

The Children of  
Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner  
Parents of Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon

February 6, 2025

Abraham L. Beckner  
Son of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

Abraham L. Beckner, b. 1799?, Fleming County, KY; m. Elizabeth Kinkaid, 3/26/1823, Bath County, KY; d. 9/1854, Lewis County, MO.



Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL

Moved to Lewis County, MO about 1851

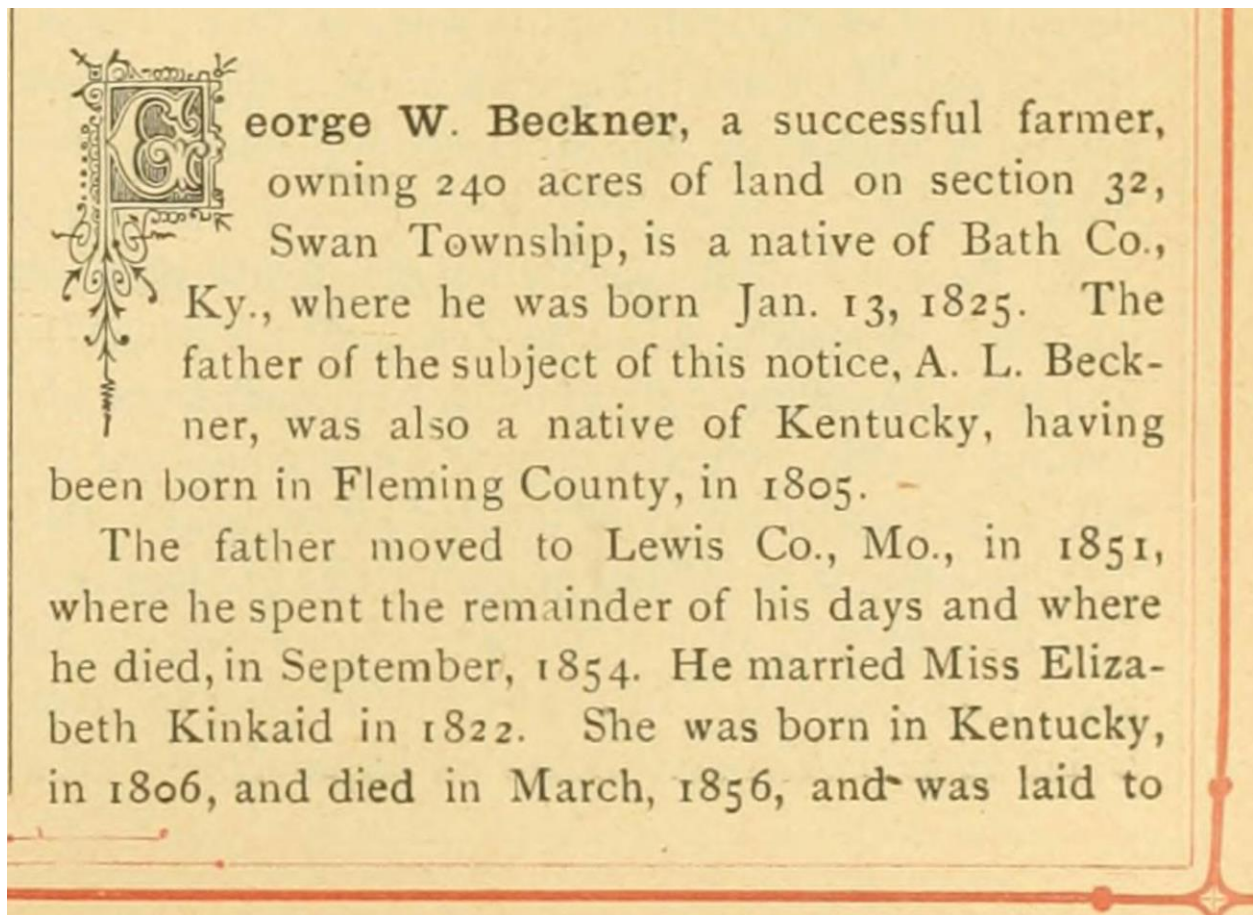
Abraham and his wife stayed in Kentucky while his parents Frederick and Mary, along with several of his siblings moved to Missouri. For some reason, Abraham decided to join them in 1850 (after the census in Nicholas County, KY). He died in Lewis County in 1854, and his widow and young children joined son George W. and daughter Johanna in Warren County, IL. This was a complete surprise to us; we had no idea there would be Beckners in Warren County as early as 1851.

The Beckner researcher: *Abraham appears on the 1820 Fleming, Kentucky, Census living at home with his parents. Abraham and family appear on the 1830 Nicholas Census; the 1840 Bath Census; and the 1850 Nicholas, Kentucky census records.*

I'm not sure about the birth year for Abraham. I had been using the 1799 I found at rootsweb. The 1850 census says he is 51; therefore, would have been born in 1799.

There is a genealogy we got at the Lewis County Historical Society during our visit in May 2008, which talks about Abraham's grandson, George L. Beckner. This biography of George L. says

*"The father of G.W. Beckner was born in Clements county, KY, in 1805, and died in Missouri in 1854."*



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George W Beckner, Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois, p309

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**L**uther B. Perry, proprietor of 80 acres of land, located on section 30, Swan Township, where he resides, engaged in its cultivation and improvement, was born May 25, 1841, in this county. His father, J. C. Perry, was born in Vermont in 1801; came to this State in 1840, and located in the vicinity Olena, Ill.; lived there one year, when he moved to Swan Township, and there resided until his death, which took place Feb. 19, 1881. The father married a Miss Phebe M. Dodge, in 1823. She was born in 1807, and died Sept. 6, 1885, in this county. They were the parents of nine children: Elias C. (deceased), born Dec. 14, 1824; Melissa M., Feb. 18, 1827; Cordelia O., July 29, 1829; Melvina J. March 12, 1832; Alanson W., Jan. 14, 1834; Mary O., May 24, 1836; Luther B., May 25, 1841; Lorane E. (deceased), Oct. 11, 1844, and Lyman (deceased), March 29, 1849.

Luther B. Perry was united in marriage with Miss Sarah J. Lybarger, July 4, 1872, Judge Nicholas, of Macomb, this State, officiating. Mrs. Luther B. Perry was born in Knox Co., Ohio, Nov. 20, 1854, and bore her husband four children, three of whom are living, namely: Mina J., born April 9, 1873; Orville L., Dec. 27, 1875; Iva M., Dec. 9, 1878; Rosa D., born May 31, 1884; died Aug. 4, 1885.

The father of Mrs. Perry, Joseph Lybarger, was born in 1807, and died near Marietta, Fulton County, this State, in October, 1879. His wife, Joanna (Ewing) Lybarger, with whom he was united in 1834, died

This bio says that A.L. Beckner was a native of Kentucky, being born in Fleming County in 1805? Notice discrepancy in date above. The article continues that Abraham moved to Lewis, MO, in 1851, died there in September 1854. He married Miss Elizabeth Kinkaid in 1822 (marriage cert is actually dated 3/26/1823). She was born in KY, in 1806, died March, 1856, and is buried in Bond Cemetery, just south of Greenbush, Warren, IL. Their son, George W., lived in Warren County, IL, since 1851. Very interesting article. Notice that George W.'s wife, Deborah VanKirk Beckner's parents were also from KY. Her mother died in McDonough County, IL, in 1882, and is buried in Bond Cemetery, Greenbush. One of the VanKirk's sons married Johanna Beckner, Abraham's daughter.

**1820 census, Fleming County, KY**

**Frederick Beckner**

- 1 male 10-16 (Andrew)
  - 1 male 16-18 (Thomas)
  - 2 males 16-26 (Abram, Peter)
  - 1 male 45+ (Frederick)
  - 3 females under 10 (Mary, Ruamy, Margaret)
  - 1 female 10-16 (Elizabeth)
  - 1 female 16-26 (Hannah)
  - 1 female 26-44 (don't know)
  - 1 female 45+ (Mary)
- I don't think there is a mark under slave columns

Years of Family	10	16	16-18	16-26	45	45+	10	16	26	45	45+	Slaves
Frederick Beckner		1	1	2		1	3	1	1	1		
Oliver Saunders		1			1		3	1		1		
Solomon Gregg		1			1		3		1			
Saml Johnson					1		1			1		
Cha. E. Catow				1		1			1	1		
Mrs. Buckley		1					2		1			
Solomon Gregg Sr						1						1
Saml Painter		1		1		1		1	1			1
Dr. Hamilton		1		1					1			
Gregory Hawkins		4			1		1			1		
Dr. Demop		1				1	1		2	1		
Lewis Seloy				1			1		1			

Also on this 1820 census page are Lewis Silvy, son-in-law of Frederick and Mary.

Several pages prior is Jacob Beckner, Abraham's brother.

Frederick's nephew? Another brother? Jacob Beckner and Frederick's brother Henry's entries are several census pages later, next to each other

Gregory Hawkins, **NOT** the husband of Sarah Cannon Hawkins (sister-in-law of Elizabeth Ann Beckner Cannon) is on this page. Gregory F. Hawkins is in Bath County, KY, in 1820.

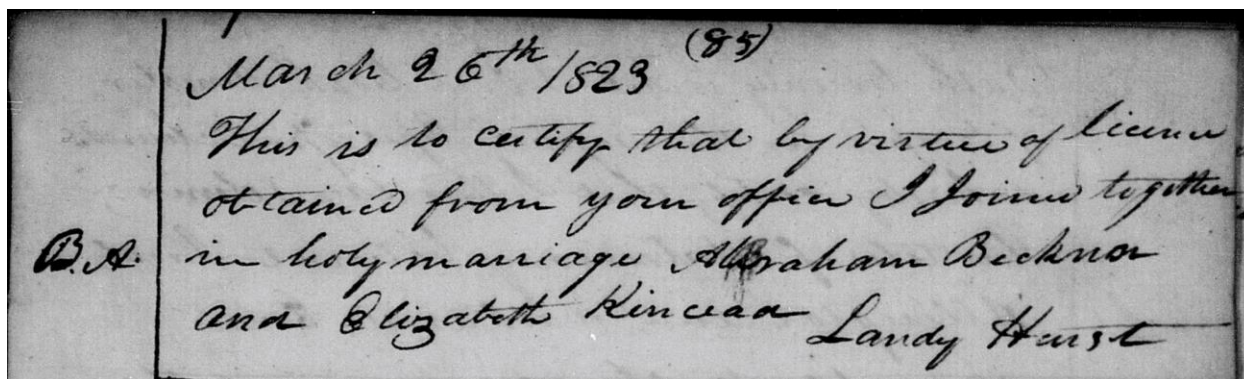
Marriage to Elizabeth Kinkaid, 3/26/1823

Know all men by these presents that we  
Abraham Beckner & George Kinkaid — are held  
and firmly bound unto the commonwealth of  
Kentucky in the just and full sum of fifty pounds  
which payment well and truly to be made we  
bind ourselves our heirs & jointly and severally  
firmly by these presents sealed and dated this  
24<sup>th</sup> day of March 1823 The conditions of  
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Abraham L and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner marriage license, Bath County, KY, 3.24.1823





Abraham L and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner, marr cert, Bath County, KY, 3.26.1823

**1830 census, Nicholas County, KY**

Abram Beckner

- 1 free white male 5-10. (George)
- 1 free white male 30-40 (Abraham)
- 2 free white females under 5
- 1 free white female 20-30 (Elizabeth)
- No slaves on census

**1840 census, West of Slate Creek, Bath County, KY**

Abram Beckner

- 1 free white male 15-20 (George W.)
- 1 free white male 40-50 (Abraham)
- 1 free white female 5-10 (Johanna)
- 1 free white female 10-15 (Mary Ann)
- 1 free white female 30-40 (Elizabeth)
- No slaves on census
- 2 people engaged in agriculture
- On same census page as Peter Beckner

**Father Frederick d. in 1840**

Frederick's will was probated in Lewis County, MO, in 1840. His heirs were listed:

*This day personally appeared before me J.H. Blair Clerk of the County Court of Lewis County Andrew Beckner who was ordered by the County Court of Lewis County to take charge of the estate of Frederick Beckner decd. And makes oath that said decd. **Died with a will which was rejected** by said Court & that the children of said decd. Are as follows: viz **Thomas Beckner, Andrew Beckner, Elizabeth Cannon wife of Newbold Cannon, and Margaret Welker wife of Joseph Welker residing in Lewis County, MO – and Peter Beckner, Abram L. Beckner, Jacob Beckner, Mary Overley, wife of Jacob Overley, and Hannah Sweet wife of Joshua Sweet all of the state of Kentucky but in different counties, also Hester Silvy wife of Lewis Silvey, Ruamy Kell wife of Benjamin Kell of Dearborn County, Indiana** and that herein make a perfect inventory of and faithfully administer said estate and pay the debts as far as the assets will extend and the law direct & account for & pay all assets which shall come to his possession or knowledge.*

Andrew Beckner

Subscribed Sworn to before me this  
13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1840

J.H. Blair Clerk et cet  
Lewis County,  
MO

**Mother Mary Locke Beckner d. in 1845, in Lewis County, MO**

Her probate documents also show her heirs:

*Jacob L. Beckner, residence not known*  
*the heirs of Hetty Silvy, who married Lewis Silvy and resided in the state of Indiana and county of Dearborn*  
*Peter Beckner, who resides in Bath County, KY*  
*Abraham Beckner and*  
*Polly Overly who married Jacob Overly who resides in Fleming County, KY*  
*Hannah Sweet who married Joshua Sweet and resides in Fleming County, KY*  
*Margaret Welker who married Joseph Welker and resides in the state of Illinois*  
*Thomas Beckner*  
*Andrew Beckner*  
*Ruamy Keels who married Benjamin Keels*  
*Elizabeth Ann Cannon who married Newbold J Cannon, all of whom live in Lewis County, MO*

**1850 census, District 1, Nicholas County, KY**

Abraham Beckner, 51, farmer, born in KY  
Elizabeth, 43, born in KY  
Mary Ann, 21, born in KY  
Johanna, 19, born in KY  
Peter T., 9, born in KY  
Henry C., 1, born in KY

Son George W., and family are entry right above Abraham's on the 1850 census.

According to the above biography, from the 1886 Portraits from Warren County, IL, Abraham died in Lewis County, MO, 1854. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1856 in IL, and is buried in Bond Cemetery, Greenbush, Warren, IL. Their son, George W., moved to Warren County, IL, in 1851 (apparently never living in MO?), bought property, must have brought his mother and siblings to live with him after his father, Abraham, died.

Son George W Beckner is the entry prior to Elizabeth's in 1855.

**1855 Illinois census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL**

**Elizabeth Beckner**

1 male under 10 (*Henry C.*)  
1 male 10-20 (*Peter T.*)  
1 female 40 - 50 (*Elizabeth*)  
3 total in household  
1 eligible for militia  
260 value of livestock

**Elizabeth d. in 1856, buried in Warren County, IL**

I made a FAG memorial for Elizabeth, at Bond Cemetery.

**Beckners Who Move to Warren County, IL**  
**George W., Peter T., Henry C., and Johanna Beckner VanKirk**

**Cannons Who Move to Warren County, IL**  
**Martin Luther, John, and Charles**

**Chewnings Who Move to Warren County, IL**  
**Spencer and Theodore**

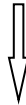
Abraham L. Beckner, brother of Elizabeth Anne Beckner Cannon, remained in Kentucky when his parents, Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner, and several of his siblings, including Elizabeth Anne Beckner Cannon, moved to Missouri.

Abraham L. and his son, George W., are on the **1850 census for Nicholas County, KY**

Abraham moved to Lewis County, MO in 1851, died there in 1854.

