

Sainte Marie Foundation News

Celebrating our special hometown Summer 2023 Volume 16 Issue 2

Volunteer of the Year

Donna Keller, one of the Foundation Board members was recognized for being the Jasper County Volunteer of the Year at the Jasper County Chamber Banquet held recently. Donna was chosen because of the numerous hours she puts in as a volunteer for many organizations in Jasper County, but especially for our town of Sainte Marie. Among the organizations she volunteers for are the Sainte Marie American Legion Auxiliary, the Foundation, the Farmers Market, Foundation Museum, Sainte Marie Farmers Market, the town's 150th and 175th celebrations, and the tremendously successful Cork and Pork Festival.



Foundation House Museum Open House

You are invited to the open house of the Sainte Marie Foundation's latest





Our Foundation Board members are multi-talented! Mike Hartrich, vice-president of the board, taught in the Jasper County School District for many years. He taught English and history as well as coached many teams over the years.

One of the more difficult topics for his English students was poetry. He found the way to help students understand the concept more clearly was to use music as examples. One of the most memorable songs he used was "Bye, Bye, Miss American Pie" by Don McClean. They explored lyrics of songs for meaning. This resulted in the unit becoming a favorite of students....so much so that the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce sponsored an evening with Mr. Hartrich on March 1. Included in the price of the tickets was a dinner served by our favorite Hartrich Meats (with the inclusion of bunsteads iykyk) and a presentation by Mike explaining songs from the era. If you know Mike, you know there were many other topics up for discussion! Proceeds of over \$1200 were donated to the Sainte Marie Foundation! Thanks Mike and the Jasper County Chamber of Commerce.



Transitions

Melvarose Ochs, March 27, 1957 – February 24, 2024

Melvarose attended Sainte Marie Schools and graduated from Newton Community High School with the class of 1975. Surviving are her sisters Marie and Sheila, and brother, Steve.

Angela Geltz, November 11, 1930 – February 20, 2024

Angela was a longtime resident of Sainte Marie and a member of St. Mary's of the Assumption Church. Surviving Angela are children, Dave, Patti, Pete, and Jerry.

Joseph Zuber, May 30 – February 10, 2024 Joe graduated with the NCHS class of 1970 and spent his early education at Sainte Marie schools. He is survived by siblings, Bernard, Gertrude, and Carolyn.

John Barthelme, January 8, 1957 – March 1, 2024 John is survived by two daughters, Sarah and Jessie, three grandchildren, and siblings Ed, Bob, Marsha, and Tom.



Flower Basket Sponsorship

It's that time of year again! A summertime hallmark of Sainte Marie has been our beautiful flower baskets. Letters have been mailed out to previous donors, but it is not too late to sponsor a basket in honor of or in memory of a loved one. Please call Carolyn Keller at 618-455-3094 by March 15.



Ramon Kocher, Wyatt Finn, Don Geltz, and Brad Slankard recently worked on installing an electronic sign at the Sainte Marie American Legion. The sign was purchased through the combined efforts of The Legion, Auxiliary, and the Sons of the American Legion, Post 932.

In Memory of Pat Reis

A reception honoring the life of the Foundation's founder, **Pat Reis**, will be held on May 9 from 4 - 7 at the Foundation House. An email will go out closer to the time.



March 20, 1908, Sainte Marie Tribune



Fall Cleanup

Thanks to volunteers Karleeen Prosser, Spenser Lurkins, Norma Ochs, Phyllis Ochs, Donna Keller, and Mike, Janet, and Tony Hartrich for all the help with the Fall cleanup at the Foundation House. Watch for an announcement for Spring cleanup. Help will be needed!





Mardi Gras Parade

A Mardi Gras mini parade was held in Sainte Marie on February 10. Pictured are some of the entries.



