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OBJECT OF ASSOCIATION.

A number of Grape Growers and Wine Makers of the State of Illinois, believing that their mutual interests would be promoted by the organization of a State Association, where Grape Growers and Wine Makers could meet and interchange views upon subjects connected with their business, without being subject to the annoyance of having other horticultural interests urged upon their attention, to the exclusion of topics of vital importance to them only, made the following call:

"All the cultivators of the Grape, and all such as take an interest in the culture of the vine, are hereby respectfully requested to meet on the 15th day of January, 1868, in Springfield, Ill., for the purpose of interchanging views, and to organize a Vine Growers Association for the State of Illinois. Signed, G. C. EISENMAYER, LOUIS WINTER, GEORGE NESTEL, St. Clair County; JACOB BAUR, AUGUST BERGER, Nauvoo; Dr. JOHN MARENBERG, Petersburg, Menard County; LANGE & SON, Dr. SCHROEDER, Bloomington; ECKERT Bros., Decatur."

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1868.

PRESIDENT,

GEORGE C. EISENMAYER, Mascoutah, Illinois.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THE NORTHERN DIVISION,

ROBERT DOUGLASS, Waukegan, Ill.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THE CENTRAL DIVISION,

Dr. H. SCHROEDER, Bloomington, Ill.

VICE-PRESIDENT FOR THE SOUTHERN DIVISION,

THOMAS O. SPRINGER, Makanda, Jackson County, Ill.

CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

J. S. HARTMAN, Makanda, Jackson County, Ill.

TREASURER,

G. B. WORTHEN, Warsaw, Hancock County, Ill.

LIST OF MEMBERS FOR 1868.

Geo. B. Worthen, Hancock County, Ill.
 Hon. John P. Reynolds, Sangamon County, Ill.
 Louis Winter, St. Clair County, Ill.
 J. G. Lange, McLean County, Ill.
 Dr. John Marenberg, Menard County, Ill.
 Floria Haungs, Peoria County, Ill.
 Geo. C. Eisenmayer, St. Clair County, Ill.
 Dr. H. Schroeder, McLean County, Ill.
 Thomas O. Springer, Jackson County, Ill.
 Robert Douglass, Lake County, Illinois.
 George Spath, Sangamon County, Ill.
 J. B. Spaulding, Sangamon County, Ill.
 V. K. Deyo, Jackson County, Ill.
 John Baur, Hancock County, Ill.
 August Berger, Hancock County, Ill.
 Ed. A. Wasserjecher, Hancock County, Ill.
 A. Heberger, Hancock County, Ill.
 J. S. Hartman, Jackson County, Ill.

ORGANIZATION.

Pursuant to the before mentioned call, a meeting was held on the 15th day of January, 1868, and proceeded to form a temporary organization by calling Geo. C. Eisenmayer, Esq., of Mascoutah, St. Clair County, to the chair, and appointing J. S. Hartman, of Makanda, Jackson County, Secretary.

On motion of Hon. J. P. Reynolds, a committee of five was appointed to draft a Constitution and By-Laws for the guidance of our further action.

The committee as appointed were: Dr. John Marenberg, of Menard County; Hon. J. P. Reynolds, of Sangamon County; Dr. H. Schroeder, of McLean County; L. Winter, of St. Clair County; and G. B. Worthen, of Hancock County.

At this period, and while the committee were out, several of the members gave their experience in grape culture, their success, the cause of failure, future prospects, &c., after which the meeting adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the Chair.

The committee appointed to draft Constitution and By-Laws made the following report:

We, the Vine Growers of the State of Illinois, assembled at Springfield, on the 15th day of January, 1868, hereby agree to form a union for the advancement of grape culture and wine making in this State, and do hereby adopt the following Constitution and By-Laws for the guidance of our future action:

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Association shall be called the "Illinois Grape Growing and Wine Making Association."

