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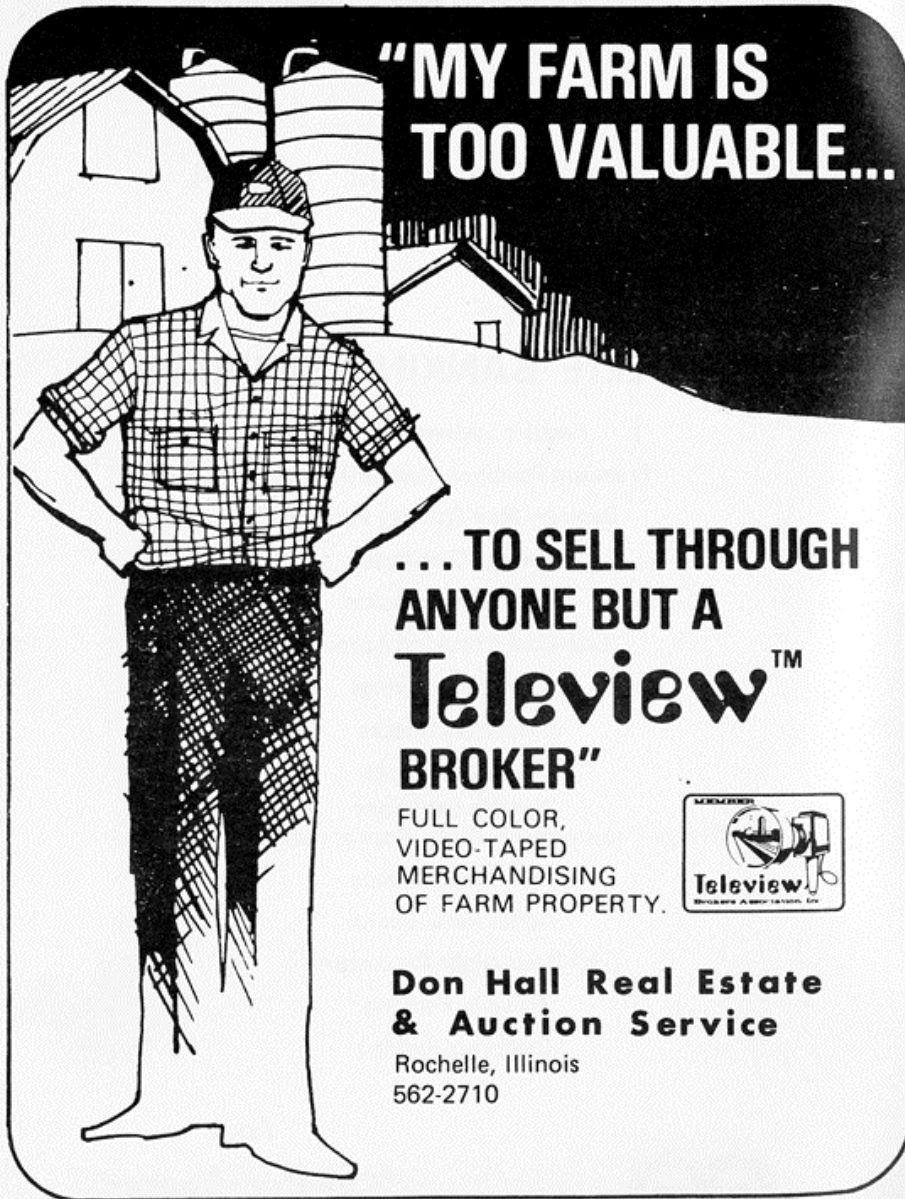
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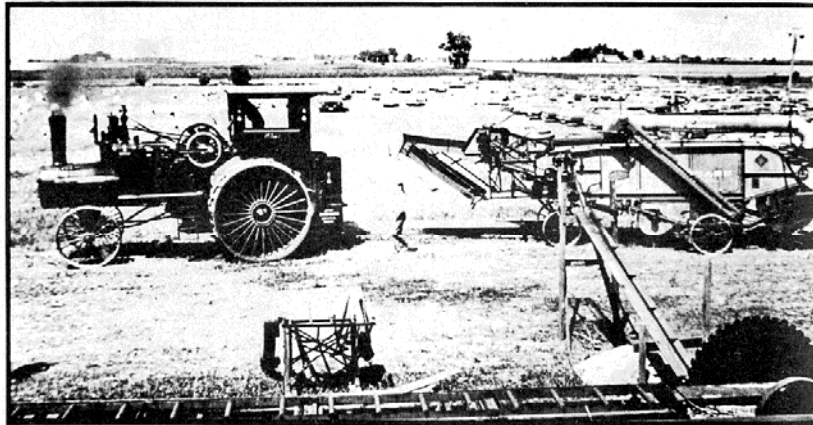
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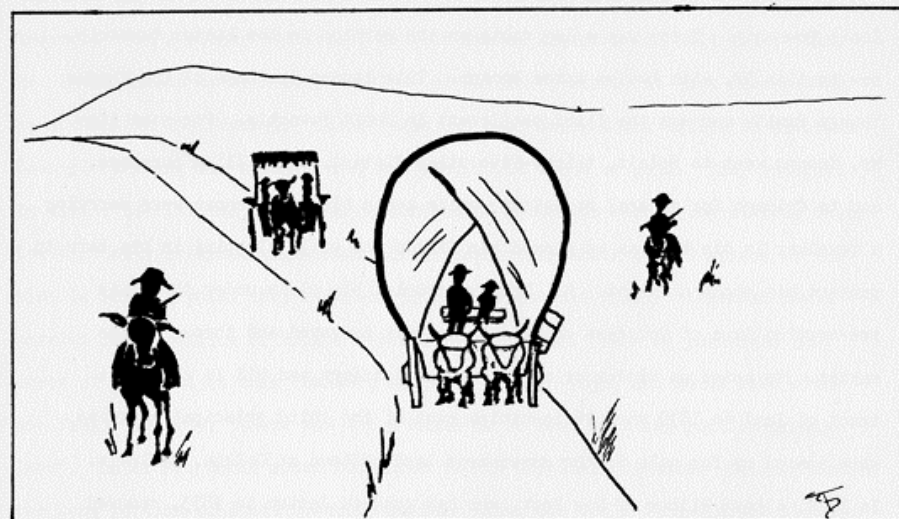
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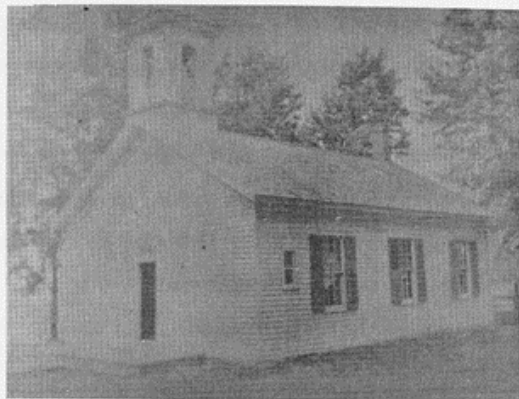
### HISTORY OF DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS

In 1838, Thomas O. Youngs, his wife, Lydia O'Brien Youngs, and their eight children decided to leave Brecksville, Ohio and come west to Ogle County as had many of their Ohio acquaintances. Thomas O. Youngs was born in 1790 in New Jersey but lived from age 18 in Talbot District, Ontario, Canada until he chose to keep his American citizenship and returned to fight in the American Army in the War of 1812. After the war, when he had settled in Cleveland, Ohio, he married Lydia O'Brien of Irish descent of Richmond, Vermont. They settled in Brecksville, Ohio and their eight older children were born there. Bringing six horses, two wagons and a carriage they started for Illinois coming by way of Chicago, then a town of about 3,000. Thomas, Sr. and little Thomas, Jr. rode in the covered wagon pulled by two white oxen. Mrs. Youngs drove the carriage team; she, their four daughters and infant son, rode in the carriage and George 18, and Ogden, 16, rode horses. After 14 days, the family and their possessions arrived at White Rock Grove, and there purchased of Henry James, a Kentuckian, a claim of several

hundred acres. The land lay partly in what is now White Rock and partly in Scott Township. There was a log cabin on the portion in the latter township, now Section 31, with twelve acres broken. This became the home of the Thomas Youngs family and was the first settlement in Scott Township. For some time Mr. Youngs went to Beloit, thirty-five miles distant, for milling purposes, and to Chicago for general marketing, while among his experiences were carrying a revolver in his belt as he plowed his fields and while sleeping in his barn to protect his stock at night. Mr. Youngs occupied his claim under the claim pre-emption laws of Congress until the land was surveyed and thrown on the market. He acted as bidder or agent for the settlers and bid in the first tract of land in 1839 when 14 townships east of the third principal meridian were opened up for sale in the government land offices at Galena, Illinois. In 1829, Albert Wilbur of New York, who had gone to Joliet in 1835, removed to Ogle County and settled on Section 19 in Scott Township. His travel was by canal to Buffalo (from Oneida County) to Detroit by Lake Steamer, and to Chicago by stage, a journey of eleven days. The hotel in which he stopped in Chicago was a two-story log house which stood where afterwards the well known Tremont House accommodated the public for many years and in later years the Northwestern Law School was located. The mud on Randolph Street was so deep in those early 1830's that planks had to be laid from the stage for the passengers to walk to the hotel door. Other early settlers of the Township with the States from which they came and the sections on which they located are listed elsewhere in this booklet. Jeremiah Davis, born in Hornelville, New York, June 2, 1826, came west to Milton, Wisc. with his family at age 13. He attended school and the Academy there and was engaged in farming there when the excitement of the discovery of gold in California spread over the country. Starting with four horses, a covered wagon and a pony, he and the group of men with whom he travelled, saw and had experience with the early struggles incident to pioneer life in the far west. Making an overland trip west through Iowa, across the plains following the Oregon

Trail (which is preserved today as part of a Nationwide System of Hiking Trails), there was not a single settlement between Omaha, Nebraska and Salt Lake, Utah. Mr. Davis teamed up with Levi Knowlton of Waterloo, Wisc. It took five months to accomplish the journey. Their claim was near Georgetown, Calif, in Eldorado County. Working for a year, they had \$16,000.00 worth of gold. They returned by way of the Isthmus of Panama on account of robberies across the states, never leaving their treasure unguarded. After depositing their \$8,000 apiece at the mint in Philadelphia, they returned to their Wisconsin homes. Jeremiah Davis married Jane Goodrich of Milton Wisc. in April, 1852. When he purchased 320 acres of the land in this Township on Section 23 in 1858, and moved here with his family in 1859, "there was not a house to be seen from any portion of his land". Later Mr. Davis added 880 acres to his original purchase. Driving across the long portion of Scott Township at this time, one would find a great distance between neighbors as well as the noticeable contrast between that part of the county and those portions around Oregon and Mt. Morris because of the absence of timber and the much more level land around what is now Davis Junction. In 1855, this prairie which the settlers left until last to be converted into farms sold at \$2.50 per acre while in 1878, Mr. Davis' farm of 1,100 acres which he was then handling, was valued at \$67,000 showing the rapid increase in value when once the occupation of the land for farming purposes began. For markets at first, it was necessary to drive to Chicago or Beloit. Later, with the settlement and development of Lane, now Rochelle, and Rockford, marketing problems became less acute. The Davis family moved from Milton, Wisc. to their farm land in Scott Township locating east of Maple St. to the north of our village. The large, comfortable house accommodated the family as it grew to six children. Many noted travelers and statesmen stopped there; Jeremiah Davis was a member of Illinois Legislature 1871-1872. Their first home burned in Jan. 1870, so the family moved one mile northwest to the large rambling house known as the 'Davis Homestead' for many years.

