

Fred and Hannah Wiseman (below left) stand with their family in front of their home at 212 W. Main St. in about 1898. The house, which was built by Gilbert Applebee in the early 1880s, still stands today (right). Others in the picture are: on the porch—Idella and Rhoda; standing adults—Julia, Emma, Esther, Lydia and Ed; children—Irene, Walter Wolthausen (grandson) and Melinda.



Some of the people and events that are described in the letters towards the end of the Nineteenth Century create such a strong bridge to our own time. We have a few people still living, in their late 80s or early 90s, whose childhood memories span much of the period of Emaline and Hattie's letters. Outstanding among them is Jennie Lines, who was three years old when her family moved into the house her father built on West Lake Street in 1890. Her life, with the exception of about two houses, is the life and history of West Lake Street, which was first platted out by her grandfather Milius B. McIntosh in the mid-1880s. Jennie is a living link to one of the most important men in the history of the Village of Barrington. He was also written up by Andreas in 1884:

M.B. McIntosh, lumber dealer, was born in Albany County, N.Y., in 1817, son of Alexander and Betsey (Wood) McIntosh. He was raised and married in his native

state and in 1854 he came to Illinois, and located at Freeport. In 1855 he removed to Northfield, Cook County, and in September 1857, located at Barrington where he now resides. He was engaged for three years in carrying passengers from the railroad

police justice in 1870 and held that office for seven years. He served on the board of corporation trustees three years and on the school board for 20 years. Mr. McIntosh is a Democrat in politics, and has always taken an active part in the

"Two of my under teeth have been so sore and loose for a long time that I just took hold of them with my fingers and jerked them out, they have tormented me just long enough have only four left now, on my under jaw I mean."

station to the country. In 1860 he established the lumber business in which he is now engaged. His yard is located on the north side of the railroad track, northwest of the depot (actually he was on South Cook Street, where Lion Photo is now). He carries in stock a full line of sash, doors, glass, blinds and building materials. He was the first notary public appointed in Barrington and he has held that office for 24 years. He was elected

political issues of the country. He is a trustee of the Baptist Church, being one of the first elected at its organization, and was one of the two members of the building committee that built the church in 1860, at which time he was church clerk and treasurer. He was married in 1846 to Miss Elmina C. Phillips, daughter of Ruel and Sarah (Landers) Phillips. They have had eight children—three of whom survive—Emma J. Lines, Melvin C. and

Francis W. He is extensively involved in apiculture and has now 60 swarms of bees. He is also engaged in money-lending.

By some omission, Andreas does not mention that M.B. McIntosh was village president, the first elected in 1866, and remained so into 1884. As the residential boundaries of the Village began to extend west of Hough Street he acquired considerable real estate, and he was responsible for the development of West Lake Street. Andreas also doesn't mention M.B.'s penchant for croquet. But that was recalled by his grandson Arnett Lines when writing his "History of Barrington." In a chapter on "Early Appearances," Lines reminisces:

Turning south on Cook Street next was Tom Freeman's furniture store and Undertaking Parlor, then was a small home occupied by Henry Sodt Sr. South of

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