

Annual Old Third Ward Neighborhood Picnic

Save the date: Sunday, August 28 in Pioneer Park. See inside for more details.

basis. The result is that it is one of the best governed counties in the state. As a matter bearing with great weight upon this statement, it is with pride that we point to the fact that we not only have NO PUBLIC DEBT, but always have a handsome cash surplus on hand to meet current demands. Our orders are, of course, at-par, and the credit of the county stands unrivalled in all respects. To show our actual condition, we reproduce, from the proceedings of the last meeting, the statement of W. H. Lanphear, Clerk, of our assets and liabilities for consideration here:

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The exact date of William’s departure from Appleton is not known, but in the 1879 issue of the *Illustrated Annual Review of the Appleton Post*, he is still listed as County Clerk. This ironic item about Outagamie County (left) appears on p. 71 of that *Review*. Then this item (below) appeared in the January 25, 1879 *Janesville Gazette*.

In the following year’s federal census, his wife Caroline, listed as a widow, still lived on Prospect with two of their children. Soon the family moved to Superior St.

William’s father did not mention his son in his 1890 will, even though by that time the family knew his assumed name and where he was living. The bulk of his father’s estate went to his “step grand-daughter” Minnie M. Palmer who was his caretaker in his later life. The remainder of the estate went to two of William’s children, Charles and Zelline. “William L. Hull” died in New Hampshire in 1914.

Hearthstone Sign

With a grant from Fox Cities Convention and Visitors Bureau, other donations and a generous discount from Jones Sign Co., our neighbor Hearthstone now has a modern sign that still blends in with the historic elegance of the Victorian house. The sign was erected on Thursday, July 21, after a strong thunderstorm delayed it a few hours, in very hot, humid weather. Workers closed one lane of Memorial Drive (with a permit,) which fortunately didn’t cause too much of a traffic jam. The scrolling electronic messages about events and activities going on at Hearthstone will be operational soon. Thanks to Hearthstone Board member Ed Hilgendorf for providing the photo.



DEFALCATIONS.

APPLETON, Wis., Jan. 25—About a month ago W. H. Lanphear, a prominent Democrat, who has held the office of County Clerk for fourteen years suddenly left the city, and no one seems to know where he is. A committee consisting of A. H. Conkey, William Lamure and E. C. Duun have been investigating his accounts, and have discovered a shortage of \$4,000 and expect that it will reach \$5,000. There is no chance for the county to recover a penny of the amount, for the fact has developed that aside from his first term he gave no bonds.



Neighborhood News

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The Annual OTW Neighborhood Picnic will be held in Pioneer Park (triangle at W. Prospect and S. Walnut) on **Sunday, August 28** beginning at 4 p.m. As you can see some plantings have been added since the dedication of Pioneer Park on May 22.

As always, we ask that you bring a dish to pass and beverages, if you wish. Brats, hot dogs, buns, chips and condiments will be provided. Reminders will go out closer to the event.

The Old Third Ward on PBS!

Well, sort of. PBS’s *Genealogy Roadshow* visited Providence, R. I. for

Episode 6 of its third season. On this show a father and son wanted to find out why their ancestor abandoned his family and changed his name.

It was mentioned on the show that this man, Outagamie County clerk William H. Lanphear, lived in Appleton, Wisconsin in the mid 1800s.

He embezzled \$5,000 from the County and, as the story went, left his family and moved to Colorado where he changed his name to William L. Hull. With some sleuthing, the genealogist on the show confirmed this story. But he did not elaborate on William’s time in Appleton.

January 18, 1875
W. H. Lanphear
Clerk

William H. Lanphear’s signature on an 1875 Outagamie County document

William Henry Lanphear (also spelled Lamphear, Lanphere, Lanphier, Landfair, with other variations) was born in New York around 1834. The family moved to Wisconsin in 1837 and was in Appleton by 1855 when William married Caroline McGregor, with the ceremony performed by Lawrence University President, the Rev. Edward Cooke.

MARRIED,
In this town, on Thursday, Oct. 18, 1855, by the Rev. Dr. EDWARD COOKE, Mr. WILLIAM H. LANPHEAR, and Miss CAROLINE MCGREGOR, all of Appleton.

October 20, 1855 Appleton Crescent

Henry Dodge Ryan, who has been connected with the Appleton Crescent almost from its foundation, left for the Rocky Mountain Gold Region on Monday last. He is a young man of decided talent, and possesses the energy requisite to make his way through opposing circumstances. Wm. H. LANPHEAR, our late City Treasurer, a correct business man and worthy citizen, together with NELSON BATES, a young and industrious mechanic, left at the same time. Others follow very soon. Success to the Appleton delegation of 1860.

William’s first trip out west came soon after he was married. This brief item in the Appleton Crescent, Saturday April 21, 1860, lists his traveling companions and also states he was Appleton’s City Treasurer before he became Outagamie County Clerk. William was back in Appleton by June 23, 1860, the day the U. S. Population Census was taken in Appleton’s Second Ward.