The Hill



Bruce and Nancy Ochs



Norma and David Ochs



Cork and Pork



Pieces of Heaven



Quilting is an art born of necessity and becomes a treasure map of memories. I dare say most readers have early memories of an elder relative or neighbor working on a quilt. My great aunt always had a quilting frame set up in her house. I watched in awe as she would hand sew the tiniest stitches on the colorful, intricately designed fabric.

Another favorite memory was the quilts that were raffled off at the Labor Day Picnic. One of the first stops (after the doll stand) was to see what beautiful quilts the ladies of the quilting circle had made that year. The ladies worked on these quilts for many months before the Picnic to ensure there would be at least one, often two, pieces to raffle.

I am sure there were other places they gathered, but I remember Mildred Schmidt's basement, Serena Kaufmann's house, and the Parish Center as the center of their activity.

While those memories are very strong, the fact is that those quilting ladies have gone before us. No longer can you find the group gathered at someone's house or at the Church Hall. Unfortunately, this part of Sainte Marie history has come to an end. Now the raffle committee needs to depend on families to donate quilts or quilt tops their mother or grandmother made to be able to continue this very treasured tradition of the pre-Labor Day Picnic. Would you be able to help carry on this treasured tradition? If you have a quilt or quilt top you would be interested in donating, please contact Jane Bahl at 618-783-9010 or a Foundation Board member.



One of the quilts made by the quilting ladies.



Quilting entry for the 1987 Sesquicentennial Parade



Raffle Booklet for the Pre-Labor Day Picnic

More about Sainte Marie's quilters in our next issue!

Restaurants in Sainte Marie



Sainte Marie is certainly blessed to have a great restaurant in town. Town Talk Restaurant & Bar will be celebrating their two-year anniversary in June! They have been a great addition to the village. The most popular menu item has been the fried catfish they serve daily.

Besides catfish, they have daily specials that are posted on their Facebook page. We look forward to many more years of continued success for the Ederers.

Writing about our current restaurant made me think of other Sainte Marie restaurants that have been in business.

Many of us remember the Hideout which was in the former Hartrich Groceries store. They were in business for several years and provided the community with some wonderful food. Jim and Mary Knicley had a restaurant for a while in the former Alblinger and Kirts garage. It seemed at the turn of the 20th century many eating establishments popped up over night and were closed just as quickly. Business and food regulations were not as strict obviously! The number of restaurants also surprised me as I wondered who the customers were. Sainte Marie citizens have been known for their frugality, large families, and raising their own beef, pork, and chicken, as well as canning large amounts of vegetables from their gardens.

Regardless of who ate there, there were quite a few around during the early 1900s.

Albert Strutner has opened up a restaurant in our little burg. Cheese, crackers, bologna, tobacco and hot meals once a week, and ice cream when he can get ice. If you are not hungry give Al a call.

June 24, 1896, Newton Press

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Is at our restaurant in the room formerly occupied by the Golden Rule Store. Ice erem every day. Fresh pop always on hand. We will have every thing that constitutes a first class restaurant and weask your patronage. Charles Baker, The Restaurant Man.

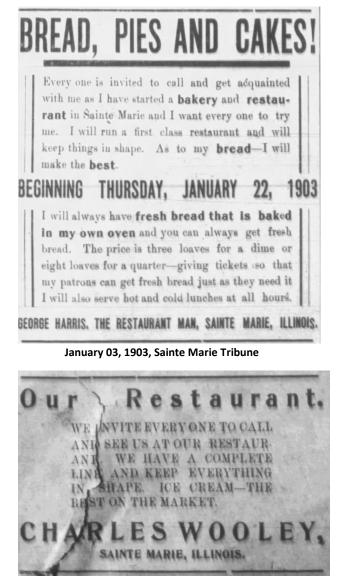
July 31, 1903, Sainte Marie Tribune



February 6, 1903, Sainte Marie Tribune

I desire to sell my restaurant business owing to having other interests that de mand my time. J. A. KRATZMEYER, Ste. Marie, Ill.