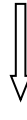
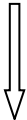
Son George W. moved to IL, in 1851. Bought property in Warren County, IL, in 1852. Moved his widowed mother, Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner to his place; she's buried in Bond Cemetery, near Greenbush, Warren, IL

**Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



**These siblings move to Lewis, MO (along with many others of their families)**

**Elizabeth Anne Beckner Cannon -----Abraham L. Beckner**



**These cousins move to Warren County, IL**

**Martin L. Cannon (before 1863)-----George W. Beckner (1851)**  
**John Cannon (before 1867)----- Peter T. Beckner (prob 1854)**  
**Charles Cannon (between 1879 & 1880)----- Henry C. Beckner (prob 1854)**  
**Johanna Beckner VanKirk (1854)**

**Elizabeth Cannon Chewning (stays in MO) but two of her sons move to Warren, IL**



**Spencer Chewning (prior to 1906 –don't have 1900 census)**  
**Theodore Chewning (1919)**

**Theodore and family are listed on census of 1920, Monmouth, Warren, IL, living next door to M.L. Cannon**

**Children of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**  
**Grandchildren of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**

1. George W. Beckner, b. 1/13/1825, Bath County, KY; m. Deborah VanKirk, 3/7/1848, Bath County, KY; d. 2/21/1900, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL; buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL
2. Johanna Beckner VanKirk, b. 4/21/1831, KY; m. John VanKirk, 5/15/1854, Warren County, IL; d. 11/3/1897, Warren County, IL; buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL.
3. Peter Thomas Beckner, b. 9/1841, KY; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Martha Jane Boden, 7/4/1867, Knox County, IL; m 2<sup>nd</sup> Permelia J. Broiles, 2/20/1879, McDonough County, IL; d. after 1900 census.
4. Henry Clay Beckner, b. 3/10/1849, Fleming County, KY; m. Lydia Margaret Jones, 4/17/1875, Maquon, Knox, IL; divorced 1/1895, Warren County, IL; d. 10/17/1909, Monmouth, Warren, IL; buried in Monmouth Cemetery, Monmouth, Warren, IL

**George W. Beckner**  
**Son of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kincaid Beckner**  
**Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



Deborah VanKirk Beckner, dau Susan J Beckner Turner, Harley Turner, gr dau Daisy Marie Turner



George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL



George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner, gray stone with triangle top, same row Robert T Beckner and children (Henry Clay, Zellura), Mary C. Beckner, dark stone facing down, Johanna Beckner VanKirk, large granite stone, behind and to the right of Mary C. Beckner.

Marriage to Deborah VanKirk

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commonwealth  
  
1848

Bath County Ky  
This day personally appeared before me Henry  
Vinkirk & made oath that the within named Debby  
VanKirk is twenty one year old given under  
my hands as Clerk of the Court of the County  
of Bath this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1848  
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George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner, marr bond, Bath County, KY

Know all men by these presents that we L W Beckner and Henry  
 Kirkink one held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth  
 of Kentucky in true just and full sum of £ 50. lawful money  
 of Kentucky which payment well and truly to be made we bind  
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 sealed and dated this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March 1828.

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 Henry Kirkink

George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner, marr bond.2

George may be the first Beckner or Cannon to move to Warren County, Illinois.

George W. Beckner, b. 1/13/1825, in KY, died 2/21/1900, Warren County, IL, according to Early Days in Greenbush, 1905.

Why did he move to Warren County, IL?

I am looking through census records in Illinois prior to 1850 for names that I might associate with the Beckners, Kinkaid's, George's sister's families, the Cannons, etc.

There is an Angelina Cannon, b. 1807, b. in KY, living in McDonough, IL, in 1830. Also with her are Elisabeth, James A., Mary, Mary, Obidah (b. 1810) and Robert. Any relation to our Cannons?

On the 1850 census, McDonough County, IL, there is a John P. Kincaid and Elisa Kincaid, b. in KY in 1802 and 1810 respectively. Could they be Elizabeth Kinkaid's relatives? There is an Andrew Kinkaid in Greenup County, KY, in 1830. Could he be Elizabeth's father?

Deborah VanKirk Beckner: her mother, Elizabeth, is living with a daughter-in-law, next to George and Deborah VanKirk Beckner in 1880.

On the 1850 McDonough County, IL census there is a McPheeters, a name from both the region I'm looking at in KY and in MO.

There are 1,194 listings of people born in KY between 1800 and 1850, living in McDonough County, IL in 1850.

There are more than 1000 people born in KY between 1800 and 1850, living in Warren County, IL, in 1850.

**1850 census, District 1, Nicholas County, KY**

Abraham Beckner, 51, farmer, born in KY

Elizabeth, 44, born in KY

Mary Ann, 21, born in KY

Johanna, 19, born in KY

Peter L, 9, born in KY

Henry C., 1, born in KY

Abraham was having kids at 50 years of age. He will die four years after this census, after he has moved to Lewis County, MO; Peter and Henry will appear on George W. Beckner's 1860 census in IL.

**1850 census, District 1, Nicholas County, KY**

George W. Beckner, 25, laborer, b. in KY

Deborah, 25, b. in KY

Maranda, 1, b. in KY

**Move to IL**

George and his family moved to Illinois in 1851. His father, Abraham, died in Lewis County, MO, in 1854. Apparently Elizabeth moved to be close to her son soon after Abraham died, as George and Elizabeth appear as consecutive census records in 1855. Two years after that, Elizabeth died. George took in his two younger brothers, Henry Clay and Peter.

5/2015: I STUMBLED on this record, looking for a Watson, I believe. George is first, then his mother, Elizabeth, then two entries later is Deborah VanKirk Beckner's mother, Elizabeth VanKirk:

**1855 Illinois census, Twp. 8N, 2W, Warren County, IL This is Swan Twp.**

**G.W. Beckner**

2 males under 10 (*Abraham, Robert*)

1 male 20-30 (*George*)

1 female under 10 (*Miranda*)

1 female 20-30 (*Deborah*)

5 total in household

1 eligible for militia

\$190 value of livestock

the next entry:

**1855 Illinois census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL**

**Elizabeth Beckner**

1 male under 10 (*Henry Clay*)

1 male 10-20 (*Peter L.*)

1 female 40-50 (*Elizabeth*)

3 total in household

1 eligible for militia

260 value of livestock



Mother Elizabeth d. 1/25/1856.

Son Andrew, b. 1857, d. 4/19/1858.

**1860 census, Walnut Grove Twp., McDonough County, IL**

GW Beckner, 34, farmer, value of personal estate \$1100, b. in KY  
Debby Beckner, 33, b.in KY  
Marvandy, 11, b. in KY  
Abraham, 7, b. in IL  
Robert, 5, b. in IL  
Elizabeth, 1, b. in IL  
Henry C. Beckner, 11, b. in KY (George's little brother)  
Peter T. Beckner, 18, b. in KY (George's little brother)

**Civil War Reg, 1863**

McDonough Co. No. 18

Class I comprises all persons subject to do military duty between the ages of twenty and thirty-five years, and all unmarried persons subject to do military duty above the age of thirty-five years and under the age of forty-five. Class II comprises all other persons subject to do military duty.

SCHEDULE II.—CONSOLIDATED LIST of all persons of CLASS II, subject to do military duty in the 18th Congressional District, consisting of the Counties of Pike, Brown, Whitley, McHenry, Fulton, Mason and Monroe & Cass State of Illinois, enumerated during the month of July, 1863, under direction of Capt. R. A. McCallister, Provost Marshal.

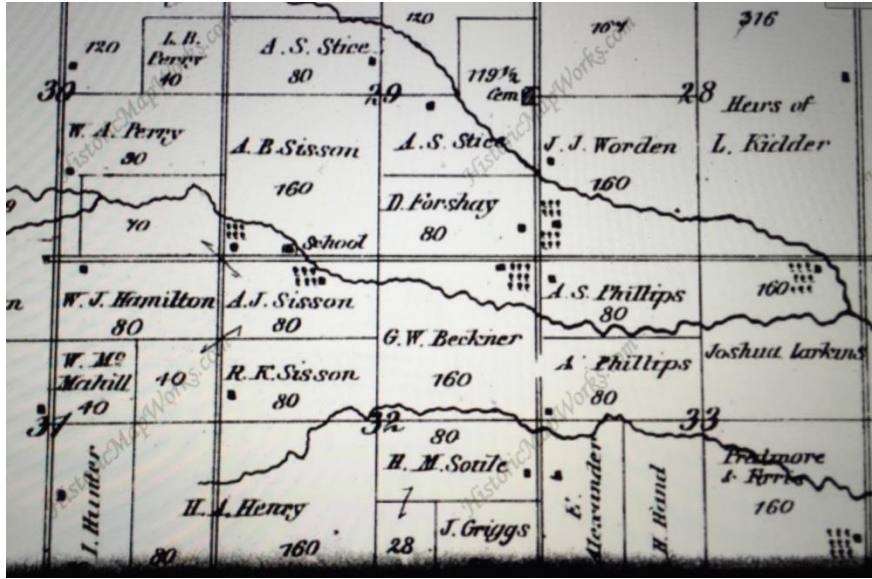
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		AGE IN FULL YEARS	WHITE OR COLORED			
Walnut Grove Township	Buckingham Demos	37	So	Farmer	Kentucky	
So	Beckner George W.	44	So	So	So	

**1870 census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL**

George Beckner, 45, real estate valued at \$8450, property valued at \$1850, b. in KY,  
Debora, 44, keeping house, b. in KY  
Robert F., 15, b. in IL, attended school in last year  
George, 5, b. in IL  
Susan, 2, b. in IL  
Harriet, 1, b. in IL  
Henry, 21, b. in KY (I believe this is Henry Clay Beckner, George's little brother)

**1872 Swan Twp., plat map**

In the bio of George's son (also named George) there is mention that George W. owned 240 acres in Sec. 32.



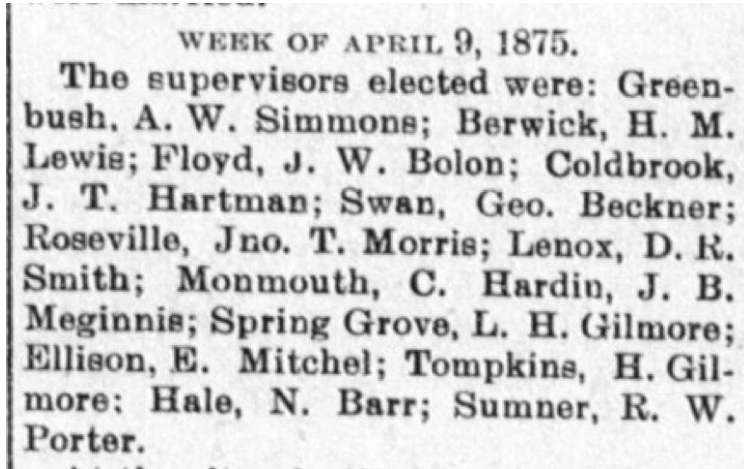
George W Beckner land, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL 1872 plat map



Supervisors

Abasalom Vandever.....1854-7	G.W. Beckner.....1873
Hezekiah Simmons.....1858	A. Vandever.....1974
William G. Bond.....1859-62	G.W. Beckner.....1875--77
A. Vandever.....1863-4	J.P. Higgins.....1878-8
R.R. McKinley.....1865	A. Vandever.....1862
A. Vandever.....1866-70	A.A. Cornell.....1883-5
Jacob Miller.....1871-	

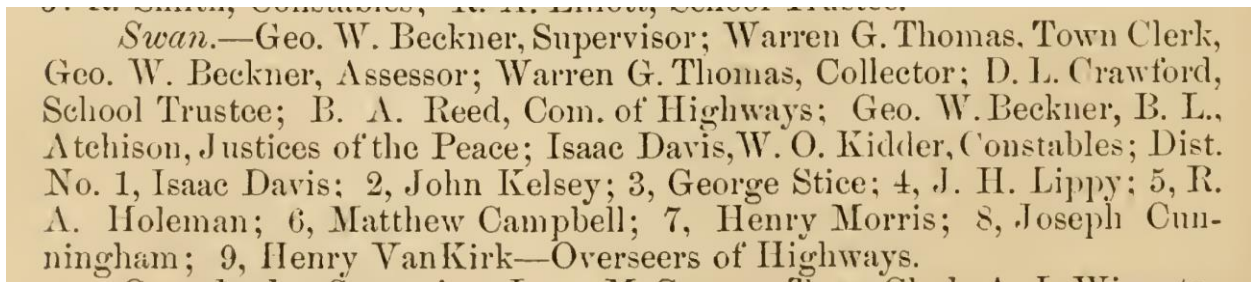
George W Beckner, supervisor, Swan Twp, Warren County, IL



George W Beckner, The Republican-Atlas, 4.12.1901. This was referring to 1875.

**From: 1903 Historical Encyclopedia of Warren County, IL**

*The election for the organization of the township was held April 4, 1854, and resulted in the election of Absalom Vandever as Supervisor; A. B. Sisson, clerk; W. G. Bond, assessor and collector. The present officers are: D. A. Stice, Supervisor; H. B. Roberts, Clerk; J. A. Davis, Sr., Assessor; Pearly Acton, Collector; E. H. Soule, B. F. Watt and J. W. Cog-hill, Highway Commissioners; B. M. Babbitt, and M. B. Roberts, Justices of the Peace; Henry Sands and George Lofftus, Constables. Those who have held the office of Supervisor in this township are: Absalom Vandever, 1854-57; Hezekiah Simmons, 1858; Wm. G. Bond, 1859-62; A. Vandever, 1863-64; R. A. McKinley, 1865; A. Vandever, 1866-70; Jacob Miler, 1871-72; G. W. Beckner, 1873; A. Vandever, 1874; **G. W. Beckner, 1875-77**; J. P. Higgins, 1878-81; A. Vandever, 1882; A. A. Cornell, 1883-88; David A. Stice, 1889-92; Clarence A. Cayton, 1893-96; D. A. Stice, 1897-1903*



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Barron T. J. wagon-maker; Swan Creek; rep; Meth; property \$600; born Illinois.  
 Beckwith Chas. C. carpenter; Swan Creek; rep; Meth; owns house and lot; Conn.

**BECKNER GEO. W.** Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 32; P. O. Youngstown; born in Bath Co., Ky., Jan. 13, 1825; came to this Co. Jan., 1852; Dem; Bapt; owns 247 acres, value \$12,350; wife was Deborah Vankirk, born Aug. 11, 1826, in Fleming Co., Ky; married March 2, 1848, in Bath Co., Ky; have had eleven children, five living, Miranda A., Robert T., George L., Susan J., Harriet F.; those dead are Mathias W., Abram L., Andrew S., Elizabeth C., Milly A., Mary C.; has been Supervisor, Assessor, Justice of the Peace and School Treasurer.

**BECKNER HENRY C.** Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 29; P. O. Youngstown; born in Bath Co., Ky., March 10, 1849; came to this Co. in 1852; Dem; rents 41 acres; wife was Lydia M. Jones, born in Knox Co., Ill., Dec. 25, 1855; married April 18, 1875, at Maquon, Knox Co; have one child, Oral Winifred.

Beckner R. T. farmer for father, G. W. Beckner; P. O. Youngstown; dem; Warren Co.

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#### 1880 census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL

George W. Beckner, 55, farmer, b. in KY, parents b. in KY  
 Deborah Beckner, 53, wife, keeping house, b. in KY, parents b. in KY  
 Robert T., 25, son, farmer, b. in KY, parents b. in KY  
 George L., 15, son, at home, b. in IL, parents b. in KY  
 Susan J., 12, daughter, b. in IL, parents b. in KY  
 Hattie, 10, daughter, b. in IL, parents b. in KY  
 John Patton, 27, boarder, farm laborer, b. in NY, parents b. in NY

#### 1880 Non-population census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL

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Enumeration Dist. No. 299

NOTE A—The light dotted perpendicular lines, which divide the spaces intended for numbers on this schedule, are intended to separate the units, tens, &c., from each other, and the Enumerator should be careful that the figures are written within the small spaces so formed, thus:

NOTE B—Make up affirmative entry by a slanting line (//) in one of the three columns 2, 3, and 4, according as the fact is in the year of each farm—in column 2, if the occupier is the owner of the farm; in column 3, if he is the tenant at a fixed money rental; in column 4, if he conducts it for a share of the product.