ART. II. The officers shall consist of a President, one Vice President for and residing in each grand division of the State, one Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and one Treasurer, who shall discharge the duties usually pertaining to their respective positions, and shall hold their offices for one year.

ART. III. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the Association.

BY-LAWS.

SECTION 1. Any person may become a member of this Association by paying to the Treasurer the sum of Two (2) Dollars, and a like amount annually thereafter.

SEC. 2. An annual meeting shall be held at such points in the State, and at such times as the majority at the preceding annual meeting may decide, the present meeting being regarded for this purpose the first of the series.

SEC. 3. Meetings of the Association may be called by the President, or by two of the Vice Presidents, at such points and at such times as they may designate; due notice being given to the members, either by publication in the Agricultural and other press of the State, or by direct notice to each of the members by mail.

The Constitution and By-Laws were unanimously adopted.

The Convention then proceeded to the election of officers, with the following result: GEORGE C. EISENMAYER, President; ROBERT DOUGLASS, of Waukegan, Vice President for Northern Division; Dr. H. SCHROEDER, of Bloomington, Vice President for Central Division; and THOS. O. SPRINGER, of Makanda, Vice President for the Southern Division of the State. J. B. WORTHEN, of Warsaw, was elected Treasurer, and J. S. HARTMAN, Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

It was resolved by the Association to meet at Bloomington on the first day of December 1868. The members were requested to bring samples of grapes and wine to their annual meeting.

Association then adjourned by motion until 6 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

Meeting called to order by the chair. A committee was appointed to test the quality of wines produced and report thereon, consisting of the following gentlemen: Dr. Heckelman, Dr. John Marenburg, Hon. John P. Reynolds, Hon. Sharon Tyndale and Mr. Linde. The committee through their chairman made the following report; classing the wines in scale 1 to 10, ten being considered perfection. The first wine offered to the committee was by Floria Haungs, of Peoria, and G. C. Eisenmayer, one bottle each, of Concord, vintage of 1867.

Mr. F. Haungs' was classed 9.

Mr. G. C. Eisenmayer's was classed 7.

The next variety offered was vintage of 1866, classed 8.

DELAWARE.—A. H. & G. B. Worthen, of Warsaw, Vintage of 1865, which was classed 8.

Taylor's Butler was presented by Geo. C. Eisenmayer of Mascontah, vintage of 1866, graded $9\frac{1}{2}$.

Also one bottle by S. H. & G. B. Worthen, vintage of 1867, graded 10.

The committee expressed it as their opinion that the last bottle offered was as near perfection as that class of wines could be made.

Catawba was next placed upon the table by the following persons.

A. H. & G. B. Worthen, of vintage 1865, graded 9, also vintage of 1866 by Mr. — Mishler, of Springfield, graded 8.

Geo. Spath of Springfield, vintage of 1866, graded 8.

A. H. & G. B. Worthen, vintage of 1866, graded $8\frac{3}{4}$.

John G. Youngs, vintage of 1866, graded 9.

Catawba was also offered of the vintage of 1867, as follows:

Geo. Spath, Springfield, graded $7\frac{3}{4}$.

Mr. F. Haungs, of Peoria, graded 10.

Mr. — Mishler, of Springfield, graded 7.

Norton's Virginia was placed upon the table, of vintage of 1865, by G. C. Eisenmayer, Mascontah, graded 10. Also vintage of 1867, by G. C. Eisenmayer, graded 9.

By S. H. & G. B. Worthen, graded 10.

The committee through their chairman expressed their gratification and surprise at the quality of wines exhibited. It being so much superior to any former display within their knowledge.

Whereupon the house resolved itself into a committee of the whole to test the correctness of the above report as made by the committee on wine, and forthwith proceeded to uncork the bottles of wine upon the table, comprising wine made from seven different varieties of grapes, numbering about fifty bottles.— The committee of the whole were quite unanimous in their opinion of the correctness of the report of the aforesaid committee.