July 25, 1902, Sainte Marie Tribune



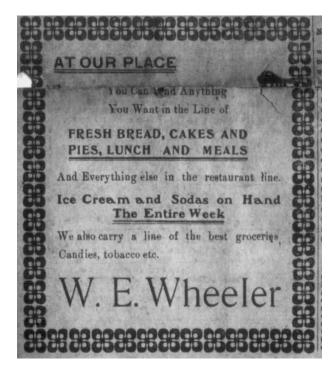
June 03, 1904, Sainte Marie Tribune



September 25, 1903, Sainte Marie Tribune



February 26, 1906, Sainte Marie Tribune



July 09, 1909, Sainte Marie, IL



January 10, 1910, Sainte Marie Tribune



April 10, 1910, Sainte Marie Tribune



November 11, 1916, Sainte Marie Tribune

Sainte Marie's Greatest Generations Remembering those who have made our memories sweet and our Village strong.

Herman and Emma Copper



Herman and Emma Copper

November 27, 1919

One couple who blessed the village of Sainte Marie for many years was Herman and Emma Copper. They raised their family in a two-story farmhouse style white house on the south edge of town. Herman Henry Copper was born on June 4, 1899, the fourth child of William and Susan Zuber Copper. His siblings were Albert, Lula, Edwin, Leona, Cleora, Chloe, and Gilbert.

Emma Mae Fehrenbacher, the daughter of Anthony and Mary E. Fehrenbacher, was born on February 28, 1895. Her siblings were Urban, Howard, Raymond, Orville, twins Ruth and Roy, and Lenora. They lived on a farm west of Sainte Marie.

Theirs was a true love story! Emma worked as a maid in Olney and met Herman at the Richland County Fair. Herman lived in Stringtown at the time and Emma was a Sainte Marie girl. Herman was at the age where he was looking for a livelihood and decided to move west to Iowa. His older brothers had moved there to pursue farming and Herman joined them. Emma bought a train ticket to Iowa, and she and Herman were married in Osage, Iowa on November 27, 1919.

Their first child, Dolors (Brockett), was born there. The couple decided to move back to Illinois as they found the winters too cold for their liking! They loaded up their household and livestock and headed east on the train. Emma's father, Anthony Fehrenbacher, met them at Boos Station. Their first home was in the bottoms of Sainte Marie north of Valbert Hill. They then moved where Joe and Georgianne Kocher's place was located. Their final move was in 1942 to the place they would call home for the next 50+ years. The addition of daughter, Romonna Hunzinger Ochs, and son, Norman Copper, completed their family.

Herman bought 40 acres in the river bottoms that was divided by the levee and also 40 acres south of "Indian Mound", south and west of Sainte Marie, and then added 120 more acres near Dundas. This land is still in the family. He raised cows and pigs in addition to his crops. He farmed horses for many years, until he purchased a tractor in the 1940s. As many local farmers did during this time, he also grew tomatoes for Del Monte. The children used some of the money raised from the tomatoes for the daily 25 cents bus fare to Newton Community High School. Herman raised sheep as a hobby after he retired. His nickname was "Kroger". When his granddaughter, Sue Wheat, asked him where that came from, he told her it was from the kind of seed he planted. Come to find out it was from the homebrew he made!

Emma had a big garden and loved to raise flowers, especially roses. She also had a large chicken yard and six cherry trees in the back of the house. Sue remembers the family getting together on Father's Day every year and harvesting the cherries. Emma was a wonderful cook and canned much of the produce from her garden. She sewed the children's and her clothing on a treadle sewing machine. She also loved cats! Sue loved to go to their house as often as she was allowed and remembers coming up to her grandma and giving big hugs from behind. Emma passed away on December 22, 1972. Herman lived for quite a few years in the same house they had lived in since 1942. He was able to stay at home since he had his granddaughter next door, and his daughter and son still lived nearby. Herman died at the age of 94 on August 15, 1993. They are buried in St. Mary's Cemetery. Sainte Marie is a better place because of this couple and their family.