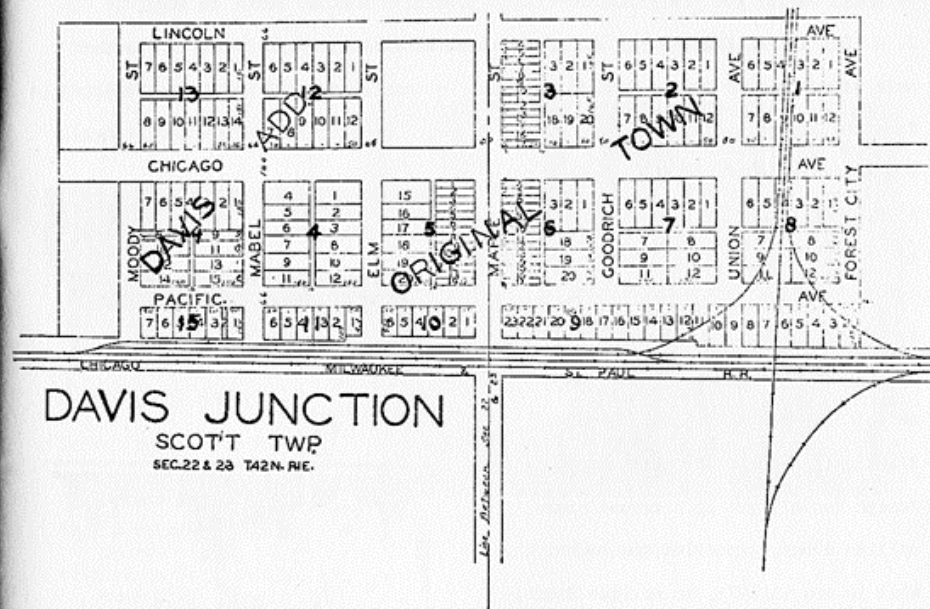
A stagecoach line was established between Rockford and Rochelle. At first one trip a week was made each way. Later, on alternate days, the coaches ran on the east and west sides of Kilbuck Creek, up and down. The coach drivers were commissioned by the government to carry the mail to the little postal stations which were started in connection with the school houses along the stage routes. These post offices were gladly welcomed by early settlers who



BEACON SCHOOLHOUSE - POST OFFICE

before that time had driven to the station at Lindenwood (called Lynnville at first) for the mail for themselves and many of their neighbors. In 1868, mail was being delivered once a week. William Mushero, Asa Bailey and later Moses Hopkins acted as Postmaster in the Beacon Schoolhouse which was built in the 1850's. Ira Coonradt was coach driver on the stage line for 15 years. Patrick Malana, a former Davis Junction resident, had charge of one of the routes at age 18. In 1875, with the coming through of the Pacific Railroad (now known as the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific), Jeremiah Davis platted a part along the new Railroad, for the town which was named Davis Junction in honor of his family. The first settlement which had begun around the Beacon School and Post Office, was discontinued and rapid progress was made in the development of the little town. Mr. Davis contributed \$4000 for the grading of the Pacific Railroad and also donated the right of way through his property to the Chicago and Iowa Railroad company which built a branch line from Rochelle to Rockford.

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Certification was made by Surveyor Edward A. Graves, May 20, 1875, for the plat of land for the Town of Davis Junction located at the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 22 and the Southwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 23, Township 42 North of Range 1 east of the Third Principal Meridian of Ogle County; surveyed and laid out into blocks, lots, streets and alleys. June 3, 1875, signatures of Jeremiah and Jane Davis were witnessed by Daniel M. Letts, Justice of the Peace of the Town of Scott. Filing of the Plat for the Town of Davis Junction was certified at 2:30 P. M., June 12, 1875 by H. P. Lason, Recorder. The streets were given names familiar to the residents of the town. Union and Pacific streets in connection with the railroad and Goodrich and Mabel are Davis family names. The main street has now been named Junction Road but known as Maple street on the original plat is shown in old pictures with maple trees on both sides of the street. Some of the trees, planted by



Jeremiah Davis' son, Jeremiah, are still providing shade. Prior to 1875, J. K. Dentler of White Rock, built the first store building on what is now the main street of our town. John A. Freeman, Postmaster in 1875 moved the Post Office from the Beacon building to the Dentler Store. Our picture is from a 1912 Ogle County Atlas and Plat Book.

R. H. Woodworth came from New Milford, built the first dwelling in Davis Junction in the northwest corner, on the road which came into the village, at the corner of Lincoln and Moody streets, and he opened a Blacksmith shop on the main street. Joseph Kendall put up a second store selling drugs, groceries and books. What is now in 1975, an Antique Store, and was known for many years as our Farmers Supply Store operated by E. V. Ransford and then Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ransford, was a Hardware Store



FIRST POST OFFICE - J. K. DENTLER STORE

owned by Ellenwood and Scranton, operated by P. Brace. Mr. Scale erected a store building on the east side of the main street, which was afterwards moved near the present Hotel site, now known as the Track Inn Restaurant, and remodeled for a hotel which was owned and operated by I. N. Borden for many years, and sold to Ed Hamer, a passenger conductor. Moody and Freeman had a lumber business. James Martin had a steam feed mill with an engine of 40 horse power capable of turning three runs of stone. Burdick and Wilson were carriage and wagon makers. J. P. Eddy operated a Meat Market. The building in which the Post Office is now located, (formerly the Atwood Hatchery) was in the early years called the Central Hotel,

was operated by Frank Eaton and then Mr. Ryan. Peter Tilton built and conducted the first Hotel in Davis Junction, known as the Junction House, which was managed by William Hills.

Charles Speckeen bought the Junction House in 1893 and it has been the home of Mrs. Walter Richardson (the former Idah Speckeen) for 81 years at this writing. In 1877, Israel Boies, who in 1876 built the first creamery in the county at Byron, settled on Section 23,



JUNCTION HOUSE

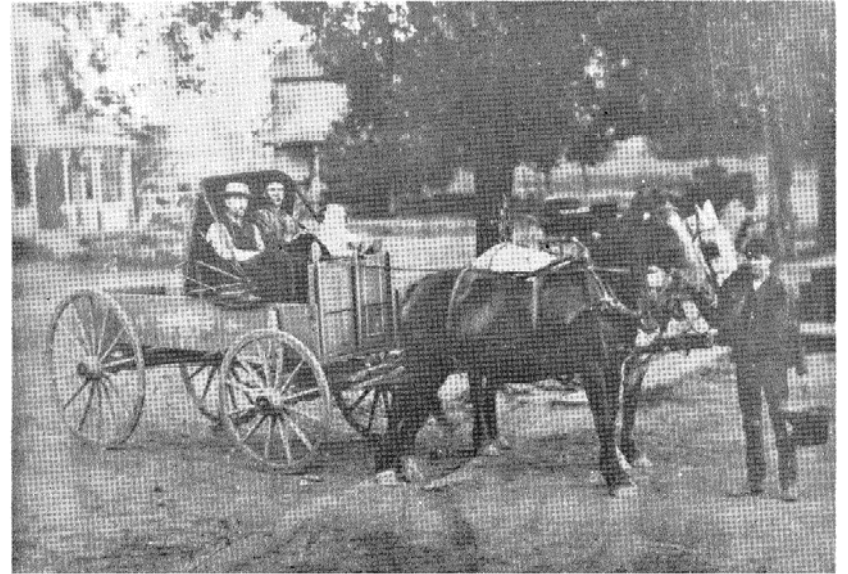
built and became a director of the Rock River Butter Factory which from August 1, to Feb. 1, 1878, made and shipped 20,000 pounds of butter. T. H. Baker was President, G. W. Fraser was the Secretary. The company was destroyed by fire in 1898.

In 1883, the Western fever and desire for new lands struck the town. In March, twenty families with their merchandise, stock and farm equipment departed by special train for South Dakota. Charles Davis and the Jeremiah Milton Davis family (sons of Jeremiah Davis), George P. Dentler, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Barber and family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Richardson and Mr. and Mrs. John Dentler and family, took up homesteads from the Government near Carthage and Mitchell, So. Dakota. The alkali water and record breaking blizzard weather along with severe summer storms were too discouraging, so in 1888, nearly all of the families returned to Ogle County.



THE J. K. DENTLER STORE, also shown on page 6 as the FIRST POST OFFICE, was in the possession of a line of Dentlers; following J. S. Dentler, O. S. Dentler, and then G. P. Dentler, all sons of J. K. Dentler. F. G. Dentler, grandson of the founder, ran the store from 1903 until 1950. It was dismantled about 1958 and the Davis Junction Fire Station now stands in its place. Both general stores were full of activity especially during weekend shopping which in these early days meant the exchange of eggs and butter from the rural homes for grocery items. The main street was often lined with horses and rigs, the horses patiently waiting

while news of the area and views of world affairs were exchanged. Our picture is from a "tin-type" taken on the main street about 90 years ago.

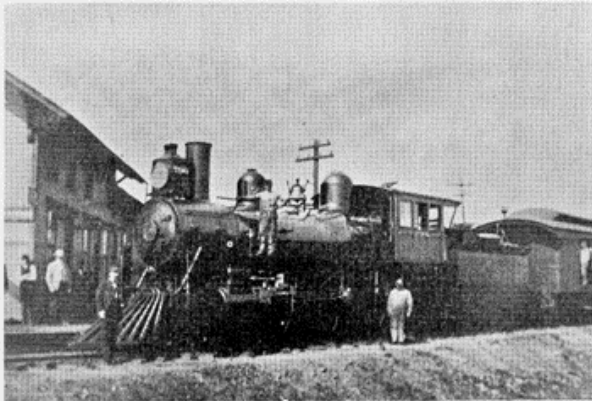


G. P. DENTLER, ELBERT DAVIS AND CHARLIE WOODWORTH

In 1894, a severe fire destroyed all of the business buildings, houses and barns which had been built or moved in to the village to the east side of the main street. In all, nine buildings were razed in the course of an afternoon, many of which were never rebuilt. The years 1879 - 1881 marked an exciting time for the residents of Davis Junction for during that time was staged what was known as the "railroad war". A controversy between the two railroads operating through the town developed into open combat with the Pacific Railroad attempting to gain possession of the line over which the Chicago and Iowa Railroad was running into Rockford, and the latter railroad attempted to hold their own right of way. For two weeks a real combat ensued. Carloads of unemployed men from Chicago were transported here to

aid in protecting the property of the Pacific Railroad. Finally an injunction was secured by the Chicago and Iowa company which ended hostilities. A Union Depot, a well constructed two-story building, was erected by the two companies in 1882

on the site of the present depot. Prior to this time, the Chicago and Iowa railroad had used as its depot, a corner of the Elevator building which had been moved in from Rochelle.



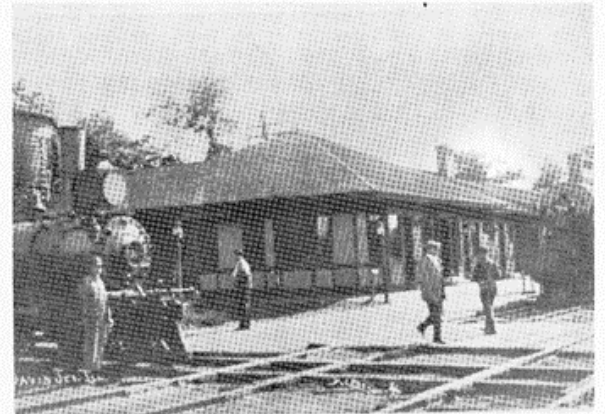
UNION DEPOT

Telegraph operator, Bill Bagley, lived over this depot, as did Fred Wooster, depot agent in 1904, who had one of the first automobiles in Davis Junction. C. M. Mack, who came to Davis Junction in 1901 as joint agent for the railroads, lived over the depot for a time. An increase in population and general activity of the town occurred in 1905, when the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company extended their right of way beyond the Burlington line at Mendota, on into Central Illinois to the coal fields. This village became one of the terminals for what is known as the Rochelle and Southern branch. The railroad company extended its miles of yards, built more Y's (turntables) for turning trains and constructed a Roundhouse for storing engines, north of the Elevator. With an increase in residents, many new homes were built in the east part of the town. With the closing of many of the Illinois coal mines in the 1920's, the greater part of the activity on the Rochelle and Southern branch was discontinued, but the affairs and business of the town were still closely intertwined with railroad activities.