The 1874 Appleton City directory has the family living at “No. 20 Prospect St.” A look at adjacent neighbors in city directories and census records reveals that home was located on Prospect very near the Whorton home (now 315 W. Prospect) and the Goff home (now 325 W. Prospect,) either on the south or north side of Prospect. This section of Prospect was in the Second Ward at that time. (continued on back page)

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The OTW and Black History

Currently the History Museum at the Castle is exhibiting *A Stone of Hope: Black Experiences in the Fox Cities*, a traveling pop-up exhibit about the history of Blacks in Appleton and the surrounding area. The exhibit won an award from the American Association of State and Local History in 2015. This newsletter will publish ongoing articles about African Americans in the Old Third Ward. See the exhibit’s stops: <http://www.myhistorymuseum.org/a-stone-of-hope.html>

Ada (Edelia) Kate Cleggett

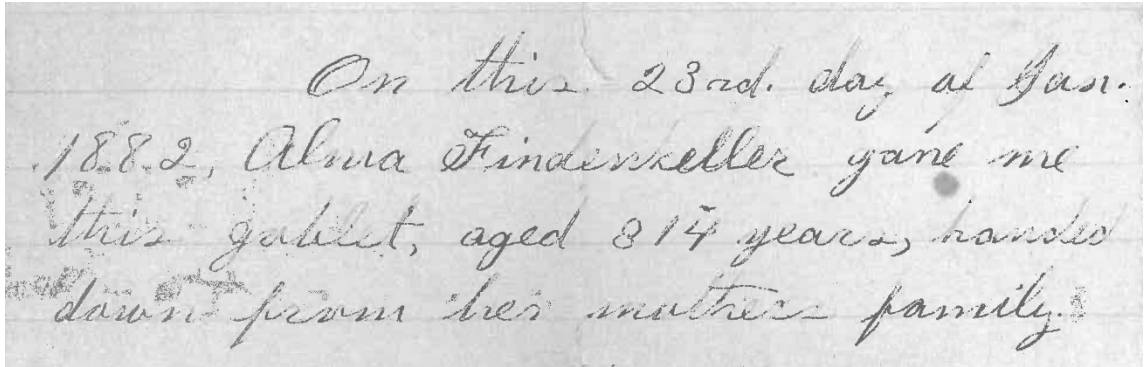
Ada (sometimes known as Edelia) Kate Cleggett was born in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, June 6, 1861, the youngest daughter of Rebecca and William S. Cleggett (Fall, 2015 Old Third Ward Newsletter.) She lived the longest of anyone in her family, passing away in 1951 just before her 90th birthday.

During Ada’s time in Appleton, city directories and census records listed her as a hairdresser, manicurist, teacher, nurse, and involved in “manufacturing switches.” She lived in the family home on State St. until her mother, the last of her Appleton family, died in 1917. Ada never married.

The descriptions of Ada’s race in census records trace the accepted terminology used for African Americans during that time and also perhaps how people of color self-identified. In the mid to late 19th century, she and her family were mulatto. However, in both the 1900 Federal Census and the 1905 Wisconsin Census they were Black. By 1910 they were back to mulatto. Ada lived in a boarding house in Appleton in 1920 and she was “white” in that year’s census, as were the rest of the occupants of the house. She moved to New York to work as a relief worker for the Colored Orphans’ Asylum in The Bronx and was listed as Negro in the 1930 Federal Census. When Ada moved to Massachusetts to live with her sister Mary Vanderhoop’s daughter, the census records listed everyone in the household as Indian.

[As a side note, some of Ella Fitzgerald’s biographers put her in the Colored Orphans’ Asylum at the same time Ada was there. Recent scholarship has disproven Miss Fitzgerald’s residence in that facility.]

In the collection of the History Museum at the Castle in Appleton, there are two letters written by Ada Cleggett in the late 1940s, sent from Boston to friends in Appleton. The letters are full of affection for her friends, and also self-deprecating remarks (“I sound like a rambling old woman”) but her main order of business was to make arrangements to pass along a gift her sister Emma Hollensworth (Summer, 2015 Old Third Ward Newsletter) received in 1882.



Also in the History Museum’s collection is a note from Emma documenting the gift: “On this 23rd day of Jan. 1882, Alma Findenkeller gave me this goblet, aged 814 years, handed down from her mother’s family.”

The crystal goblet (or chalice) is in the collection of the History Museum at the Castle. It is etched all around, with medallions on four sides bearing inscriptions in German:

- Side with man praying (right): “Be devout towards God”
- Side with 2 hearts (left): “Be kind towards all men”
- Side with 2 doves: “Be false towards none”
- Side with a lamb: “Be intimate with/put your trust in few people”



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http://gis.appleton.org/community_development/pdf/CityMapAndIndex.pdf

If you see tractor-trailers using other streets, call the number on the back of the truck and contact the City Traffic Engineer Eric Lom, (920) 832-5580
eric.lom@appleton.org

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<http://www.appleton.org/residents/valley-transit/contact-us> Report the bus route (routes 2, 30 and 9 pass through the Old Third Ward), bus number, and date and time.

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