After a season of social enjoyment of the good things provided

in which all present fully participated, the association adjourned to meet at Bloomington, on the 1st day of December, 1868, the members well pleased with the success of the organization, and of the firm belief that the association will rank second to none of a kindred nature in the West in the intelligence of its members the wealth represented, or the importance of the result of the institution to future generations.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SPARTA, ILL., February 15th, 1868.

MR. J. S. HARTMAN,
Makanda, Illinois.

Dear Sir:—Your printed circular mailed on the 8th inst. is at hand. There is no wine made in this vicinity as yet, except a few gallons for private use, by various persons. The Deputy United States Assessor for this county, informs me that no return of wine made in this county has been rendered to him, yet I know there has been some made, mostly among the bluffs and hilly lands toward the river, from Norton's Virginia, I think, and the Catawba. If you would address Mr. August Phillip, at Chester, in this county, which is on the Mississippi river, I think you could learn from him the probable quantity of wine made, and from what variety of grapes. He has made some I know, and cultivates a small vineyard.

There are no vineyards in this immediate vicinity. The culture of the grape here is just beginning to attract attention, and many of our people have planted a few vines of various kinds, but no one in this vicinity makes it a business.—There is not a vineyard, large or small, in this neighborhood. The varieties of grapes proved to be the best adapted to this locality are the Concord and Clinton. It may be said that those two kinds have been fully tested. I have a few vines each of Concord, Clinton, Catawba and Delaware which I have fruited for several years.

The two former are the best growers, and most prolific, and do well with little care. The Catawba does well some seasons, but not as a general thing, and is liable to the rot.

The Delaware seems to be hardy, but is a slow grower. Think it needs rich soil. Does not seem liable to mildew nor spot.

Yours Very Respectfully.

JOHN E. DETRICH.

[Letter from W. C. Flaggs.]

OFFICE COR. SEC. ILL. STATE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY, }
ALTON, ILL., February 12, 1868. }

J. S. HARTMAN,
Makanda, Illinois.

Dear Sir:—Your circular of January 30th, directed to me at Moro, in this county, received from Mr. Eisenmayer (I presume.)

I answer your questions for the region about Moro, presuming that some one better acquainted will write you about Alton.

There is not much being done in my region in grape growing, but I give it to you for what it is worth.

Persons engaged in the culture of the grape, at Moro, Madison County, Ills.:

Ira H. Smith, Moro P. O.....	3	acres.
Adam Bode, " "	1	"
Daniel Smith, " "	1½	"
W. C. Flaggs, " "	1	"

Total.....5½ acres.

No wine made as yet worth naming. Varieties best adapted in my experience and observation in order named, are Concord, Hartford Prolific, Clinton, Catawba, Taylor's Bull^{et}, Norton's Virginia.

Our Alton Horticultural Society and its members can probably give you a good deal more valuable information.

Truly Yours,
W. C. FLAGG.

[Letter from Geo. C. Eisenmayer.]

MASCOUATAH, February 10th, 1868.

J. S. HARTMAN, Esq.

Dear Sir :—In reply to your interrogations in regard to grape and wine culture in this neighborhood, I can say that the following varieties are successfully grown here: Concord, Norton's Virginia, Hartford Prolific, Clinton Taylor's Bull^{et}, Herbm^{ont} and Rulander.

There are about fifty other varieties here on trial, but as yet have all proved a failure, and at most not worthy of general culture.

We have the Ives, but not yet in bearing, it is a hardy, thrifty grower, and may prove valuable. We have about one hundred acres in this and the Summerfield and Lebanon Precincts, and are still increasing and extending our vineyards in size and number.

There are about 10,000 gallons of native wines in our cellars, ranging from \$2 to \$5 per gallon.

Preparation of soil, is done by very deep plowing from twelve to eighteen inches deep, with plows constructed for that purpose.

