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We have duplicate city directories, and want to get these books in the hands of those interested:

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1985
1987
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These great books sell for \$25 each
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We have quite a few duplicate JHS yearbooks.

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We want to again thank you for your continued support and membership. You are keeping our doors open because of your generosity. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

Wanda Dame Anne Jackson Frank Marshall & Dan Currier

GROCERIES LISTED IN THE 1931 CITY DIRECTORY

Baker J S & Son 500 W Morton av
 Barnhart Levi A 1236 S Main
 Bentena Wm A 748 W Lafayette av
 Bergschneider & Kumie 220 S Main
 Black Paul 334 E Independence
 Brockhouse Dewey 826 W Lafayette av
 Bump Perry O 825 S Diamond
 Burge Jas 533 S Church
 Calvin Stace 859 Hardin av
 Claus David G 359 E Beecher av
 Cook Wriley F 234 N Main
 Cottage Grocery 200 E Morton av
 Coverly Wm M 219 S Sandy
 Cowgur Ralph C 701 N Main
 Crosier Charlotte M Mrs 1407 S West
 Dalton Wm H 431 S Church
 Daly John P 800 N Clay av
 Denney M L & Sons 260 N Pine
 Douglas Geo T 108 N West
 Duncan Harvey G 403 N Main
 Dwyer Wm 832 N Main
 Eastin Geo W 1727 S Main
 Economy Cash Grocery 501-03 E State
 Elmore Minnie 1337 S East
 Eoff Albert S 319 N West
 Genstermaker Olie D 428 S East
 Ferreira R M Co 300 E Lafayette av
 Fitzsimmons & Peterson 327 E Morton av
 Furry & Sons 234 W State
 Furry & Underwood 701 N Prairie
 Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co 827 S Main
 Gruber Eldon E 741 E Douglas
 Guthrie John H 952 N Main
 Haney Arth J 301 W Morgan
 Hankins Jesse W 301 W Main
 Higgins Wm D 1004 N Main

Home Market 1600 S Main
 Home Wm C 475 S Clay av
 Kroger Grocery & Making Co 221 E State
 Large Glenn A 251 Howe
 Larkin Co 312 E State
 Lonergan Jas J 742 Allen av
 McGinnis Michl 362 N West
 Menezes Frank C, 421 W Lafayette av, Tel 713
 Meyer Jos 220 W Court
 Morton Hurley W 504 Webster av
 Muehlhausen Gustav 338 E Independence
 Murphy Martin B 500 E Chambers
 Nunes Geo R 901 N Diamond
 O'Brien John W 472 S Main
 Piggly Wiggly 625 W Beecher av
 Red & White Food Center 220 W State
 Redburn Lawrence H, 801 N Main, Tel 1574
 Ring Jerry T 635 E Morton av
 Roe John B 531 S West
 Saner Bros Service Store 600 E College av
 Schmalz & Sons 52 ns Square
 Sherwin Henry 455 S Fayette
 South Main Market 223 S Main
 Spencer K Dale 600 S Diamond
 Struck Henry W 618 N Prairie
 Swaby Clarence H 238 N Main
 Taylor's Shop Aid, Self Serving 228 State
 Templin & Wright 401 E Morton Av
 Tobin Frances Mrs 1004 E Lafayette av
 Vannier Mabel R 232 W State
 Williamson's Grocery 644 S West
 Zell John H 226 E State

Charles L. Keehner Jacksonville and its Environs

Although only established in 1903, the grocery house of Charles L. Keehner, 701 N. Main St., sprang into immediate popularity, carrying high grade, fancy groceries, notions, etc., with prices quoted as low as the big stores for exactly the same goods, and courteous treatment to all patrons, are the distinctive features of this finely equipped grocery and pure-food supply house. Superior canned goods, leading brands of bottled condiments, table delicacies of every description, choice teas, coffees and spices, fancy crackers and biscuits are specialties. A fine line of fresh smoked and sale meats is also kept. Mr. Keehner was born near Berdan, Green County, in 1875, and was educated in the country and city schools. Previously to his present business he was a clerk for eleven years in Jerseyville, Ill. He is one of our city's more representative citizens and is highly regarded in financial and social circle.

W.M. Coverley Jacksonville and its Environs

The widely known, finely equipped, and low priced meat market of W.M. Coverley was established in 1897 and is located at 216 S Sandy St. Since its establishment it has maintained the reputation of handling the finest of meats, groceries, fruits and vegetables. Fancy meats are a specialty and the lowest market prices quoted. Three capable clerks are employed and 1000 square feet of floor space is occupied. Mr. Coverley was born in England in 1865 and was there educated and in America, and since entering the business world has followed this one line of business. He comes from a sturdy, healthy family, having three brothers and five sisters, all of whom are living. He is a member of the M.P.L. and Red Men and known as a business man of integrity and progressive methods, and a citizen of estimable qualities.

