

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 364 W. William St.
(Northwest corner of West William and North Edward)
Western Addition
S120' of Lot 8 and S120' W40 of Lot 9.
"The Dr. Catto House" or the Decatur Day Care Center.

Date of original construction: 1880 - Decatur newspaper clipping,
July 10, 1941.
See data under Decatur City
Directory information.

Name of original owner: Lysander L. Haworth and wife.

Historical information:

1. The following is an incomplete chain of titles to the land on which the structure stands. Reference is the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Macon County.
 - 1860 Deed January 24, 1860 to James Millikin.
Elijah S. McCaughey to James Millikin.
 - 1876 Deed October 24, 1876.
James Millikin to Lysander L. Haworth.
 - 1891 Deed March 4, 1891.
Lysander L. Haworth to Florence N. Catto.
 - 1901 Deed March 30, 1901.
Florence N. Catto to Rane S. Bohon.
 - 1911 Deed August 15, 1911.
Rane S. Bohon to Mutual Protective League.
 - 1914 Deed October 31, 1914.
Mutual Protective League to Protective League Life Insurance Co.
 - 1943 Trustees Deed (gift) June 25, 1943.
Millikin Trust Co. to the Decatur Day Nursery.
2. Decatur City Directories in the Local History Room of the Decatur Public Library, list the following early occupants of 364 W. William St. (Note: 1871-72 is the first Directory on file. Others are missing)

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(1880-81 Haworth, Lysander L. - 24 W. William.

(It is possible that this was later renumbered to become 364 W. William)

1884 Haworth, Lysander., pres. Decatur Steam Tile, res.
364 W. William.

1885 Same.

1887 Haworth, Lysander L., pres. City Coal Co., 232 W. Main,
res. 364 W. William.

Present Owner: Decatur Day Care Center.

Historical Information Cont'd.:

- 1889 Haworth, Lysander L., pres. City Coal Co., res. 364 W. William.
Brueck, Peter H., secy.-mgr. City Coal Co., res. 364 W. William.
- 1890 Same.
- 1891 Haworth, Lysander L. - same as above.
Haworth, Wm. M., physician, res. 364 W. William.
- 1893 Catto, Wm. M. physician, res. 364 W. William.
Catto, Miss Isabella, res. 364 W. William.
- 1895 Catto, Wm. M. res. 364 W. William.
Catto, Miss Bell, res. 364 W. William.
Catto & Jones, Physicians, #'s 3, 4, 5, Fenton Block.
- 1901 Bohon, Rane S., res. 364 W. William.
- 1903 Bohon, Rane S., pres. R. S. Bohon.
- 1905 Bohon & Company, pres. R. S. Bohon.

3. An unpublished master's degree thesis written on the Millikin Homestead in 1972 by Leslie Barber, copy on file in the Local History Room of the Decatur Public Library, includes the following, which may shed some light on the source of the design for the "Catto" house:

"In the early summer of 1875 work was begun on the Millikin home. The brick work was done by Michael Troutman, a resident of Decatur and a mason by trade. The carpentry work was done by Mills & Harry.....No record of an architect being employed was found, although it has been said that the house is an outstanding example of its kind of architecture.

"Some explanations of the origin of the design are as follows: It might have simply been constructed following designs picked out from construction books. In Albert Taylor's book on the life of James Millikin he mentions that before building the house, the Millikins traveled extensively and took every opportunity to inspect notable and artistic homes and buildings. Taylor mentions that when he visited Mr. Millikin's father's home in Clarkstown (Ten Mile), Pennsylvania, he found that home (brick also) laid out similar to James Millikin's home in Decatur, with a central hall running west to east with a front north and south parlor and similar rooms above them running off a central hall. He even reported that there was a fireplace in the father's home like the one in the central hall in Decatur.....Also, a few years after the Millikin homestead was completed, H. W. Hill purchased some land from James Millikin and just one hundred yards away from the Millikin home proceeded to erect a house and stable quite similar in architecture to the Millikin buildings, the only difference being the lack of the central cupola. Even the tile design in the roof was the same. H. W. Hill was a farmer who suddenly became rich with his invention of the ring for a hog's nose, and as the story goes, wanted to prove that anyone could have a house like Millikin's.....A Dr. Catto's house was also built that looked exactly like the Hill house, which may all lend credit to the theory that the Millikin home was picked from design books".

Historical Information Cont'd.:

4. 4. Lysanier L. Haworth, who was a mayor of Decatur in 1879, was reported by Mrs. David S. Shellabarger in a discussion with Miss Charlotte Meyer on January 8, 1974, to have been the first owner of the house at 364 W. William, and it is presumed, the one who had it built; however, the house has more generally been known by older citizens as the "Catto house" or "the Dr. Catto house", while the house at 437 W. North where Mr. L. E. Haworth later lived, is more frequently known as the "Haworth house".

"This was a period (the 1870's) when the Haworth check rower factory was building up fortunes for its owners. The check rower was the invention of George D. Haworth in 1869, and that fall he formed a partnership with his father, Mahlon, and brothers, L. L. and J. W. Haworth for its manufacture.....