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Emma's German's Chocolate Cake Recipe



Emma and Herman on their 50th anniversary in 1969

Old Time Recipes

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Turn out after thoroughly	Flour and fry in deep hot fat

From the Past

St. Marie is looming. Five new houses going up. Twelve new lots staked off. Real estate changing hands. Among the latest transfers being Louis Huss property to E. J. Gangloff, and Eugene Hartrich to C. P. Harmon.

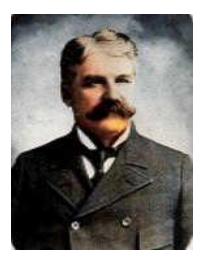
March 27, 1895, Newton Press

Our saloons got on some new whisky and it seems as if it was loaded, for it caused two fights, several black eyes chawed thumbs, and and bruised fists; also gave employment to the doctor to pitch up the abrasions of the face.

March 27, 1895, Newton Press

Marriage Licenses	
Frank Bush. Villa Grove	26
Ida Mardis, S. Muddy tp	23
Chas. Lewis, Wheeler	21
Bertha Raudolph, same	18
Frank Helregel, Ste. Marie	25
Sophia Hoffman, same	19

May 12, 1916, Sainte Marie Tribune



Eugene Hartrich 1850-1904

Eugene Leo Hartrich was the fourth of eight (living) children born to Theodore and Francoise (Frances) Chable Hartrich. He was born on September 24, 1850, on a farm about three miles west of Sainte Marie, the current David and Rhonda Keller residence.

Tragedy struck the family in 1859 when Frances died four months after the death of her 9-monthold son, August. A year later, Fanny, Eugene's older sister died. The family was devastated. Left with 7 children ranging in age from three to twelve, Theodore remarried his wife's sister a short time after he was widowed.

In 1871, the father of the large family, Theodore, passed away. The older children took it upon themselves to take care of their stepmother (aunt) and the younger children.

According to letters from Eugene's sister, Sister Mary John Berchman, the care of the youngest two girls, Octavia and Rosa, was left to her. She had joined the order of St. Joseph of Carondelet based in St. Louis, so the young girls moved to the city to go to school. Alphonse and Eugene, and later on brother, Paul, ran the farm and provided for the girls. At the time his sister, Elizabeth, was married to Xavier Picquet and had several children. In his late twenties Eugene began to show an interest in politics. He served on several local boards and committees before he decided to run for sheriff of Jasper County in 1879. He announced his candidacy to fill the remainder of the term of the previous sheriff who had resigned. The times being what they were, people felt very free to express their feelings about politicians!

"Hartrich, the Republican candidate for sheriff, is to be pitied. If elected, he will be to bury. The mere prospect of an election (he will be defeated by over 300) has given him the big head so badly that he cannot possibly "survive the pressure." From his actions, one would naturally suppose that he is a "mighty ruler of four kingdoms", and that the future prosperity of the people "hinges" on his election to the office of sheriff." (October, 1879 Newton Press)

And this, "Hartrich talks democratic when he is with democrats, and republican when he is with republicans, and with the independents he is an independent, and announces both parties as corrupt."

"Our Fox township correspondent presents Eugene Hartrich, the independent-democraticrepublican- "anything"-candidate-sheriff, pretty well. He still claims five million majority in Granville Township.``

"Hartrich was raised in wealth and it gives him the "big head" notwithstanding he is now as poor as a church mouse if his debts were paid. His property, both personal and real, is under mortgage to avoid the payment of his debts." "Hartrich is a haughty, proud, big-headed, Frenchman, and is a democrat, independent, republican, or any thing else for office."