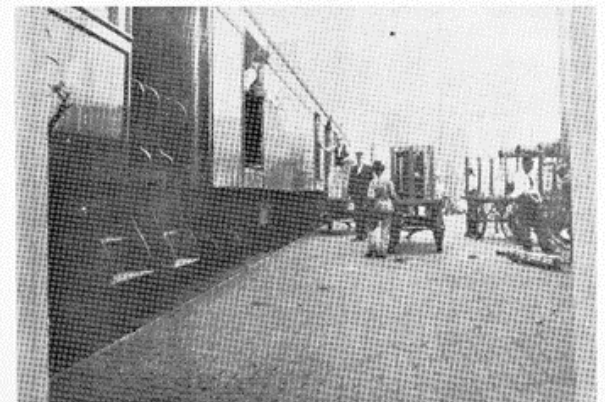
Inasmuch as Davis Junction was the junction of the two distinct railroads, and the terminal for two branch lines of the Chicago, Milwaukee, and St. Paul railroad, the Janesville line and the Rochelle and Southern, all passenger trains were required to stop.

For many years, twelve passenger trains traveled to and from Chicago daily over this main line of Milwaukee Road. Over the branch line to Rockford, 11 passenger trains traveled each way between Davis Junction and Rockford, of which six each way traveled through to Rochelle or beyond. Besides these passenger trains, many main line freight trains went through each day and many of these stopped. The above depot built in the 1900's, with waiting rooms and very pleasant lunch room, Interstate Restaurant

known as "the best appointed west of Chicago", had uniformed waitresses serving to travelers from near and far. The grounds surrounding the station were artistically laid out with attractive shrubbery and walks of



DAVIS JUNCTION DEPOT



vitrified brick, long and wide, following the tracks for some distance where the passengers would embark on or disembark from their journeys. The Milwaukee Company maintained a coaling and watering service for its through-line trains. The plants furnished work for a large part of the population. John J. Duhigg, came from Joliet, Il. in 1904, served as telegraph operator for about 45 years. S. B. Wickler retired as railroad agent in 1962 after 53 years of service. Mr. Wickler served as train director during the World War. Fewer trains pass through the village now and some are not required to stop. Five westbound, five eastbound, two north and two south daily, and motorists are forced to wait at the railroad crossings when traveling through Davis Junction. To give an indication of the number from the area who have been employed by the railroad, the following is but a partial list. At this writing, 20 are employed.

<p><b>AGENTS</b>          Fred Wooster          C. M. Mack          S. B. Wickler          Dave Crosson          Barry Meyers</p> <p><b>CLERKS</b>          Ralph Fraser          Ethel Zuelke          Hazel Fransen          Frances Wickler, relief          Mrs. Bain          Donald Horn</p> <p><b>BAGGAGEMEN</b>          S. B. Campbell          Leon Kuntzelman, Sr.          Cal Kuntzelman          John Collins          H. McCammond          Dave Sams          Raymond Duhigg          Claude Cummings          Donald Horn</p>	<p><b>TELEGRAPHERS</b>          Bill Bagley          John Shanahan          Sam Baker          J. J. Duhigg          James Hoye          Fred Kimberking          S. B. Wickler          Fred Wickler          Harry Miller          Ernie Miller          Dale Haller          Bob Carter          Harold Wiskerchen  <b>EXPRESS</b>          George Bressler          Ed Van Vleet          Fred Holtman          Elmer Van Vleet          John Duhigg          Carl Larson          Leland Duhigg          Robert Swanson</p>	<p><b>ENGINEERS</b>          Jack Revere          Wm. Richardson          Sam Hull          Ernest Nagel          Emil Lantz          Jack Edwards</p> <p><b>YARDMASTER</b>          Floyd Sowers          Walter Dummer</p> <p><b>CONDUCTOR</b>          Edgar Hamer(40 Yrs.)</p> <p><b>ROUND HOUSE</b>          William Volsch, Foreman          Albert Volsch          Ed Volsch          Earl White          Elmer Van Vleet          John Brown          Roy Foster          Raymond Duhigg</p>
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**RIP TRACK**

John Landstrom, Foreman  
 Ed Wiley  
 William Oslund  
 Oscar Heckman  
 Henry Knott  
 Leonard Knott  
 Ed Monahan  
 Ed Van Vleet  
 William Poltz  
 Charles Poltz  
 Decker  
 Everett Decker  
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 Menzo Nashold  
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 Julius Nagel, Sr.

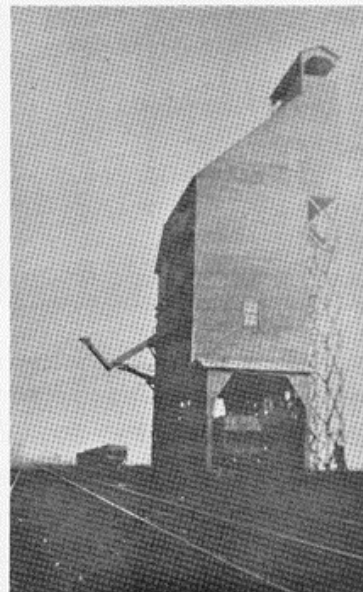


FLAG RAISING CEREMONY AT THE RIP TRACK 1918

M. J. Jones	Sands	William Darby
James Wetherell	Joe Hoyer	Joe Meier
Fred Wetherell	Elmer Cummings	
Fred Staples	Joe Blasko	

**COAL SHED**

Albert Gibson  
 William Oslund  
 Ellsworth Geiger  
 Joe Alfaro  
 Charles Hobson  
 George Abbott  
 C. M. Hamer  
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 LaVerne Oslund



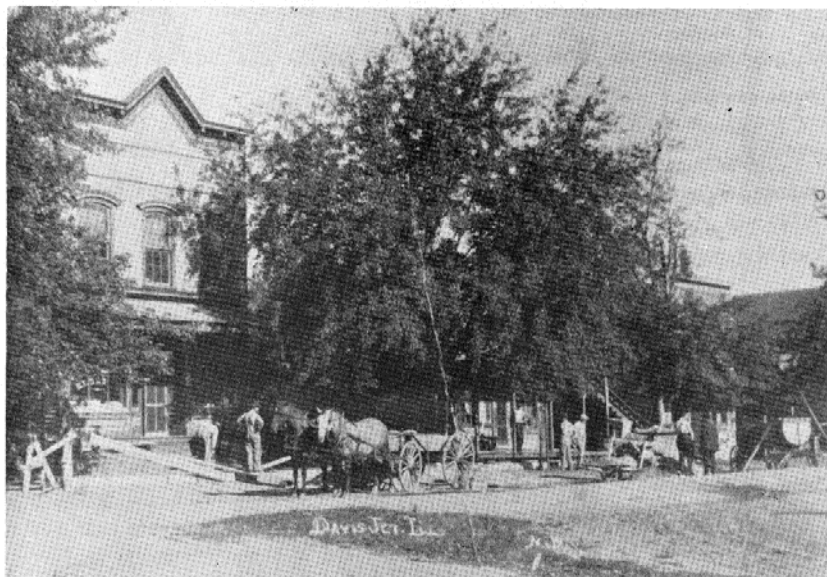
**SECTION**

Julius Nagel, Sr.  
 John Hernandez  
 Mateo Medina  
 Ricardo Navarro  
 F. Waack  
 Groenhagen  
 Fritz Hyle, Foreman  
 Donald McKiski  
 Allan Stroud  
 Michael P. Kane

**Trainman**

Dan Todahl  
 Flagmen  
 Raggow  
 Joseph Wiley  
 Sherman Gaylord

First church services held in Scott Township were held about 1860, at intervals at Beacon School by the Rev. E. C. Cochran, one of the first preachers of New Milford, Illinois. Sunday School was regularly held with Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fraser as leaders. It was in the Berkshire School, which was located one-half mile north and one-half mile east of the Elevator, that the first definitely scheduled Church and Sunday School were begun. Services were discontinued in these schools with the beginning of the town and were held in the rooms over the Brace Hardware Store, the large building in the picture below.



(former) BRACE HARDWARE STORE, HOLTMAN BUILDING, DENTLER STORE  
Workmen are building sidewalks on the main street

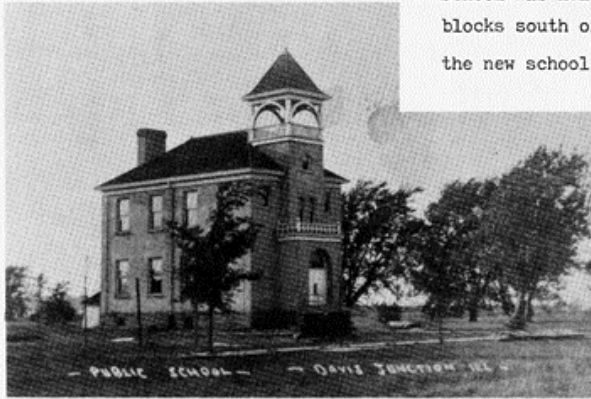
Church services were held in the first school building built on land donated by Jeremiah Davis. At this time, the church had fifty members,



FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE, BUILT 1876

The first two story brick school house mentioned in the History of Ogle County published in 1878, was built in 1876. The Berkshire School was no longer used for school purposes. Only one room of the new structure was at first finished off. A man by the name of Greenman was the first teacher in the new school. Soon the upstairs room was finished off and two teachers were employed. In 1894 or 1895, the first building was destroyed by fire and another building of

brick structure was built to replace it. School was held in Bushman Hall, two blocks south of the school grounds, until the new school was built by Schmeling and



August Broitzman. A wider stairway took the place of more winding ones with long bannisters, one side for girls, the other side for boys. Several double seats with desks, (three small

children often sat together) were saved and also furniture, maps, books. In 1949, the above school building was remodeled and a gymnasium was built onto the north side of the building. After the addition of the gymnasium, basketball was added to the sports schedule, and in their second year of competition, local boys captured the trophies for first place in both the lightweight and heavyweight divisions. In the fall of 1956, the south wall of the gymnasium was opened up into the classroom, so the classroom could be used as a stage or as seating room for the spectators at basketball games. First Homecoming Gathering was held August 16, 1952 as a means of earning money for the Community Club Treasury.



Prior to the big day, electric lights were put up around the school-yard. Such a huge crowd attended, that a reasonable profit was gained and the Homecomings were held annually, with the exception of 1957, on the third Saturday in August. With the ability to keep a sufficient bank balance through the successful celebrations, the Club felt able to help finance a streetlight fund, and streetlights were installed throughout the town in 1956. 1965 was the last year eight grades were taught here. Three grades were taught in both classrooms and kindergarten was taught in 1970, at which time the school was closed and sold at Auction, Oct. 24, 1970. Community Club was discontinued. Harry Poggoli, Leaf River, bought the school building and made it over into three apartments.

#### SOME OF THE FIRST STUDENTS OF DAVIS JUNCTION SCHOOL 1877 - 1882

Charlie and Bert Davis; Nettie and Millie Bigelow; Clara, Jennie, Certie and Elizabeth Richardson; James, Anna, Elizabeth, Edward, Issac, Mary, Frank, Charlie and Tom Monahan; Josephine, Frank and Lillian Ryan; Ida and Bert Rice; Jenny and Mert Borden; Cad and Loyal Rice; Henry Davis; Loretta, Rose and Earl Gould; Jennie Kerr; Edith Beach; Ida Borden; Anna Ryan; Florence and Fanny Foster.

#### SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE 1870's - BERKSHIRE SCHOOL (which was $\frac{1}{2}$ mile north and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile east of the Elevator)

Mitt, Alice, Henry, Charlie, Bert and Mabel Davis; Jim, Ed and Isaac Monahan; Clarence and Loyal Rice; Charlie and Clarence Dake; Robert, Charlie and Joseph Richardson; Albert and Harm Barber; George and Alice Noble; Wayland and Ella Dempsey; Fred, Will and Dora Timm; Nettie Bigelow; Mary, Clara, Jenny and Gertrude Richardson.