"For a number of years the Haworth factory was the leading manufacturing business of Decatur, and the Haworth homes were the center of social and literary groups. G. D. Haworth lived on East Eldorado, the house now St. Patrick's rectory. J. W. Haworth's home was on North Jackson at Eldorado and L. L. Haworth's home was at Edward and William Streets".

Centennial History of Macon County
Mabel E. Richmond, 1930
pages 286, 287.

Recorder of Deeds records show that during the Catto's ownership of the house the title was in Mrs. Catto's name, Florence N. Catto. Mrs. Shellabarger also related that Mrs. Catto's full name was Florence Nightingale Catto; that she was related to the famous lady of that name. Mrs. Shellabarger still corresponds with Mr. Keith Catto, a son of Dr. and Mrs. Catto. He recently celebrated his 80th birthday at his home in Oklahoma.

Mrs. Doris Weillepp, recently retired as Director of the Decatur Day Care Center, relates that some time during her nineteen years in that position, Mr. Keith Catto called at the house with his son, who at that time was a young man. Mr. Catto had brought him to Decatur from Oklahoma to see his grandparents' former home, hoping he would develop a sense of family history.

Mrs. Shellabarger also relates that at one time the Catto's commissioned an Italian artist to come to Decatur to paint frescoes on the ceiling of the east parlor. Two of the cherubs on the ceiling had faces of two Catto sons, Keith and his brother.

The above received by
Charlotte Meyer in Jan., '74.

Historical Information Cont'd.:

5. From Mildred E. Price's records on the Decatur Public Schools, is the following:

"The big walnut case with glass doors in the upper hall of Mary W. French School came out of the Catto home at the corner of West William and North Edward Streets. Dr. Catto was killed at a railroad crossing while making a country call on a rainy night. His carriage was hit by a freight. Soon after the Bohon family moved into the house and after the Bohons sold the home, they gave the case to Mary W. French. It was used in the basement for P.T.A. dishes. At one time maintenance men under Miss May Boland's supervision, removed coats of varnish and paint back to its beautiful original walnut. But, alas, it's been varnished again."

6. From the Decatur Newspaper Files, a July 10, 1941 clipping states:

"The old brick mansion at 364 W. William recently occupied by the Burke Nursing Home, is being offered for sale by the Millikin Trust Company.

"The 60-year old house was abandoned as a nursing home when Mrs. Catherine Burke decided to move her flock of elderly guests to Pana.

"Erected in 1880 by the late L. L. Haworth, the large house served as a family dwelling for forty or more years. In the last twenty years, it had been the home of kindergarten, dancing schools, lodge organizations, and the Decatur Recreation Association before it ^{be}came a nursing home in May, 1938."

Mrs. Doris Weillepp, who retired as Director of the Decatur Day Care Center in October, 1973, after serving in that capacity for nineteen years, has written and submitted the following information taken from files at the Center in December, 1973:

"The building at the corner of Edward and William Streets was purchased by the Board of the Decatur Day Nursery from the trustees of the O. B. Gorin estate for \$7,500. This was a gift to the Nursery from the trustees of the James Millikin estate. Remodeling was started in July, 1945. The Nursery moved from a house at 259 W. Eldorado Street. After much confusion open house was held October 17th and 18th, for more than 2500 visitors.

"City heat was discontinued in 1957 and the Nursery was forced to install a gas boiler. The money was allocated by the United Fund.

"The kitchen was in need of improvement and in 1964 the Board of Directors voted to do the work. Junior Welfare generously donated \$1200.00 for the new dishwasher.

"In March of 1967 legal steps were taken to change the name of the Decatur Day Nursery to the Decatur Day Care Center. It was felt the new name more accurately describes the purpose and gives a better image to the older children.

Historical Information Cont'd.:

"The property at 328 N. Edward north of the Center was purchased in 1968. The building was demolished and a playground was built giving the Center such needed space.

"Over the years the Center has met all recommendations from the State Fire Marshall and the local Fire Department."

Submitted by Mrs. Doris Weillepp
Director of the Decatur Day
Care Center until October, 1973

Mr. H. Lynn Bohon, eldest son of Rane S. Bohon, in an interview with Charlotte Meyer on June 4, 1974, described the interior of the house at 364 W. William as it was when the Bohons lived there, 1901 to 1911. The front entry on the south (William Street) was off a porch leading into a central hall. Parlors were to the left and right, the one to the right usually being used as a sitting room. This is the room that had frescoes painted on the ceiling. Behind (north) of the east parlor was a smaller room used as a library, and behind it was the dining room with a plate rack completely around the room, with scenic paintings above the rail. Usually there were twelve or so persons at a meal, for there were cousins who visited frequently, and guests brought home by Mr. Bohon. "Any-one who happened in the store who was from Kentucky, Dad brought home for a meal", said Mr. Bohon.