> HARTRICH would throw away politics and religion and espouse the cause of Satan in order to be elected sheriff. He is the kind of a man for Parson Gorrell; one is about as consistent as

10-29-1879 Newton Press

the other.

farm. Hartrich says he wants to be elected sheriff so he can come to Newton and "spark" the Newton girls. A substantial man is Eugene(!) Because the girls are in love with him (you know he is good looking) he thinks the people ought to make him sheriff. Well, well; Eugene, Bobby Moffitt, little Johnny Heap and the Parson would make a double team at the "sparking business." The crowd ought to have an office. They have all been waiting for an office this long while in order to con-unmate the blissful affair.

FOXITE.

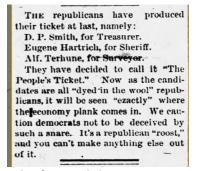
This notice appeared in the Newton Press:

10-29-1879 Newton Press

A Voice From St. Marie.

MR. EDITOR: This township is wide awake for Deadrick for sheriff and Leach for treasurer. It has been claimed by Hartrich that he would hold this township for Smith if the republicans would support him for sheriff. Hartrich don't own St. Marie township. He runs on the independent (republican in disguise) ticket, and when we vote we'll vote independent of him. Eugene's head is too large for us to vote for him. It is customary in this township when any social event transpires, such as weddings, suppers, parties, etc., for the people to meet and all enjoy themselves together. The Hartrich family, especially Eugene, invariably attend; but on occasions of social gatherings at Hartrichs' nobody is good enough to entitle them to an invitation but the Picquet's and Schifferstein's, and some "upper tens," of Diney. The company must be a coterie of what Hartrichs' call the "better class." Too much a la Francaise. Dr. Picquet, please note. A ST. MARIE VOTER.

October 29, 1879 Newton Press



October 15, 1879, Newton Press

Despite the navsayers, he ended up winning the election. In a subsequent issue of the Newton Press, he thanked his supporters for their faith in him. (Reminder...at the time, women were not allowed to vote.)

To My Friends in Jasper.

GENTLEMEN :-- You, on Tuesday, November 4th, paid me a compliment in electing me to be your humble representative as sheriff of this county I deeply feel the honor you have bestowed upon me, and shall try by my actions to show to you the same. I take this method of returning to one and all my sincere thanks, expressing at the same time the desire that I may have the pleasure of seeing you all at an early day. Yours very respectfully,

EUGENE HARTRICH.

November 4, 1879, Newton Press

Dan O'Donnell and Sheriff Hartrich are keeping batch in the jail. They get their meals at the Litzelmann, however.

2-25-1880 Newton Press

1880 was a very eventful year for Eugene. Not only was he sheriff, in April of that year, he married a very beautiful Sainte Marie lady, Pauline Picquet. Pauline was the daughter of Dr. James and Mrs. Marie Schifferstein Picquet.

Of course the press had plenty to say about that!

Eugene Hartrich, Sheriff of Jasper county, was married last week to Miss Pauline Picquet. Another prisoner for the Newton Jail.-Robinson Const.

May 26, 1880 Robinson Const.



Pauline Picquet Hartrich

Sheriff Hartrich will lead to the hymeneal altar, one of these fine mornings in the near future, one of Egypt's fairest daughters. A little bird didn't tell us so.

04-24-1880 Newton Press

MARRIED, at the Catholic church in Ste. Marie, by Rev. A. J. Pennartz, Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock, Mr. Eu-gene Hartrich to Miss Pauline Picquet, second eldest daughter of Dr. Picquet, second eldest daughter of Dr. Picquet of the village of Ste, Marie. Mr. Hartrich is the present young and efficient sheriff of Jasper county, and Miss Picquet is one of the fairest and most accomplished young ladies to be found in all Egypt. They have be-gun their married life under favorable auspices, and a host of warm friends congratulate them on the consum tion of the happy event.