LISTING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE 1870's, DISTRICT #151, BEACON SCHOOL

Theodore, Otto, Ritter, Henry, George, Rose, Leonard, Mary and Ed Knott(children of George Fred Knott); August and Fred Knott (children of Wm. Knott); Charlie, Lillie, Belle, Will, May, Fred and Frank Spink; Jeff, Marshall, Howard, Ollie and Alta Frazer; John, Dewitt, Carrie and Victor Witherstine; Charlie Nash; Raymond and Ruby Nash; Helen and Arthur Nash; Charlie, Henry, Wallace, Kate and Bert Jackson; Myrtle, Wilton and Rhuey Brooks; Adda, Eva, Maude and Homer Cogswell; August, Anna, Charlie, Frank and Otto Broitzman; Romy Heydacker and Nina Cheshire; Tommie Richards; Minnie, Milton, Anna, Edward, John, Palmer, Jacob and Leonard Helmer (children of Jacob Helmer); Daniel, Alma and Alta Helmer(children of Leonard Helmer); George and Flora Walker.

TEACHERS

from District #151

BEACON SCHOOL

1889-90 Emily Rutledge  
H. E. Fraser  
Lillie Spink  
1890-91 Olive A. Fraser  
1891-92 Alice A. King  
Mrs. Julia L.  
Lindsay  
Olive A. Fraser  
1892-93 Elizabeth  
Richardson  
1893-94 Grace E. Pepper  
1894-96 Nettie Bigelow  
1896-97 Paul M. Adams  
1897-98 Fred Nashold  
Frances L. Nye  
1898-99 Frances L. Nye  
1899-00 Eva M. Holmes  
Anna Stanley  
1900-01 Mae Kennish  
1901-02 Bessie F. File  
1902-04 Ada Stanbury  
1904-05 Esther Holmes  
1905-07 May Stromquist  
1907-08 Alice Driscoll  
1908-09 Jennie F. Lazier  
1909-12 Mamie Dentler  
1912-13 Lena Pearson  
1913-16 Elsie Lace



BEACON SCHOOL - A TYPICAL COUNTRY SCHOOL

1916-17 Hazel Atchison	1927-34 Helen Alcock
1917-18 Maude Hathaway	1934-35 Martha Anderson
1918-19 Genevieve Flynn	1935-37 Irene Hildebrand
1919-20 Beulah Dentler	1937-38 Mrs. Mary Storz
1920-21 Mildred Macklin	1938-40 Leo H. Krumme
1921-23 George Wright	1940-41 Lois Lamont
1923-27 Mrs. Homer Cogswell	1941-42 Darlene Black
	CLOSED

TEACHERS FROM DISTRICT # 152 HOLCOMB SCHOOL

1889-91 Edna C. Lowe	1924-26 Marjorie Stoffregen
1891-92 Oliver S. Lindsay	1926-29 Katherine Grover
1892-94 Susie M. Cakes	1929-45 Bessie Duell
1894-96 Ada E. Stanbury	1945-51 Ruth Miller
1896-97 Alice Walker	1948-54 Josephine Dutcher
1897-01 Bessie F. File	1950-67 Edna Snyder
1901-03 Rosabel King	1953-58 Francis L. Noyes
1903-05 Roberts Randall Annie Farington	1955-65 Dorothy Lichty
1905-06 D. N. Mincemoyer	1955-62 Loren Hubbell
1906-08 Eleanor King	1958-59 Gordon Elliott
1908-09 Eva Wright	1960-62 Donald Loftus
1909-11 Lena M. Reynolds	1962-63 Robert Roy
1911-12 Millie M. Knott	1962-64 Dean Wilson
1912-13 Myrta Mortimore	1964-67 David Faith
1913-16 Bessie Champion	1964-65 Morris D. Wilson
1916-19 Ethel Archibald	1965-67 Max Ferrari
1919-22 Rosa Blanchard	1965-67 Thomas Kee
1922-24 Margaret Gates	1966-67 Helen Sudds

TEACHERS FROM DISTRICT # 153 BEACH SCHOOL

1870	1903-04 May Richards Mary Armour	1924-25 Mrs. Ezra Perkins
1889-91 Susie M. Cakes	1904-05 James F. Miller	1925-26 Mrs. Evelyn Armour
1891-92 Nellie Archibald	1905-06 Alice S. Hyden	1926-27 Lena Pearson
1892-93 Birdie M. Cakes	1906-07 Harry Sechler	1927-28 Eva Z. Macolcasky
1893-94 Carrie B. Patrick	1907-08 Eva A. Barber	1928-29 Dorothy Timm
	1908-10 Maude E. Hathaway	1929-33 Marjorie Maas
	1910-11 Thomas Malana	1933-34 Marion Parkinson
1894-95 Florence Kennish	1911-13 Ethel E. Gill	1934-36 Lola Floeger
	1913-15 Alice Driscoll	1936-39 Mildred Mihm
	1915-16 Edna Kreitzburg	1939-40 Mildred Gould
1896-97 Nettie Knott	1916-18 Alice Driscoll	1940-41 Frances Dentler
1897-98 Nettie Knott	1918-20 Katherine Armour	1941-43 Dorothy Black
	1920-21 Marie Armour	1943-44 Evelyn Armour
	1921-22 Evelyn Lundy Zell	1944-46 Marie Glendenning
	Maud Hathaway	1946-47 Lorraine Johnson
1899-00 Frances Richardson	1922-23 Evelyn Lundy	1947-48 Eloise M. Foss
1900-01 Edna Dunning	1923-24 Ila Revell	June 26, 1948, Consolidated with District 152
1901-03 May Kennish		

TEACHERS FROM DISTRICT # 154 YOUNG SCHOOL (was located west of Holcomb)

1889-90	Lydia M. Youngs	1912-14	Blanche Millis
1890-91	J. O. Pennington	1914-15	Edna Kreitzburg
1891-92	Mary F. Conant	1915-16	Violet Lockwood
	Alice L. Sheaff	1916-17	Ethel Champion
1892-93	Alice L. Sheaff	1917-18	Blanche Millis
	Josie Bowers	1918-19	Blanche Millis Hays
1893-94	Jennie Bowen		Ruth Hess
1894-95	Maggie Nicolson	1919-20	Ruth Hess
1895-96	Mabel Stine	1920-24	Katharine Armour
1896-97	Ida E. Hastings	1924-25	Jennie Wiltfang
1897-99	Marthia McNaughton	1925-26	Mrs. Agnes C. Hoernecke Cox
1899-00	Lottie Strang		Helen Vickers
1900-03	Ruby M. Hathaway	1926-28	Jennie Wiltfang
1903-04	Mattie E. Rice	1928-30	Gladys Wills
1904-05	Mary J. Armour	1930-31	Mrs. Grace B. Miller
1905-10	Bertha M. Cramer	1931-38	Ethel Archibald
1910-12	Frances E. Gibbs	1938-39	Closed

TEACHERS FROM DISTRICT # 156 WILBUR SCHOOL (was located west of Davis Junction)

1889-90	Helen A. Norton	1919-23	Ella Oakes
1890-91	Ella Osgood	1923-24	Ethel Hazzard
	Lillian Hess	1924-25	Helen Alfors
1891-92	Mattie L. Norton		Gladys McCarton
1892-93	Elizabeth Roggy	1925-26	Gladys McCarton
	Lilly M. Ray	1926-27	Hazel Dummer
1893-94	Lilly M. Ray	1927-29	Mrs. Georgia Mammenga
1894-96	Mattie E. Rice	1929-32	Evelyn Boomgarden
1896-98	Cora H. Baker	1932-33	Evelyn Boomgarden
1898-99	Della Randolph		Anna Schieble (crippled child's teacher)
1899-06	Grace Pepper	1933-34	Evelyn Boomgarden
1906-07	Julia A. Baker		Sophie Armour (crippled child's teacher)
1907-09	Frances Carmichael	1934-35	Marion Parkenson
1909-11	Helen Rudolph		Sophie Armour (c.c.t.)
1911-12	Leta Wickwise	1935-36	Ruth McKnight
1912-14	Elizabeth Bishop	1936-40	Luella Molin
1914-15	Norma Agnew	1940-41	Joseph Lucas
1915-17	Marion Petitgout		Violet Norman
1917-18	Ada Wright	1941-46	Luella Molin
1918-19	Inez Carlson	1946-51	Hattie Zell
	Ella Oakes	July 3, 1951	Annexed by petition to District #123



# 157 SCOTT SCHOOL

Blackman; Anna Crosby; Emma Morse; Emma Haall; Doza, Riny, Rina and Mabel Wortman; August, Charles, Ernest and Arthur Wedig.

DISTRICT # 157 SCOTT SCHOOL

LISTING OF SCHOOL CHILDREN OF THE 1870's  
 Albert, Harra, Hattie, Howard, Will and Charlie Barber; Ratchel, Lee and Clyde McDonough; Bert, Nathan, and Alva Coonradt; Jim, George and Edd Foster; Willard Viall; Hattie Faye; Will, Ugene, Charles and Kittle Haight; Will, John and Minnie Heneberry; Henry, Nathan and Ella Compton; Edward, Frank and James Marsales; Florence Ring; Frank McFarland; Ella and Bertha Cowell; Grace, Kate, Ray, Blanche and Homer Pepper; Will, Orville, Mary, Frank, Ben, Ward, and Maggie Prentice; Carrie, Lionel, Edgar, Anna, Herbert, Ida, Will, Frank, Bessie and Lillian Knight; Mammie, Joe and Fanny Ginders; Henry

TEACHERS

1889-90	D. W. Shoudy	1905-06	Mamie Speckeen	1930-33	Mrs. Georgia Mammenga
1890-91	Elizabeth Richardson	1906-07	Minnie Hoffman	1933-34	Evelyn Apgar
1891-92	Jennie J. Beckett	1907-08	Marguerite Henderson	1934-37	Marion Scholl
	Ruby Nash	1908-09	Helen Rudolph	1937-39	Etha Thompson
1892-93	Grace Fowler	1909-11	Millie Knott	1939-42	Etha T. Dorn
	Addie Whitaker	1911-12	Thomas Malana	1942-43	Mrs. Helen Cox
1893-94	Myra A. Davis	1912-13	Hazel Atchison		Mrs. Elaine B. Lace
1894-95	Jennie J. Beckett	1913-15	Maude Cole		Nov. 9 to Christmas vacation
1895-96	Lucy Hornell	1915-18	Katherine Grover	1943-46	Mrs. Laura J. Eaton
	Lovinia Marsten	1918-19	Mrs. Elsie Fisk	1946-47	CLOSED
1896-99	Versalia E. Kipp	1919-20	Mamie Hogan		
	A. L. Allberry	1920-22	Carrie Caldwell		
1899-00	Jessie Emerson	1922-28	Ellen Sellquist		
	Jessie Emerson	1928-29	Ruth G. Ebens		
	Edna F. Jueal	1929-30	Mrs. Ruth G. Ebens Miller		
1900-01	Marion Lace				
1902-03	Bessie File				
	Ethel Norton				
1903-05	Estella Noller				