To the left of the front door were the west parlor, then the side hall with stairway and behind it the kitchen.

On the second floor there was a hall at the head of the stairs that ran west to east. The small room at the head of the stairs was Lynn Bohon's room, he being the oldest child having a room to himself. There were three rooms along the front (William Street side of the house): Lynn's small room, then next to it a guest room, and on the southeast corner, the parents' room, a large one. On the north side of the hallway were three rooms, east to west, used by the other children.

The third floor was completely finished with the windows opened in summer to cool off the house. So sturdily was the house built that on rainy days the children were allowed to roller skate on the third floor. But the chief pastime was sliding down the stair rail with a complete sweep, third to first floor.

Mr. Bohon commented that their house, yard and barn with cupola were favorite gathering places of neighborhood children, and that long before the Decatur Day Care Center came to occupy the house, passersby were known to ask, "Is this some sort of an institution for children?"

At the April 19, 1974 meeting of the Board of the Decatur Day Care Center, Mr. Wm. P. Shade of the Bennett & Shade Company, estimated the actual cash value of this 1880 structure to be \$101,900. This was the figure to be used for insurance purposes.

References: 1. Art Work in Decatur - published in 1896. Reference book in the Local History Room, Decatur Public Library. Contains photographs of the exterior of the Millikin, Hill and Catto houses.

References Cont'd.:

2. The Millikin Homestead - Decatur, Illinois, by Leslie M. Barber, 1972, an unpublished master's thesis on file, Local History Room, Decatur Public Library. Contains a detailed description of the Millikin homestead interior with some comparisons to the Catto house.

The preceding compiled by
Charlotte Meyer, 1974

364 West William



Photo, courtesy H. Lynn Bohon - 1905



Photo, H. Lynn Bohon, 1972

About Town 1943

A LARGE elephant has been painted on the west wall of the Tent room, on the second floor of the new Day Nursery. On the east wall a clown with face and clothes of many colors looks across at him. There are those who suggest that there has been a white elephant around the premises for some years.

Three Decatur families have enjoyed life in the substantial and mammoth house built by Mahlon Haworth at 364 West William street.

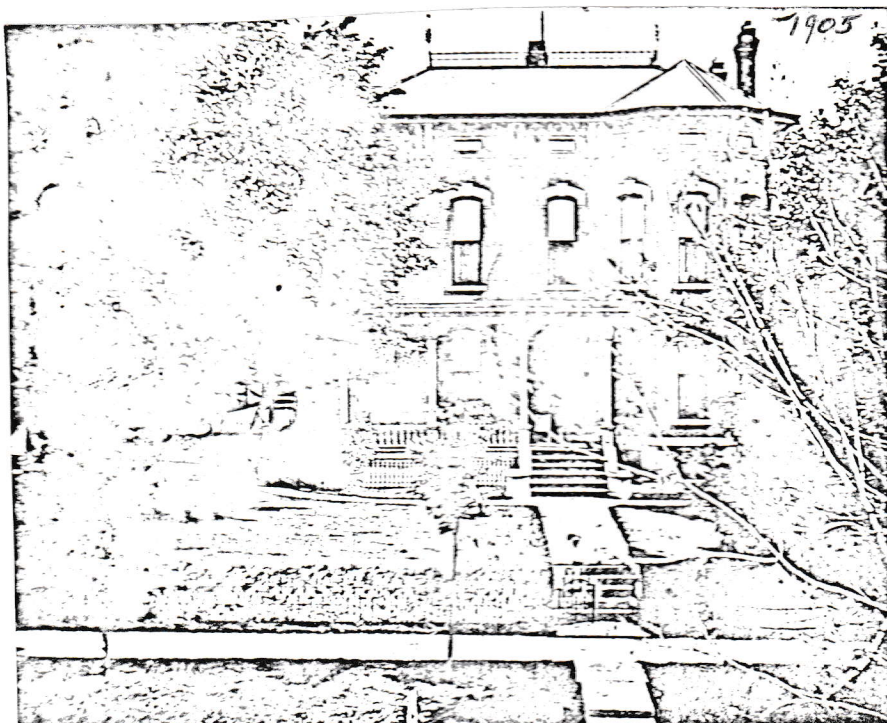
In many ways it is the same as when the original owners first used it. The front doors are ten feet high. We borrowed a rule from a carpenter who was fitting screens to measure the height of the downstairs rooms. They are 12 feet from the inlaid hardwood floors to the ceilings. Upstairs they are eleven.

Originally there seems to have been a fireplace in each room. It must have been a tremendous job to keep warm during the winter months.

*Mahlon Haworth received his education in a log school house that was only in session a few months in the winter. Mrs. Haworth was the daughter of a famous Quaker preacher by the name of John Woolman. Mr. Haworth came to Decatur in 1857. He was associated in the manufacture of the first check-rows, used today in all parts of the country in planting corn.