NOTE C—Enumerators will observe that there are 100 questions relating to each farm, which are arranged in four successive divisions of each schedule page.

SCHEDULE 2.—Productions of Agriculture in Swan Township in the County of Warren, State of Illinois  
enumerated by me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1880. C. M. C. Baker  
Enumerator.

Table with columns for Name, Acreage, and various agricultural products (Wheat, Corn, etc.) and livestock (Cattle, Horses, etc.). Includes handwritten entries for names like 'Rustin Rubin' and 'Rustin John W.'.

*From Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois 1903, "George L(?) Beckner, son of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner, returned to Illinois "on the account of the death of his brother...and came home to take charge of the farm..." The brother who died would be Robert Beckner.*

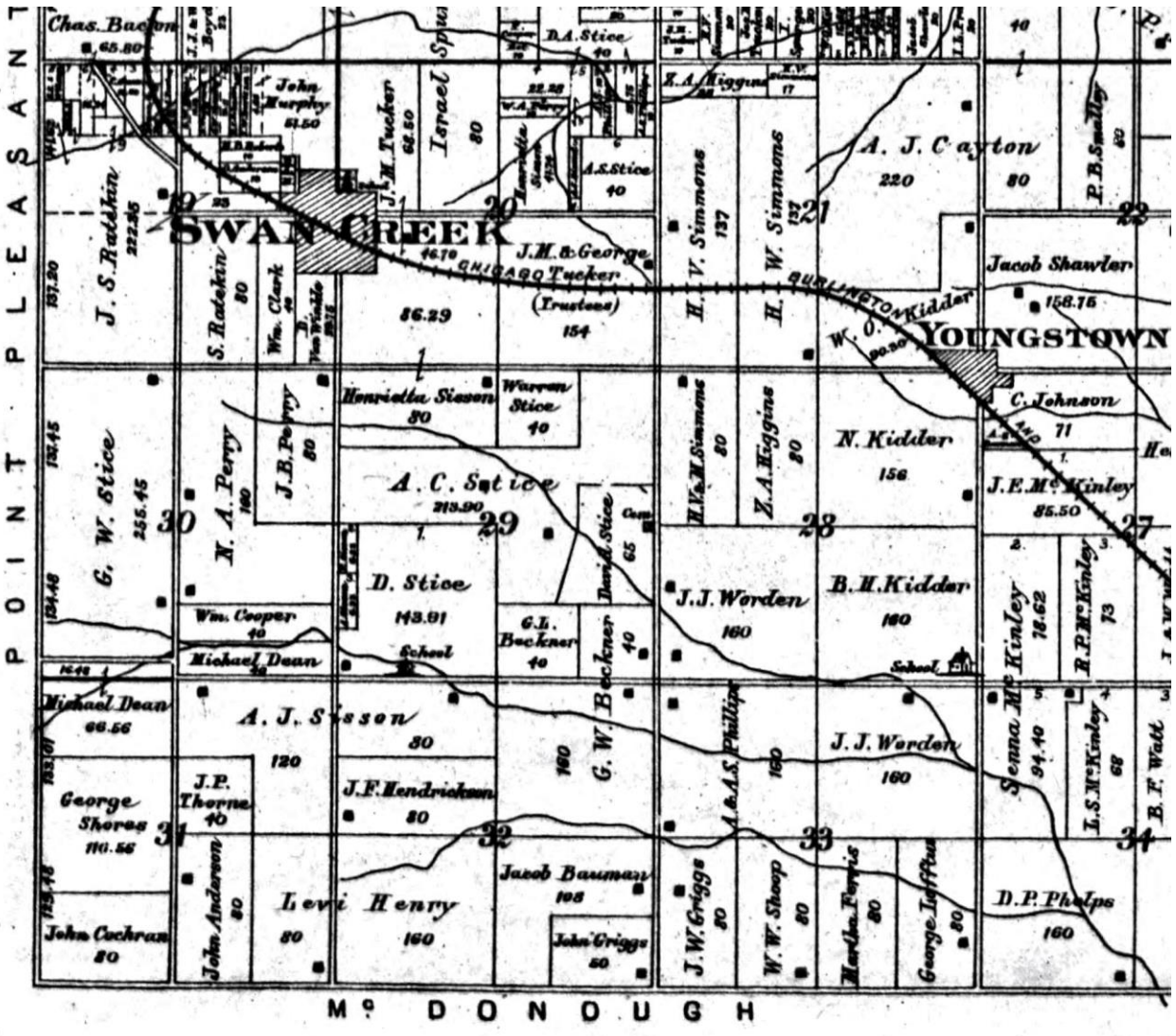
**Probate Court.**  
Estate of R. W. Beekner dec'd the following claims allowed L. Reed, \$52.00; A. S. Lumps, \$35.00. F. E. Harding, \$51.45; D. Shoop, \$2.00; J. Talley, \$5.00; H. VanElton, \$57.10; J. C. Booth, \$52.00; J. R. Webster, \$15.00; Geo. W. Beekner, \$380.00.

Robert T Beckner, probate, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 2.16.1888

**SWAN POOR ACCOUNT.**  
J McCammon, boarding poor.....\$ 18.00  
D Beckner, boarding poor..... 11.50

Deborah VanKirk Beckner, pmt for boarding poor, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 3.15.1888

1893 plat map



Swan Twp., Warren County, IL, 1893 plat map, G W, G L Beckner

It does our souls good to have such fine old men as Mr. G. W. Beckner call at our office, which he did last Saturday. He is one of Warren county's good old democratic farmers and has been in the county some 42 years and 28 years of that time on one farm, 2 miles from Youngstown. He tells us he doesn't assume any of the cares of the farm now, his boy looking after that, he doing nothing much but ride around with his old grey horse and buggy.

George W Beckner, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 6.21.1894



S W A N.

E. P. Vankirk to Geo. W Beckner; \$97.50;  
 all interest in McKinley's addition to  
 Youngstown and in pt n½ nw ¼ sec. 27; gw.

George W Beckner, RepublicanAtlas, 7.5.1895

SWAN POOR ACCOUNTS.	
J L Pauley, mds.....	11.00
Garretson & King, mdse.....	26.00
Jos Wilson, coal.....	10.89
Robt Wearmouth, coal.....	2.70
Geo W Beckner, board.....	6.00
B A Griffith, med attdce.....	10.00
B F Hamilton, med attdce.....	15.50
D A Stice, 3 days o p.....	3.00
	\$85.09

George W Beckner, RepublicanAtlas,3.17.1899

George W. Beckner died, 2/21/1900

GEORGE W. BECKNER.

"Here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

George W. Beckner, for 48 years a resident of this county, died at his home near Swan Creek, Wednesday afternoon of last week, aged 75 years. He became a resident of Warren county in 1852, moving to the farm which had since been his home. He was married to Miss Deborah Van Kirk, March 7, 1848, who with four children survives him. Mr. Beckner held various offices of trust, having been supervisor several terms, was also justice of the peace, and served the people faithfully in other official capacities. He had been a member of the Masonic lodge at Youngstown since 1866. Mr. Beckner was a man of integrity and worth, and as such was esteemed by all who knew him. The funeral was held at the Christian church in Youngstown, Friday morning, Rev. D. E. Hughes of Monmouth, conducting the services.

George W Beckner obit, The Republican-Atlas, 3.2.1900

April 6—April 20.

## Probate of Will.

In the County Court to the May Term, A. D. 1900.

In the Matter of the  
Probate of the last  
Will and Testament  
of George W. Beck-  
ner, Deceased. } Probate of Will.

To Deborah Beckner, M randa Shores, Susan  
Turner, Hattie Raymond, Geo. L. Beckner,  
Lova Beckner, Myra Beckner—and to all per-  
sons interested in the proof or probate of  
said will.

You and each of you are hereby notified that  
the last will and testament of said George W.  
Beckner, deceased, was deposited in the  
county court of Warren county, Illinois, for  
more than ten (10) days prior to this date, and  
as in such cases by statute made and provided  
the court doth order and direct that notice of  
the intention to probate said will be given by  
publication to all parties interested. It is  
therefore ordered by the court that the probate  
of said will be set down for hearing at the  
May term of the county court of Warren coun-  
ty, Illinois, to-wit: On Monday, the 7th day of  
May, at 10 o'clock a. m., A. D. 1900, when and  
where you may appear, if you see fit, and ob-  
ject, or show cause, if any you have, why said  
will should not be admitted to probate.

Monmouth, Illinois, March 31, 1900.

W. H. SEXTON,  
Clerk of the County Court.

George W Beckner, probate, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 4.20.1900

Executor's Record C.

IN THE MATTER OF THE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Warren In the County Court, in Probate, Mass Term, A. D. 1900

On the 17 day of May A. D. 1900

Present, the Hon. J. L. Beckner Judge. Attest: W. N. Weston Clerk.

In the Matter of the appointment of Execut<sup>r</sup> of the Last Will and Testament of George W. Beckner Deceased,

1. AND NOW ON THIS DAY, in said Court, come Geo. L. Beckner

and duly file his Petition to the Judge of said Court, in Probate, representing that on the 21st day of February A. D. 1900, Geo. W. Beckner late of the town of Swan

in the County of Warren and State of Illinois departed this life, testate, leaving a last Will & Testament presented by Anna Keadie and Geo. L. Mays as witnesses to the execution thereof and naming and appointing as executor thereof Geo. L. Beckner this petitioner without bond.

which Petition is duly sworn to by said Petitioner Geo. L. Beckner and it is thereupon ordered that the same be filed by the Clerk of this Court.

2. It being duly proved to the Court, that Geo. W. Beckner named in the foregoing order as having deceased, has departed this life, and no person having appeared to oppose the granting of Letters Testamentary to the said Geo. L. Beckner without bond or to show cause why the prayer of said petition should not be allowed, it is ordered that the same be and is hereby granted, provided the said Geo. L. Beckner first give bond as such Execut<sup>r</sup> in the form required by Law, in the penal sum of          Dollars, with security or securities therein to the acceptance and approval of the Court.

3. Pursuant to the last foregoing order, the said Geo. L. Beckner come and present          bond as Execut<sup>r</sup> as aforesaid, in the penal sum of          Dollars, signed and sealed by          set as principal, and by          as securit and said bond appearing to be in due form of law, and the security therein being deemed sufficient and satisfactory, it is thereupon ordered that the same be and it is hereby approved and accepted.

4. The said Geo. L. Beckner then in said Court took and subscribed an oath in the form required by law, and attached to said Will, well and truly to execute the same, &c., as follows:

I DO SOLEMNLY, That this writing- contain the true last Will and Testament of the within named Geo. W. Beckner deceased, so far as I know or believe; and that I will well and truly execute the same, by paying first the debts and then the legacies mentioned therein, so far as the goods and chattels will thereunto extend, and the law charge me; and that I will make a true and perfect inventory of all such goods and chattels, rights and credits, as may come to my hands or knowledge, belonging to the estate of said deceased, and render a fair and just account of my Executorship, when thereunto required by law, to the best of my knowledge and abilities, SO HELP ME GOD.

Sworn to and subscribed, this 17th day of May A. D. 1900 in open Court, before me. Geo. L. Beckner

And thereupon it is ordered that the Clerk issue Letters Testamentary to said Geo. L. Beckner as Execut<sup>r</sup> under said Will, signed by said Clerk, and with the Seal of this Court affixed (and with a certified copy of said Will annexed), and record the said bond and letters.

LETTERS TESTAMENTARY.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

*Warren* COUNTY, ss.

In County Court,

*May*

Term, 1900

The People of the State of Illinois, to all to whom these Presents shall come--GREETING:

KNOW YE, That whereas, *George W Beckner* late of the County of *Warren* and State of Illinois, died on or about the *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *February* A. D. 1900, as it is said, after having duly made and published his last Will and Testament, a copy whereof is hereunto annexed, leaving at the time of his death, property in this State, which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value, if speedy care be not taken of the same; and inasmuch as it appears that *Geo L. Deacon* has been appointed Executor in and by the said last Will and Testament to execute the same;

Now, to the end that the said property may be preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, and that the said Will may be executed according to the request of the said Testator we do hereby authorize the said *Geo L. Deacon* as such Executor to collect and secure all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits which were of the said *Geo W Beckner* at the time of his decease, in whosoever hands or possession the same may be found in this State, and well and truly to perform and fulfill all such duties as may be enjoined upon him by the said Will, so far as there shall be property, and the law charge him, and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are or hereafter may be required of him by law.

WITNESS

*W A Sexton*

Clerk of the County Court of the said County

{ SEAL }

of *Warren* and the seal of said Court, this

*17<sup>th</sup>*

day of *May*

A. D. 1900

*W A Sexton*

Clerk of the County Court.

George W Beckner, will, Warren County, IL signed 3/17/1900, entered in the May term, 1900.

George's will was written 9/18/1893, probated 5/17/1900.

Will of George W. Beckner.

and I, George W. Beckner, of the Town of Swan, in the County of Warren and State of Illinois do make, publish and declare, this to be my last will and Testament revoking all former wills by me made.

First It is my will that all my just debts be paid.

Second I, give, devise and bequeath, all my estate both Real Estate and personal property for the use of my wife, Deborah Beckner, during her natural life, she shall have the use of the Real Estate, and her money, to use for herself & to do as she wishes and whenever she sees fit.

Third After my death and after death of my wife Deborah Beckner, and my estate shall be relieved of all debts, expenses and liabilities I give, bequeath and devise unto my son George Beckner all of my estate remaining both Real Estate and personal property except as hereinafter provided and subject to my wife her use of the same as herein provided & subject to the payment of the following legacies and devises, none of which shall be paid until after the death of my wife, Deborah Beckner, that is to say,

I - I give, and bequeath and devise to my daughter, Mrs. Miranda Shourd the her use of twenty seven (27) acres of land off of the North West Corner of the North East quarter of section thirty two (32) in Township, Eight (8) North of Range two (2) West of the 4th Principal meridian in Warren County, Illinois, said 27 acres shall be land off to be 80 rods North and South and 54 Rods East and West, and after the death of said Miranda Shourd said 27 acres shall go to her living children and the children of any deceased, and the survivor of them, except that the child Ida King shall not have any share or portion thereof, this devise shall not go into operation until after the death of my wife,

II I direct and require said George Beckner to pay the following legacies after the death of my wife (a) to the children of my deceased son, R. S. Beckner, as follows.

Two Hundred and fifty (\$250<sup>00</sup>) dollars to each,

(1) Lora Beckner and (2) Maria Beckner, when they each become of age.

(3) To my daughter, Susan J. Turner, Sixteen Hundred (\$1600<sup>00</sup>) Less the three (3) notes and interest viz.

(1) \$63<sup>75</sup>/<sub>100</sub> dated Feb 11<sup>th</sup> 1891

(2) \$140<sup>00</sup> dated Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1890

(3) \$40<sup>00</sup> dated Feb 26<sup>th</sup> 1891

The principal and interest of which said notes shall be deducted from said legacies \$1600<sup>00</sup> and payable after the death of my wife.

(4) To my daughter Mrs. Mattie Raymond, sixteen Hundred (\$1600<sup>00</sup>) dollars and payable after the death of my wife.