Mode of preparing.—Posts and wire No. 9, 10 and 11, are the sizes used.—Some have but two wires, but three would be better.

Well rooted cuttings and layers are placed on an equal footing, some preferring one kind and some another.

Time of Planting.—Fall is preferable to Spring, but better in Spring than never. When done in Spring the roots should be but lightly covered, so that the sun, nightly dews and rain can have access to the roots.

Respectfully Yours,

GEO. C. EISENMAYER.

[Letter from Robert Douglass.]

WAUKEGAN, ILL., February 8, 1868.

J. S. HARTMAN, Esq.

Dear Sir : Your circular is at hand. I don't know of any vineyards planted in these northern counties. Many parties have planted one or two hundred vines recently, but I know of only one who has offered fruit for sale, and he has not one hundred bearing vines. Under the above circumstances, I think no report is needed from this vicinity.

Respectfully Yours,

ROBERT DOUGLASS.

[Letter from Henry A. Deitzer.]

CARLYLE, CLINTON Co., ILL., Feb. 23, 1868.

MR. J. S. HARTMAN,

Secretary G. G. & W. M. Ass'n.

Dear Sir :—In reply to your circular of January 8th, I herewith give you annexed the names of grape growers, and the extent of their vineyards, to the best of my knowledge:

Bernh. Somner, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre Catawba, 4 years old.
 " " $\frac{1}{2}$ " Concord, 1 year old.
 Chr. Stisser, 1 acre Concord, 1 year.
 Myself, $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres Catawba, 4 and 5 years.
 " 1 acre Concord, 2 and 3 years.
 " 1 acre Concord, 1 year.

Norton's Virginia, Clinton, Hartford Prolific, Herbemont, Delaware, Ives, Maxatawnie, Martha, etc., etc., from 25 to 100 vines on trial.

Mr. B. Sommer made about forty gallons Catawba. I made eleven hundred last year.

Nearly our entire crop was destroyed last year by frost on May 12th and 13th. The effect of this frost was alike to all kinds, tender or hardy, and the fruit they bore was all from a second growth. I was very sorry not to be able to attend your first meeting at Springfield, but hope to have the pleasure of making your personal acquaintance at the next meeting at Bloomington.

Yours Respectfully,

HENRY A. DEITZER.

AURORA, ILL., March 16th, 1868.

J. S. HARTMAN, Esq.,
 Sec. G. G. & W. M. Ass'n, Makanda, Ill.

Dear Sir:—In compliance to the wishes set forth in your circular of 30th January, 1868, I have compiled the following:

NAMES.	No. of Vines.	No. of Acres.	Gals. Wine made.
Peter Innis.....	2,000	3	
A. Odell.....	200	1	
Wm. Vinter.....	800	$\frac{1}{2}$	
S. D. Seamans.....	1,000	2	
E. J. Farwell, (at Batavia—resides here).....	3,000	6	
J. Denny.....	550	1	
— Miner.....	500	1	
Hawley & Plummer.....	1,100	2	
— Belden.....	300	$\frac{1}{2}$	
B. Street.....	500	$\frac{1}{2}$	
J. S. Thomas, (about).....	100	$\frac{1}{2}$	
M. Z. & C. B. Sims.....	5,000	10	
E. Sims.....	800	4	
Henry Geise.....	400	1	
J. W. Hough.....	80	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Philo Carpenter.....	100	$\frac{1}{2}$	
E. H. Birdsell.....	200	$\frac{1}{2}$	
Small quantities about the city, at least.....	1,500	3	
Total number gallons of wine made.....			435
	18,130	37	

Wishing you success in your undertaking, and hoping soon to receive "Reports" from you,

I am, sir, Respectfully,

M. Z. SIMS,
 Sec. Fox River Ag'l and Horticultural Institute.

LENZBURG, February 27th, 1868.

MR. J. S. HARTMAN,

Makanda, Illinois.