W.A. Jenkinson & Co. Jacksonville and its Environs

The wholesale handling of food stuffs is a matter of great importance in a city of the size of Jacksonville. More particularly so when, as here, the people are discriminating and competition is alert. A local concern that stands among the foremost food supply houses of the state is the firm of W.A. Jenkinson & Co., 200 to 206 E North St., wholesale grocers and jobbers of pure food supplies. Established in 1880, this widely known and finely equipped house has constantly maintained an unrivalled reputation for the reliability and general excellence of goods. A complete line of canned goods, including the famous Polk's peas, are carried and also a line of sugar, flour, breakfast foods, fish, coffee, soap, vinegar, stone ware, and the C. & S. brand of seeded raisins, Eagle lye, spices, bucket fruit, hosiery, gloved, mits, etc., are carried. All the tea handled is kept by itself to insure purity. Mr. W.A. Jenkinson was born in England in 1854 and there educated. Since entering the business world he has been identified with the grocery line. Mr. Joseph Clayton is also a native of England, born in 1830, where he was educated in the public schools. Previous to his present business he was connected with woolen mill industries. Both gentlemen are known for their integrity, estimable citizenship, modern business methods, and are highly esteemed in the city.

J.F. Pervis Jacksonville and its Environs

A general grocery and provision house that is widely known for the excellence and reliability of its goods is that of Mr. J.F. Pervis located at 519 S Main street. Though only established in 1904, this sterling house is constantly building a large and high class patronage among the best of the South Side. The store occupies two floors 60X20 feet and is heavily stocked with the most complete lines of groceries, both fancy and staple and provisions of every description. A peculiarity of this concern is that they give you something you want for something you do not want. Three courteous clerks are employed. Mr. Pervis was born in Sangamon county and was educated in this country schools of Macoupin county. He spent his early life on the farm and was a carriage maker, having learned the trade in Wisconsin. Mr Pervis has been a resident of this city for twenty years and is respected by all who know him and is a member of the Red Men and M.P.L.

Herman Weber Jacksonville and its Environs

One of the finest and most complete lines of staple and fancy groceries in the city is to be found at the well equipped store of Mr. Herman Weber, located at 208 E State St. Leading brands of flour, pure food supplies, superior canned goods, bottled delicacies, choice teas, coffees and spices, butter, eggs, and cheese are carried in large and carefully selected lines. None but the freshest and best goods are carried at this thoroughly reliable store, which accounts for the large patronage among some of the best people of the city. The well stocked salesroom occupies 1008 square feet of floor space and four capable and courteous clerks are employed. Mr. Weber is a native of Germany, born in 1854 and obtained his education in the schools of his native town. He became established here in his present business in 1878 and has been a successful and progressive business man, fair and honorable in all his dealings. Both phone 255.

SCHMALZ & SONS on the Square in late 1800's Jacksonville Journal Courier



The Schmalz grocery in Jacksonville was in two different locations on the North side of the Public Square in the late 1800's, the latter operation to last well into the early 1900's. F.F. Schmalz founded the business which operated in the old Park Hotel, Northwest corner of the Square. A picture taken in 1885 is shown at top. Note the baskets of produce and display table on the walk, and the open windows of the hotel upstairs. In this picture F.F. Schmalz is at far right; third from right (in apron) is George F. Schmalz and fourth from right (wearing cap) is John A. Schmalz.

About ten years after the above picture was taken, the business was moved to 52 North Side Square, where the Camera Chop is now located. At that time the Andre and Andre store was to the west. Of interest is the crate of live chickens outside and the large barrel of possibly potatoes. Left to right are George F. Schmalz, Mary Van Oss, F.F. Schmalz, John Wagner, an unidentified man and John A. Schmalz. These pictures were courtesy of George A. Schmalz and Greg Olson, son and grandson of George F. Schmalz.

Thad Eastman Jacksonville and its Environs

High grade goods and reliability of service are the distinctive features of stocked and largely patronized grocery house of Mr. Thad Eastman, located at 301 S. Main street. The business was first established at 519 S Main street in 1899, where Mr. Eastman carried on a prosperous business for five years, and later erected a modern and up-to-date building which he now occupies. The show windows are large and airy and equipped with awnings under which fruit and vegetables are kept as fresh as when first taken from the garden. Everything is kept in neat and clean order and two capable clerks are employed. Mr. Eastman was born in Indianapolis, Ind., and obtained his education in the Jacksonville public schools. Formerly for ten years he was employed as engineer and since becoming a citizen of this city he has gained the esteem of the community and is a valued member of the K. of P. and M.P.L.

John Frank Jacksonville and its Environs



This finely equipped store of John Frank, 608 W. Lafayette Street, is a model bakery and grocery combined. Staple and fancy groceries of every description are carried in stock. A specialty is made of the popular MALT BREAD, a product of their bakery. Every product is a masterpiece of the baker's. The machinery is of the most modern and up-to-date type, so that the bread is touched but very little by human hands. Everything is kept in the cleanest order. Skilled workmen are employed and every order is filled with goods in the best possible condition and promptness.