Fourth I hereby nominate and appoint, my son, George Beckner, sole Executor also Trustee of this my last will and Testament, and direct that he shall not be required to give any securities as such Executor and Trustee and direct and require my said Executor and Trustee to look after the interest of my wife, loaning her money for her paying money to her as she shall require and request, and paying her rent on the real estate, her occupancy and nothing for her the taxes he does not occupy, doing all the business for her that she shall require, which said appointment is

made with the advice and approval of my wife, Deborah Beckner,  
dated this 18th day of September A.D. 1893

Geo. W. Beckner (Seal)

Subscribed, signed, sealed and declared by the said George W Beckner  
as and for his last will and Testament in our presence, and as his  
request and in his presence and in the presence of each other, we  
have signed our names as the attesting witnesses thereto this 18th day of  
September 1893

Almon Kiddler,  
D. R. Maper

State of Illinois  
Warren County

In the County Court of said County,  
In Probate May Term A.D. 1900

Personally appeared in open Court Almon Kiddler and D. R. Maper  
subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing  
purporting to be the last will and Testament of George W Beckner late  
of Warren County deceased, who being duly sworn according to law  
to depose and say each for himself that the foregoing is the  
last will and Testament of the said George W Beckner deceased  
as signed by them, that they subscribed their names thereto  
as the attesting witnesses at the request of the said Testator and in  
his presence, and in the presence of each other, on the 18th day of  
September, A.D. 1893.

That he then and there subscribed his name thereto in our  
presence, and declared the same to be his last will and Testament  
and that the said Testator at the time of executing the same as aforesaid  
was of full age of sound mind and memory and understood  
the contents.

Subscribed and sworn to in open Court this 17th day of May A.D. 1900 } Almon Kiddler,  
D. R. Maper

W. H. Weston Clerk  
Filed May 17 1900  
W. H. Weston ex

Probated May 17 1900  
J. C. Beckner Co. Justice

Notice that in 1900, Peter is again living with George's family, this time as a widower. Who is William G?

1900 census, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL

George L. Beckner, 35, b. 2/1865, married 11 years, b. in IL, parents b. in KY, farmer, owns farm,

Ora M. Beckner, 28, b. 9/1871, married 11 years, 3 children b., 3 children living, b. in KS, father b. in AL, mother b. in MO;

George V., 8, son, b. 12/1891, b. in IL, father b. in IL, mother b. in KY

Mary R., 6, daughter, b. 12/1893, b. in IL, father b. in IL, mother b. in KY

Loren L., 4, son, b. 12/1895, b. in IL, father b. in IL, mother b. in KY

Peter T. Beckner, 58, uncle, b. 9/1841, **widowed**, b. in KY, parents b. in KY, farm laborer

William G. Beckner, 10, **cousin**, b. 11/1889, b. in KS, parents b. in KY, did not attend school in last year (note: would William G. be Peter T's son?) I found him buried in Fulton County, in the County Farm (Almshouse) Cemetery

Debora Beckner, 76, mother, b. 8/1826, **widowed**, 11 children, 4 living, b. in KY, parents b. in KY

#### Cousin of George

BECKNER, William G.	1889	Feb. 26, 1912	23y
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A farewell reception was given Geo. Beckner and wife at the close of the meeting Monday evening.  
Mr. Fullerton has started a blacksmith shop in Roseville.  
Jos. Stice has moved into the Ben Kidder property recently vacated by Earl Vaughn.  
Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Aylesworth spent New Year's day with Miss Lillian Hoornbeck.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Watt spent Sunday with relatives in Prairie City.  
Mr. and Mrs. Babbit spent New Year's day with relatives in Roseville  
Geo. Beckner and family left for their new home in Kansas, Tuesday evening.

George L Beckner, Youngstown col., Warren County Democrat, 1.8.1903

### **Publication Notice---In Attachment.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, WARREN COUNTY.—ss.  
Circuit Court of Warren County, to the  
May Term, A. D. 1904. Deborah Beckner vs  
Geo. L. Beckner.

Public notice is hereby given to the said  
George L. Beckner that a writ of Attachment  
issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Cir-  
cuit Court of Warren County, dated Eleventh  
(11th) day of January, A. D., 1904, at the suit of  
the said Deborah Beckner and against the Es-  
tate of the said George L. Beckner for the sum  
of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars and no  
Cents, directed to the Sheriff of said Warren  
county.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said George  
L. Beckner shall personally be and appear be-  
fore the said Circuit Court of Warren County  
on the first day of the next term thereof, to be  
holden at the Court House in the City of Mon-  
mouth, in said County on the Second (2nd) day  
of May, A. D. 1904, give special bail and plead  
to the said Plaintiff's action, judgment will be  
entered against you, and in favor of the said  
Deborah Beckner and so much of the property  
attached as may be sufficient to satisfy the said  
judgment and costs, will be sold to satisfy the  
same.

L. O. TOURTELLOTT, Clerk.

M. A. Kidder, Plaintiff's Attorney.

Monmouth, Illinois, January 11th, A. D. 1904

Deborah Vankirk Beckner, son George L Beckner, TheRepublicanAtlas, 1.29.1904

5/5/1904: a small article saying that *Deborah Beckner vs. George L. Beckner ... leave to plead extended...*  
Apparently they were fighting over George W's will.



## CIRCUIT COURT IN SESSION.

### September Term With Judge Grier on the Bench is Getting Well Down to Business.

With the grand jury still out and hard at work investigating a number of interesting cases, district court is on its fourth day's work and getting a good start on its trial docket.

What the grand jury is doing is a matter sacred to members themselves. They are tending strictly to their own business, which to a certain extent is investigating other people's affairs, but that is their duty. When they will finish their work is not known. They are examining a large number of witnesses but it is not believed that their report will furnish any sensations.

After the calling of the docket yesterday, the hearing of the attachment suit of Deborah Beckner vs. George L. Beckner was commenced and after considerable wrangling, the following jury was secured: C. J. Nelson, W. E. Stevenson, T. W. Wiley, E. C. Lewis, August Hagman, George Fisher, Howard Rodgers, John Whissen, Joe Meadows, Wm. Ray, C. J. Thomas, and L. M. Boals.

The principals to the suit are from the south end of the county. Briefly it is a story of troubles in the settlement of an estate and the mother is seeking to secure judgment against her son for something over \$2,000, which she claims due her for the rent of a piece of land, while the son claims the rent money went to cancel the indebtedness of the estate, according to the previous arrangement.

Tuesday morning the suit of Mon-

George W Beckner estate, The Republican-Atlas, 9.22.1904

# RUSH BUSINESS

Many Cases Called and Docket is Being Cleared.

## THE GRAND JURY IS QUITE BUSY.

Jury was Trying the Cause of Beckner vs. Beckner Afternoon.—Other Cases Being Heard.—Orders of Judge Grier.

The circuit court docket is being cleared at a rapid rate. The juries have been impaneled for the trying of two cases. The jurors who are trying the case of Beckner vs. Beckner this afternoon are: Charles J. Nelson, W. E. Stevenson, T. W. Wiley, Howard Rodgers, Joe Murdock, Charles J. Thomas, August Hagman, George Fisher, E. C. Lewis, John Whissen, William Ray, L. M. Boals.

The grand jury is still in session and are making good progress on several cases which come before them at this time.

### Judge's Docket.

Dora Beckner vs. George L. Beckner, assumpsit; case called for trial; jury impaneled and sworn to try the issues.

George W Beckner will, trial, Warren County Democrat, 9.22.1904

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### THE BECKNER SUIT.

#### Verdict Returned for the Defendant Last Friday.

The jury in the Beckner vs. Beckner attachment suit returned a verdict at a little after 8 o'clock Friday for the defendant. After two long days of listening to testimony and attorneys pleas the jurors got the case late yesterday afternoon. They wrestled with it late at night, but in the morning notified the court that they were ready to return a verdict.

The case developed into one of the hardest fought cases of its kind heard in a Warren county circuit court. It was a suit for attachment brought by Mrs. Deborah Beckner against her son G. L. Beckner. Back of it all was a misunderstanding about the settlement of the estate of Mrs. Beckner's husband and she was seeking to recover something over \$2,000.

George W Beckner will lawsuit, The Republican-Atlas, 9.29.1904

Son George L. Beckner was the administrator. I think George won the case?

#### Deborah d. 1905

Creek Friday.

The sad news is received of the death of Mrs. G. W. Beckner who died Monday at one o'clock.

Deborah VanKirk Beckner death, Youngstown col., The Republican-Atlas, 7.13.1905

Sunday.

Mrs. Deborah Beckner died at the home of her son-in-law Wm. Shores. Monday at 1:30 o'clock P. M. The funeral will be Wednesday at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. D. E. Hughes officiating.

Deborah VanKirk Beckner obit, The Republican-Atlas, 7.13.1905

neys which is in session there.

Mrs. Frank Raymond of Farragut, Iowa, was in the city today on her way to Swan Creek to attend the funeral of Mrs. Deborah Beckner.

Mrs. M. M. Flynn of Kirkwood and daughter Mrs. Mary ... of St.

Deborah VanKirk Beckner obit, Warren County Democrat, 7.12.1905

Mrs. Joe Ray was daughter of Donna Ezelle Vanderveer Beckner Ray, widowed and remarried wife of Robert T. Beckner. Myra was Robert T and Donna's daughter.

Mrs. Joe Ray and Miss Myra Beckner who were called to Youngstown by the death of Mrs. Demoran Beckner, returned home yesterday afternoon.

Deborah VanKirk Beckner, funeral, MonmouthDailyAtlas, 7.13.1905

Rev. D. E. Hughes went to Youngstown this morning to conduct the funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Deborah Beckner, H. C. Beckner accompanied him.

Deborah VanKirk Beckner, Henry Clay Beckner, MonmouthDailyAtlas, 7.13.1905

#### Deborah's will

I believe she left her son, George L., out of the will.

Seal

Witness W.H. Setton clerk of our said court, and the Seal thereof at Monmouth in said county, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of July A.D. 1905

W.H. Setton clerk

Deed was filed in the county court this 5<sup>th</sup> day of August A.D. 1905

W.H. Setton clerk

Will - Filed June 28<sup>th</sup> 1905 W.H. Setton clerk

Duly approved and ordered recorded this 25<sup>th</sup> day of August 1905

J.P. Pearson Co Judge

Seal

Will of Deborah Beckner

I, Deborah Beckner, of the town of Swan, Warren County, Illinois, do make public, and declare this to be my last will and testament, revoking all former wills.

First: I give, devise and bequeath to my daughter Mrs. Miranda Phares, three thousand dollars; to my daughter Mrs. Susan J. Turner three thousand dollars; to my daughter Mrs. Hattie Richmond, three thousand dollars; to my grand daughter Lova Beckner fifteen hundred dollars, and to my grand daughter Myra Beckner fifteen hundred dollars

Second: Under the power of disposition given me under the will of my late husband George W. Beckner, I give, devise and bequeath the south one half of the north-east Quarter of Section No. Thirty two, and the south-east Quarter of the south-east Quarter of Section No. Twenty nine, Town eight North, Range Two West of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. Warren Co. Ills as follows: to my daughter Mrs. Miranda Phares, the undivided one fourth part thereof; to my daughter Mrs. Susan J. Turner, the undivided one fourth part thereof; to my daughter Mrs. Hattie Richmond, the undivided one fourth part thereof; to my grand-daughter Lova Beckner the undivided one eighth part thereof, and to my grand-daughter Myra Beckner the undivided one eighth part thereof.

Dated April 16<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1905

Deborah Beckner (Seal)

The above instrument was on the date thereof signed, sealed, published, and declared by the said Deborah Beckner as and for her last will and testament in the presence of us, who at her request and in her presence and in the presence of each other, have subscribed our names as witnesses thereto, believing the said Deborah Beckner to be at the time of subscribing, our names as witnesses aforesaid to be of sound mind and memory

H.P. Smith  
E.D. Brady

State of Illinois }  
Warren County } ss In the County Court of said County  
In Probate September Term A.D. 1905

Personally appeared in open court H.P. Smith and E.D. Brady, subscribing witnesses to the foregoing instrument of writing, purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Deborah Beckner late of Warren County, deceased, who being duly sworn according to law, do depose and say, each for himself, that the foregoing is the last Will and Testament of the said Deborah Beckner deceased, as signed by them, that they subscribed their names thereto as the attesting witnesses at the request of the said Testator, and in her presence, and in the presence of each other, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April A.D. 1905

That she then and there subscribed her name thereto in our presence and declared the same to be her last Will and Testament: and that the said Testator, at the time of executing the same as aforesaid, was of full age, of sound mind

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*and memory and under no constraint  
 subscribed and sworn to in open court,  
 this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1905  
 W. H. Sexton County Clerk  
 Filed July 30<sup>th</sup> 1905 W. H. Sexton Clerk  
 Duly proven and ordered recorded Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> 1905 J. E. Peacock Co. Judge*

*H. B. Smith  
 E. D. Brady*

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Deborah VanKirk Beckner, will, Warren County, IL, p. 556

**Miranda Shores to Geo. L. Beckner  
 all inst in the estate of Geo. W. Beck-  
 ner, qc \$175.00.**  
**Laura & Myra Beckner to Same  
 all inst in the estate of Geo. W. Beck-  
 ner, qc \$1.00.**  
**Hattie Raymond and hus to same  
 all inst in the estate of Geo. W. Beck-  
 ner, qc \$1.00.**  
**Susan J. Turner and hus to same  
 all inst in the estate of Geo. W. Beck-  
 ner, qc \$1.00.**

George W Beckner, estate, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 2.7.1906

From Early Days in Greenbush, published 1905, page 190-191, section The Bond Cemetery: located in the SW quarter of Sec. 18, are the following graves:

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EARLY DAYS IN GREENBUSH

Polly, wife of John P. Wood; died March 24, 1845; aged 38 years.

Sallie Butler, born December 4, 1809; died April 1, 1841.

America Butler, born September 4, 1839; died September 8, 1840.

Elizabeth, wife of Mathias Vankirk; died May 27, 1882; aged 79 years.

Henry Vankirk; died January 24, 1890; aged 66 years.

A. J. Vankirk; died October 7, 1885; aged 35 years.

David Smalley; died October 20, 1873; aged 42 years.

George W. Beckner, born January 13, 1825; died February 21, 1900.

George W Beckner, Bond Cemetery, Early Days of Greenbush, IL, p. 190. Elizabeth VanKirk was Deborah VanKirk Beckner's mother.

**BECKNER, GEORGE L.**, whose ambitious spirit and successful career well entitle him to honorable mention in any book devoted to the career of those who have accomplished results in Warren County, and not simply planned and schemed, was born in McDonough County, Ill., February 25, 1865, a son of George W. and Deborah (VanKirk) Beckner. Both parents were natives of Kentucky, **his father having been born in Bath County, in that State, in 1825, and died February 21, 1900. The latter was a son of A. L. and Elizabeth (Kinkaid) Beckner. The father of G. W. Beckner was born in Clements County, Ky., in 1805, and died in Missouri in 1854; the mother was born in Kentucky in 1806, and died in 1853.** Deborah VanKirk, noted above, was the daughter of Matthias VanKirk, born in Kentucky in 1796, and died in 1846, and Elizabeth Wilson, who was born in 1802, and died in 1882. **George W. Beckner came from Kentucky in 1851, and made his home in Youngstown, Warren County, where for a time he was employed at farm work by the month. At a later period he purchased a farm in Section 32, Swan Township, becoming a leading character in the town, where he served three years as Supervisor, fifteen years as Justice of the Peace, and the same period as Assessor. He was School Director eighteen years, and owned at the time of his death 240 acres of land.** The mother is still living on the old homestead. George L. Beckner, whose name introduces this article, having acquired a good education at home and in Chicago, took up civil engineering, and was employed by the Rock Island Railway in Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska. On account of the death of his brother he resigned his position and came home to take charge of the farm, in the cultivation of which he is still engaged, in both general farming and stock-raising. For four years he was Justice of the Peace, and School Trustee for three years. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity at Roseville, and the Odd Fellows at Youngstown; is also a member and elder of the Christian church at Youngstown. In his political proclivities he is a Democrat. Mr. Beckner was married in Clay County, Kan., September 12, 1888, to Minnie Hawes, a native of that county, born September 10, 1871, by whom he has had four children: George B.; Mary R.; Loren L.; and Samuel Miles. Mrs. Beckner is a daughter of Samuel M. and Mary (Pinkerton) Hawes, the father born in Tennessee, and the mother in Missouri. They removed to Kansas in 1866, where the father is still engaged in farming and stock-raising.

