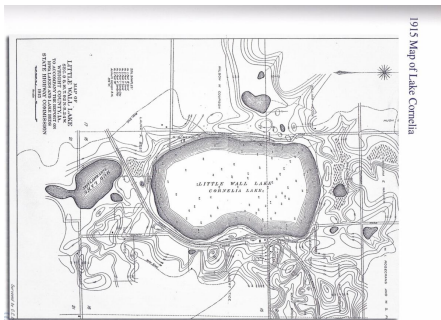




Threshing team near Dows, Iowa

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Wright County in September



1870 – the Monitor reported in 1856, population was 427 in Wright Co. By 1869, it was up to 2400.

1876- Boating Extraordinary – a few days ago a couple of ladies residing near Clarion went to Little Wall Lake for a pleasure trip....they got into a boat and floated out into the lake. The wind being in the west, the boat went along quite nicely. When it was time to return, they could make no headway against the wind. After several hours they arrived on the east shore (they also had to bail water out of the boat with their hands) tired, sun-burnt, and thoroughly disgusted with boating without masculine assistance. (NOTE: Little Wall Lake was Lake Cornelia's original name, see map above)

History Tidbits



1493 - With a fleet of 17 ships, Christopher Columbus sets sail on his 2nd expedition to the New World.

1528 - A Spanish fleet sinks off the coast of Florida in a hurricane. About 350 died.

1609 - Explorer navigator Henry Hudson is the first European to discover the island of Manhattan.

1620 - The Mayflower sets sail from Plymouth, England. It carried pilgrims headed to the New World, to escape religious persecution.

1630 The Massachusetts village of Shawmut changes its name to Boston.

1692 The last people in the U.S. are hanged for witchcraft in Salem, MA.

1716 The first lighthouse in America is lit in Boston Harbor on Brewster Island.

1742 Boston's famous "Faneuil Hall" opens to the public.

1881 "Monday about noon, Jim O'Connell, a railroader was shot by the chap who runs the saloon in the building adjoining Culver's Livery stable (south main street). O'Connell was on a spree, was dunk on "tangle foot" procured at the saloon where the row occurred, he wanted more liquor and was refused. O'Connell refused to leave and made threats with a bottle, at which point the saloonist shot O'Connell in the left shoulder.

1880 – Waterman post office, in the southern part of the county is a thing of the past. No one could be found who would be bothered with the office for the small salary it paid, \$12 per year. (See photo below.)

1887 Wright county's fourth annual fair will open on Tuesday of next week.

1898- Clarion. With the exception of his parents and possibly a few intimate friends, it will be quite a surprise to those acquainted with him to learn that Jay Piatt has been married for over two months past.

1901 – Galt – someone nailed the barbershop door shut while the barber was playing pool.
Clarion – While Sheriff Duer was away Sunday night, the five inmates of the jail made an attempt to escape by cutting through the wall.

1904 – the Dows depot was struck by lightning in this morning's storm and set on fire, and is probably pretty well wrecked.

1909- Ed Smutney's new funeral car arrived yesterday direct from the factory. It is an up-to-date car and handsome in appearance, but we can't say that we would care to take a ride in it. (Pictured below is one of the first funeral cars made, 1909)

1914 – The mystery regarding the alleged crazy or wild man in Troy township was solved Sunday night by the arrest of one Phillips who was been working for Parker Smith. When captured the fellow was blacked up and had long hair fastened to his head he had taken from a horse tail. He said he was "just trying to scare the women".