Having received your circular, inquiring for information on the subject of grape growing in my neighborhood, I will make out as correct a statement of my experience as possible. I commenced about ten years ago by planting Catawba cuttings, which do not usually grow well in our generally very dry summers. As I am located in the centre of a large prairie, it took me five years to make a full stand. However, I made some wine in '62 and '63, which was of a fair quality. In the winter of '63-4 my vines were killed by the severity of the winter, and it required two years' growth to make fruiting canes again. My vines were very full in the fall of '65, but lost about half the crop by rotting, which almost discouraged me in the effort to grow grapes on the prairies. But seeing the Concord, Norton's Virginia, and other varieties, I determined to make the effort, and now have out twenty-three varieties named, besides several seedlings of much promise. So far as my experience goes, I put the Concord at the head of the list for this part of the State, although it is not the finest flavored, nor is it the best wine grape, but it has the advantage of being easily propagated, takes less care in pruning and training, and bears abundant crops every year from the third. The Delaware is undoubtedly one of the best table and wine grapes, but not sufficiently tried here. It requires a great deal of care in cultivation. The Herbemont is a good wine grape, thrifty and prolific; but the wood must be laid down in winter, as it grows very late in the fall, the wood thereby failing to mature sufficiently. The Clinton I think a good grape; it is hardy and healthy, and when fully ripe is good to eat, although a little acid. I think farther north it does not ripen sufficiently to be good for either wine or the table, *and they call it sour*. But any grape is sour in a half ripe state. The Hartford Prolific is one of the most profitable market grapes being quite early, and an abundant bearer. Norton's Virginia has not succeeded with me thus far, being a very slow grower for the first three years, and more sensitive to spring frosts than any other grape. All I can say in its favor is, that I drank some very superior wine made from it by other parties. I have a variety from Hungary which is very promising. The grapes resemble the Isabella, but have never rotted nor mildewed, and is quite a thrifty grower. Of other varieties I cannot speak intelligently, as they have not been sufficiently tested.

I have now four and a half acres, and will plant two acres more this spring. As I have no facilities for selling grapes, I make them all into wine. The spring frosts on the 7th and 8th of May last, cut off three-fourths of my crop, so I made but about one hundred and fifty gallons of wine. In this, the southeastern part of St. Clair County, there are only four or five persons who raise enough grapes to make wine—principally Catawba—but quite a number of persons are now planting the Concord and other varieties. In St. Clair County there are at least one hundred and twenty acres planted to grapes, two-thirds of which are Concord. In Monroe County I think they have mostly Catawba—perhaps as many acres as in St. Clair. They commenced planting from fifteen to twenty years ago. Randolph County, I believe, will ultimately make one of the best counties for the vine. It has very high hills, underlaid with lime and sandstone, and some gravelly soil that seems to have been created for the vine. Those engaged in the culture of the grape in this vicinity are William Galle, Peter Hager and Louis Tohorn.

For fear of getting tedious, I will close with the best wishes for the success of our cause.

I remain, yours truly,

LOUIS WINTERS.

PETERSBURG, MENARD Co., ILL., May 11, 1868.

Dear Sir :

Unfortunately I had misplaced your circular letter, dated January 30th, 1868, and was not able to find it until to-day, and I will not delay another day to give you all the information respecting grape culture in this county.

There is in all about twenty-three acres planted in grape vines, in a bearing condition, and last fall there were three thousand five hundred gallons of wine made. The varieties of vines are mostly Catawba, Concord, some Virginia Seedlings, Ives' Seedling and Isabella. The Catawba and Isabella only have been bearing and are now doing well. The other varieties have yet to be tried. The names of the proprietors of vineyards are as follows:

Mr. Jacob Bunn.....	12 acres.
Dr. John Marenberg.....	4 acres.
John Bella.....	4 acres.
Julius Wetzlan.....	1 acre.

The rest are divided into small patches, which are not worth mentioning until they assume larger proportions.