#### Christian Church in Youngstown

The Christian church of Youngstown was organized January 6, 1890, by Rev. W. H. Bybee, of Cuba, Ill., with thirty-seven charter members, as follows: C. S. Arnold, John Bowman, elders; **Geo. L. Beckner**, Nathan Kidder, deacons; R. O. Carlock, clerk; A. J. Cayton, treasurer; **Lydia Beckner**, Clara Booten, Addie White, Wm. McBride, Rose Lodwick, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Hickman, Thomas Wilson, Ruby L. Cayton, **Henry Beckner**, Laura White, **Minnie Beckner**, Arvie Cayton, Matilda Shoop, Nellie Record, James White, Miranda Shores, Olive Higgins, C. H. Ballman, Susan Romine, Alice Morton, Susan Johnston, Anna Bowman, Victoria Jared, John W. Booten, Robinson Wilson, Elizabeth Smith, Mattie A. Kidder, M. T. Travis, Thomas Bair, Nancy K. Bair. The pastors of the church have been: W. H. Bybee, 1890; —. —. Ingram, 1891-92; Paul Castle, 1893; J. D. Dillard, 1894; Paul Castle, 1895; M. D. Sharp-less, 1896; \*J. W. Knight, 1897-98; C. G. Blakeslee, 1899-1900; and George Chandler, the present pastor. The church has had a steady growth since its foundation. There have been several special meetings, including one by M. Jones, of Arrowsmith, with 62 additions, and one by Geo. Duval with 15 additions. The present membership is 117. The house of worship was erected during the summer of 1894 at a cost of \$2,250, and dedicated on August 12 of that year.

#### Children of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner

#### Grandchildren of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner

#### Great Grandchildren of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

1. Miranda A. Beckner King Shores, b. 5/16/1849, KY; m. 1<sup>st</sup> William Henry King, 10/7/1869, Warren County, IL; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> William Oscar Shores, 5/30/1889, Warren County, IL; d. 12/1/1932, Stice Cemetery, Youngstown, Warren, IL; buried in Stice Cemetery, Youngstown, Warren, IL.
2. Mathias W. Beckner, b. after 1850; d. 1854; buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL.

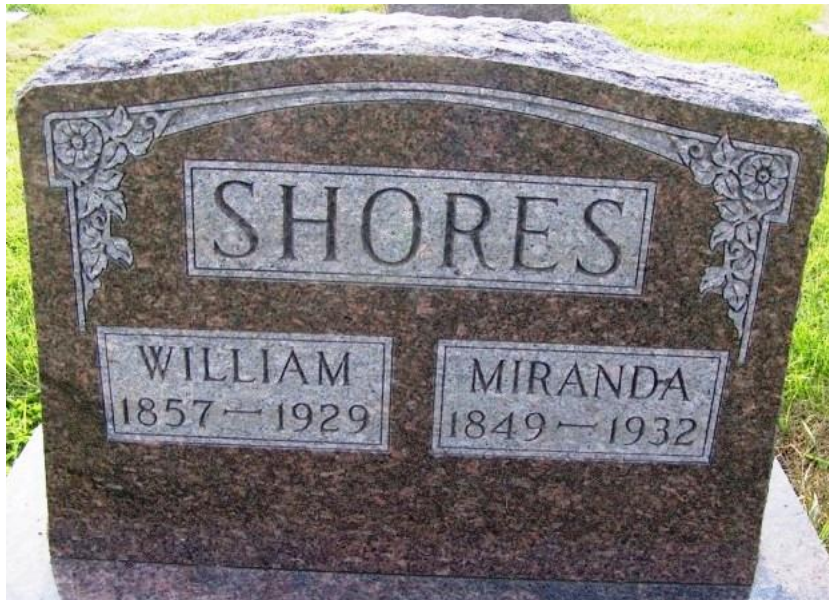
3. Abraham Beckner, b. 1853, IL; d. before 1886 (date of 1886 Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois, where he's listed as deceased)
4. Robert T. Beckner, b. 5/2/1855, from tombstone information, Youngstown, Warren, IL; m. Donna Ezelle Vanderveer, 3/30/1882, Burlington, Des Moines, IA; d. 10/17/1887, Warren County, IL; buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL.
5. Elizabeth C. Beckner, b. 1859, IL; d. 7/29/1860, Warren County, IL; buried in Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL.
6. George L. Beckner, b. 2/25/1865, McDonough County, IL; m. 1<sup>st</sup> Minnie Ora Haws, 9/12/1888, Clay Center, Clay, KS; m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Essie M. Woolman, 1/11/1916, Hollis, Cloud, KS; d. 11/23/1946; buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Clay, KS.
7. Susan Jane Beckner Turner, b. 8/31/1867, Youngstown, Warren, IL; m. Harley Omar Turner, 1/20/1887, Swan Twp., Warren County, IL; d. 1925; buried in Yuma Cemetery, Yuma, Yuma, CO.
8. Harriet Francis Hattie Beckner Raymond, b. 8/17/1869, IL; m. Frank Raymond, 9/23/1890, Warren County, IL; d. 1949; buried in Farragut Cemetery, Farragut, Fremont, IA.

**Miranda A. Beckner King Shores**

**Daughter of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Granddaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



William O. and Miranda A. Beckner King Shores stone, Stice Cemetery, Youngstown, Warren, IL

Name	Miranda A Beckner
Gender	Female
Marriage Date	7 Oct 1869
Marriage Place	Warren, Illinois, USA



Spouse Name William H King  
 Spouse Gender Male

Birth of Son, 4<sup>th</sup> child:

* ✓	616	Dec 18 1878	3 Third	2 Point Pleasant Tp	2 Indiana	Kentucky
			1 King	1 Dec 14 1878	1 American	American 28
			2 Male	2 Point Pleasant	2 Illinois	Missouri
* ✓			3 Fourth			
			1 Josephine Sands	1 Dec 13 1878		

American	28	1	Miranda A King	1	Wm H King	1	H. D. Folger
Missouri		2	Miranda A. Beckner	2	Farmer	2	Youngstown Ill
		3	Point Pleasant			3	" " "

Son King, birth reg, Warren County, IL, 12.14.1878.2

Birth of son John Thomas:

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No.	Date of Return.	1. Name of Child. 2. Sex. 3. No. of Child of this Mother.			Race or Color.	1. Date of Birth. 2. Place of Birth.		1. Nationality of Father. 2. Place of Birth.		Nationality of Mother. Place of Birth.	Age.	
* ✓	2406	Apr 10 1882	John Thomas King			White	1 March 18 1882		1 American		American	52
			2 Male				2 Pt Pleasant Tp		2 Tennessee		Kentucky	
			3 Fifth									

OF BIRTHS.									
Nationality of Mother. Place of Birth.	Age.	1. Full Name of Mother. 2. Maiden Name of Mother. 3. Residence of Mother.			1. Full Name of Father. 2. Occupation.		1. Name and Address of Medical Attendant. 2. Name and Address of Person making Certificate. 3. Reported by.		
American	52	1 Miranda Beckner King			1 William Henry King		1 G. H. Mc Clellan		
Kentucky		2 Miranda Beckner			2 Farmer		2 " " "		
		3 Point Pleasant Tp					3 " " "		

John Thomas King, birth reg, Pt Pleasant Twp., Warren County, IL, 3.1882.2

**ESDAY, JULY, 6, 1886**

**BOUND OVER.**

**Unhappy Domestic Affair in Swan Creek Brought Out by Testimony Before a Justice of the Peace.**

On Saturday, July 2, the usually quiet village of Swan Creek was aroused to such a pitch as to cause the arrest of one Wm. King for drunken and disorderly conduct. He was taken before Squire J. S. Ratekin July 5 and asked to contribute \$5 and costs for the benefit of the public school fund. The demands being satisfied the prisoner was released.

Later in the day he was rearrested by his wife who complained that her life was in danger. Following was the evidence in the case.

Miranda King, his wife, testified:

He threatened to kill me a great many times. On the night of Jan. 18 I awoke and found him standing over me with a large square bottle drawn in one hand and a knife in the other. Asked him what he was going to do and he dropped the knife and laid down on the foot of the bed and slept. He was drunk at the time. At one time he struck me over the shoulders and arms with a chair. Arms were black and blue from the effects of the blows. Struck at me with scissors once and said he had studied all day which to kill first, me or John Lippy. Jerked the hair out of my head frequently and threatened to kill me. I am afraid of him. I fear he will kill me. On the night of June 8, he left the doors open and turned the light up. Usually locks all doors; that night he didn't. I slipped in that night and got the knife from him and gave it to father, (Geo. W. Beckner) Next day I left home several times because I was afraid he would kill me. Had the scissors in his hand and said he would cut my G— d— liver out. The bottle was empty.

Nancy Ford testified:

Saw him take a chair to her. She hit him with a chair, too. He hit her first. Witness would have done the same thing. Witness was asleep with Mrs. King when the bottle and knife were drawn. Never heard him threaten to kill her. Saw him slam the tea kettle on the floor. Heard him say he would cut her "G— d— liver out."

David Kepple testified:

Heard him curse her several times when on the farm. King was drunk once and his wife tried to get him up to go to bed and he commenced to tickle her and kept at it until she fell down on the floor, and witness pulled her away from him.

Geo. Walker testified:

Never heard any threats. Never saw anything.

Mrs. Parish testified:

Saw her arms, they were badly bruised. She came to my house and told me about Bill striking and beating her with a chair. Never saw him out of the way.

Jake McMullen testified:

Don't know anything about their troubles. Wife and children staid all night with witness once. Was afraid to stay at home. She sent a boy after me once, when he was drinking. I went to the fence and talked with her. Afterwards went in the house; saw nothing while there. Heard hard talk to family several times. Know of family going away several times when he was tight. Don't know whether he drove them away or not.

Mason Buck, constable, testified:

Saw bruised arms. She said Bill struck her with a chair. Know of her leaving home several times when Bill was drinking. She wanted me to arrest him once, but I told her I could not without the proper papers.

Wm. King sworn, testified:

Never threatened to kill her. Never offered to kill her with the scissors. Had the scissors in my hand to show her a little trick that I learned 20 years ago. Had a knife in my hand to take the cork out of a bottle, as I have often done before. Always took a drink before going to bed.

The court put the prisoner under \$150 bond to appear before the grand jury. Mrs. Geo. W. Stice, his sister, advanced the money and the prisoner was released.

Swan Creek, July 5.

F. M. W.

Miranda A Beckner King, divorce, The Evening Gazette, 7.6.1886.2

Miranda A. King and Wm. H. King haven't been living together as harmoniously as is required to insure domestic felicity. They are Swan Creek people and quite a good many were in court from that burg to testify in the case. A divorce was granted.

Miranda A Beckner King, divorce, TheEveningGazette, 9.25.1886

90. Miranda King vs. William King, decree for divorce.

Miranda A Beckner King, divorce, TheEveningGazette, 9.29.1886

2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to William Oscar Shores

Name Miranda Beckner King  
 Gender Female  
 Age 39  
 Birth Year abt 1850  
 Marriage Date 1889  
 Marriage Place Warren, Illinois, USA  
 Father Geo. W. Beckner  
 Mother Vankirk  
 Spouse Wm. O. Shores

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Miranda King	1 39 years	1 Geo. W. Beckner	1 at My Office in Warren Co	1
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Miranda A Beckner King Shores, marr cert, Warren County, IL

Name William Shores  
 Sex Male  
 Age 72y  
 Occupation Retired Farmer  
 Race white  
 Ethnicity American  
 Father's Name George Thores  
 Mother's Name Caroline Pence  
 Event Type Death  
 Event Date 02 Dec 1929  
 Event Place Swan, Warren, Illinois

Age 72 years  
Birth Date 1857  
Birthplace Oquawka, Ill.  
Burial Date 04 Dec 1929  
Burial Place Swan, Warren, Ill.  
Residence Place Swan Creek, Ill.  
Spouse's Name Miranda Beckner

Name: Miranda Shores  
Event Date: 01 Dec 1932  
Swan, Warren, Illinois  
Age: 83  
Birth Date: 16 May 1849  
Birthplace: Kentucky  
Father's Name: Geo. W. Beckner  
Father's Birthplace: Kentucky  
Mother's Name: Deborah Van Kirk  
Mother's Birthplace: Kentucky  
Occupation: Housewife  
Residence Place: Swan Creek, Ill.  
Spouse's Name: William Shores  
Burial Date: 04 Dec 1932  
Burial Place: Swan, Warren, Illinois  
Cemetery: Stice

## ***Thomas King of Near Swan Creek Died Wednesday***

Roseville, Ill., Oct. 18.—Thomas King, 63, life-long resident of Warren county, passed away at this home near Swan Creek Wednesday morning. The body was brought to the Marston Funeral Home here.

John Thomas King was the son of William and Miranda (Beckner) King and was born in Point Pleasant township March 16, 1882. He had farmed for many years in the Swan Creek community, where his jovial disposition won many friends.

Surviving Mr. King is one sister, Mrs. Harriet Meacham of Galesburg, and one half-sister, Mrs. Cora Gibb of near Roseville. His parents, three brothers, two sisters and one half-brother preceded him in death.

Funeral services are to be held at 2:30 p. m. Friday at the Methodist church in Swan Creek. Burial will be made in the Stice cemetery there.

John Thomas King obit

Name	John Thomas King
Sex	Male
Age	63y 7m 1d
Father's Name	William King
Mother's Name	Maranda Beckner
Event Type	Death
Event Date	17 Oct 1945
Event Place	Lenox, Warren, Illinois
Age	63 years 7 months 1 day
Birth Year	1882
Burial Date	19 Oct 1945
Burial Place	Swan, Warren, Ill.
Spouse's Name	Nan Wright

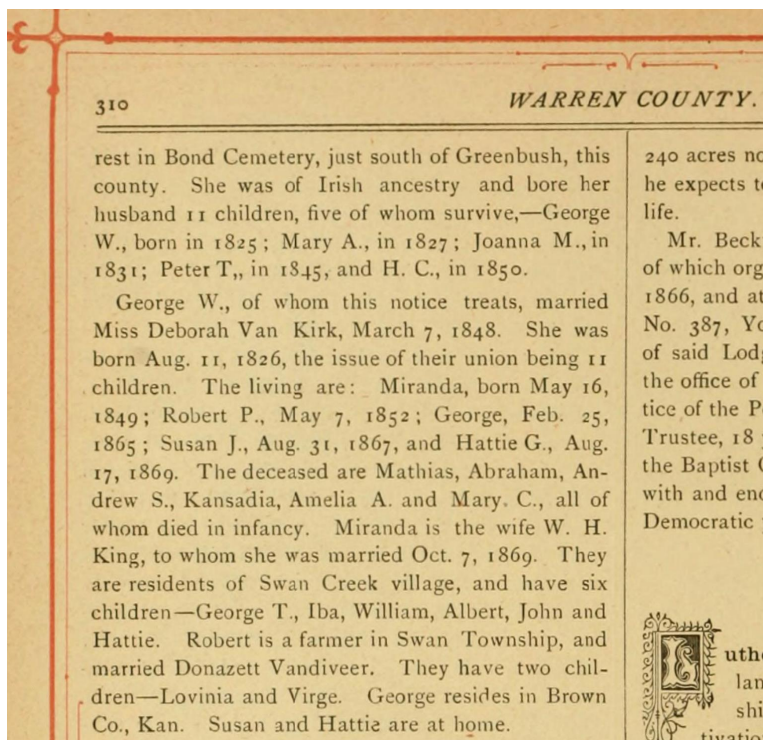
**Mathias W. Beckner**

**Son of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**  
**Grandson of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**  
**Great Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



Mathias W. Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL

**Abraham Beckner**  
**Son of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**  
**Grandson of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**  
**Great Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



George W Beckner, 1886 Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois, p310.1.