Sheriff Hartrich and wife will commence housekeeping in the residence apartment of the county jail, which Mr. H. has had thoroughly repaired and renovated for the purpose. By-the-way, Eugene was so "worked up" in anticipation of his wedding that he in anticipation of his wedding that he forgot his license and had to send back to Newton after it; and as troubles never come singly, a Mattoon tailor field to properly bill his wedding clothes, and in order to find them, Dan Olymer different set of the O'Donnell was necessarily compelled to put in the greater part of last Mon-lay in telegraphing to the various points along the adjacent railroads.

Eugene's term lasted for only one year, but during that time he seemed to redeem himself in the eyes of the public.

"Gene" Hartrich will remove to his farm, near St. Marie, some time next week. Mr. Hartrich has made a good and efficient sheriff, and during his short residence in Newton, has also made many warm personal friends, who wish him prosperity and happiness.

12-1-1880 Newton Press

He and Pauline moved back to the farm that he and his brothers, Paul and Alphonse, inherited upon the death of their father. Eugene eventually bought out his brothers.

DAVID PERRINE.

To those desiring to obtain a good breed of sheep. We have quite a number of buck lambs of the Cotswold breed, sired by a full blooded Cotswold buck, purchased by us in Canada. We will dispose of these lambs at a very reasonable figure; and purchasers of the same will be shown pedigree of sire by calling upon Hartrich Brothers, two and a half miles west of St. Marie, Jasper cotifity, Illinois.

Newton, Ill., Aug. 17th, 1881.

Turnips for Sale.

I have 2000 bushels of turnips for sale. Will pull and top them at 15c. per bushel in the patche—Eugene Hartrich St. Marie, Ill.

09-14-1881 Newton Press

Hay for Sale.

I have 14 tons of nice bright hay in the mow for sale. Eugene Hartrich Ste Marie, Ill. tf

04-04-1902 Sainte Marie Tribune

Hartrich Bros. received last week from Ontario, Canada, a fine Cotswold buck. This animal is one year old, and weighs 250 pounds. It is said to be the finest sheep of the kind in the state.

September 20, 1880, Newton Press

advertising.

Eugene Hartrich reports the sale of 44 acres of our celebrated Embarras river bottom land, lying three-quarters of a mile from Ste. Marie, to D. S. Lyons, of St. Louis, at \$50 an acre. Mr. Lyons contemplates buying 100 acres more, near his present purchase. This speaks well for Jasper county soil, and indeed there is no better land out of doors than lies along our rivers. Ray Picquet, of the firm of Picquet Bros. & Wood, No. 8, North 8th street, St. Louis, Mo., represented Mr. Lyons. Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew will ap-

December 18, 1895, Newton Press



December 18, 1895, Newton Press

The young couple had a baby boy in 1883, Edwin Theodore, who died a little over a year later. Their second child, Edwin Eugene, was born in 1886. He moved to the Chicago area and was involved in real estate. He died in 1954.

Born in 1888, Eugene Leo was their third son and last child. Pauline died a few days after his birth from pneumonia. Eugene was raised in Missouri by his uncle and aunt, Alphonse and Marie Picquet Hartrich in the St. Louis area. He was also involved in real estate and died in August of 1948.

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Drs. Schifferstein, of Effingham, and Willier, of Terre Haute, were in town Saturday. in consultation with Dr. Picquet on Mrs. Hartrich's case.

February 22, 1888, Newton Press

Mrs. Eugene Hartrich died at Ste Marie, yesterday morning, from pleropneumonia. She leaves a devoted husband, Ex-Sheriff Hartrich, two children, one an infant, a number of relatives and a large circle of sorrowing friends. We extend to the grief stricken mourners our sincere sympathy in the hour of their affliction.

02-29-1888 Newton Press

Heartbroken, Eugene sold the farm to his brother, Paul, and moved to Sainte Marie. From what can be obtained from records, he bought the house where the Foundation is now housed. He turned his attention to his son and the growing sawmill he and Chris Jackson, a friend and local entrepreneur, owned.

