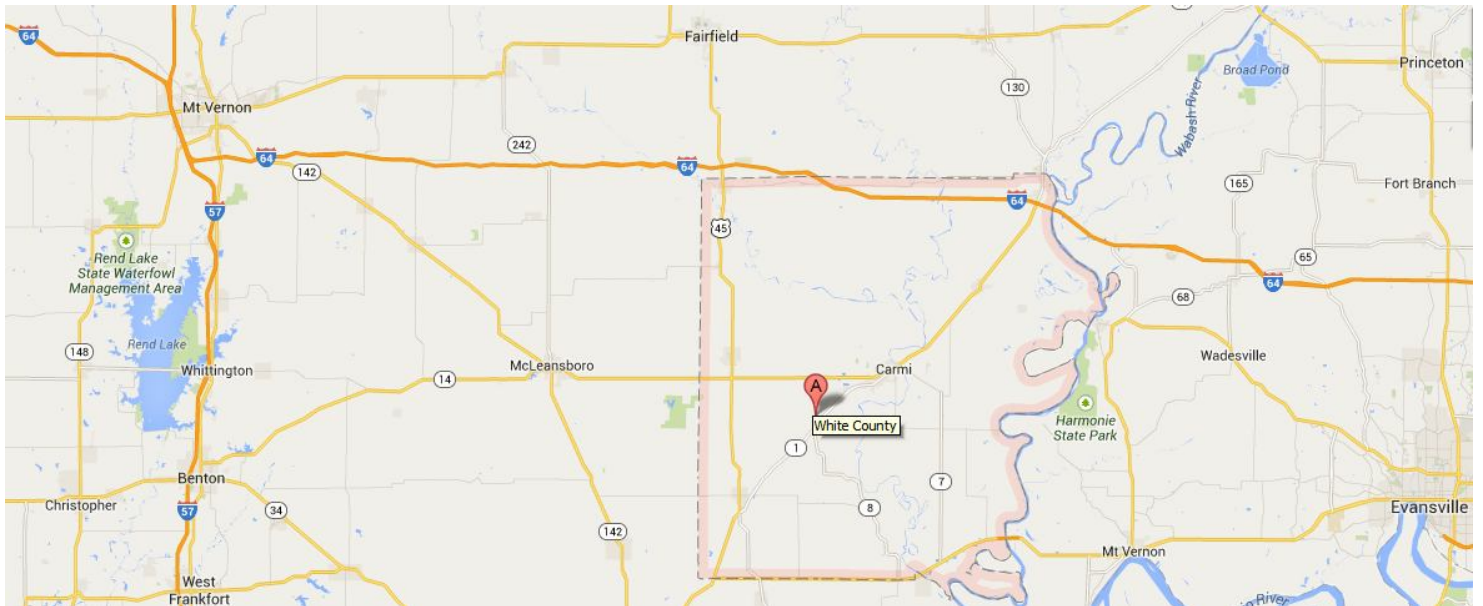
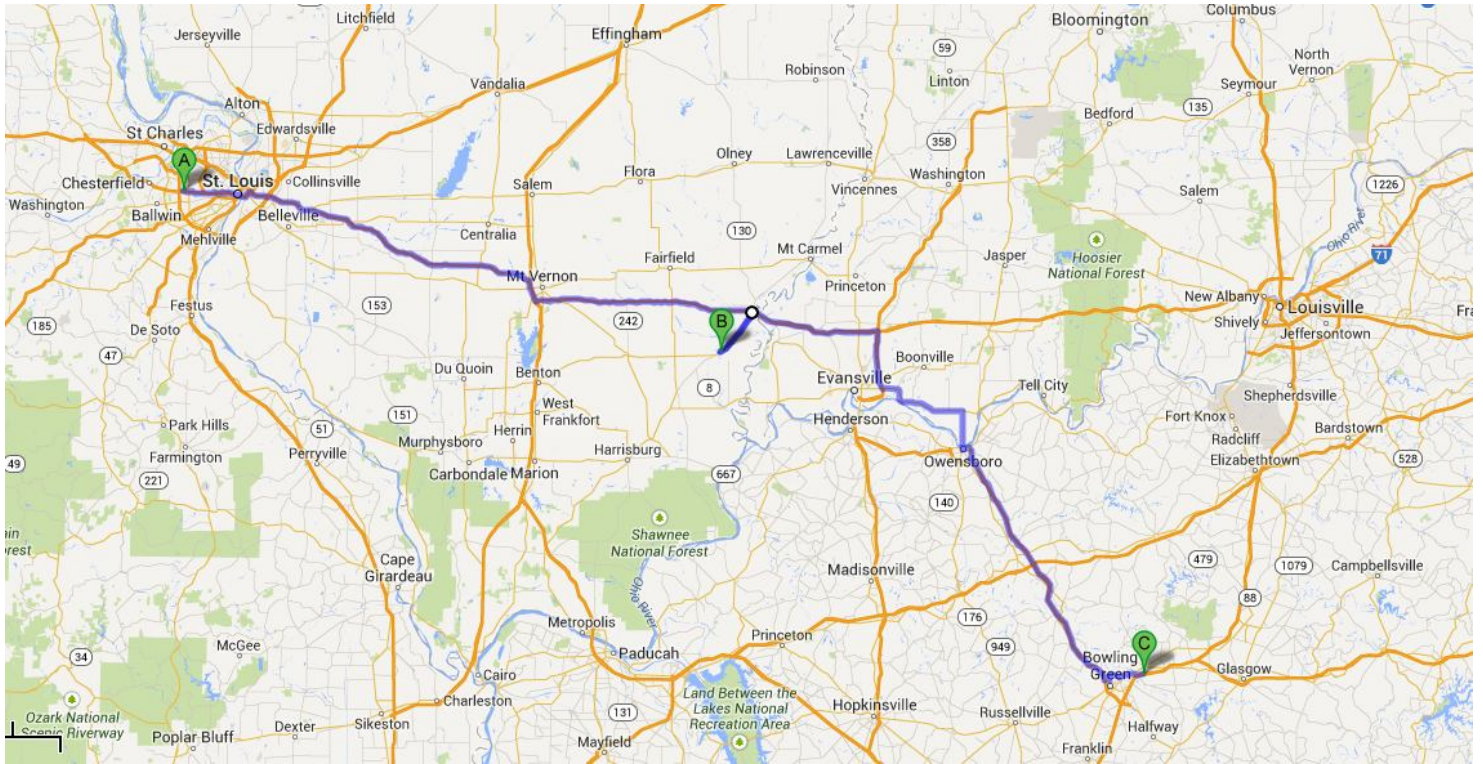