TEACHERS OF DAVIS JUNCTION SCHOOL DISTRICT # 155

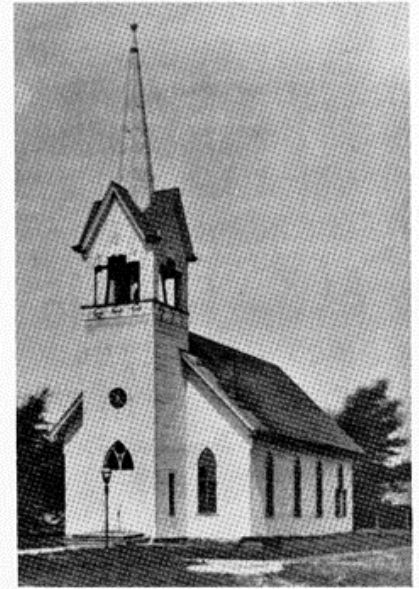
1877	Greenman	1912-13	Edgar Confer	1941-42	Frank Bechtold ½
1881	Hoffman		Gertrude Peters		Elaine Lace
1889-92	Sam Lindsay	1913-15	James W. Sweet		Owen Fleener ½
1889-91	Jennie E. Kerr		Ethel Archibald	1942-43	Owen Fleener
1891-92	Lydia Pierce	1915-16	Ethel Archibald		Darline Black
1892-94	Charles A. Alden	1916-19	Glen Demaree	1943-44	Owen Fleener
	Eva Van de Carr	1918-19	Lois Archibald		Marion Reents
1894-97	W. F. Ament	1919-23	Paul Griswold	1944-47	Lois Lamont
	Eva Van de Carr	1923-27	Clarence Hodge		Marion Reents
1897-99	J. C. Phillips	1923-24	Ida Fisher	1947-51	Raymond DeVore
	Emily Rutledge	1924-27	Ida Law		Marion Reents
1899-00	A.L.Allberry 2/3	1927-28	Walter Amos	1951-58	Raymond DeVore
	Edith Frost 1/3		Edith Carr	1951-61	Beulah Parks
	Emily Rutledge	1928-33	Gladys Grothe	1954-59	Loren Hubbell
1900-01	Edgar M. Swan	1928-29	Walter Amos	1958-61	Howard Kennedy
	Emily Rutledge	1929-33	Earl Irving		Beulah Parks
1901-04	DeForest Coy	1933-34	Cecil R. Williams	1961-62	Ray Allen Moore
	Marie Bagley		Irma Main		Glayda Hocking
1904-05	DeForest Coy	1934-36	Luella Moline	1962-63	Edith Carr
	Bessie File		Cecil R. Williams		Harold Thayer
1905-07	Clarence V. Hull	1936-37	Cecil R. Williams	1963-64	George Collison
	Estella Noller		Fern Boettocher		Edith Carr
1907-08	L. E. Rees	1937-38	William Gibbon	1964-65	Wendell Hocking
	Ethel Wills		Thomas C. Davis ½		Edith Carr
1908-09	Walter Richardson		Fern Boettocher	1965-68	Dorothy Lichty
	Eva Barber	1938-39	Helen E. Yost		Edith Carr
1909-10	Walter Richardson		William Gibbon	1968-69	Marie Bruns
	Jessie Emmerson	1939-20	Doris Thompson		Dorothy Lichty
1910-11	Jessie Emmerson		Joseph A. Lucas	1969-70	John Strohan
	Eleonor Wilbur	1940-41	Joseph Lucas		Dorothy Lichty
1911-12	Eleonor Wilbur		Violet Norman		Louis Castelli
	Elizabeth Redmond				

DISTRICT # 158 LITTLE MOUND SCHOOL

1889-90	Dora M. Sheaff	1901-02	Blanche Pepper
	Rena M. Pratt		Jessie Agnew
	Elma M. Hatch	1902-04	Jessie Agnew
1890-91	Nettie L. Bigalow	1904-05	Manie Speckeen
1891-92	Alice L. White	1905-07	Frances Carmichael
	Grace E. Pepper	1907-08	Edith Turner
1892-93	Grace E. Pepper	1908-09	Anna L. Freeman
1893-94	Millie L. Bigalow		Anna Holzwrath
	Georgia Conover	1909-11	Clara Stevens
1894-95	Georgia Conover	1911-13	Mattie Rice
1895-97	Julia A. Baker	1913-14	Maude Cole
1897-98	Charles J. Richardson	1914-15	Marie Doran
	Grace Pepper		Closed
1898-99	Grace Pepper		
1899-00	Jennie Merchant		
1900-01	Jennie Merchant		
	Blanche Pepper		

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

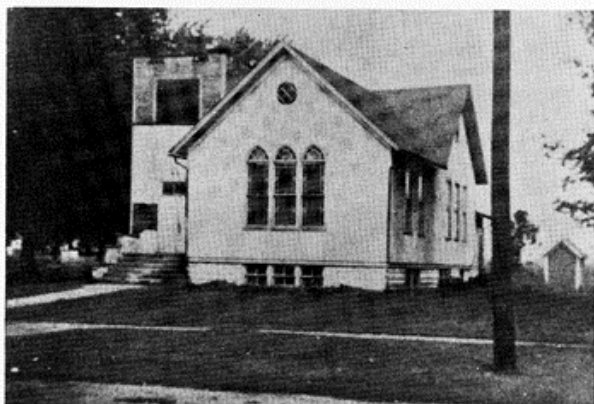
Reverend Collins, from the New Milford Methodist Church and Rev. Robert Dempsey, a pastor from the Baptist congregation between Davis Junction and Stillman Valley, alternated their services for a few years until it was possible to build a church in 1883 on lots donated by Jeremiah Davis. Rev. George H. Wells was pastor when the first church building, which accomodated 300 people was built at a cost of \$300. Rev. John Adams of New Milford was the first regular pastor. O. C. Fay was the first Sunday School Superintendent. A permanent charge was made with New Milford and the combination was main-



FIRST DAVIS JUNCTION METHODIST CHURCH

tained for 46 years until July 1914, when the joint charge was discontinued and the pastoral work was taken over largely by students from the Garrett Biblical Institute at Evanston, Il. During the World War, it was difficult to secure pastors so a combination charge was made with Monroe Center for two years, after which it became a student charge. It was during this time in 1918, that the little church which had been the center of the community was destroyed by fire. Aug. 9, 1918, this church burned to the ground but the homes close by were saved by placing wet rugs on their roofs. The piano, little red chairs and a beautiful service flag containing 42 stars (the number who had gone into service from this village) were saved. Services were held in the Town Hall. Because of the high cost of labor and the wartime restrictions (the inability to secure a building permit), a vacant Swedish Free Church built in 1898 in Stillman Valley, was

purchased and moved here. It was remodeled and built onto, making a cozy and comfortable structure which was dedicated Nov. 7, 1920 with a service led by Rev. Ralph McK Brewer. Dr. Wm. J. Davidson delivered the message which raised funds to cover the indebtedness from an attendance of over 100. The following Committees named at this time are; Building Committee, Wallace W. Wade, Earl R. White, S. B. Campbell, George Zimmerman, Mrs. G. P. Dentler; Finance Committee, Frank G. Dentler, Mrs. Francis C. File, C. E. Lace, Otto F. Knott,



METHODIST CHURCH 1920 - 1953

helped through the years. Farmers would donate live chickens for suppers and ladies of the church would prepare and cook chickens, carrying the water from a pump across the street, cooking on a cook stove (which often smoked), washing the dishes at a small sink of unpleasant height, keeping the coal and wood furnace going. The minister's salary, stove gas or fuel, church insurance, were often paid with funds raised by the Women's groups. Saturday morning, Jan. 10, 1953, fire damaged extensively the interior of the second church. Church and Sunday School were again held in the much crowded Town Hall. It took a long time to get the insurance settlement, the old building dismantled (by men of the community and Rev. William Johnson), a new building erected and ready for services.

C. J. Richardson.

Board of Trustees -

Earl R. White, Wallace  
W. Wade, S. B. Campbell,

J. D. Foster, Otto F.  
Knott, Mrs. G. P. Dentler

Harold Fraser, George  
Zimmerman.

The Ladies Aid, Idle-  
wild Club, Girls Club,  
EverReady Circles raised

funds in many ways and

Two years after the fire, on Easter Sunday, April, 1955, the first services were held in the present church and it was over six years more before dedication services commemorating payment of the church debt, were held on Palm Sunday, Apr. 15, 1962. Trustees listed at this time, H. L. Mathre, Frank G. Dentler, Gordon F. Hopkins, Ernest G. Hopkins, D. S. Hollingsworth, Leland M. Duhigg, Marshall Jolly, John Sandvik, George Abbott and Harold Washburn and men



DAVIS JUNCTION UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
with Honor Roll erected in 1944

and women of the community have helped in many ways and with the help of God and much prayer and effort, the little church serves the community. In 1963, an addition was made to the north end of the church and modern plumbing was installed. In 1975, we are sharing our Pastor Jeff Baer with New Milford Church. Sunday School is led by Mrs. John Sandvik, a descendant of Jeremiah Davis. Of many faithful members, Mrs. Frank G. Dentler acted as church treasurer many years as has her successor, Mrs.

Mrs. Forrest Simons.

Forrest, Roger and Pamela  
Simons Bolen and Mrs.  
Herbert Ellsworth (Jeanne  
Hopkins) have served as  
church organists. Mrs.  
Gordon Hopkins (Mrs.  
Hubert Sturgil) Mrs.

Stanley Dirksen, Choir  
director.



DEDICATION SERVICES APRIL 1962

## ST. PETER'S CHURCH

St. Peter's parish in Davis Junction was formed in 1912. The first Mass was offered Dec. 31, 1913 by Father John J. Flanagan in the Town Hall. Land for a church building was donated by the Michael Monahan family. The newly constructed church was blessed by Bishop Peter J. Muldoon on June 21, 1914. Being a mission of the Catholic parish of Genoa, Il., priests from St. Patrick's Church of Rockford, from Genoa and from Byron tended the church for 55 years,



The former ST. PETER'S CHURCH

including Father Thomas O'Brien, Bishop Muldoon, Fathers Walter Scollin, Edward O'Brien, Myles Callahan, Paul Tuchlinsky, Walter Lessman, Paul Kunkel and Ed. S. Wright. An Altar and Rosary Society was formed. The group united with and is now a part of St. Mary's Guild of Byron. The last service was held here in Sept. 1969 when the membership was transferred to St. Mary's Church, Byron, Il. The building

was sold and shortly reopened as The House of Prayer, by a non-denominational group of Christians. It was later purchased by the Baptist Mission Church, but at this writing is now closed and unused.

Maurice Hickey, one of the early members of the church recalls coming to church by horse and buggy before Hwy 72 was built; they entered the village from the south side of the railroad tracks where Borchers Trucking is now located.



BIG MOUND, about two and half miles to the southwest of Davis Junction, is visible for 15 miles and is said to be the highest point between Chicago and Savanna, Il. It is a gravel hill or knoll unusually prominent because of the extreme levelness of the surrounding countryside. July 4, 1861, prior to the plotting of the area for a cemetery, a celebration known as the "Union Forever" jubilation was held there. A very high flagpole was dedicated and a large new handmade linen flag was unfurled by two veterans of one of the early wars. Another feature of the day was a sham battle which was staged on the flat to the northeast of the hill, by homeguard troops from this part of the state. Settlers from a thirty mile radius came with well filled picnic baskets to spend the day in a great patriotic observance. Improvised shade was furnished to relieve the barrenness of the hillside by these ingenious people by cutting trees and oad and basswood branches from the timberland and Kilbuck Woods. Crotched posts were set in the ground and poles laid in crotches from one to the other for shade over long tables. It was the most unique and enthusiastic Fourth of July Picnic the community had known. It was not until five or six years after the 1861 celebration that the hill was set aside as the site for the community cemetery. Jeremiah Nash and Lancing Brooks were two persons most responsible for starting the cemetery. Owners of the farmland had been Henry Rolph and then Fred Knott. Mr. Brooks had lost a little boy some years previous and as there was no cemetery, he buried the child inside of his line fence about 20 rods west of the Beacon Schoolhouse. That body was the first one to be moved to the new cemetery and Mr. Brooks died about 2 years afterward. Big Mound Cemetery displays monuments of graves of forefathers who first broke sod in Scott Township more than 100 years ago. Some of the monuments bear the name of Nash and Fraser, whose living descendant, Mrs. Myrna (Frazer) Barnes lives but a mile away and has kept records of the cemetery for 23 years. At the time the cemetery was plotted, it was planned to build a church there but with the coming of the railroad, and the plotting of the town, it seemed a better plan to build the church in the town.

Early settlers of the township with States from which they came, and the sections on which they located are as follows:

Benoni L. Beach	New York	1842	Section 29
T. H. Baker	New York	1849	Section 21
Richard McDonough	Ireland	1850	Section 3
Simon Sheaff	New York	1851	Section 31
William W. Wade	Massachusetts	1854	Section 28
Seth Jackson	New York	1854	
Elijah R. Morse	Vermont	1854	Section 10
A. A. Walker	Illinois	1855	Section 24
Lemuel Colwell	Maryland	1856	Section 1
A. H. Walker &	New York	1855	Section 19
C. W. Norton (Mr. Norton found but five houses in the township)			
Joseph Sheaff	Ohio	1855	Section 34
(was the first settler in that immediate region, the nearest house being one and one-half mile away)			
Peter Sheaff	New York	1858	Sections 31 & 32
Jeremiah Davis	Wisconsin	1858	Section 23
Patrick Carmichael	Ireland	1859	Section 7
Jeremiah Nash	New York	1859	
John Cocoran	Ireland	about 1860	Section 2
George Fraser	New York	1861	
John R. Rice	New York	1860	Section 15
L. W. Blackman	New York 1858	1861	Section 13
Michael Monahan	Ireland	1861	Section 13
Alfred Nash	New York	1862	Section 25
John Murray	Scotland	1863	
Marcus Wortman	Pennsylvania	1868	Section 11
Robert Richardson	England	1871	Section 14
R. H. Woodworth	New York	1872	
John J. Nashold	New York	1874	Section 12
John Wilson	Canada	1875	
Emery J. Burdick	New York	1875	
P. Brace	New York	1875	

The first settlers braved the hardships and loneliness always found in a new country. They established homes and built themselves well into the community for their names are still heard and talked of and in many instances, their lands are still in the possession of the descendants.