Mr. Hines, walnut lumber buyer from Chicago, came down from Yale and stopped over Sunday in Ste. Marie, the guest of Eugene Hatrich.

James McFall, Jackson & Hartrich's, sawyer has moved his family from Indiana. They will make Ste. Marie their future home,

01-26-1886 Newton Press

HARD wood saw mill. St. Maria Jasper county, Illinois, solicits orders, Jackson & Hartrich. (21-1m

11-25-1892 Decatur Herald

Business was booming as many citizens of the area were in need of quality building materials. But the wood was not just sold locally. Many feet of the sawed lumber were sold to businesses in places such as St. Louis and Evansville.

Due to ill health, Chris Jackson sold his part of the business to William Beck of Evansville in 1895. They remained partners for several years, until the partners sold ¼ interest in the mill to Joseph Miller. Beck sold out in 1898 at which time the mill became known as Hartrich and Miller until the death of Eugene in 1904.

Wm. Beck, of Evansville, who bought the interest of Chris Jackson in the sawmill firm of Jackson & Hartrich at Ste. Marie, Eugene Hartrich being the other partner, is a brother-in-law of Daniel O'Donnell, of this city. Mr. Jackson, has long been in bad health and will go to California in a few weeks in the hope of regaining his strength.

Six log haulers from Evansville are working for Hartrich & Beck. Miss Lou Laurel treated har home to 05-20-1886 Newton Press

Eugene Hartrich tells us that they have over three hundred thousand feet of logs at their saw mill in Ste. Marie.

Hartrich, Beck & Co. are putting in new machinery for cutting all kinds of hickory and also for making barrel hoops.

03-03-97 Newton Press

Friday, while in Ste. Marie, we called on Hartrich, Beck & Co. at their big sawmill and watched them at work. They operate the largest manufacturing plant in Jasper county and do an immense business, employing a small army of men in rushing times. Timber is taken from the tree and converted into numerous specialties, requiring saws of several different kinds—rippers, slabbers, cutoffs, pointers, splitters, etc. They have but recently added to their extensive mill machinery for making hoops, and the way a log is cut into small pieces, run through the various sawing processes, vats, and into a wheel for curling is quite interesting. They can turn out 18,000 hoops, or 1800 bundles, in a day, if everything works to perfection. The chief men are: Eugene Hartrich, John W. Beck and J. M. Miller, proprietors; Daniel O'Donnell, book-keeper; Simon Beck, chief sawyer; and Wm. Stark, engineer.

06-30-1897 Newton Press

Hartrich & Beck's saw mill has started up again. They are going to run full time, ten hours per day.

01-27-1897 Newton Press

Dissolution of Co-Partnership. The co-partnership heretofore existing between E. Hartrich, J. W. Beck and J. M. Miller under the firm title of Hartrich, Beck & Co., manufacturers of lumber, etc., at the village of Ste. Marie, Jasper county, Illinois, is, by mutual consent, this, the 4th day of May, 1898, dissolved. E. Hartrich and J. M. Miller having

L. Hartrich and J. M. Miller having purchased the interest and good will of Mr. J. W. Beck, the business will be continued by them under the firm styled Hartrich & Miller. Hartrich & Miller assume the liabilities, contracts and collections of the late firm of Hartrich, Beck & Co.

> E. HARTRICH, J. W. BECK, J. M. MILLER.

12-25-1897 Newton Press

Friday we spent a few hours in Ste. Marie. Hartrich & Miller,s big sawmill was humming, turning out lumber with its usual rapidity. This is an industry that Jasper county can well feel proud of and to Ste. Marie it means everything. Messrs. Hartrich & Miller are clever gentlemen and everybody will wish them lots of logs, a good market for their lumber and all the success that industrious habits and square dealing is entitled to.

07-06-1898 Newton Press

Hartrich & Miller's big mill plant is in operation every day.