RICHARD JESSUP

Charles K. Jessup and his wife Lois A. Lindgaard visited St. Louis, MO and later drove to Bowling Green, KY (points A and C on the following map); a trip to celebrate their 6th anniversary in Nov of 2014. Little did they know that they passed within miles of where Charles' Great Grandfather and Great Great Grandfather Jessup had once lived; the township of Carmi which is in White County, IL and is point B on the following map. Below the map(s) are excerpts from a book which outlines more historical information about the area and several of the Jessup clan.



See more information below...

HISTORY
of
WHITE COUNTY
ILLINOIS

Together with sketches of its cities, villages and townships, educational, religious, civil, military and political history; portraits of prominent persons. and biographies of representative citizens.

Inter-State Publishing Company, Chicago, Illinois. 1883

P R E F A C E

For the second time in eight years the White County Historical Society republishes the History of White County, Illinois.

The 1883 edition was republished in 1965, just in time for Carmi's sesquicentennial celebration in 1966. The entire edition – 750 copies – sold out in about two years.

Because orders still come in, the Society has brought out this expanded edition, with ten more pictures, a list of all county officials since 1816, names of Carmi mayors and members of the White County Historical Society.

Republication was made possible by

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of Carmi, who gave her copy of the 1883 history so that it might be issued by the offset printing process. This she did in memory of an ancestor, The Rev. John Charles Slocumb, a Methodist minister who was one of the founders of Carmi and White County.

Richard Jessup, born three miles north of Fairfield, Wayne Co., Ill., July 18, 1823, was a son of James and Margaret (Young) Jessup. His father was a native of England, a woolen manufacturer and weaver by trade, who came to the United States in 1819, and worked at his trade here till his death in 1837. His mother was a native of Kentucky. She lived to care for her family of nine children several years after the death of her husband, her death occurring in 1844. Richard being the oldest child, the great burden of providing for the family fell on him. He was but fourteen years of age when his father died, but he took up the duty of assisting his mother in the care of the younger children manfully, even though it deprived him of an education. After the death of his mother the family of course scattered, but Richard kept a younger brother and sister, not only providing for them a home, but furnishing the means of an education. Mr. Jessup can well be termed one of the finest millwrights and master-mechanics in the State. He is a natural mechanic, never having served an apprenticeship. When a boy he readily acquired the use of tools, and having a powerful mathematical and calculating mind was soon recognized as a leader among mechanics. He never takes pencil and paper to figure out the lengths, sizes and amount of timber required to construct the largest mill or building of any kind, but can readily plan it in his mind, and has never yet missed a calculation of the slightest matter. His mathematical powers are known far beyond the limits of this State, as he has been called to do work in Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, and Indiana. Although fifty-nine years of age he is as active a workman to-day as ever, and as accurate in every respect. The coming winter will find him on a special job. Mr. Jessup was married in 1847, to Mary Jane Wilcox. She died in 1856, leaving three children, two still living—James and William, residing near Springfield, Ohio, bridge-builders by trade. Zebra A. died in 1873, aged nineteen. Mr. Jessup was married in 1858 to Maria Perryman. They have four children—Edith A., John B., Richard A., and Margaret E., aged twenty-one, seventeen, thirteen and ten, respectively. Mr. Jessup is a member of the Order of Freemasons. He has always been a man of great energy, and has by his industry provided well for his declining years. Mrs. Jessup's parents were John and Elizabeth (Henderson) Perryman, natives of Tennessee and Virginia. They came from White

County, Tenn., to White County, Ill., in 1824. They had a family of nine children—Mary, Martha, William, Elizabeth, Caroline, Annie, Jane, Maria and Alexander. Mrs. Jessup is the only one living. Mr. Perryman died in 1868, in his sixty-eighth year. His wife died three years later in her sixty-eighth year. They were both members of the Methodist church and died strong in the faith of her doctrines. Their farm is six miles southwest of **Carmi**, now known as the Sherman farm. In front of the house, which is a fine two-story building, are two yellow spruce pines, planted by Mr. Perryman in 1830, the year of Mrs. Jessup's birth. A fine chestnut grove also stands as a monument of Mr. Perryman's industry, planted the same year. The three youngest children were born on this homestead, and here the father and mother died. Mrs. Jessup is a member of the Presbyterian church, joining that church in 1863.