Not So Long Ago A Grocery on the Square Oct 18, 1974 P 8 Journal Courier

There was not so many years ago a grocery store on the Square in Jacksonville. This was a Piggly Wiggly, operated in the 1930's and 1940's on the East side of the Square. The picture is believed to have been taken in the 1940's. With all the changes the only business that has remained in that block, using the same name, is Long's Pharmacy and it moved to the South a door or two. The Piggly Wiggly was the last grocery on the Square and one of the last in the business district. Since Kroger's closed, Bill's Star is the only store left near the uptown area.



In this photo by Harold Sorrill, employees of the Jacksonville Piggly Wiggly store at 67 E. Side Square pose for a photographer in 1948, From Left are Mr. Sorrill, store manager Lewis Sims, Mary Beadles, Floyd Beadles, Jack Brown, Vernon Tighe and Eugene Bergschneider.

DORWART MEAT MARKET Jacksonville Courier Oct. 9, 1976



The Dorwart Meat Market on West State Street was a fine place to obtain good meat and other related food items. This picture taken about 1924 was brought to the Journal Courier by Harman V Hahn of Jacksonville, who at that was a teenage (18 years) meat cutter for the owner, Harry Dorwart. Shortly after this picture was taken Hahn left the city for Chicago where he continued this type of employment, later branching out into other metropolitan areas until returning in later years to Jacksonville.

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"SPELING DUSN'T COWNT"

1 Back in the day folks couldn't spell and many could barely write, so how a name sounds is more



important than how it's spelled. Use wild card or Soundex searches to help find variant spellings of names.

ASSUME NOTHING

2 Check all your facts, don't assume that any particular document is right or wrong, and always try to find other independent sources to corroborate your facts as much as possible. Verify, verify, verify. For instance, don't assume:

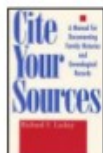
- your ancestors were married
- census information is accurate
- vital (or other) records were correct
- your ancestor's life events were recorded
- ancestors had the same name as their enslaver

USE DISCRETION

Never lie in your genealogy reports, but use discretion when reporting family information, especially when it involves living relatives.

ALWAYS DOCUMENT YOUR SOURCES, NO MATTER HOW MUCH THEY CONTRADICT ONE ANOTHER

4 Over time, you will compile more data and those seemingly contradictory pieces of evidence may prove to be just the pieces of the puzzle you need to prove or disprove your theory. Be consistent as you cite your sources. There are standard citation formats, but even if you just make up your own format for listing your sources, be consistent with it. You want your descendants to be able to retrace your steps, so **always** cite your sources.



MOST DATES ARE APPROXIMATE

5 It's okay to state that someone was born "btw 1901-1903," "abt. 1845," or died "May 1915" if you don't have an exact date or where various

documents have different dates. Which date is "correct?" They all are.

IF UNSURE, SAY SO

6 Future researchers will thank you for being honest if you simply say that you cannot prove a specific fact, yet you "suspect" such and such is true. Don't fudge the facts. **Ever.**



YOU CANNOT DO IT ALL ONLINE

7 Yes, we love doing research online and there's nothing better than using the computer to find new sources, view digital images of original documents and even connect with relatives. For family historians, the Internet will never replace the wonderful work of libraries, county courthouses, archives, and historical societies. Do as much as you can online, then turn off your computer and hit the bricks!



JUST BECAUSE IT'S ONLINE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S TRUE

8 The Internet is a wonderful thing but it's filled with oodles of bad information. Don't make the mistake of believing anything you find online at face value. Verify against other sources, even if you paid for the information you found online. Consult the original source whenever possible.

PASS ALONG YOUR RESEARCH

9 No matter how many decades you spend researching your family, your research will never be done. Plan on passing along your research to the next generation's researchers. Leave excellent notes, cite all your sources, explain your shorthand ... in essence, leave your research the way you'd have liked to have found it.



SPREAD THE WORD

You have our permission to use/publish these Golden Rules as much as you like. Just give us credit for them, okay?

DON'T DIE WITH YOUR STORIES STILL IN YOU

10 Giving credit to Dr. Wayne Dyer for his "Don't die with your music still in you," we want to remind you to tell the stories as completely and as accurately as possible. Genealogy isn't about just doing research. Genealogy is about telling the stories and ensuring that your ancestor's legacies live on for generations to come. Without the stories, the research won't do anyone much good. The legacy of your ancestors rests in your capable hands. Doing the research is fine, but always remember that you have been chosen to **tell their stories.**



DNA IS NOT A TRUMP CARD

11 DNA is just one of **many** possible sources of information you can use to verify or deny a relationship. Human error occurs when the results are transcribed, thereby providing false information. DNA results should **always** be used in concert with other sources.

ANYTHING YOU POST ONLINE WILL BE "BORROWED"

12 You need to accept the fact that any family information you post online will be "borrowed" or outright stolen, and you will probably not get credit for all your hard work. This is the nature of the beast... the Internet. Get over it.



THE INTERNET IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING

13 Web sites change all the time, and to find the information you need, you may need to look in new places to find old information. Take a second look at old sites you haven't visited in a while, and don't be afraid to walk away from your favorite sites if/when you find new ones that provides better information. Seek and you may find.

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