12-14-1898 Newton Press

Hartrich & Miller last week sawed out a house boat pattern for J. W. Wilson, of Crawford county. Mr. Wilson will make the boat right away and as soon as the raise he will launch the boat on the Embarras river and start for the Gulf of Mexico. This will be the second trip he has made to the Gulf stream.

09-10-1901 Newton Press



07-06-1898 Newton Press

While the business was very successful there were many injuries ranging from minor to very serious in the very dangerous operation.

new Eugene Hartrich received a painful wound by being struck on the side with a piece of timber, while working in the sawmill at Ste. Marie.

12-20-1898 Newton Press

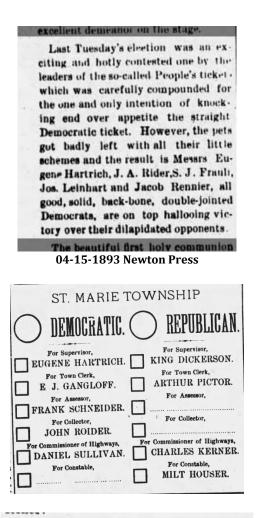
J. W. Beck, of the firm of Hartrich, Beck & Co., got his hand badly mashed the other day.

04-28-1897 Newton Press

Thursday, while unloading a saw log at the mill of Hartrich, Beck & Co., which is located about three miles northwest of here on Fox, a Mr. Baker, of Ste. Marie, received very serious injuries, which it is feared, may prove fatal. He was in a stooping position when the log rolled off the wagon, striking him on the hips and back and pinning him to the ground.

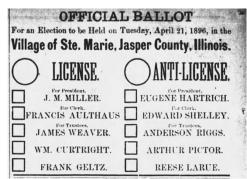
08-18-1897 Newton Press

Eugene continued his interest in politics after his short stint as sheriff. He was township supervisor from 1891 through 1896 and Chairman of the Board of Supervisors for several years. He also served on the school board and was vice-president of the Jasper County Fair. His name was even mentioned as a candidate for representative in 1896.



The Democrats named the finest ticket ever brought before the voters in the township headed by Mr. E. Hartrich, supervisor; E. J. Gangloff, clerk; F. Schneider, assessor; J. Roider, collecror; D. Sullivan, commissioner; and McCarty, constable. Democrats fall in line and vote for your nominees.

March 27, 1895 Newton Press



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WE frequently hear the name of Eugene Hartrich mentioned as a suitable candidate for the Democratic nomination for representative. Being personally acquainted with Mr. Hartrich we have no hesitation in saying that he would add strength to the ticket if nominated; and when elected he would be an able and incorruptible legislator-a combination that is almost as rare as it is desirable. It is exceedingly disagreeable to enter into a scramble for an office; hence many of the best qualified men-men who would become ideal officials - can not be induced to make a race, and then when successful find that they have only succeeded in tarnishing the good name they had among the people. If Mr. Hartrich concludes to become a candidate, he will, without doubt, have a delegation from this county; and with Jasper county for him he ought to have no trouble in securing the nomination.

January 15, 1896 Newton Press

Eugene continued to raise his son, Edwin, dabble in politics, and oversee the sawmill business. In 1904, he was struck ill suddenly and never fully recovered. He died on May 14, 1904. In his relatively short life of 54 years, he obviously accomplished quite a bit.

Eugene Hartrich Dies. The death of Eugene Hartrich occurred at his home in St. Marie, Saturday, after a long illness. Only a few days ago he went home from the sanitarium in this city apparently considerably better and it was thought by his friends here and at home that it was only a matter of a few weeks until he had thoroughly recovered, but a backset came upon him and in his weakened condition, he soon passed away. The funeral was held from the family residence, Monday. Mr.' Hartrich was a well-known lumber dealer and was considered quite wealthy. He has a number of relatives and intimate friends in this city.

May 19, 1904, Olney Times