**Robert T. Beckner**

**Son of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Grandson of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



Robert T. Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL







Robert T Beckner on front of monument, Z? Beckner on left (can't see in this photo) and Henry Clay Beckner on right side.

George W and Debora VanKirk Beckner, gray stone with triangle top, same row Robert T Beckner and children, Mary C. Beckner, dark stone facing down, Johanna Beckner VanKirk, large granite stone, behind Mary C. Beckner.



Son? Henry Clay Beckner on another side of the same monument.



Daughter? Z? Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL, on a third side of the monument

Barron T. J. wagon-maker; Swan Creek; rep; Meth; property \$600; born Illinois.  
 Beckwith Chas. C. carpenter; Swan Creek; rep; Meth; owns house and lot; Conn.

**BECKNER GEO. W.** Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 32; P. O. Youngstown; born in Bath Co., Ky., Jan. 13, 1825; came to this Co. Jan., 1852; Dem; Bapt; owns 247 acres, value \$12,350; wife was Deborah Vankirk, born Aug. 11, 1826, in Fleming Co., Ky; married March 2, 1848, in Bath Co., Ky; have had eleven children, five living, Miranda A., Robert T., George L., Susan J., Harriet F.; those dead are Mathias W., Abram L., Andrew S., Elizabeth C., Milly A., Mary C.; has been Supervisor, Assessor, Justice of the Peace and School Treasurer.

**BECKNER HENRY C.** Farmer and Stock Raiser; Sec. 29; P. O. Youngstown; born in Bath Co., Ky., March 10, 1849; came to this Co. in 1852; Dem; rents 41 acres; wife was Lydia M. Jones, born in Knox Co., Ill., Dec. 25, 1855; married April 18, 1875, at Maquon, Knox Co; have one child, Oral Winifred.

Beckner R. T. farmer for father, G. W. Beckner; P. O. Youngstown; dem; Warren Co.

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George W Beckner, Swan Twp., 1877 Past and Present of Warren County, IL, p. 266

rest in Bond Cemetery, just south of Greenbush, this county. She was of Irish ancestry and bore her husband 11 children, five of whom survive,—George W., born in 1825; Mary A., in 1827; Joanna M., in 1831; Peter T., in 1845, and H. C., in 1850.

George W., of whom this notice treats, married Miss Deborah Van Kirk, March 7, 1848. She was born Aug. 11, 1826, the issue of their union being 11 children. The living are: Miranda, born May 16, 1849; Robert P., May 7, 1852; George, Feb. 25, 1865; Susan J., Aug. 31, 1867, and Hattie G., Aug. 17, 1869. The deceased are Mathias, Abraham, Andrew S., Kansadia, Amelia A. and Mary C., all of whom died in infancy. Miranda is the wife W. H. King, to whom she was married Oct. 7, 1869. They are residents of Swan Creek village, and have six children—George T., Iba, William, Albert, John and Hattie. Robert is a farmer in Swan Township, and married Donazett Vandiveer. They have two children—Lovinia and Virge. George resides in Brown Co., Kan. Susan and Hattie are at home.

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***From Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois 1903, "George L(?) Beckner, son of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner, returned to Illinois "on the account of the death of his brother...and came home to take charge of the farm..." The brother who died would be Robert T. Beckner.***

In the Matter of the

In the Name of the County Court, in Probate, Oct Term, 1887
On Saturday the 22nd day of October A. D. 1887

PRESENT: Hon James H Stewart A. J. Bauer Sheriff

Attest W. H. Helston clk.

1. AND NOW, ON THIS DAY, in said Court, come Geo H. Beckner and duly file his Petition to the Judge of said Court, in Probate, representing that on Monday the 17th day of October A. D. 1887 R. J. Beckner late of the County of Harrow, and State of Illinois, departed this life, intestate, and so far as said Petitioner know, or believe, or suspect, no Will, Testament, Codicil, or other writing, relating to the disposal or distribution of the Estate of deceased, or of any part thereof has been found or discovered by Petitioner or by any other person or persons whatever, and that said

deceased did, seized and possessed of Personal Estate of the probable value of \$5000, that said deceased left surviving him Downie Zell Beckner his widow and three children, Lora Abbie, Zellina, Myra Ann Beckner, that your petitioner being Father of said deceased, therefore pray that your Honor will grant Letters of Administration to him in the premises upon his taking the oath prescribed by the Statute, and entering into Bond in such sum, and with Sureties, as may be approved by your Honor

which Petition is duly sworn to by said Petitioner And it is thereupon ordered that the same be filed by the Clerk of this Court.

2. It being duly proved that R. J. Beckner named in the foregoing order as having deceased, has departed this life, and no person having appeared to oppose the granting of letters of administration upon the estate of said deceased, or to object to the appointment of said Geo. H. Beckner as administrator of said estate, or to show cause why the prayer of said petitioner should not be allowed, it is ordered that the same be granted, provided the said Geo. H. Beckner first file in this Court his bond as such administrator in the form required by law, in the penal sum of \$4000 Four Thousand Dollars, with security or securities therein, to be approved by the Court.

3. Pursuant to the last foregoing order, the said Geo. H. Beckner come and present in said Court, for the approval and acceptance of said Court, his bond as Administrator of the estate of said deceased, in the penal sum of \$4000 Dollars, signed and sealed by Himself as principal and by Henry Vandish as security, and said bond appearing to be in due form of law, and the security therein being deemed sufficient and satisfactory, it is thereupon ordered that the same be, and it is hereby, approved and accepted.

4. The said Geo. H. Beckner then in said Court took and subscribed an oath in the form required by law, well and truly to perform his duties as administrator as aforesaid, as follows:

I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR, that I will well and truly administer all and singular the goods and chattels, rights, credits and effects of R. J. Beckner deceased, and pay all just claims and charges against his estate, so far as his goods, chattels and effects shall extend, and the law charge me; and that I will do and perform all other acts required of me by law, to the best of my knowledge and abilities.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 22th day of October A. D. 1887, in County Court. Geo H Beckner Clerk of the Court.

And it is thereupon ordered that the same be placed on file.

5. ORDERED, That the aforesaid Geo. H. Beckner be and he is hereby appointed Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights, credits and effects of R. J. Beckner deceased, and that the Clerk issue letters of administration, under his hand and the probate seal of this Court, to Geo. H. Beckner said Administrator and record the administration bond and the said letters.

Estate of R. T. Beckner

ADMINISTRATOR'S BOND.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
Warren County, } ss.

In County Court, Oct 1887

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Geo. W. Beckner

Henry Vaukirk  
of the County of Warren and State of Illinois, are held and firmly bound unto the People of the State of Illinois, in the penal sum of 4000 Four thousand Dollars, current money of the United States, which payment, well and truly to be made and performed, we and each of us bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, jointly, severally, and firmly by these presents.

Witness our hands and seals, this 22nd day of October A. D. 1887

The Condition of the above Obligation is Such, That if the said Geo. W. Beckner

Administrators of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of R. T. Beckner deceased, do make, or cause to be made, a true and perfect inventory of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits of the said deceased, which shall come to the hands, possession or knowledge of him the said Geo. W. Beckner

as such Administrator or to the hands of any person or persons for him; and the same so made do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, in the County Court for the said County of Warren agreeably to law, and such goods and chattels, rights and credits, do well and truly administer according to law, and all the rest of the said goods and chattels, rights and credits which shall be found remaining upon the accounts of the said Administrator, the same being first examined and allowed by the County Court, shall deliver and pay unto such person or persons respectively, as may be legally entitled thereto, and further, do make a just and true account of all his actings and doings therein, when thereunto required by the said Court; and if it shall hereafter appear that any last will and testament was made by the deceased, and the same be proved in Court, and letters testamentary or of administration be obtained thereon, and the said Geo. W. Beckner do, in such case, on being required thereto, render and deliver up the letters of administration granted to him as aforesaid, and shall in general do and perform all other acts which may at any time be required of him by law, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and virtue.

Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Geo. W. Beckner  
Henry Vaukirk



Clerk of the County Court.

State of Illinois } ss. I, C. G. Cayton a Justice of the Peace  
County of Warren }  
herby certify that Geo. W. Beckner Henry Vaukirk

who are each personally known to me to be the same persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument, appeared before me this day in person and acknowledged that they signed, sealed and delivered said instrument as their free and voluntary act for the uses and purposes as therein set forth.

Given under my hand and seal, this 24th day of Oct A. D. 1887  
C. G. Cayton  
J.P.

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, }  
Warren County, } ss.

The People of the State of Illinois, to all to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:

Know Ye, That, whereas R. T. Beckner of the County of Warren

and State of Illinois, died intestate, as it is said, on or about the 17th day of October

A. D. 1887, having at the time of his decease, personal property in this State, which may be lost, destroyed or diminished in value, if speedy care be not taken of the same.

To the end, Therefore, That the said property may be collected and preserved for those who shall appear to have a legal right or interest therein, we do hereby appoint

George W. Beckner

of the County of Warren and the State of Illinois, Administrator of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and credits, which were of the said R. T. Beckner at the time of his decease; with full power and authority to secure and collect the said property and debts, wheresoever the same may be found in this State, and in general to do and perform all other acts which now are or hereafter may be required of him by law.

WITNESS W. H. Sexton Clerk of the County Court, in and for the said County of Warren at his office in Maumouth this 24th day of October A. D. 1887, and the Probate Seal of said Court hereunto affixed.



W. H. Sexton

Clerk of County Court.

Doek B. P. 92

Robert T Beckner, will, Warren County, IL



**Probate Court.**

Estate of R. W. Beekner dec'd the following claims allowed L. Reed, \$520; A. S. Tammis, \$35.00. F. E. Harding, \$51.45; D. Shoop, \$2.00; J. Talley, \$5.00; H. VanElton, \$57.10; J. C. Booth, \$52.00; J. R. Webster, \$15.00; Geo. W. Beekner, \$380.00.

Robert T Beckner, probate, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 2.16.1888

Mrs. Robert Beckner was called to Youngstown Monday by the severe illness of her daughter.

Donna Ezelle Vanderveer Beckner, dau, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 2.5.1891

THE UNION OF OFFICERS.

Joseph P. Ray and Mrs. Donnie Beckner of this city were married Saturday evening at the residence of Dr. Pittman in Greenbush.

Donna Ezelle Vanderveer Beckner Ray remarried, Warren County Democrat, 1.21.1892

I believe this is Zellura?? Beckner, mentioned in Robert's will. I read this on the stone:

RT and Donna Beckner  
Died  
Feb. 3, 1891  
Aged  
3 yrs, 11 months, 5 days



Louva Abbie Beckner Connors  
Daughter of Robert T and Donna Ezelle Vanderveer Beckner  
Granddaughter of George W And Deborah VanKirk Beckner  
Great Granddaughter of Abraham L and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner  
Great Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

**TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.**  
Candidates for Certificates are Tested.  
County Superintendent, Mrs. M. E. Sykes held the quarterly teachers' examination at the Central school, Friday and Saturday. The following candidates for certificates were present.  
Monmouth—Louva Beckner, Nancy Irwin, Jennie McClanahan, Doris

Louva Abbie Beckner Connors, The Republican-Atlas, 8.22.1902

Miss Lona Beckner, of this city, has accepted a position as stenographer with a Kansas City firm. Miss Beckner went to Kansas City some time ago on a visit and has decided to remain.

Louva Abbie Beckner Connors, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 3.17.1904

After insisting that her husband go to church, Mrs. J. M. McClung, in a spell of despondency, committed suicide Sunday morning by hanging herself. She used a piece of clothes line fastened to the top rail of the bed, and was found by Miss Louva Beckner, who had been working at McClung's for the past two weeks. Mrs. McClung had been in poor health and it is believed that continued melancholy affected her mind. She was aged about 60 years, and leaves one brother, Henry Gamble, Utica, N. Y. The funeral was held at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning from the bereaved home.

Louva Abbie Beckner Connors, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 4.12.1906

In the Matter of the Application of  
William A. Connors  
 and  
Louva Abbie Beckner  
 For a License to Marry

Affidavit for Marriage License

**MALE**

STATE OF ARIZONA, }  
 County of Yavapai } ss.

William A. Connors being first duly sworn upon his oath, does  
 declare, depose and certify: That William A. Connors  
 (First Name in Full)

is his true name; that his age is 55 years; that he is a resident of  
Roslyn Hotel (Last Birthday)  
Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; that he is of the  
 (Town, County and State)

Caucasian race; that he is not related to  
 (Caucasian, Mongolian, Indian or Negro)

Louva Abbie Beckner and that he has not been divorced  
 (Name of Female)

by an Arizona Court within the past year. That he was born at Adair, Ill  
 on June 3, 1889

*William A. Connors*  
*W.A. Connors*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1945.

By Lula McIntosh Deputy Clerk.  
 KITTY C. AITKEN  
 Clerk, Superior Court, Yavapai County, Arizona.

**FEMALE**

STATE OF ARIZONA, }  
 County of Yavapai } ss.

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 (First Name in Full)

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Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California; that she is of the  
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 (Caucasian, Mongolian, Indian or Negro)

William A. Connors and that she has not been divorced  
 (Name of Male)

by an Arizona Court within the past year. That she was born at near Youngstown, Ill  
 on July 23, 1895

*Louva Abbie Beckner*

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of November, A. D., 1945.

By Lula McIntosh Deputy Clerk.  
*Lula McIntosh*  
*Jan Del*  
*Pharris*

KITTY C. AITKEN  
 Clerk, Superior Court, Yavapai County, Arizona.

Louva Abbie Beckner Connors marriage cert

**CONNORS**, Louva A. 3360 W. Lynwood. Wife of William A. Connors, Phoenix. Sister of Miss Myra Bickner, Mrs. June Ray, Phoenix. Passed away Saturday. Services 2:00 p.m. Wednesday in Chapel of Memories, A. L. Moore & Sons. Interment East Resthaven. Friends may call from 2:00 until 4:00 p.m. today.

Louva Abbie Beckner Connors, obit, TheArizonaRepublic, 12.7.1971

# Injuries Fatal For Man, 81; Funeral Held

An 81-year-old Pohenix, Ariz., man died Oct. 14 at Galesburg Cottage Hospital apparently as the result of injuries he received in a fall last July at Monmouth.

William Connors had been hospitalized since he was found near the Hotel Christy, 127 S. First St., Monmouth. He reportedly was found in an alley bleeding from a head wound.

Mr. Connors reportedly told relatives that he had been beaten and robbed, but Warren County authorities said today they could find no evidence to confirm Connors' story.

Funeral for Mr. Connors was Thursday at the A. L. Moore and Son Fnueral Home, Phoenix, Ariz. Burial was at East-West Resthaven Cemetery, Phoenix.

He was a former resident of Galesburg and Monmouth, and had lived at Phoenix since 1944. He was a retired building trades worker.

He married the former Louva Beckner, who preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sisters-in-law, Mrs. June Ray and Mrs. Myra Beckner, both of Phoenix.

