here that if fathers and others having wheat to grind, would be more careful to

thoroughly clean their wheat before bringing to mill, there would be less danger, and less liability to accidents of the nature above described.

August 25, 1865: **Probate Notice** of the Estate of **David C. Humes, Wesley C. Herron**, Executor.

August 25, 1865: **Probate Notice** of the Estate of **Milton Bourne, Malvina A. Bourne**, Administratrix

August 25, 1865: **Death of a Soldier.** A letter received by Mr. Wm. Hunter, of Chalmers township, from his son in Texas, mentions the death of **John Pollock**, late of Co. F., 84th Ill., and more recently transferred to the 21st Ill. We understand his friends live near Vermont, in Fulton County. (The Illinois Civil War Muster & Descriptive Rolls Database lists death as July 26, 1865 in Green Lake, Texas.)

Sept. 8, 1865: **DIED** At the house of her father **John M. Campbell**, near Browning, Schuyler County, **Mary N. Veatch**, wife of **Capt. H. Veatch**, late of the 78th Ill.

Sept 8, 1865: **Obituary. Died.**— At Macomb, Ill. Sept. 2nd, 1865, **David Wilberforce Monfort**, in the eighteenth year of his age. We cannot see this worthy young man pass into the grave without paying a feeble tribute to his memory. His kind and affectionate bearing made him beloved by all who knew him. He was quiet, sensitive, and unostentatious, yet resolute, energetic, and firm. From his love of right, and his high sense of honor, he was not easily led into the paths of vice, which are often so tempting to youth, but guarded his moral integrity with a jealousy, and care, worthy of emulation. Of pious parents and Christian education, he was made to feel some months before his death that he needed as a preparation for death something better than his own morality and upright life. Though his disease was violent, and quick in its fatal work he appeared to be ready, and trusting in a Mighty arm was not afraid to die. The bereaved family deeply feel the loss they have sustained, but with their tears are mingled thoughts of gladness, that he rests from all his toils; that he is beyond the reach of all disease, in a land of hallowed stillness and peace.

By guardian angels led, / Free from temptation

Free from sorrow, / ALIVE whom we call DEAD.

Sept. 15, 1865: **DIED.** In Emmett township on the 12th inst, **MANKIN CHAMPION**, an old and worthy citizen of this County.

Sept. 29, 1865: Mrs. **Geo. W. Patrick**, wife of Geo. W. Patrick, of Colchester, in this county, while on a visit to her father in Wisconsin, had the misfortune to loose her youngest child by death. The corpse was brought to this city for interment, and was buried at Oakwood Cemetery on Monday last. The bereaved parents have our condolence in their affliction.

Sept. 29, 1865: **Man Killed.** We learn, through our friend, J. H. Epperson, Esq., of Bushnell, that a man was killed at Prairie City on Tuesday, by the cars running over him. It seems that the man attempted to get on the cars while in motion, and his foot slipping, he fell beneath the cars and was instantly killed. This is only one of the numerous warnings that are constantly occurring about getting on or off railroad cars while in motion. We did not learn the man's name, nor his place of residence.

P.S. We have since learned that the name of the unfortunate man was **Jesse Cunningham**, an esteemed citizen of Prairie City. He had started to come to this city on business. He leaves a family to mourn his untimely fate.

Oct. 6, 1865: **DIED.** At the residence of his mother, Margaret Dilworth, and uncle R. R. Dilworth, in Vermont, Ill., on the 19th ult. of pulmonary affection, **Capt. R.(Rhoads) R. Dilworth, Jr.**, Co. F., 84th Regiment Ills. Vols.

Oct. 13, 1865: **Fatal Accident.** We learn that on last Friday night a man was killed on the railroad track near Colchester, in this county. We are told that he was a passenger on the train going south intending to stop at this place, but getting to sleep he was carried on to Colchester. Some reports say that he was intoxicated. He was discovered during the night lying dead upon the track; the evening train having run over him. There is some suspicion that he was murdered and thrown on the track, a valise and other things being missing which he had when arrived there. The Bushnell *Press* says that his name was **James Seale** and that he leaves a family living near Vermont in Fulton county.

Oct. 13, 1865: We learn from the Bushnell *Union Press* that on Thursday last a brakeman on the railroad was killed at Augusta. He was a new hand, and not being on his guard when the train started fell from the top of the car and was crushed beneath the wheels.

Oct. 20, 1865: **Probate Notice** for **Mankin Champion, William E. Withrow**, Administrator.

Nov. 3, 1865: **DIED**. At the residence of her husband, on Spring Creek, **Mary**, wife of **A. M. Sweeney**, in the 28th year of her age.

Nov. 3, 1865: **Fatal Accident**. A young man named **Smith**, a brakeman on the up freight train on Wednesday afternoon was killed at Augusta by the train running over him. He was upon the top of the cars and fell between them while the train was in motion. This is the second accident of the same nature that has occurred at Augusta within a month or two past.

Nov. 17, 1865: **DIED**

In this city on Thursday, Nov. 26, 1865, of Typhoid Fever, **Miss Lucy J.**, only daughter of **Wm. T. and Susan Thayer**, aged 19 years.

Oct. 15th, at his residence near Macomb, of typhoid fever, **Harmon Allison**, in the 48th year of his age.

November 7th, at the residence of her son, near Macomb, **Sarah Allison**, in the 84th year of her age.

Near Tennessee, in this county, on Sunday, the 12 inst., **Mrs. Margaret Waddill**, widow of **Charles Waddill**, aged 90 years. Mrs. Waddill was one of the oldest residents of this county, having resided at the place where she died for upwards of 32 years. She was born in Pennsylvania, from which State she emigrated with her parents at an early age to the State of Tennessee, from whence she emigrated to Illinois. She leaves a large circle of friends and relatives both in this State and Tennessee

Nov. 17, 1865: **Probate Notice** for the Estate of **John J. Wyatt, Elizabeth Wyatt**, Adm'x.

****There are no digitized copies of the *Macomb Journal* from Nov. 24, 1865 through October 18, 1867, on the Illinois Digital Newspapers website, which is the source of information for this column. The next *Newsletter* will resume with abstracts from the October 25, 1867 issue of the *Macomb Journal*.

Three Basic Terms Used in Obituaries . . . Explained

Do the terms inst. (instant), prox. (proximo) and ult. (ultimo), often found in obituaries cause confusion to you? They did to me. With a little research, your editor was enlightened as to what these terms meant and I thought I'd share my findings.

inst. (instant) means in the current month, or just prior to, such as "died 15th inst" published in the June 28th issue of a paper means the death occurred June 15th.

prox. (proximo) means it will occur in the future, or next month, such as "dance to be held 22nd prox." published in the May 20th issue of a paper means the dance would be held June 22nd.

And, the most common that I have found in obituaries is ult. (ultimo) which means it occurred in the previous month. The obituary on the previous page gives the date of death for Capt. R.R. Dilworth as 19th ult. published in the Oct. 6, 1865 issue of the *Macomb Journal*, thus stating that the date of death was Sept. 19th. One must remember, though, that because of information being forwarded from another paper, or ever word of mouth, these dates may be a few days off of the actual occurrence.

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