THE SECOND owner of the old house was Dr. and Mrs. William M. Catto. Doctor Catto was born in Canada of parents who had gone there from Aberdeen, Scotland. An outstanding addition to the house was made during the time it was owned by Dr. and Mrs. Catto. Under the artistic workmanship of Andrew Hartmann, cherubs were painted upon a number of the walls, two of the faces having a likeness to the Catto sons, Bruce and Keith. **

The same Andrew Hartmann in recent years has painted murals of scenes from the life of Abraham Lincoln on the ceiling at the Transfer House. Dr. Catto came to Decatur a poor man and died leaving an estate of \$100,000, derived from an active practice in medicine. He was killed while passing between two freight cars at Assumption where he had gone to make a call at 4 a. m. The Review of that date says, "No other death in years called forth more words of sorrow."



THE THIRD and last owners to make the house their home were Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bohon. There their children John, Julia and Lucien were born. To care for the place at that time there was the Negro driver, Herschel, who besides driving the delivery wagon for Bohon's store on East Eldorado street, cut the grass, took the children for rides and in many ways made himself useful. There were a cook, two maids and a laundress, all working under the careful planning of Mrs. Bohon. The two maids best remembered were Freida and Eda, who had come over from Germany with money furnished them by an uncle. Each month they returned to him a portion of their earnings. There are members of the household who still remember when the two girls first came to the door, the youngest wearing wooden shoes.

The old iron fence that was once an ornament around the grounds has rusted out and been torn down. This house was the second in town to be heated by city steam heat; that of the late Dr. and Mrs. James D. Moore being the first.

We are wishing that their new home may be as happy for the children of the Day nursery as it has for children in the past.

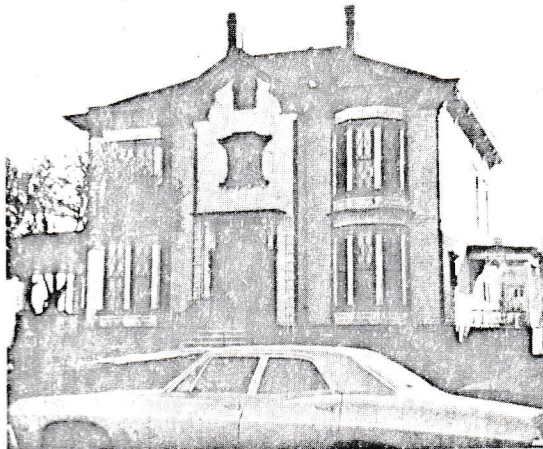
Linden C. Crow — L. C. T.

- * Records in the Macon County Recorder of Deeds' office indicate that it was Ly-sander L. Haworth, not Mahlon Haworth, his father, who owned and built the house at 364 W. William Street.
- * According to Mrs. David Shellabarger, it was an Italian artist brought to De-catur by the Cattos, who painted the frescoe on the ceiling of the east parlor.

ITALIANATE 1845-1880



Doctor Catto Home (1880)
364 West William



Governor Richard Oglesby Home (18 ?)
421 West William

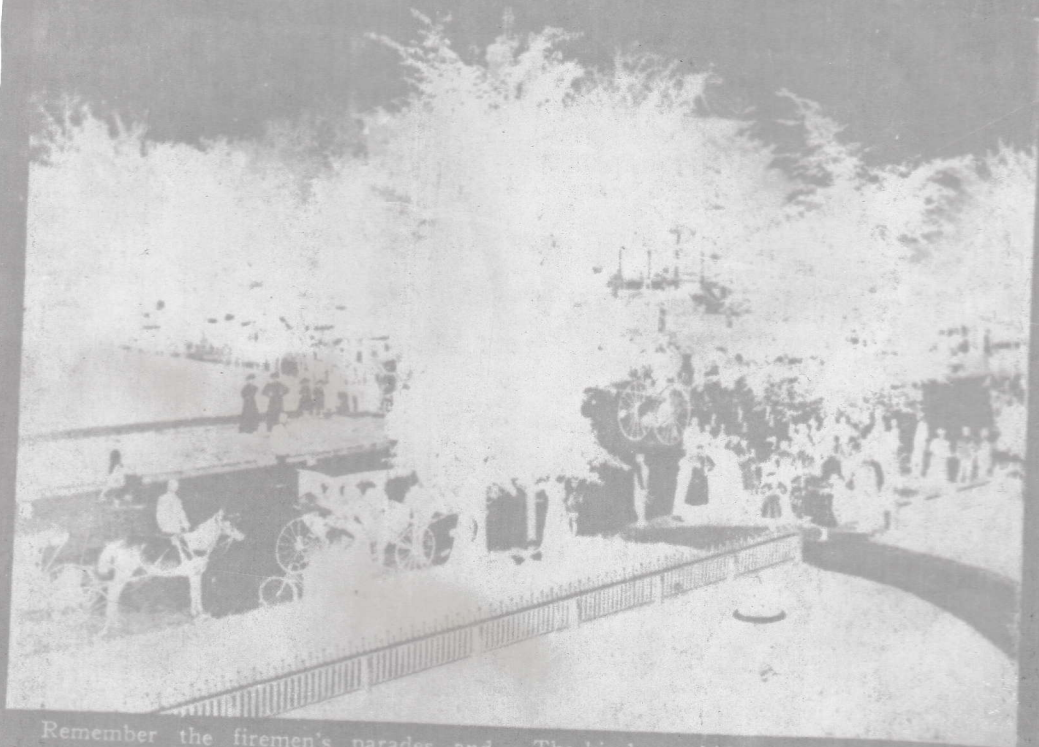
Characteristics:

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| a. pitch of roof, slight | f. round headed windows |
| b. overhanging eaves supported by brackets | g. windows grouped in twos and threes |
| c. cupola or glazed belvedere | h. pediments or architrave moldings over windows |
| d. quoins (stone blocks along vertical lines at the corners) | i. bay windows |
| e. masonry construction | j. balustrated balconies |
| | k. verandas |

These two houses present most of the prominent features of the Italianate Style. Both have low-pitched roofs, with brackets supporting the overhanging eaves. The Catto Home is more representative of the style in that it is of masonry construction, and has windows which are semi-round headed and which are capped by architrave moldings. The Oglesby Home demonstrates the grouping of windows, bay windows, and verandas, but also is the product of some gothic influence.

From Preservation in Decatur, prepared by a team of students in the Environmental Planning Workshops, Dept. of Urban and Regional Planning, University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, under the supervision of L. J. Blair - 1974, p. 14.

WHEN DECATUR'S FINEST PARADE



Remember the firemen's parades and runs on Prairie avenue? Well, here is a photo of a firemen's parade taken before those days. This scene is looking northeast at William and Edward streets in July 1895.

The big house hidden by trees was built by J. L. Haworth but in 1895 was the home of Dr. William Catto and later became the home of the Standard Life Insurance company and the Pythians. Note the hand hosecart.

during the rebellion, he came to act with the republicans which he has since been a strong supporter. Since a member of the Presbyterian Church. He has a legal practice, and is well known throughout the republicans in 1876 made him their candidate for attorney. His genial disposition and fine social qualities won him numerous friends, while his attainments as a lawyer won success in his profession.

A. R. ARBUCKLE,

Proprietor of the Decatur *Tomahawk*, is a native of Ohio, and was born on the tenth of March, 1851. Albert Arbuckle, was born and raised in Pennsylvania, a young man went to Ohio, where he married Charlotte, a native of Guernsey county. The first fourteen years of Arbuckle's life were spent in Ohio. His father was a farmer, and in 1864 the family moved to McLean county in this state, to a farm near Le Roy. On the first of July, 1869, he opened a law office of General Ira J. Bloomfield at Bloomfield, for the purpose of fitting himself for the legal profession. He commenced the practice of the law in June, 1871, and remained at Le Roy, where he remained one year. He removed to Maroa in the fall of 1874, and for about two years occupied in legal practice. Having a taste for the profession he became connected with the *Maroa News*, which he published six months. In the spring of 1876 he was elected clerk of the peace, which office he filled till his removal to Decatur in September, 1878. For about a year he engaged in the law at Decatur, in partnership with S. C. Clark. On the first of May, 1880, he issued the first number of the *Decatur News*, which has since rapidly increased in circulation. It is published on an independent and liberal platform, both as to religion, and is the only journal occupying this peculiar position in Central Illinois. He was married in September to Miss Anna Moore, of McLean county. In his political views he has always been a member of the republicans.

E. McNABB.

Architect and builder, was born in Centre county, Pennsylvania, on the seventeenth of September, 1823. His ancestors emigrated to the north of Ireland at the time of the religious persecution which drove so many Protestants from their native land; his grandfather came to America shortly after the Revolutionary war; he married a woman of Irish descent, by the name of McNeill. John McNabb, the father of the subject of this biography, was born in Pennsylvania, and married Mary Young, a native of the same state. John McNabb was a mechanic, but after removing to Richland (now Ashland) county, Ohio, in the year 1810, he engaged in farming. He died in that county, as did also his mother. The subject of this biographical sketch is the youngest of ten children. He was eleven years old when he came to Ohio. He was raised on a farm, and obtained his education in the common district schools. Two of his brothers received theological education, and were ministers in the Methodist Church. When he began to learn the trade of a cabinet-maker at Decatur, Ohio, and followed it about five years. He then studied architecture under O. S. Kinney, a prominent architect, who resided in Cincinnati, Ohio, and became a builder. He resided a short time in Cincinnati and Cleveland.