#### CENTENNIAL FARMS

Mrs. Alva Barnes (Myrna Fraser) received her award for the Fraser Farm in 1974.

The following will be receiving awards for Centennial Farms: Donald Horn, Ralph Bishop, Roger Hickey, Mrs. Marguerite Blakely for the C. J. Richardson Farm, and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pihl for the Beach Farm in 1976.

SCOTT HOME EXTENSION GROUP, KLIPPER KLUB, BEACON COMMUNITY CLUB, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, FARM BUREAU, PORK PRODUCERS, METHODIST WOMEN, ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY, BIBLE STUDY GROUPS and other community gatherings help keep residents of the community acquainted and concerned for each other and for the best interests of the Community.

OGLE COUNTY HOME BUREAU UNIT was organized in 1939. Scott Unit was one of the first units organized. Mrs. Tom (Neleta) Richolson helped to get the county organization started and was the first chairman of Scott Unit. Mrs. Fred Richolson was Vice Chairman and Mrs. Merrill Hildebrand was Secretary-Treasurer.

In 1961, the name was changed to Homemakers Extension Association. Charter

members of Scott Unit were:	Mrs. W. J. Alcock	Mrs. J. J. Geiken
	Mrs. Susan Sheaff	Mrs. Merrill Hildebrand
	Mrs. A. R. Swenson	Mrs. John F. Dummer
	Mrs. John F. Dummer	Mrs. Marshall Jolly
	Mrs. Frank Walters	Mrs. Wm. Fischer and Luella
	Mrs. John Scholl	Mrs. Fred Richolson
	Mrs. Ernest Wedig	Mrs. Tom Richolson
	Mrs. Leonard Wills	

Mrs. Fred Richolson and Mrs. Merrill Hildebrand are the only remaining charter members. 1975 officers are as follows: Chairman, Mrs. Larry Hildebrand, Vice Chairman, Mrs. Stanley Dirksen, Second Vice Chairman, Mrs. William Wheeler, Treasurer, Mrs. John Sandvik, Secretary, Mrs. Fred Richolson.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE KLIPPER KLUB ORGANIZATION

June 16, 1909, at Mrs. J. D. Foster's suggestion, farm women of the community met in the home of Mrs. Herman Foster to form the Clipper Club, an organization to help farm women get acquainted with one another. There were 11 charter members.

Mrs. J. D. Foster	Mrs. Harry Hested
Mrs. E. J. Klewin	Mrs. Arthur Kinney
Mrs. J. Burchard	Mrs. Effie Lawson
Mrs. E. Batty	Mrs. Herman Foster
Mrs. L. Bauder	Mrs. Rhiny Wortman
Mrs. Fred Spink	

KLIPPER CLUB HONORS  
CHARTER MEMBER  
MRS. ALYCE WORTMAN



The name of the club was changed to Klipper Klub, when pins were bought in 1912. Their motto: "Speak Well of Whom you Speak, or not at All". The first president of the club was Mrs. Rhiney (Alyce) Wortman, Secretary Treasurer was Mrs. Elsie Klewin Harding. Regular meetings were changed from every two weeks on Thursday afternoon to Wednesday afternoons. Each member was to wear a little white apron or pay a 2¢ fine, but this rule was dropped. Ice Cream Socials, oyster suppers, strawberry socials, watermelon picnics were held. Farewell surprise parties and showers, wedding anniversary parties, Christmas parties, housewarmings, sewing sessions were held for the most part in the Scott School building until Aug. 1961, it was voted to let the school house be sold due to the expense of maintaining the building. Since 1961, the Klub has continued to remember with baskets of food those who are shutins at Christmas time, members families at a time of illness or death, with cards, flowers and assistance. Farewell parties and showers for the bride elect of any members family and other activities are still being held which brings the community together. Mar. 1975 officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Melvin Casey, Secretary, Mrs. Fred Schumacher, Treasurer, Mrs. Don Maronde, Reporter, Mrs. Melvin Lipske, Sunshine Cards, Mrs. Burton Dorn.

CHARLES W. BAKER

Served 38 years in State Legislature

Charles W. Baker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Baker, was born July 10, 1876. His family came to Ogle County in 1875. He and his wife, Eva, lived on the farm near Davis Junction managed by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Bond. Senator Baker was elected to the Illinois House in the same year Frank O. Lowden was elected the 25th Governor of Illinois. During his 38 years in the State Legislature, he served under eight governors. He served in the Illinois House from 1916-1926 and in the Senate from 1928-1956. One of his important roles came comparatively early in his career, when he served on a legislative committee to decide what roads would be built with \$100 million bond issue of 1924 for hard roads. Baker recalled his greatest thrill serving in the legislature came the day Governor "Len" Small promised him that the White Pines tract in Ogle County would be made into a State Park. Later, he engineered another bill in getting second State Park for Ogle County - the Frank O. Lowden Memorial Park with Lorado Taft's statue of Chief Blackhawk, along the Rock River, near Oregon.



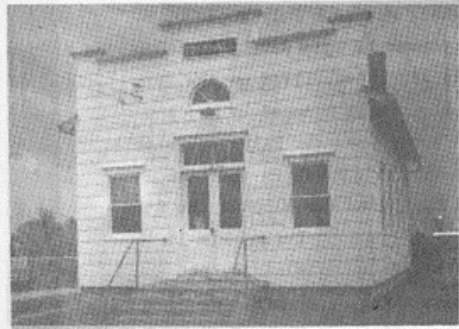
CHARLES W. BAKER

BEACON COMMUNITY CLUB

Beacon Community Club was formed in November, 1948, after the Beacon School District was consolidated with the Holcomb school. Fred Pearson bought the Beacon School building from the Holcomb School district for \$1010.00. Others in the neighboring area pledged to repay Mr. Pearson. The first officers included Harold Walters, president; Hazel Wedig, vice president; Hattie Boumgarden, secretary - treasurer. The first year's membership averaged 55 people and meetings were held on the third Sunday evening of the month. In Jan. 1968, the membership sold the building to be dismantled and the land returned to the Dolphin farm. Club members meet in the homes of members for pot luck suppers. Membership numbers 23 at this writing, Carl Chestnut, president; Sam Gocken, vice president; Ethel Horn, secretary-treasurer; remain concerned for neighbors and friends.

INTERESTING RECORDS OF  
SCOTT TOWNSHIP

Earliest records date  
back to 1852. Town  
meetings were held in  
homes and also in school  
buildings. Elections  
for town officers were  
held every year until  
about 1918 for Supervisor,  
Town Clerk, Assessor,  
Commissioner of Highways,



TOWN HALL

Overseers of the Poor, Justice of the Peace, Collector, and Constable.

- 1854 It was voted that sheep and hogs be prohibited from running at large; the fine being 50¢ for the first offense and \$1.00 for the 2nd offense. Bulls must be restrained from running at large between March 1st and Aug. 1st. There were ten road districts, ten overseers of Highways, three road commissioners. One in charge of the area which is Davis Junction, one had Holcomb area and one had the roads west to Stillman Valley.
- 1860 The sum of \$150 was set to be raised for road purposes for the next year.
- 1861 A special meeting was held and a vote taken on whether or not to subscribe to stock for the Kenosha, Rockford and Rockland Railroad. Vote was 44 for and 79 against. A total of 123 men voted.
- 1862 Township was divided into twelve road districts.
- 1863 Twelve men were elected as overseers of Highways.
- 1864 Town and road budgets totaled \$350.00
- 1865 A list of claims was audited of 25 names for monies advanced Oct. 7, 1864 including interest at 10% for bounties to volunteers for the call of July, 1864 for 500,000 men. \$5.00 was allotted for a team to transport

volunteers to Dixon. About 1913 - 1916, there was a change made and only one road commissioner was elected every two years for the entire township. Later, the terms were extended to 4 years, with election for Road Commissioner, 1 year and 2 years later, Supervisor, Town Clerk, Auditors (Justice of the Peace) and Assessor were elected for 4 year terms. In 1975, when the Road Commissioners came up for reelection, the law was changed, and their present terms were extended 2 year to the spring of 1977, so the elections coincide with election of other Township officials; all officials will in 1977 be elected for 4 year terms.

	ASSESSORS	TOWN CLERKS	COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS
1852-54	Thomas H. Baker	1852-60 O. W. Norton	G. Hildebrand S. R. Hurd
1854-61	Peter Tilton	1860-61 E. Sears	1854 George Youngs B. L. Beach N. J. Norton J. Agnew
		1861-62 G. H. Baker	1860 H.G. Walker O. W. Norton Mennion Pond
			1861 C. G. Goodrich P. V. Draper F. Bigelow
1862	I. V. Draper	1862-64 Wm.B.Peggs	1862 same George Youngs
1863	H. Baker		1863 F. Bigelow S. B. Clarke Simon Sheaff S. B. Clarke J. Davis
1864	D.M.Setts	1864-65 Henry Sears	1864 B. M. Dake D. Stowell B. Stowell
1865	A. Wilber	1865-99 D.N.Dake	1865
1884	J. W. Walker Elihu Agnew, collector		1884 D. C. Pepper
1885-86	HixonRevelle(S.V.)		1885 Hiram H. Hurd
1885-88	William Kern collector		1886 S. K. Jackson
1887-89	Alfred Nash, assessor		1887 D. C. Pepper
			1888 D. R. Hatch
1888-90	Frank Rumelhart, collector		1889-92 A. C. Spink (D.J.)
1889-91	Marcus Wortman, assessor		1890 Charles Sprecher
1890-91	Edward J. Monahan, collector		1891-00 James Foley(S.V.)
1891-92	William Kerr, assessor		
1892-93	S. K. Jackson, Assessor		1893-11 George C. Zimmerman(D.J.)
1891-92	H. Bushman, collector		
1893-94	Benjamin Green, collector		1894-01 F. A. Knott, Holcomb
1894-99	A. C. Spink, assessor		
1896-97	Calvin Baker, collector		
1897-98	Clyde McDonough, collector		

ASSESSORS	TOWN CLERKS	COMMISSIONER OF HIGHWAYS
1899 Frank Rumelhart, collector	H.P.Jackson	1900-06 Zeph Hayes (S.V.)
1899-12 S. K.Jackson, assessor		1901-04 H.F.Schermerhorn, Holcomb
1901 Charles Davis, collector		1904-13 F. A. Knott (Holcomb)
1903-05 William Kerr, collector		
1905 B.E.Westburg, collector		1906-09 Fred Ward (S.V.)
1906	C.J.Richardson	
1907 Ernest Kreitzburg, collector		
1909 John McCormick, collector		1909-12 C.Kreitzburg (S.V.)
1912 William Kerr, collector		1911-14 J.McCormick (D.J.)
1914 R.V.Wortman, collector		1914-17 George C.Zimmerman (D.J.)
1916 William Kerr, collector	G.P.Dentler	1913 W. Gates (Holcomb)
1912-18 J.C.Sheaff, assessor	1920 S.B.Wickler	1920-22 J.McCormick (D.J.)
1918-22 E. L. Titus, assessor		1922-35 Ralph V. Lacey (D.J.)
1922-24 William Kerr, assessor		
1924-28 John H. Dentler, assessor		
1928-33 Samuel Wright	1937 Elmer VanVleet	1935-75 Fred Glendenning
1933-67 Herman C. Foster	1945 John E. Duhigg	
1967-69 Mrs. Glen Wills	1957 Lois Erxleben	
1969-75 Maurice Hickey	1965 Joan Love	

