

Whiteside Once Part Of Jo Daviess County Five Former Editors of Sterling Local Papers Prophetstown Busy And Thriving City

Whiteside county was named in honor of Gen. Samuel Whiteside, a Madison county soldier...

Whiteside county was known as Whiteside county previous to Jo Daviess county organization...

Up to that time Jordan township was attached to Elkhorn precinct...

Whiteside Becomes County In 1837 on petition of Whiteside county citizens...

Slavery Recognized Some of the early laws of the old county...

Old State Roads The first state roads running through Whiteside county...

Whiteside county's first officers were Commissioners, Nathaniel G. Reynolds...

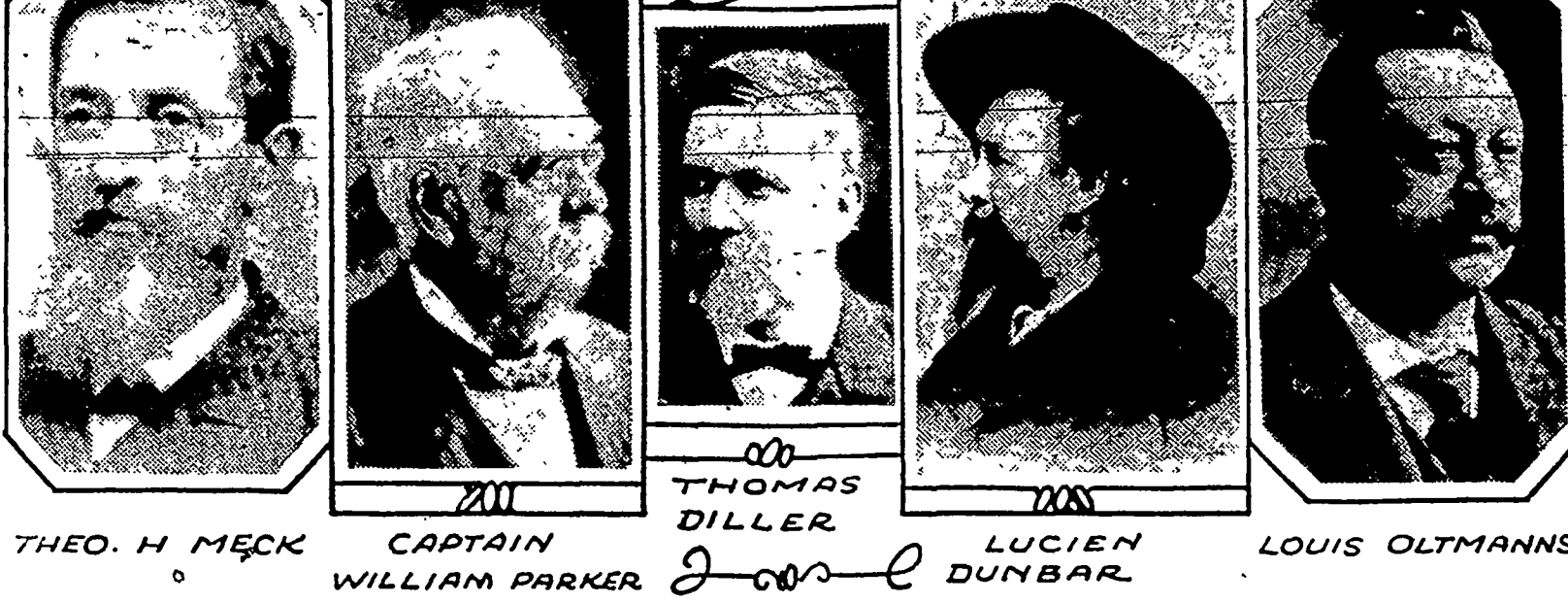
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London County Seat London was chosen as the first county seat...