History of Macon County, Illinois, Brink, McDonough and Co., Philadelphia, 1880, p. 149

In 1854 he came to Illinois. His first work in this state was the building of a church at Mechanicsburg, in Sangamon county. In the spring of 1855 he settled at Decatur, where he had purchased property the previous year, and has since been continuously occupied as an architect and builder. He has either designed or constructed a large proportion of the buildings which have been erected during his residence in Decatur. The evidences of his taste and judgment may be seen in some of the most prominent buildings in the city, which have been erected according to his designs and under his supervision. Among these are the First and Fourth ward school-buildings, the residences of L. L. Haworth, J. L. Fenton, H. W. Hill and George D. Haworth, the store of Linn & Scroggs, a block of three stores on Merchant street and the Christian church. He was married on the twenty-seventh of April, 1845, to Maggie B. Heller, a native of Huron county, Ohio. He has four children living; Mrs. Mary Irene August; Willie O. McNabb; Mrs. Emma F. Landis, and Arthur L. McNabb. He has always taken an active interest in politics and public affairs. In early life he was a democrat, but when the question of the extension of slavery came to be agitated, he stood with those in favor of free soil, and was one of the earliest members of the republican party. He was elected a member of the city council from the Second ward in the spring of 1860, and altogether has served four times, or eight years; in 1860, 1861, 1867, 1869, 1877, 1872, 1879 and 1880. He has been one of the active members of the Council, and his practical business experience has been of service in assisting to manage the affairs of the city. In 1878 he represented Decatur township in the Board of Supervisors. He has been a member of the Christian church for a period of thirty years. He has been a public-spirited and progressive citizen. He was one of the original advocates of the establishment of water-works, and has always been on the side of public improvement.

GEORGE S. DURFEE.

The birth of Mr. Durfee occurred at Marshall, Michigan, on the thirteenth of March, 1840. From Thomas Durfee, who emigrated from England and settled at Fall River, Massachusetts, in 1860, the Durfee family is descended. The parents of the subject of this biography were Nathan and Margaret (Kirk) Durfee. His father was born at Fall River, Massachusetts; went to Ohio with his father's family when quite young; in that state married Margaret Kirk; soon after his marriage removed to Michigan, and in 1857 became a resident of Macon county. George S. Durfee was seventeen when he came to Decatur. He principally obtained his education at Battle Creek, Michigan, and in the high-school of Decatur, which he attended two winters after coming to this place.

At the beginning of the war of the rebellion, on the seventeenth of April, 1861, he enlisted under the three months call for troops, in a company raised at Decatur, and attached to the Eighth Illinois infantry as company A. He was mustered in the United States service on the twenty-fifth of April. The regiment lay at Cairo till the expiration of their three months' term of enlistment. Mr. Durfee at once re-enlisted for three years in the same company and regiment. The regiment was commanded by Colonel (afterward Governor) Oglesby. He had enlisted as a private, and was elected sergeant, to which position he was re-elected after his re-enlistment and was appointed by the colonel commissary sergeant. His regiment took part in the battles of Fort Henry and Fort Donelson. Just before the battle of Shiloh he returned to his company as orderly sergeant, and in that fight received a wound in the hand.

Lake City Pub Co. Portrait & biographical record of
Muscon County Ill. Chicago 1893

p 230 "On the 19th of Dec 1882, was celebrated the
marriage of Dr Catto and Miss Florence, daughter
of Leonard & Lucinda (Harrington) Nightingale,
the former a native of England, and the latter
of Canada."

10 o'clock a. m. prompt—Division formed in the following order: First Division on North Main; right resting on the Old Square. 1st. squadron of cavalry, Chief Marshal and Aids, 3d., Band, Fourth, Veterans 41st Ills., Senior Officer in Command, Veterans of all Regiments not Organized, Prisoners of War, Capt. W. W. Kerr in command. Fifth, Soldiers of Mexican War and War of 1812 in carriages.

2d Division on West Main, right resting on the Old Square. First, Division Marshal and aids; second, band; third, Decatur Companies I. N. G.; fourth, invited companies; fifth, Reception Committee in carriages; sixth, General Grant and Officers 21st in carriages; seventh, 21st Illinois Infantry as Guard of Honor; eighth, invited guests in carriages.

3d Division on Franklin and Wood, right resting on South Water street. First, Division Marshal and aids; second, Band; third, City Council in carriages; fourth, Fire Department; fifth, Citizens in carriages; Mounted Infantry. Seventh, Danville Battery "A," 1st Artillery.

Second column moving at the signal of three guns, rapid fire. Head of column will move on South Main to Wood, east on Wood to South Water, north on Water. The Second Division will fall in rear of First Division in close column, as the left of the First Division passes the right of the Second Division; the First and Second Divisions having passed the right of the Third Division, the Third Division will fall in the rear of the Second Division in close column, as the left of the Second Division passes the right of the Third Division. The column by divisions

the Illinois Standard and Alton railroads to Kansas City, without change, making direct connection with trains for Lincoln and Columbus, Neb; and all points through the great Platte Valley. The chair car train will pass through Kansas City, Olathe, Ottawa, Fort Scott, Baxter Springs, Iola, Cherryville, Independence, Winfield and Wellington, the heart of Kansas. Round trip or one way tickets at low rates for sale at all stations on the Illinois Midland Ry. For maps, emigrant guides, rates and full particulars apply to or address K. M. Turner, ticket agt., I. M. Ry., 629 Main st., Ellettsville, Ind.; or A. E. Shrader, the manager.