1922-The aeroplane, which was here Thursday advertising the Automatic

1752 The Liberty Bell arrives in Philadelphia.

1774 The First Continental Congress assembled in Philadelphia.

1776 The U.S. Congress officially changes the name of the nation from United Colonies to The United States of America.

1780 Benedict Arnold joins the British.

1788 New York City becomes the Capitol of the United States. I bet you didn't know that!

1789 The New U.S. Congress proposes the Bill of Rights.

1789 The U.S. Postal Service was founded.

1793 President George Washington lays the cornerstone for the Capitol building in Washington, D.C.

1813 The image of "Uncle Sam", a symbol of America, was first used.

1836 Sam Houston is elected President of the Republic of Texas.

1846 The Sewing Machine is patented.

1862 President Abraham Lincoln declares the Emancipation Proclamation.

1882 Major League Baseball's first doubleheader is played between Providence and Worcester.

1886 Apache Chief Geronimo surrenders ending the last U.S. – Indian war. (Pictured above)

1888 George Eastman received a patent for roll film and trademarked the name "Kodak".

1895 Duryea Wagon Company, founded by Charles and J. Frank Duryea, becomes America's first automobile manufacturer.

1904 A woman on Fifth Avenue in New York City is arrested for smoking a cigarette in a car.

1908 Carraige maker William C. Durant founds General Motors in Flint, MI.

1921 The first Miss America beauty Pageant is held in Atlantic City N.J.

1921 Margaret Gorman of Washington, DC was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, NJ.

1927 Telephone service begins between the U.S. and Mexico.

1934 2,500 fans see Babe Ruth's farewell appearance last Yankee Stadium.

1936 The Boulder Dam, later renamed the Hoover Dam, begins operation.

1939 Germany invades Poland, starting World War II.

1945 VJ Day

1947 U.S. Air Force is established.

1953 Swanson sells the first "TV Dinner".

1955 Gunsmoke premiere on television.

Washer for Shupe & Son, attracted a great deal of attention, especially among the children of the town.



It became TV's longest running Western program.

1956 Elvis Presley first appears on the Ed Sullivan Show.

1957 The television series "Perry Mason" premieres.

1957 Elvis Presley hit "Jailhouse Rock" is released.

1960 The first televised Presidential debate occurs between John F. Kennedy and Richard M. Nixon.

1962 The Beatles recorded their first single "Love Me Do". (1962)

1964 "Daniel Boone" premieres on television.

1966 Jerry Lewis holds his first Muscular Dystrophy Telethon, raising \$1 million.

1966 Star Trek premiered on television. The original series had 79 episodes.

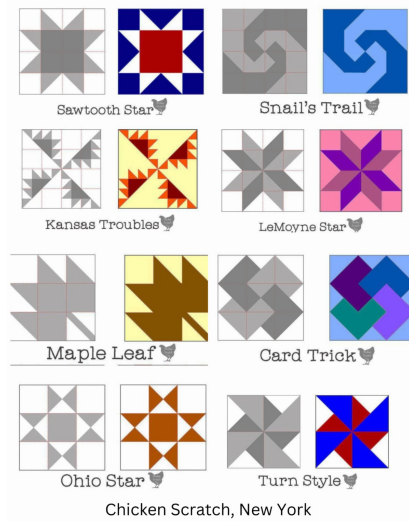
1966 The television show "The Monkees" premieres, featuring the rock group.

PRESERVING THE PAST



This 1890 photo shows the Hans Hanson family in Troy Township. Seated: Hans Hanson, wife Caroline, and Gertie; Second Row: Clarence, Ed, and Nora; Back: Hannah, Agnes, Axel, Chris, Adel, Nancy, and Nellie. (Kathleen Clarke)

We get pictures in every now and then of families. Some have notes, some do not. We recently matched a photo to someone on Ancestry.com - and it turns out it is the only early photo they have of their ancestor! This one is in a book we own.



Darcy Maulsby gave a great presentation on Barn Quilts last month. With an 8 x 8 board and a pattern (such as those above), you can make your own barn quilt!



This summer, several bears made their way "home". This is Kris Kingle, and he was made by Steve Schutt. "only 7 remaining"!

The last weekend of August brought two exciting events for children to Heartland. Clarion Retail Group sponsored a "Back to School Bash" - complete with a foam party - on Friday Night. Saturday was the 2nd annual CloverFest - a chance to families to come out, play games, and learn about 4-H. You don't have to be a "farm kid" to join 4-H! There are a lot of different areas of interest to participate in.



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