SUPERVISORS OF SCOTT TOWNSHIP

George Youngs	1850-51	Sidney S. File	1887-1888
Gould C. Norton	1852-63	O. W. Norton	1889
Jeremiah Davis	1864-67	D. C. Pepper	1890-1892
Orlo H. Norton	1868	D. A. Hatch	1894-1895
Jeremiah Davis	1869-70	Isaac N. Borden	1896-1899
George C. Youngs	1871-72	H. L. Barber	1900-1903
Jeremiah Davis	1873-74	Charles E. Davis	1904-1941
James D. White	1875-79	Walter C. Richardson	1941-1956
E. E. Moore	1880-81	Harold Walters	1957-1961
C. H. Wilbur	1882-83	Harold Adams	1961-1974
Joseph G. Woodman	1884	Wayne Danekas	
Thomas H. Baker	1885-86		

UNITED STATES POST OFFICE, DAVIS JUNCTION, ILLINOIS established July 9, 1875

POSTMASTERS

John A. Freeman  
 Mrs. Agnes H. Canning  
 Isaac N. Borden  
 Jacob M. Hoffman  
 Albert G. Bagley  
 Sterling B. Campbell  
 Harmon L. Barber  
 Clara C. Knott  
 Mrs. Nellie I. Atwood  
 Blanche V. Colligan  
 (Name changed by marriage to  
 Mrs. Blanche V. Makusky)  
 George T. Thornton  
 Mrs. Dorothy M. Ransford  
 Mrs. Margaret M. Kuntzelman  
 Mrs. Mildred E. Halsne  
 John E. Duhigg  
 Mrs. Dorothy M. Ransford  
 Mrs. Bernice I. Duhigg

APPOINTMENT DATES

July 9, 1875  
 November 21, 1877  
 February 2, 1880  
 March 26, 1886  
 July 31, 1894  
 February 8, 1904  
 September 19, 1913  
 October 11, 1918  
 February 5, 1924  
 April 8, 1935 (assumed charge)  
 September 18, 1935 (confirmed)  
 January 10, 1940 (assumed charge)  
 January 30, 1940 (acting)  
 September 7, 1940 (confirmed)  
 March 16, 1942 (assumed charge)  
 October 19, 1942 (confirmed)  
 July 1, 1944 (assumed charge)  
 March 13, 1945 (confirmed)  
 March 26, 1951 (assumed charge)  
 May 21, 1952 (confirmed)  
 May 15, 1971  
 June 23, 1973 (assumed charge)  
 Feb. 2, 1974 (confirmed)

RURAL CARRIERS

NORTH ROUTE

Arthur Nash  
 Roy Lyman  
 Jeremiah M. Davis carried mail in 1907 with horse and buggy. He left Davis Junction to go into Watkins business in Indiana  
 Frank Spink started to carry mail in 1908. Served 33 years, retired in 1941.  
 Routes were consolidated 1924 or '25.  
 Herman C. Foster, sub-carrier for Frank Spink, continued until appointment of Mrs. Dorothy M. Ransford, Mar. 16, 1942, to May, 1971  
 John O. Sandvik, sub-carrier, 1965 to Jan. 1973.

Rt. 1

Bernard R. Kingsbury  
 Mrs. M. R. Kingsbury, sub-carrier

SOUTH ROUTE

G. P. Dentler was first Rural Carrier; retired 1907  
 Maurice Kelly carried mail by motorcycle in about 1910. He rented a horse from the livery barn.  
 Harry Knott  
 C. J. Richardson  
 G. J. Richardson carried mail at Forreston from Jan. 1936 for 10 years; retired in 1946.  
 Herman C. Foster was sub-carrier for 23 years, to 1965.  
 Routes were consolidated Jan. 1973.  
 Rt. 2  
 C. Vernon Atchison  
 Mrs. Joan B. Love, sub-carrier





**FORMER ELECTRIC POWER PLANT**

Block 7, Lot 12

Built 1922

by Frank & Bill Glowe  
D. C. current generator operated by Adolph & Otto Pohl supplied power for Davis Junction until 1924. Eric Gustafson purchased the plant, converted to A. C. current, furnished power to Holcomb, Kings and Lindenwood to late 1927, during which time, Clarence Fenske, Alfred Wahl and T. E. Duhigg were employed. In 1928, the Davis Junction Electric Plant was shut down and power was furnished by Northern Illinois Utilities. Building is now owned by the Svanda's.



George Hedtke and  
Emil Svanda repairing  
the former Davis  
Junction Electric  
and Power Building 1943

Clarence Fenske



George W. Hedtke with 1923 Case Engine

**FIRST OLD TIME STEAM THRESHING SHOW IN OGLE COUNTY - FIRST AGRICULTURAL MUSEUM**  
Since the purchase of and restoration of the above Steam Engine in 1956 for the First Old Time Steam Threshing Show in August, 1957, George Hedtke's steam hobby has grown to over 100 pieces of ancient farm machinery which have a permanent 45 acre home known as "Hickory Oaks Farm", an agricultural museum located 2 1/4 miles east of Davis Junction. The farm machinery, including a complete Case Horse Powered Threshing Outfit built in 1889, are demonstrated annually the first 4 day weekend in August to interested spectators.



**BORDEN HOTEL**

**BORDEN HOUSE 1800's**  
Block 8, Lots 9 & 11  
part of building was  
moved from Block 6,  
Lots 17 & 18  
Borden House, I.N.Borden  
Hume Hotel, Hume  
Rice Hotel, Rice  
Hamer Hotel, Ed Hamer

**HOTEL HAMER**

Ed Hamer, Cliff Hamer

Zouvas

Menzel

**TRACK INN**

Arnold Gunther

Melvin Nelson

Verva Marsh

Beauty Shop

Shirley Kampas



**HOTEL HAMER**

**DAVIS JUNCTION DEPOT**, located Block 9, Lots 6, 5, and 4

Part of the first depot was used as a freight house located in V of tracks north of the depot. It burned in 1938 and was replaced by a dismantled box car.

An Engine Roundhouse located in North Track yards on the east side of the tracks, burned in 1936. A car Flagman Shanty was located between the tracks on the south edge of Hwy 72 to house a flagman who would stop traffic on the road when a train was coming. First Coal Chute burned in 1920, and was rebuilt. The second coal chute was torn down in 1956.

BUSINESSES, BUILDINGS, NO LONGER IN EXISTENCE

J. K. DENTLER STORE, Block 5, Lot 5 Built in 1874

CONFECTIONARY STORE Block 5, Lot 3 operated by S. B. Campbell  
Fred Holtman  
Hinnie Holtman  
Walb

Pool Hall and Barber Shop,  
Post Office, S.B. Campbell, Dorothy Ransford,  
Margaret Kuntzelman, Mildred Halsne

DINER

Located in V  
of Railroad Tracks  
of Block 8

Operated by  
Andy Gibson



HARDWARE AND WAREHOUSE Block 6, Lots 5 & 6 Buildings were supported  
on cement pillars

Built by Nels Lyman,  
Converted to Meat Market and operated by Walt Lindsay,  
J. P. Eddy, Elmer Speck, Schultz, J.E. Duhigg, Wm Farrell

BLACKSMITH SHOP Block 6 Lots 11 & 12 R. H. Woodworth, 1875  
Bill Thompson, Oscar Beckstrom, John Lawson, Cleveland

LIVERY STABLE Block 7, W $\frac{1}{2}$  Lots 7,9,11 Frank Morse  
Rented horses for Road Equipment, Deliver Service Clarence Lace

HARNESS & SHOE REPAIR Block 10, N.W. Corner Lot 6 John Kennish  
Painter, Fred Kennish

BUSHMAN HALL Block 10, Lot 3 Meeting Hall for Modern Woodmen

DANCE HALL & GYM Hwy 72 West edge of town C. J. Richardson  
Dance Hall, Basketball gym, Roller Skating Rink



DAVIS JUNCTION  
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Love, FIRE CHIEF  
LYNN SCOTT ROCK FIRE DIST.

John Sandvik, ASSISTANT  
CHIEF

Dennis Shearer  
CAPTAINS

George Hedtke  
Ron Dilbeck ENGINEERS  
Raymond Spray

DISTRICT OFFICERS  
Leland Duhigg, Les Poliska  
Clyde Alcock

DAVIS JUNCTION FIRE STATION, Block 5, Lots 3,4 & 5

Front Row: Leland Duhigg, Dennis Shearer, George Hedtke, Richard Love, John Sandvik,  
Raymond Spray, Ron Dilbeck.

Back Row: Ed Bradley, George Geiger, Herbert Ellsworth, Roger Rockwell, Clyde  
Alcock, Emil Svanda, Don Aughenbaugh, Terry Chestnut, Richard Turner,  
Leo Love, Charles Turner. Jim Leek and Arthur Warren were not present.

DAVIS JUNCTION FIRE DEPARTMENT organized in May 1961. A 1961 International  
Volume Pumper with 1000 Gallon tank arrived at the new Fire Station in 1962.

LYNN SCOTT ROCK DISTRICT organized in June 1950. The district has Fire Stations  
in Lindenwood, Holcomb and Davis Junction with a total of six trucks and personnel  
of about sixty men who voluntarily answer calls. Assistant Fire Chiefs for  
Davis Junction Fire Department, 1961-1966, Leland Duhigg; 1966-67, Richard Love;  
1967-75, John Sandvik. Richard Love followed Rueben Brink, Lindenwood, as District  
Chief in 1967.

After Community Club was discontinued, the Fire Department assumed the responsibility  
of making a yearly collection of funds from Davis Junction residents to finance  
the street lights.



BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH

President, George Abbott  
 Secretary, Emil Svanda  
 Badges, Clarence Vermeis  
 Ed Bradley  
 HONORARY MEMBERS  
 Walter Richardson  
 Fred Glendenning  
 Almon Wilson  
 Emery Wedig  
 John and Teddy Duhigg  
 Leon Reints  
 Elmer Borchers  
 Fritz Wills  
 Tom Draus

BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH

Front Row: Richard Love, Foster Dorn, Ross Schumacher,  
 Leland Duhigg, Dennis Shearer, Clarence and Timmy Vermeis  
 Ralph Feeley, George Abbott.

Back Row: Ed Bradley, Emil Svanda, John Duhigg, Leon Vaupel  
 Dennis Schaneberg, Robert Swanson, Ellsworth Geiger.

Ken Belin	Tom Alms	Ken Wills	Kermit Anderson
Wilbur Oslund	Bob Cotter	Don Aughenbaugh	Calvin Spray
Ernest Pihl	Charles Turner	Steve Strang	Roger Rockwell
Dean Pihl	Dennis Hopkins	Darryl Vaupel	William Darby
William Jolly	Bill Muto	John Sandvik	Ellsworth Schumacher
Bill LaBonne	Rich McCaslin	George Hedtke	Ron Dilbeck
Ted Typer	Stanley Dirksen	Lawrence Kittle	
Jim Leek	Ron Lentz	Bob Snyder	
Den Jennings	Gerald Wenssman	LeRoy Phelps	
John Behrens	Jack Gabel	Don Wetzel	
Daniel Conderman	Wayne Hussong	Doam Bain	
Richard Gill	Johnnie Byerly	Bert Nagles	
Cliff Aughenbaugh	Fred Schumacher	Randall Danekas	

AUCTION, BOOMGARDEN'S AUCTION BARN, April 5  
 Sponsored by the BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH

CENTENNIAL BELLES

President, Ada Bradley  
 Secretary, Doris Sandvik  
 HONORARY MEMBERS  
 Alyce Wortman  
 Mame Dentler  
 Idah Richardson  
 Edna Dentler  
 Tillie Wortman  
 Gladys Hamer  
 Mabel Wilson  
 Loretta Wahl  
 Alice Davis Tripp  
 Genevieve Mackey



CENTENNIAL BELLES

Front Row: Harriett Abbott, Eva Duhigg, Alice Kittle,  
 Marcelle Geiger, Tillie Wortman, Patsy Turner, Vivian Turner,  
 Alice Davis Tripp. Amy Vermeis, Tammy Shearer, Kim Shearer.