The Marriage This Evening.

At six o'clock this evening P. H. Brueck and Miss Anna Hawthorn will be joined in marriage at the residence of the bride's parents, corner of West William and Edward streets. Rev. W. H. Prestley will be the officiating clergyman. L. A. Johnson, of Decatur, and Theodore Henchcliffe, of St. Louis, will act as groomsmen, and Misses Laura Einstein and Adele Shuellabarger will serve as bridesmaids. The marriage ceremony will be followed by a banquet, and the guests will afterwards have an opportunity to indulge in terpsichorean pleasures. Because the marriage ceremony will take place at six, it will be well for the invited guests to go as early as half-past five.

The gravelling of Merchant street alley has been completed. It is an improvement which is highly appreciated by teamsters and those who wish to enter saloons by the back door.

*Morning Herald
October 6, 1880*

Merious Accident.
Mr. C. N. Walls, late editor of the HERALD, was seriously injured on Saturday by the fly wheel of a big power press. He was engaged in loosening the wheel from the press when it fell upon his neck with tremendous force. The united strength of three men was required to lift it off. When he had recovered from the first shock of the blow, he seemed all right; but less than two hours later he was confined to his bed and suffered intensely. Spasms, followed by spells of unconsciousness, characterized his illness for two days. Now he is much better, and with his excellent medical treatment and careful nursing, will soon entirely recover. His wife was telegraphed for on Saturday afternoon, and she arrived here from Paris Saturday night.

John Ulrich has been unable to secure a satisfactory deed to the twenty feet of ground next to Kramer & McClelland's shops, and his building this season is therefore, restricted to a lot with a twenty-two foot front, adjoining his wholesale grocery on the east. The excavation of the cellar was completed yesterday, and the brick-laying will be commenced at once. David M. will have charge of the work.

The Wabash, St. Louis and Pacific railway will run four trips from this city to St. Louis to-day to give all who wish an opportunity to witness the splendid street pageant of the "Veiled Prophets." The times of departure from the Central depot are as follows: 4:40 a. m., 6:30 a. m., 12:45 p. m., and 3:10 p. m.

A. A. Bishop has not sold out, out, nor played out. He is still old stand, and sells goods as as ever. The rumor that he sold a portion of his stock arose from the fact that he was making large shipments to customer member that he is still at his old and is ever ready to meet the wishes of his customers.

A prominent merchant of Havana, Ill., has been sued for \$5,000 for insulting the wife of a brother on the Wabash, and Pacific Railroad. It seems that in the absence of the employe he called up his young wife and made improper proposals to her and failing to accomplish his purpose by entreaties, resorted to force again failed.

Superior Short has greatly reduced the cost of the city, and is fastidious to close operations for the day. A little work in the fifth ward and some general cleaning up of streets near the business center about all that being done by the city's force of workers now.

Postmaster General Maynard has decided not to send the recent order of the Post Office Department for the delinquents of registered letters and postalers of the Kentucky Lottery Company. He declines to reverse the action of the Department, at least until the United States Supreme Court shall have disposed of the extension, which is now before it.

Morning Herald.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 7, 1880. TWO CENTS.

OUR STOCK

Killed by a Chicken.
STANFORD, KY., Oct. 6.—Last week Rev. Mr. Pearty, of this county, who was hiding a protracted meeting at Rockcastle, went to the house of one

wreck, but the progress made was slow.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.
Geo. Powers, of Jacksonville, is here

Marrying Rich.
[New York Graphic.]

So you want to marry a rich man, do you? You want to live without work? Between Dives and Lazarus you would fire Lazarus out, eh? Good. Now, what

Herald.

BRIEFS.

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SOME AFTERTHOUGHTS

About the Great Reunion of Veterans.

Now that the great reunion is over and all have had time to catch up lost sleep and rest, the solid man of the executive committee and the hurried man of business sit himself down, pull his Havana, thrusts his thumb in the armboles of his vest and cogitates. In summing up the reunion he says that over 3000 veterans were in attendance, whereas not more than 1500 were expected; that the preparations at first made were inadequate, but that by great exertions ample provision was made for all. He thinks further, that as forty-thousand people were in the city, and each spent on the average from three to five dollars, an amount of money ranging from \$120,000 to \$200,000 was certainly left in the city. The amount may seem large at first thought, but when we hear that a large dry goods house banked in the two days of the reunion more than \$5,000 for sales made, and that some big saloons deposited \$1,200 to \$1,500 each, as the result of two days' selling decoctions of various kinds, we must see that, taking these as a sample and reckoning in the gains of private boarding-houses, hackmen and all other lines of business, the total result can hardly fall short of the lesser amounts above stated.

The veterans here could not have numbered less than 3,000, for when the registers were all filled on Wednesday night over 2,000 names were enrolled, and fully one thousand came in to receive their badges on Thursday. Besides the fact that over 3,000 meat rations were issued fully establishes the truth of the saying that 3,000 veterans were here.

