

" He (my father) and the Episcopal minister had become friends at Rotary Club meetings and when the minister appeared at the door of my father's room he threw up his hands in delight."

Ancestors, p. 311

10.) *Bill Maxwell's Grandparents' Home*



Address: 503 Kickapoo Street.

"From an old photograph, it appears that the carpenter's lace curtains in the bay window was almost identical. Driving past the house when he was an old man, my father shook his head and remarked sadly, "That fretwork cost nearly eighty acres of the finest land in Logan County!"

Ancestors, p. 144.

Other points of interest include:

Logan County Courthouse



Address: 601 Broadway Street.

"Roaming the Courthouse square on a Saturday night, the tenant farmers and their families were unmistakable."

So Long, See You Tomorrow, p. 55.

Postville Courthouse



Address: 914 Fifth Street

"Riding along on my bicycle, I used to send a folded copy of the *Lincoln Evening Courier* sailing in the general direction of the front door of an unpainted two-story frame building that I knew had once been used as a courthouse. A Negro family lived in it, which seemed only proper since the Great Emancipator had practiced law there."

Ancestors (1971), p. 137

Central School : Then and Now

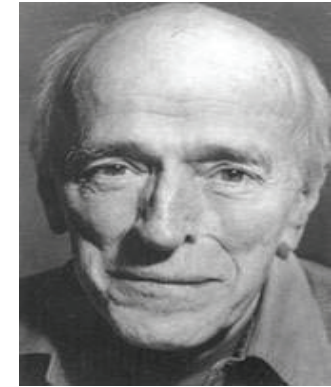


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On the cover (cont.):

This photo shows the house as it looked in 1903, just a few years before the Maxwell family lived there when it was occupied by the family of the original owner, James T. Hoblit. Source: Views of Streets, Residences, State Institutions, Public Buildings, Chautauqua Grounds, Portraits of Citizens, Lincoln, Illinois, 1903 (published by the Lincoln Woman's [sic] Club). Photo courtesy of Jay Burger.

William Maxwell's Lincoln



A Self-Guided Tour



William Maxwell's boyhood home, Ninth Street, Lincoln, Illinois. (cont. on back)

A Self-Guided Tour Of

Bill Maxwell's Lincoln

1.) *William Maxwell's Boyhood Home.*



Address: 184 Ninth Street.

"When Judge Hoblit went bankrupt and the Hoblit house on Ninth Street came on the market, my father bought it. It was almost directly across the street from my Grandfather Blinn's, and much larger and more comfortable than the house we were living in."

Ancestors, p. 185.

2.) *Edward D. Blinn Jr. and Aunt Annette's house.*

3.) *Benny Irish's House*



Address: 201 Ninth Street

"When my Grandfather Blinn died, the house across the street sold to a retired farmer. There were three boys in the family, and my

brother were drawn to them like nails to a magnet."

Ancestors, p. 255.

4.) *Dyer Home.*

Address: 133 N. Elm (*House no longer exists.*)

"Old Dyer comes night and morning to tend the furnace, and the washing goes off to Mrs. Dyer in an express wagon pulled by one of her grandchildren and comes back clean and beautifully ironed and smelling sweet."

5.) *Aunt Maybel's house*



Address: 331 Union

"To continue the to continue the tour of my Aunt Maybel's funeral and really very ugly house on Union Street..."

Ancestors, p. 194.

6.) *The New House*



Address: 226 Park Place

"...he bought a double lot in Park Place, a subdivision so recently laid out that the trees were only five feet tall and had to be staked against the north wind."

So Long, See You Tomorrow, p. 24.

7.) *Mrs. McGrath's House.*

Address: 225 Park Place

(*House no longer exists.*)

"Grace's mother lived directly across the street from us with her son Ted, who at the time was a bachelor."

So Long, See You Tomorrow.p.47

8.) *First Presbyterian Church " :*



Address: 201 Pekin Street

"They went to the Presbyterian Sunday School, and so we asked my mother if we could go with them."

Ancestors, p..255.

9.) *Trinity Episcopal Church*



Address: 402 Pekin Street