William A Connors, obit, GalesburgRegisterMail, 10.21.1972

## Myra Beckner Berry

Daughter of Robert T and Donna Ezelle Vanderveer Beckner

Granddaughter of George W And Deborah VanKirk Beckner

Great Granddaughter of Abraham L and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner

Great Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

Miss Myra Beckner of this city and James Loyd Berry of Centre Point, were quietly married Monday evening at eight o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. B. Vasconcello, 56 South Seminary street, by the Rev. F. E. R. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church. The wedding was performed in the presence of only a few of the relatives of the contracting parties. They were attended by Mrs. J. P. Ray, mother of the bride and J. B. Vasconcello. A fine wedding dinner was served immediately following the ceremony. The happy couple left on the early train this morning for a visit in Gaulton, Ill., after which they will be at home to their many friends on the groom's farm near Centre Point. Mrs. Berry is well known in this city, having made her home here for the past four years, coming to Galesburg from Monmouth where she resided for a number of years and where she received her education. Since coming to this city she has been at the head of the wash goods department of Kellogg, Drake and Company. She is a prominent young lady and is possessed of a fine personality. The groom is a young farmer of Centre Point and has a host of friends in the city and county. Congratulations are extended by a wide circle of acquaintances.—Galesburg Register.

Myra Beckner Berry, marr, Galesburg col, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 4.18.1912

**Andrew S. Beckner**

**Son of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Grandson of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



Andrew S. Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL

**Elizabeth C. Beckner**

**Daughter of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Granddaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



Elizabeth C. Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL



**George L. Beckner**

**Son of George W and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Grandson of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Grandson of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**



George L Beckner, stone, Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center, Clay, KS

George L. and his mother, Deborah VanKirk Beckner, had several court dealings concerning George's father's estate. Deborah sued her son, George L., for \$3,000? \$2,000? Concerning the estate settlement, but ultimately lost the case. George L., I believe, was subsequently not mentioned in Deborah's will. This is posted above.

**1886 Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois**

According to Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois, published 1886, pages 309-310, George G. Beckner, son of George W. and Debora VanKirk Beckner, "George resides in Brown, KS."

**1903 History of Warren County, IL**

George L Beckner, 1903 History of Warren County, IL, p. 1020

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Pages 412-414 from a supplemental volume of *Kansas: a cyclopedia of state history, embracing events, institutions, industries, counties, cities, towns, prominent persons, etc. ... / with a supplementary volume devoted to selected personal history and reminiscence*. Standard Pub. Co. Chicago : 1912. 3 v. in 4. : front., ill., ports.; 28 cm. Vols. 1-11 edited by Frank W. Blackmar. Transcribed October 2002 by Carolyn Ward. This volume is identified at the Kansas State Historical Society as microfilm LM196. It is a single volume 3.

#### Marriage to Ora Minnie Haws

**Beckner - Haws.**  
Over one hundred guests assembled at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Haws on Wednesday evening the 12th, to witness the marriage of their only daughter, Minnie, to George L. Beckner, of Chicago. Rev. Parks, of Clay Center, officiated. The bride looked very beautiful in brown surah silk with orange blossoms and veil. The groom wore the accustomed suit of black, white tie, etc. The bride is well and favorably known throughout the country. Mr. Beckner has only lived among us a little over a year, but has made many warm friends. Immediately after the ceremony supper was served and to say it was grand in every detail would hardly do justice. "It was immense." Many useful and costly presents were left as a token of esteem in which they are held.

George L and Ora Minnie Haws Beckner, marr, TheDailyTimes,ClayCenter, KS, 9.17.1888

## MARRIAGE LICENSE RECORD.

1899 GEO. W. CRANE &amp; CO., PRINTERS AND BINDERS, TOPEKA, KANSAS

STATE OF KANSAS,

Office of Probate Judge of said County.

COUNTY OF CLAY.

Be it Remembered, That on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September A. D. 1888, there was issued from the office of said Probate Judge, a Marriage License, of which the following is a true copy:

**MARRIAGE LICENCE.**

No. 1974

Clay County, State of Kansas, Clay County, September 11<sup>th</sup> A. D. 1888

To any Person Authorized by Law to Perform the Marriage Ceremony, Greeting:

You are hereby authorized to join in Marriage George L Beckner of Clay County Kes  
aged 22 years, and Minnie Haws of Clay County Kes  
aged 17 years, and of this License you will make due return to my office within thirty days.

(SEAL.) Newton Allen Probate Judge.

And which said Marriage License was afterwards, to-wit: on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of September  
A. D. 1888, returned to said Probate Judge, with the following Certificate endorsed thereon, to-wit:

STATE OF KANSAS,

COUNTY OF CLAY,

§5. John Stark do hereby certify, that in accordance with the authorization of the within License, I did, on the twelfth day of Sept A. D. 1888, at San Francisco in said County, join and unite in Marriage the within named George Beckner and Minnie Haws.

Witness my hand and seal this day and year above written.

ATTEST:

Newton Allen Probate Judge.John Stark  
Minister of Gospel

George L and Ora Minnie Haws Beckner, marr cert

**The Beckners help start a church in 1890**

1903 History of Warren County, IL, p. 1017-1018

Listed in this article are brothers George L and Henry Clay Beckner, their wives, and George's daughter, Miranda.

George L. Beckner and his wife, Minnie Beckner, their daughter, Miranda Beckner Shores, Henry Clay Beckner, and his wife, Lydia Beckner.

The Christian church of Youngstown was organized January 6, 1890, by Rev. W. H. Bybee, of Cuba, Ill., with thirty-seven charter members, as follows: C. S. Arnold, John Bowman, elders; Geo. L. Beckner, Nathan Kidder, deacons; R. O. Carlock, clerk; A. J. Cayton, treasurer; Lydia Beckner, Clara Booten, Addie White, Wm. McBride, Rose Lodwick, Sarah Baker, Elizabeth Hickman, Thomas Wilson, Ruby L. Cayton, Henry Beckner, Laura White, Minnie Beckner, Arvie Cayton, Matilda Shoop, Nellie Record, James White, Miranda Shores, Olive Higgins, C. H. Ballman, Susan Romine, Alice Morton, Susan Johnston, Anna Bowman, Victoria Jared, John W. Booten, Robinson Wilson, Elizabeth Smith, Mattie A. Kidder, M. T. Travis, Thomas Bair, Nancy K. Bair. The pastors of the church have been: W. H. Bybee, 1890; —, —, Ingram, 1891-92; Paul Castle, 1893; J. D. Dillard, 1894; Paul Castle, 1895; M. D. Sharpless, 1896; J. W. Knight, 1897-98; C. G. Blakeslee, 1899-1900; and George Chandler, the present pastor. The church has had a steady growth since its foundation. There have been several special meetings, including one by M. Jones, of Arrowsmith, with 62 additions, and one by Geo. Duval with 15 additions. The present membership is 117. The house of worship

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HISTORY OF W.

was erected during the summer of 1894 at a cost of \$2,250, and dedicated on August 12 of that year.

Beckners, church, Youngstown, Warren, IL, history of Warren County, p 1017.1.

**1897**

**YOUNGSTOWN.**

Youngstown, Sept. 14.—Hot, dry, dusty.  
Geo. L. Beckner returned from his trip to Clay Center, Kan., last Wednesday.

George L Beckner, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 9.16.1897

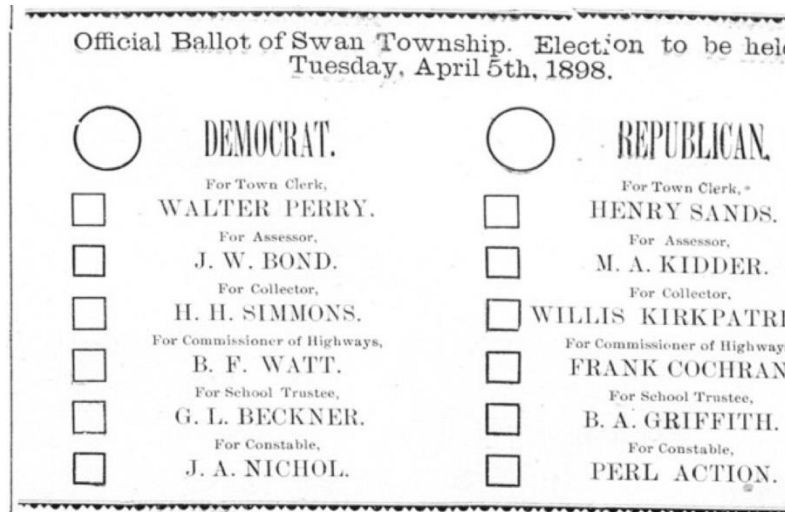
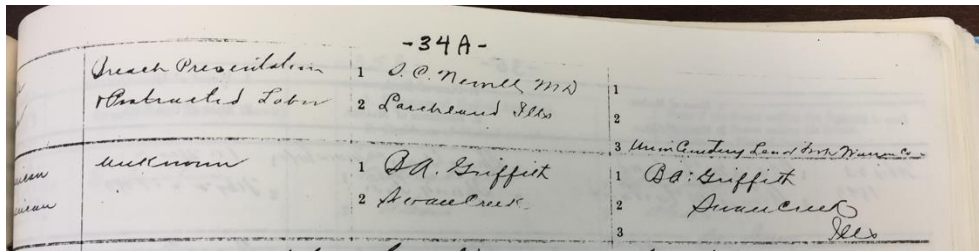
**Birth and Death of baby in 1897**

I copied this document in the Warren County, IL, library. I believe that George and Minnie had a baby died at the age of 2 months, in 1897. I think the baby was buried in Swan Creek, but there's no detail.

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1 Christina Hanson	Roseville Ill. March 21	Full Term
2 Hans J. Hanson	2 " " "	2 March 21 1897
1 Minnie Beckner	1 Swan Creek	1 Two months
2 Geo L. Beckner	2 " "	2 Oct 23 1897





George L Beckner, runs for office, The Republican-Atlas, 4.1.1898

Warren County, IL, birth reg

1894	Beckner, Loren L	George L. and Minnie
1901	14 9987	Beckner, Samuel Miles George L. Minnie O.
1901	C 19	Beckner, (male) (6th) George L. Minnie
1906	D 17	Beckner, ---- George L. Minnie

shop here.  
Geo. L. Beckner has rented his farms near Youngstown to Wm. Shores and J. P. Churchill. Mr. Beckner and family will leave about January 6, 1903, for Clay Center, Kan., where he owns property. He thinks something of entering business at that point.

George L Beckner, moving to KS, Roseville col., The Republican-Atlas, 1.2.1903

George Beckner sold his personal effects last Wednesday and will embark next Tuesday for Oklahoma where he expects to engage in business and make his future home.

George L Beckner, move to OK, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 1.8.1903

A farewell reception was given Geo. Beckner and wife at the close of the meeting Monday evening.

Mr. Fullerton has started a blacksmith shop in Roseville.

Jos. Stice has moved into the Ben Kidder property recently vacated by Earl Vaughn.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Aylesworth spent New Year's day with Miss Lillian Hoornbeck.

Mr. and Mrs. John Watt spent Sunday with relatives in Prairie City.

Mr. and Mrs. Babbit spent New Year's day with relatives in Roseville

Geo. Beckner and family left for their new home in Kansas, Tuesday evening.

George L Beckner, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 1.8.1903

#### **Publication Notice---In Attachment.**

STATE OF ILLINOIS, WARREN COUNTY.—ss. Circuit Court of Warren County, to the May Term, A. D. 1904. Deborah Beckner vs Geo. L. Beckner.

Public notice is hereby given to the said George L. Beckner that a writ of Attachment issued out of the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Warren County, dated Eleventh (11th) day of January, A. D. 1904, at the suit of the said Deborah Beckner and against the Estate of the said George L. Beckner for the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars and no Cents, directed to the Sheriff of said Warren county.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said George L. Beckner shall personally be and appear before the said Circuit Court of Warren County on the first day of the next term thereof, to be holden at the Court House in the City of Monmouth, in said County on the Second (2nd) day of May, A. D. 1904, give special bail and plead to the said Plaintiff's action, judgment will be entered against you, and in favor of the said Deborah Beckner and so much of the property attached as may be sufficient to satisfy the said judgment and costs, will be sold to satisfy the same.

L. O. TOURTELLOTT, Clerk.  
M. A. Kidder, Plaintiff's Attorney.  
Monmouth, Illinois, January 11th, A. D. 1904

George L Beckner, The Republican-Atlas, 1.29.1904

## YOUNGSTOWN

Youngstown, Ill., March 22.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Beckner and family moved back from Kansas this spring.

George L Beckner, WarrenCountyDemocrat, 3.24.1904

### Swan Township.

George Tucker, the republican candidate for supervisor, was defeated by George Beckner by 15 votes. Mr. Tucker was a candidate for re-election but met considerable opposition. The other results were as follows:

Republican.	Democratic.
	Supervisor.
Geo. Tucker, 103.	Geo. Beckner, 118
	Town Clerk.
J. W. McMahon, 97.	Wm. Watt, 120
	Assessor.
W. O. Kidder, 196.	A. E. Davis, 112
	Collector.

George L Beckner, The Republican-Atlas, 4.4.1907

George L. Beckner who recently came here from Illinois and bought the George McCormick farm is painting his house and otherwise improving his property.

George L Beckner, TheTimes,ClayCity,KS, 4.8.1908

The townships which choose supervisors at this election and the candidate whose term expires are as follows: Floyd, Willard Tinkham, Coldbrook, Charles E. Britt; Kelly, Jacob Hoppaugh; Roseville, Robert Gray; Monmouth, D. C. Hanna, I. F. Dains and Ross Rush; Point Pleasant, Freeman Stice; Hale, C. E. Torrance. In addition to these George L. Beckner whose term expired this spring left for his new home in Kansas early this month and will not be on the board again. The old supervisors besides Mr. Beckner are all candidates to succeed themselves.

George L Beckner, move to KS, The Republican-Atlas, 4.1.1909

The four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Beckner is sick with malarial fever.

George L. Beckner's son, TheTimes, 4.8.1909

AY CENTER, CLAY COUNTY, KA

## MRS. BECKNER PASSED AWAY

DEATH CAME AT 8:45 O'CLOCK  
THIS MORNING.

## FUNERAL WEDNESDAY

L. A. MYERS RECEIVES NEWS OF  
FATHER'S DEATH.

Was a Cloud County Pioneer—Ed Fidler's Funeral to Be Held at Methodist Church at 6:30 Tonight Under Auspices of the Fraternal Bible Class—Nephew Here.

Mrs. George L. Beckner, taken to the hospital a few days ago suffering severely, died this morning at 8:45. It had been hoped that an operation would result in a cure, but that hope was vain.

The funeral will be held at the First Baptist church Wednesday, probably in the afternoon, definite announcement to be made later.

Minnie Ora Haws Beckner, obit, TheClayCenterDispatch, 6.30.1913

Doomington, Ill.

Mrs. Geo. L. Beckner died at her home in Clay Center, June 30th, following a serious operation. Sister Beckner was one of the loyal hearts of the Clay Center congregation who has zealously labored to keep the cause of primitive Christianity alive. She will be greatly missed.

Minnie Ora Haws Beckner, obit, TheKansasMessenger, 8.1.1913

**Euys Into Grocery Business.**

George L. Beckner, who recently sold his farm Tanglewood, and then moved into the city, has purchased a half interest in the Woolman grocery, the little establishment on Court street just west of the Gollober block.

George L Beckner, TheClayCenterDispatch, 3.13.1914

**Bought Downing Farm.**

George L. Beckner has bought the Downing ninety-acre tract, over the river from town. The consideration was \$4,500.

George L Beckner, TheClayCenterDispatch, 3.26.1914

GEORGE L. BECKNER had a main hand in the surveying of the Rock Island railroad's line through Clay county. Some testimony, this, as to his ability in that sort of work, even though he has not engaged in it of late years. His friends knew what they were about when they nominated him for county surveyor.