The programme as previously arranged with admirable system, was carried out to the letter, and all was quite satisfactory.

The finance committee had secured about \$1,800 toward defraying the expenses of the reunion before its commencement, and \$300 was voted by the city council. This amount was of course inadequate, since the number of veterans who came was so largely in excess of what had been expected. But all bills will be paid. The responsible men who have managed the reunion do not intend that any bill, which was contracted by any member of the executive committee, shall go unpaid.

The reunion was unquestionably the grandest thing of its kind which has ever occurred in Central Illinois, and its like will not be seen for years to come. The remarkable success may be attributed to the thorough advertising which the committee inaugurated and kept up. The affair was excellently managed, and our citizens have every reason to be proud of it. All thanks to the executive committee

A PURLOINING PAIR.

Their Work in the Country—The Plunderer Found and Rascals Caught.

Herman Myers and Charles M. Nichols, two frisky young burglars from Terre Haute, went through the houses of F. M. Browning and other farmers living about three miles south of the county bridge. The burglars pair brought their plunder to this city, where the "sway" was discovered. Meanwhile, Lowring, Myres, and Nichols had walked on foot to Mt. Zion, to board the Midland train for Terre Haute. The Sheriff and Special Policeman Williams got on their track, hurried after them and nabbed them before they got away from Zion. The pair was brought back to Decatur and lodged in jail. On being brought before Justice Peake they waived an examination and were sent back to jail. The police "go on to" the whole business through a colored prostitute whom the burglars had made promise to follow them with the plunder to Terre Haute. The police found that she had the plunder, and frightened her into a confession of what the two had stolen. Marshal Baker recovered two silver watches, several razors, penholders, pairs of shoes, and other articles which had been stolen from three farm houses. Mr. Browning identifies the watches as those which had been stolen from his house.

The proof against the burglars is full and complete, and they are doubtless elected to a term in the penitentiary.

To-Day's Services.

U. B. CHURCH.

Preaching morning and evening, by Rev. L. Field. Sabbath School at 2 p. m. Next Sunday the new pastor of the charge, Rev. Mr. Lord, late of Streator, Ill., will preach.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Public worship at 10:30 a. m. today. The pastor will preach. Sunday School at 2 p. m. At 7 p. m. the children's meeting prevented last week by rain, will be held. All are made welcome.

CHURCH OF GOD.

Praise meeting at 9 1/2 o'clock; preaching at 10 1/2. Sabbath School at 2 p. m., monthly experience meeting at 3 p. m. In the evening at 7 o'clock ordinance meeting, consisting of washing saints' feet and the Lord's Supper.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sunday School at 9 a. m. Public worship, conducted by the pastor, at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Subject of morning sermon, "The grand test of human character." Subject of evening discourse, "Birthright sold out. All welcome to these services."

FIRST M. E. CHURCH.

At the First M. E. Church this morning at 9 a. m. Quarterly

road depot this evening; but one may be expected there on the afternoon of the 17th instant.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

R. C. Crocker is in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mrs. C. A. Gehrman, of Springfield is here visiting with Theo. Gehrman's.

Mrs. John Taggart and Mr. and Mrs. Moses Stafford went to St. Louis yesterday to take in the last day of the fair.

Miss Millie Alvey, who has been visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Brown, returned to her home in Buffalo, Ill., yesterday.

Wm. Dodson, the Wabash baggage-man, is on duty again. He has not yet fully recovered from the effects of the fat man's race at Litchfield.

Rev. T. R. Lord is the new pastor of the United Brethren Church of our city. We extend him a hearty welcome to his new field.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Feroen, of Lincoln, returned to their home yesterday. During their stay here they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gehrman.

P. H. Brueck and bride returned from Chicago yesterday. They will reside for the present with Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Haworth, at the corner of West William and Eldorado streets.

J. N. Wright, "Uncle John," dropped out of the rank of commercial travelers, and is now at home representing the Howard Aid and Endowment Association of Indiana.

D. L. Bunn found his pocket book yesterday under the stage at the tabernacle. It had been thrown there probably by the thief as soon as he had rifled it of its contents.

The Bell Telephone company has not yet received permission to put up poles for telephone wires in the streets of Decatur, and no action seems to be contemplated by the council to change the present state of affairs. The company, therefore, complain bitterly, and talk somewhat of withdrawing the exchange from the city. The cost of putting in the telephone wires and instruments was about \$0,000. The total receipts from rentals are about \$160 per month, while the royalty paid for the transmitters and receivers amounts to \$82.50, leaving a net income of \$77.50 per month. Take out the necessary expenses for the running of the concern, and the remainder left makes a very small percentage of the total amount invested. Unless the council gives permission to extend the wire, one of two things will follow: either the present subscribers will be charged a higher rental, or the exchange will be withdrawn from Decatur.

Frank V. Hawley, business manager of the John T. Raymond combination, called at the HERALD sanctum last night. He reports that his company will give entertainments at the Opera House on Monday and Tuesday

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