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THEO. H. MECK CAPTAIN WILLIAM PARKER THOMAS DILLER LUCIEN DUNBAR LOUIS OLTMANNS

The first instrument recorded was that of transfer of an undivided interest in a saw mill...

Whiteside county's railroad era began in 1850 with the completion of the Galena and Chicago Union railroad...

Tornado of 1860 Whiteside county was visited by a tornado in 1860...

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Ed Etnier, Mr. Sweet and Mr. Riley, and one other whose name was never learned...

Some of the early organizations in the county were the Whiteside County Agricultural Society...

Woodman camp. His son and daughter, A. M. Wells and Miss Cora Wells, are living in Erie.

Among other Erie physicians of the early days was Dr. E. B. Seger...

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The census of 1920 gives Prophetstown a population of 1,159. The city has grown in spite of hard roads and motor cars...

The business summary of Prophetstown includes the following: Scissors Lawn Mower Co., a thriving industrial plant...

There are three large bulk storage depots, also six filling stations, five garages and two accessory stores...

Prophetstown has the following thriving business houses and enterprises: Barber shop, modern artificial ice-plant, three hardware stores...

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Erie Story Is One Of Continued Progress

(By Mrs. Frank Schable) Erie township was named by Lewis and Lafayette Crandall...

Lewis Crandall and Peter Gile with the latter's wife and two children came down the river from Dixon in the fall of 1835...

Mrs. Crandall died in 1898 and his wife Nov. 10, 1918. Their son George still lives on the old homestead...

A post office was established at Crandall's ferry in 1840, with Lewis Crandall as postmaster...

The history the writer saw stated that Orville Brooks built the first house in Erie...

The first teacher in Erie was Polly Ann Sprague, afterward Mrs. Huben Hard...

The first store was built in Erie by Orville Brooks and the first frame house by James Early...

Here Miss Ruth Wanser the only survivor of a family of 10 children, was born and has lived on the same lot during the 76 years of her life...

Forty of those years were spent in the loving faithful care of her mother and sister, both of whom were crippled because of fractured hips...

Contracts were let last month for the erection of the new Erie high school, to cost \$73,673.

The new building of brick with stone trim, will serve as a community high school for the territory comprising a portion of Erie, Portland, Newton and Fenton townships...

Erie City Officials And Business People

The census of 1920 gives Erie's population as 957. Frank D. Seger is supervisor, E. S. Arnett town clerk, William Guthrie assessor...

The president of the village trustees is David Guthrie and the trustees are Paul Carlson, L. T. Slayton, Roy Coking and E. L. Francis...

Directors of the community high school are Mrs. Minnie Thompson, president, E. L. Francis, secretary, George Perkins, Seth Wilson and Everett Barkus...

Erie's professional element includes two doctors, two veterinarians, one dentist, one lawyer, three clergymen, one evangelist singer and four music teachers...

FOR DANCE FRIENDS. LONDON - A portable dance floor has been introduced here, which will offer a perfect dance floor to anyone desiring one...

Crowds Are Frequent

There are a number of other small enterprises, individually operated. Prophetstown is in the center of a prosperous, thriving community...

Churches and Pastors. Five churches are sustained by the emphasis placed upon spiritual values on the part of the people of the city...

An electric plant was built in 1899 by William Wait, this was later sold to Herbert Beardsworth...

The paving of the public square which was begun by the Improvement Association two years ago, was completed this summer by the town...

A new postoffice building was constructed during the past year with all new equipment which gives the postoffice the very best in mail service...

Prophetstown Co-operative Shipping Association ranks highest in Whiteside county...

The Riverside cemetery association was incorporated April 17, 1917, taking over the old cemetery grounds...

Mr. Newcomer is one of the few Civil war veterans of Sterling, having served in Co. D, 93rd Ill. infantry...

Artesian wells more than 450 feet in depth go down to the enormous natural reservoir of water under London.



J. W. NEWCOMER. The only Sterling newspaper publisher of the old school still living is J. W. Newcomer...