George L Beckner, TheEconomist, 9.26.1916

Miss Essie M. Woodman, of Hollis, was married to George L. Beckner of Clay Center at the home of the bride's parents today at high noon. Mrs. Beckner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Woodman who are well known in the northern part of the county. Rev. C. E. Carpenter performed the ceremony. The young people will be at home in Clay Center after a short wedding trip.

George L and Essie M. Woolman marriage, ConcordiaDailyBlade, 11.1.1916

George L. Beckner age 49, of Clay Center and Essie M. Woodman, age 19 of Hollis, were granted a marriage license Wednesday. They were married by Rev. Carpenter, of Hollis.

George L and Essie Woolman Beckner, marr, ConcordiaPress, 11.2.1916

George L. Beckner of this city was married Wednesday at Hollis, the bride being Miss Essie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woolman of that place. A brand new home on Lincoln Heights awaited them and they began house-keeping at once.

George L Beckner, marr, TheEconomist, 11.7.1916

**Woolman-Beckner:—The marriage of Miss Essie M. Woolman of Hollis to Mr. George L. Beckner of this city took place last Wednesday noon, November 1, at the home of the bride's parents at Hollis. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. E. Carpenter in the presence of just the immediate relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Swenson and Bernard Beckner being the guests from Clay Center.**

**The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Woolman, former Clay Center residents, and is well known in this neighborhood, the family having just recently moved from this place to their present residing place. Mr. Beckner is likewise well known in the community. The couple have gone to housekeeping in a new home in the Lincoln Heights neighborhood.**

George L. and Essie M. Woolman marriage, TheTimes, Clay Center, KS, 11.9.1916

**Mr. and Mrs. George L. Beckner of Limon, Col., accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Harry Avery, who had been visiting in the mountain country, arrived in Clay Center last week for a visit with the relatives and friends.**

George L Beckner, TheEconomist, 11.11.1919

George was deputy assessor in Elbert County, CO, in 1920.

**George L. Beckner, formerly of Clay, but now of Limon, Col. is a Clay Center visitor this week, rounding up relatives and friends.**

George L Beckner, TheEconomist, 6.28.1922

## Marriages.

Beckner-Swenson:—Wednesday evening, May 8, one-hundred and twenty-five guests, which included relatives and friends of the bride and groom, witnessed one of the prettiest weddings of the season at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckner, just south of Clay Center. The occasion was the marriage of their only daughter, Miss Ruth Beckner, to Mr. Wilbur Swenson, and besides being of unusual interest to Clay Center people, was attended by pretty features and that exquisite attention to detail that always make a social affair perfect. The altar for the marriage service was arranged at the east end of the parlor and the background was a bank of daisies, Easter lilies and palms, the color scheme of green and white being carried out entirely in the parlor decorations, where the marriage service took place at 8:30 o'clock with Rev. J. W. Bayles, pastor of the First Baptist church, officiating. Preceding the ceremony a quartette, composed of Mrs. Wilbur Neill, Miss Flora Bliss, Sumner Vincent and Prof. John Liljegren, sang "The Bridal Chorus." Mrs. Otis Swenson played Mendelssohn's wedding march, while the bridal party entered the parlors through the dining-room, the back parlor and into the parlor, where the guests awaited their appearance, and during the ceremony rendered softly, "Hearts and Flowers." The ring ceremony was used, little Miss Frank Harriet Oberg, who wore a dainty white frock of silk trimmed with pink ribbons, carrying the ring in a tall white lily. The bride wore a handsome dress of white messaline draped with white chiffon and she carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies-of-the-valley. Her maid of honor was Miss Marguerite Pinkerton and the groom's attendant was Mr. Will Neil. Miss Pinkerton's dress was pink silk and she carried pink roses.

Following the ceremony the guests

pink roses.

Following the ceremony the guests were served to ice-cream, cake and mints by the Misses Irene Held, Henrietta Jones, Marie Keener, Marie Moses and Buena Myers in the dining room, where pretty details were carried out. Elaborate decorations of pink and white prevailed here, pink carnations and potted plants appearing everywhere. Pink and white chiffon streamers were arranged from the chandelier ending in butterfly bows at the four corners of the table, which was adorned with a center-piece of pink roses. The color scheme used in the dining room was further carried out in the refreshments served, the ice cream, cake and mints carrying out the pink tone. In the reception hall Miss Ruth Vincent and Miss Ailene Wilson presided at the punch-bowl throughout the evening. The array of presents was an elaborate one, among the gifts being a chest of silver, a present from the late Alonzo Dexter, an uncle of the groom.

The bride is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Beckner, and during her three year's residence in this community has made numerous friends by her charming ways. She is an exceedingly pretty blonde and has been a general favorite among the young people of Clay Center and in the High school here. She is capable and has taken a leading part in the social circles of the younger set, all of which has been the means of creating much interest in last evening's event. The past year she taught a successful term of school in the Clay county rural schools. Her friends are many and her exceedingly charming manner will win her friends at all times.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. Eric Swenson, well known and long time residents of this city. The groom needs no introduction for his numerous friends speak for his standing in this community. He has a place in his father's office to become, permanently, one of the working force about that enterprising place of business.

Mr. and Mrs. Swenson will take no wedding trip and after the fifteenth of this month will be at home to their friends, at their home on Lincoln Ave., Clay Center, Kans.

Mary Ruth Beckner Swenson, marr, TheClayCenterTimes, 5.9.1912



**ELLEN B. GEORGE**

**MANHATTAN--** Ellen B. George, 87, died Friday, Sept. 17, 2010 at Mercy Health Center College Ave., Manhattan.

Mrs. George was born Oct. 12, 1922 at Limon, Colo., the daughter of George and Essie (Woolman) Beckner.

She married Jack George on June 27, 1942. She was a beautician and worked as a ward clerk at the Clay County Hospital. They moved to Manhattan in 2001. She was a member of the Clay Center Christian Church, University Christian Church and the Priscilla's Club.

Survivors include her husband, Jack George of the home at Manhattan; one son, Robert George of Kansas City, Mo.; two daughters, Carmal George of Manhattan and Elizabeth Monks of Normal, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 21 at the Christian Church in Clay Center with the Revs. Doug Wallace and David Pape officiating; Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery, Clay Center.

Visitation will be from 3 to 8 p.m. Monday at Neill-Schwensen-Rook Funeral Home, Clay Center.

Memorials may be made to Manhattan Christian College, Cookson Hills or the Clay Center Christian Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.nsrfh.com](http://www.nsrfh.com)

Ellen Bernice Beckner George, obit, ClayCenterDispatch, 9.17.2010

Susan Jane Beckner Turner

Daughter of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner

Grandaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner

Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner



Harley O Turner



Deborah VanKirk Beckner, dau Susan Jane Beckner Turner, Harley O Turner, gr dau Daisy Marie Turner



Susan Jane Beckner Turner, daughters Daisy Marie and Lista Mae



Harley O and Susan Jane Beckner Turner



Lista Mae Turner Willhelm

In Swan township, by Rev. M. Jones,  
Jan. 17, Harley O. Turner of Walnut  
Grove, McDonough Co., and Miss Susie  
Beckner of Swan.

Susan Jane Beckner Turner, marr, TheEveningGazette, 1.27.1887

Delayed Certificate of Birth *Turner*

Full name at birth *Daisy Marie Naureth*  
First Middle Last

Date of birth *March 17 1897* (Month) (Day) (Year) Color or Race *White* Sex *female*

Birthplace *Indianola Warren Iowa*  
(City or Town) (County) (State)

Father: Name *Harley Omar Turner* Birthplace *Trout Ill*  
(State or Country)

Mother: Name *Susan Jane Beckner* Birthplace *Youngstown Ill*  
(State or Country)

Affidavit: I hereby declare upon oath that the above statements are true.

Signature *Daisy Naureth* Address *La Veta Colo*  
(To be signed by registrant if possible)

Subscribed and sworn to before me on *3-17 1958*

My commission expires on *1-20 1960*

(SEAL) *Virginia Wagner*  
Notary Public

Applicant—do not write below this line.

ABSTRACT OF SUPPORTING EVIDENCE		Date original document was made
Name and kind of document, and by whom issued and signed		
1	<i>Child's Birth Record-</i>	<i>6-20-1925</i>
2	<i>Bureau of Census</i>	<i>1920</i>
3		

Information Concerning Registrant as Stated in Documents

	Birth date or age	Birthplace	Name of Father	Maiden Name of Mother
1	<i>Harley Turner</i>	<i>Walnut</i>	<i>Mar 7 1865</i>	
2	<i>Aug 13 1867</i>	<i>Youngstown Ill</i>		<i>Susan Jane Beckner</i>
3	<i>Age - 23</i>	<i>Indianola Ia</i>		

Additional information: *2 - Age - 23 Birthplace Iowa*

Statement of Reviewing Official

I hereby certify that no prior certificate has been found in the County or State Bureau of Vital Statistics for this registrant and that documentary evidence has been seen and read which substantiates the facts as set forth in the foregoing abstract.

Signature *Gerald W. Perry* *Carl G. Jimenez* M.D.  
County Registrar (State Registrar)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date Filed *July 16, 1958*  
(Director Division of Vital Statistics)

Daisy Marie Turner Naureth, death cert

**Harriett Francis Hattie Beckner Raymond**  
**Daughter of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**  
**Granddaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**  
**Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**

**Mrs. Harriett Raymond**

FARRAGUT — Funeral services for Mrs. Harriett Frances Raymond, 80, were held Friday at the home near Farragut with the Rev. Horace Ireland officiating. Burial was in the Farragut cemetery.

Mrs. Raymond died suddenly Friday morning at her home. She had been in failing health and suffered a stroke several months ago.

She had lived in this community for more than 60 years at the farm home.

Survivors are her husband, Frank; two sons, Ralph and Ruey, and several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Harriett Frances Hattie Beckner Raymond, obit, CouncilBluffsNonpareil, 9.4.1949

CERTIFICATE OF DEATH  
STATE OF IOWA

Birth No. **17948** State File No. **36 4 90**

<b>1. PLACE OF DEATH</b> a. County <i>Demont</i> b. City (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Town <i>Paraguet</i> c. Length of Stay (in this place) <i>30 Years</i> d. Full Name of Hospital or Institution		<b>2. USUAL RESIDENCE</b> (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission.) a. State <i>Iowa</i> b. County <i>Demont</i> c. City (If outside corporate limits, write RURAL and give township) or Town <i>Paraguet</i> d. Street Address <i>William Fisher</i> (If rural, give location)	
<b>3. NAME OF</b> a. (First) <i>Harriett</i> b. (Middle) <i>Francis</i> c. (Last) <i>Raymond</i> (Type or Print)			<b>4. Date of Death</b> (Month) (Day) (Year) <i>Aug 31-1949</i>
<b>5. Sex</b> <i>Female</i>	<b>6. Color or Race</b> <i>White</i>	<b>7. Married, Never Married, Widowed, Divorced</b> (Specify) <i>Married</i>	<b>8. Date of Birth</b> <i>Aug 16-1869</i>
<b>9. Age</b> (In years last birthday) <i>80</i> Under 1 Yr.   If Under 24 Hr.   Mos.   Days   Hours   Min.		<b>10. Usual Occupation</b> (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <i>House Keeping</i>	
<b>11. Birthplace</b> (State or foreign country) <i>Iowa Co. Ill</i>		<b>12. Citizen of What Country?</b> <i>U.S.</i>	
<b>13. Father's Name</b> <i>Beckner</i>		<b>14. Mother's Maiden Name</b> <i>Van Derk</i>	
<b>15. Was Deceased Ever in U.S. Armed Forces?</b> (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service)		<b>16. Social Security No.</b>	
<b>17. INFORMANT'S SIGNATURE</b> <i>Joseph Raymond</i>			
<b>18. Cause of Death</b> Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c). *This does not mean the mode of dying, such as heart failure, asthma, etc. It means the disease, injury, or complication which caused death.			
<b>1. Disease or Condition Directly Leading to Death*</b> (a) <i>Myocarditis (this suddenly)</i> Antecedent Causes Morbid conditions, if any, giving rise to the above cause (a) stating the underlying cause last. Due to (b) <i>Hypertension</i> Due to (c)		Interval Between Onset and Death <i>Always</i>	
<b>11. Other Significant Conditions</b> Conditions contributing to the death but not related to the disease or condition causing death. <i>1000 Cerebral hemorrhage neck 7-49</i>			
<b>19a. Date of Operation</b> <i>None</i>		<b>19b. Major Findings of Operation</b>	
<b>20. Autopsy?</b> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
<b>21a. Accident</b> (Specify) Suicide Homicide		<b>21b. Place of Injury</b> (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office bldg., etc.)	
<b>21c. (City, Town, or Township)</b> (County) (State)			
<b>21d. Time of Injury</b> (Month) (Year) (Hour)		<b>21e. Injury Occurred</b> While at work <input type="checkbox"/> Not while at work <input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>21f. How Did Injury Occur?</b>			
<b>22. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <i>3-7</i> 1949, to <i>Aug 21</i>, 1949, that I last saw the deceased alive on <i>Aug 25</i>, 1949, and that death occurred at <i>7:30 p.m.</i>, from the causes and on the date stated above.             </b>			
<b>23a. ATTENDANT'S SIGNATURE</b> (Degree or title) <i>P. G. Sulchewicz</i>		<b>23b. Address</b> <i>Kerrigan, Ia</i>	
<b>23c. Date Signed</b> <i>8-1-49</i>			
<b>24a. Burial, Cremation, Removal</b> (Specify) <i>Burial</i>		<b>24b. Date</b> <i>Sept 2-1949</i>	
<b>24c. Name of Cemetery or Crematory</b> <i>Paraguet Cemetery</i>		<b>24d. Location</b> (City, town, or county) (State) <i>Paraguet Iowa</i>	
<b>25. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE</b> <i>A. E. Campbell</i>			<b>License Number</b> <i>939</i>
<b>26. Date Rec'd by Local Registrar</b> <i>9-9-49</i>		<b>REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE</b> <i>Carson Taylor</i>	
		<b>File Number</b>	

Harriett Francis Hattie Beckner Raymond, death cert

**Frank Raymond Obit**

Frank Raymond was born Dec. 27, 1866, and died Dec 15, 1953. at his family home four miles southwest of Farragut. Services were held Thursday at 2 p. m. in the family home with the Rev. Hugh Jackson of Sidney officiating.

Patricia Raymond and Shirley Schnoor, great granddaughters, furnished the music, accompanied by Mrs. Charles Herriman. Flowers were cared for by Mrs. John Swisher, Mrs. Fay Coffee and Mrs. Othel Troxel. Casket bearers were R. H. Henstorf, Smith Cox, W. W. Morgan, Sam McAlister, Frank Palm, Louis Miller. Masonic rites at the grave with Charles Herriman giving the burial address.

Interment was in the Farragut cemetery.

A retired farmer, he had lived here 62 years. For many years he farmed and was a big cattle feeder.

He was preceded in death by his wife, one son and one grandson. Survivors are two sons, Ralph and Ruey of Farragut, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren

Frank Raymond, obit, TheHamburgReporter, 12.24.1953

Mary C. Beckner

Daughter of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner

Granddaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner

Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner

Mary died 5/3/1864.





Mary C. Beckner stone, Bond Cemetery, Warren County, IL

**Amelia A. Beckner**

**Daughter of George W. and Deborah VanKirk Beckner**

**Granddaughter of Abraham L. and Elizabeth Kinkaid Beckner**

**Great Granddaughter of Frederick and Mary Locke Beckner**

She is listed in the 1886 Portrait and Biographical Album of Warren County, Illinois, p310.1, as having died in infancy.