Back Row: Bernice Duhigg, Doris Sandvik, Ethyl Svanda, Jane  
 Geiger, Marion Aughenbaugh, Joanne Shearer, Ada Bradley, Karen  
 Schaneberg, Helen Schumacher, Claribel Dickinson, Ruth Grothman,  
 Esther Swanson, Rita Vermeis, Marilyn Belin and Amy.

Betty Alex	Karen Clayton	Etta Finley	Eleanor Kane
Mrs. Tom Alms	Karen Gremer	Doris Foster	Karen Kinder
Bernice Anderson	Leah, Tina, Tammy Cruse	Patricia Gabel	Katherine Landolt
Deborah Aughenbaugh	Nancy Danekas	Carolyn Garner	Marlene Leek
Judy Baer	Evelyn Darby	Carolyn Garner	Alice Love
Lucille Bain	Anna Draus	Helen Gill	Joan & Vicky Love
Ruth Bishop	Phyllis Dilbeck	Pauline & Rebecca Glendenning	Verna Marsh
Marion Bolen	Margaret Dirksen	Gladys Hamer	Donna McCullough
Pamela Bolen	Lana Dorn	Becky Harms	Edna Meints
Dorothy Bond	Vivian Dorn	Dorothy Hendrickson	Clarice Miceli
Betty Boomgarden	Hazel Duhigg	Nancy Hogan	Pearl Miller
Jerry Borchers	Pearl Dummer	Hallie Hopkins	Cindy Moran
Vi Borchers	Betsy Egeland	Ethel & Alice Horn	Donna & Amy Muto
Donna Bradley	Linda Egeland	Devona Howard	Janice Olson
Evelyn Brace	Jeanne Ellsworth	Joyce Hussong	Sandra Oltmanns
Linda		Heidi	
Dorothy Byerly		Luana Jennings	Joan Oslund

Pam Oslund	Elsie Richolson	Viola Simons	Joan, Diane Vaupel
Partch	Ruth Richolson	Diana Spray	Louise Vaupel
Mary Pfab	Mrs. Stanley Ring	Barbara and Shawnda Gladys Spray	Karen Vermeis
Nancy Pfab	Kay & Angela Rockwell	Sherry Spray	Faye Warren
Virginia Phelps	Barbara & Joan Sandvik	Mary Ann Stenstrom	Elaine, LouAnn, Laurie
Claudia Pihl	Esther Schumacher	Ruby Stroud	Angie, Angela, Wehnsman
Jean Pihl	Phyllis Schumacher	Sharon Stroud	Joan, Karen, Jeani, Jodi
Carol Powless	Kathy Seymour	Beth, Marilyn, Nancy Thompson	Wetzel
Sharon Pugh	Beverly Shepard	Janet Troutman	Mary Ellen Wheeler
Dorothy Ransford	Lillian Shook	Lynn & Betty Turner	Mabel Wilson
Marjorie Reints	Jean & Regina Simons	Theo VanDeMark	Joyce Wills
LITTLE MISS BELLES,		Ina, Faye VanVleet	Millie Wills

Conni Aughenbaugh, Mary Kay & Betsy Baer, Brenda Dilbeck, Ann Marie & Leslie Bolen, Hallie & Holly Ellsworth, Sheila, Shelly & Sherry Leek, Laura Kinder, Cynthia Meints, Penny Powless

ACTIVITIES SPONSORED BY THE CENTENNIAL BELLES

BAKE SALE, March 1, FOOD STAND AT AUCTION, April 5, DANCE, May 17, BABY PHOTO CONTEST

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Dorothy Ransford	Rita Vermeis	Ellsworth Geiger	Fred Glendenning
Harriett Abbott	Viola Simons	Nancy Danekas	Mary Ellen Wheeler
Helen Schumacher	Jean Pihl	Betsy Egeland	

WELCOMING COMMITTEE for HOMECOMING DAY, JUNE 20, 1975

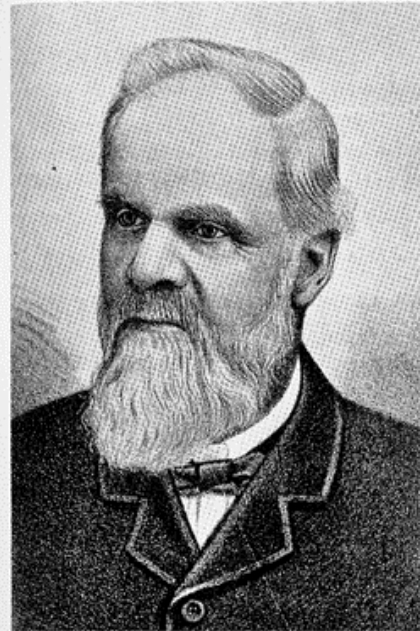
Mr. and Mrs. Kermit Anderson	Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hain	Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Wills
Mr. and Mrs. Francis Foster	Mr. and Mrs. John Duhigg	Fred Glendenning
Mr. and Mrs. Bert Nagles	Mr. and Mrs. Everett Alex	Tillie Wortman
Mrs. Mary Pfab	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Pihl	Gladys Hamer
Mr. and Mrs. Sam Gocken	Mrs. Dorothy Ransford	Edna Dentler
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Blakely		

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

CHAIRMAN, CLARENCE VERMEIS	SECRETARY, KAREN SCHANEBERG	TREASURER, ED BRADLEY
CENTENNIAL EMBLEM	MARY DIRKSEN	
ADVERTISING & PUBLICITY	LORITA VERMEIS	
INSURANCE	ED BRADLEY, CLARENCE VERMEIS	
BOOTH AT STEAM SHOW	COMMITTEE	
BAKE SALE	COMMITTEE	
BOOTH AT FALL FESTIVAL	COMMITTEE	
CHILI SUPPER	JOANN SHEARER	BEVERLY SHEPARD
CHICKEN DINNER	JOANN SHEARER	VERVA MARSH
BAKE SALE	BEVERLY SHEPARD	CENTENNIAL BELLES
GARAGE SALE	ADA BRADLEY	JOANN SHEARER
AUCTION SALE	ALICE KITTLE	BROTHERS OF THE BRUSH
FOOD STAND AT AUCTION	GEORGE ABBOTT, EMIL SVANDA	GEORGE HEDTKE, DENNIS SHEARER
RUMMAGE SALE AT AUCTION	CENTENNIAL BELLES	ADA BRADLEY, ETHYL SVANDA,
SALE OF SOUVENIERS	HARRIETT ABBOTT, HELEN SCHUMACHER	DOROTHY BYERLY, ALICE KITTLE,
TICKET SALES	DORIS SANDVIK, JOANN SHEARER	
CARNIVAL COMMITTEE	BERNICE DUHIGG, CLARIBEL DICKINSON	DOROTHY BOND, RUTH GROTHMAN,
HISTORICAL EXHIBITS	KAREN SCHANEBERG, CLARENCE AND	LORITA VERMEIS, ED AND ADA BRADLEY
TOWN HALL	GEORGE AND HARRIETT ABBOTT, DENNIS	AND JOANN SHEARER, RAYMOND AND DIANA
FIRST AID STATION	SPRAY, DOROTHY RANSFORD, MARCELLE GEIGER,	JANE GEIGER, KEN AND MARILYN BELIN,
FARM CENTER BLDG	DORIS SANDVIK	PEARL DUMMER, TILLIE WORTMAN
	DENNIS AND JOANN SHEARER	DON AND JOANNE WETZEL, ED AND ADA BRADLEY, ED AND FAYE
	VAN VLEET, SHERI VAN BRIESEN, CAROL POWLESS, NANCY PFAB,	ETNA MEINTS, DOROTHY BYERLY, ESTHER SWANSON, MARION
	AUGHENBAUGH, BEVERLY SHEPARD, JIM SHEPARD	
	CLARIBEL DICKINSON, KERMIT AND BERNICE ANDERSON,	DONALD AND ETHEL HORN, TILLIE WORTMAN, ALICE DAVIS TRIPP,
	VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS	

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

PARADES	CHILDREN'S	June 21	KAREN AND DENNIS SCHANEBERG ROSS AND HELEN SCHUMACHER LORITA VERMEIS
	CENTENNIAL PARADE	June 22	PARADE CHAIRMAN AND HELPERS
CENTENNIAL FLOAT			LELAND AND BERNICE DUHIGG CLARIBEL DICKINSON DONALD AND ETHEL HORN JAMES, PAT AND REBECCA GLENDENNING ETHYL SVANDA DOROTHY RANSFORD ALICE DAVIS TRIPP DONALD AND KATHERINE LANDOLT BART CONDERMAN SCOTT LOVE RICHARD AND HELEN GILL RICHARD AND JOAN LOVE JOHN BYERLEY
HOBBIES AND EXHIBITS			LELAND AND BERNICE DUHIGG LORITA VERMEIS, DOROTHY RANSFORD DORIS SANDVIK, JOAN LOVE MARY DIRKSEN, PASTOR JEFF BAER
DAVIS JUNCTION HISTORY BOOKLET PUBLICITY			DOUG AND BETTY BOOMGARDEN MARLENE LEEK BETSY EGELAND CLARENCE AND LORITA VERMEIS ED AND ADA BRADLEY
PAGEANT		June 20,21,22	FRED AND PHYLLIS SCHUMACHER ROSS AND HELEN SCHUMACHER DORIS SANDVIK AND VIOLA SIMONS
VARIETY SHOW		June 22	DARRYL AND JOAN VAUPEL LEON AND LOUIS VAUPEL HELEN SCHUMACHER, DOROTHY RANSFORD CLARENCE VERMEIS
PONY PULL	Sat.	June 21	DENNIS SHEARER, ROBERT SWANSON LEON VAUPEL DIRKSEN BAND STRANG BAND BERMIT AND BERNICE ANDERSON FRANCIS AND DORIS FOSTER BERT AND ALICE NAGLES
BABY PHOTO CONTEST			Painted by Mrs. Helen Schumacher Mrs. Dorothy Ransford
KING AND QUEEN CONTEST			
CENTENNIAL BANNER			
PHONE SERVICE			
SANITATION			
STREET DANCE		June 21	
HOMECOMING DAY		June 20	
CENTENNIAL BANNER			



*Jeremiah Davis*



Jane (Goodrich) Davis  
1852

JEREMIAH AND JANE DAVIS

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1975

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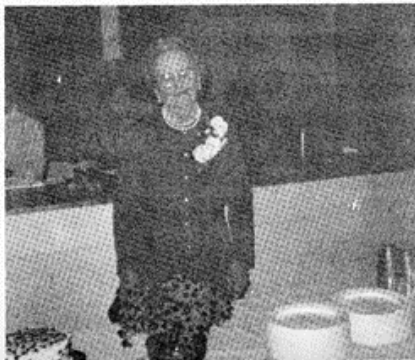
Sketch, Thad Duhigg

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CENTENNIAL SEAL WAS DESIGNED BY Mrs. Stanley (Mary) Dirksen, of Davis Junction, Il., especially for Centennial use. The stalk of corn and sheaf of wheat represent our farming community. Mary's initials appear at the base of the center symbol. The old style engine brings to mind number 83, well known to Davis Junction residents at the time this village was an active railroad junction.

Calendars were donated by Claribel Dickinson, great-granddaughter of Jeremiah Davis, for Centennial ads.



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DAVIS JUNCTION SANITARY DISTRICT was formed Sept. 1964, with three trustees, Gene Campbell, president; James McCammond, secretary; Leland Duhigg, treasurer. Trustees named in 1975, Herbert Ellsworth, president; Ed Bradley, secretary; Dennis Shearer, treasurer; are optimistic for the projects on the agenda for improvement of drainage and for the sewer system project, which would provide many possibilities for the village. William Alcock has helped to research possibilities on these projects.

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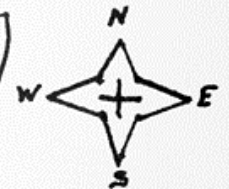
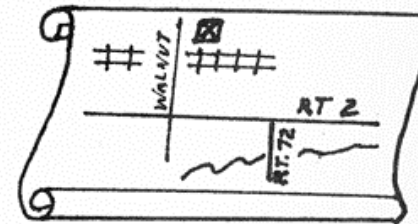
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