Dr. John Marenberg was the first man to introduce grape culture in this county. He made, in 1868, six hundred gallons of wine, which was all sold in eight months—his wine selling very rapidly. Yours,

JOHN MARENBERG.

Statistics of Vines taken in Spring of 1868, for Nauvoo, Ill.

Names of Planters.	Catawba.	Norton's Virginia Seedling.	Delaware.	Concord.	Clinton.	Other Varieties.	Total.
C. Bohne.....	3,000	100	10				
A. Breidbarth.....	1,800						
F. Duebel.....	1,800						
F. Beidel.....	1,500			500			
G. Eberdt.....	1,000	200	200	300		50	
G. Hansmann.....	2,000	100	200	200		100	
J. B. Haupmann.....	1,500		50	300			
G. Haupmann.....	1,400						
F. Oedekoven.....	850	100	100	150	250	100	
I. Schliecher.....	2,000					100	
F. Baum.....	1,000	500	800	1,300	500	600	
P. Diesel.....	1,000		25	20			
H. Berger.....	1,000			250			
V. Fitchmayer.....	1,700			300			
P. Balfe.....	2,500			100			
F. Hausmann.....	2,000						
W. K. Burt.....	1,200						
F. Argast, Jr.....	2,000	200	60	100			
Geo. Tanner.....	2,000	250	100	300			
A. Kuhn.....	2,400	500	200	500		100	
Emil Baxter.....	2,500	250	600	100	500	720	
P. Hanested.....	2,000						
H. Wiegand.....	3,000			100	100		
I. Doenseiff.....	1,800	100	400	50		100	
L. Wiesenhaven.....	1,600	100	200	100			
S. Rossler.....	1,600						
M. Haupmann.....	1,300		100	200	20		
C. Knaust.....	1,500		50	150		150	
V. Schaeffer.....	1,000		500	200			
E. Combre.....	4,000	500	400	400	200		
F. W. Loheide.....	650	800	400	300	50	50	
C. Strauss.....	1,500						
M. Huber.....	4,000	50	20	100			
I. Tanner.....	1,800		200				
J. Wiesenborn.....	2,000	10	10				
A. Swartz.....	2,500		120			80	
G. Ritter.....	4,000	800	600				
M. Acker.....	2,000					400	
S. Sants.....	1,000		50	200			
R. Wiegand.....	2,200						
H. Reynolds.....	2,600	25				200	
E. Vallet.....	2,800	100		100			
F. Walter.....	1,700		200	200	100		
V. Diener.....	2,200		200				
A. Beger.....	5,000	2,000	200	2,000	300	150	
J. Meinberg.....	1,500	1,000	1,000	250	300		
A. Reinberger.....	3,200		500	500			
J. B. Schilling.....	1,700	800	250	1,200		300	
U. P. Bachtold.....	2,000						
J. Hobbs.....	5,400		50				
H. Dierksen.....	3,300	150	100				
A. Heberger.....	2,400		600	300			
J. Haas.....	4,600			700			
D. Koch.....	3,000						
E. Gross.....	2,000						
W. Clark.....	1,500		100				
H. Schneider.....	3,000	80	360	50		60	
Geo. Gilhoeffer.....	2,000		100				
Edw. Wasserzicher.....	1,600	600	600	1,000		300	
Otto Wasserzicher.....	2,800	300	100	600		200	
S. Zachhuber.....	3,800	80				200	
A. Hurlin.....	9,000	500					
J. Siller.....	22,000						
H. Lippert.....	3,000						
M. Humer.....	3,300	200	200	250			
H. Dessey Charton.....		2,850		1,250			
John Bauer.....	3,500					200	
A. Stelzner.....	2,000					200	

Statistics of Vines—Continued.

Names of Planters.	Catawba.	Norton's Virginia Seedling.	Delaware.	Concord.	Clinton.	Other Varieties.	Total.
A. Youngmayer.....	1,840	.....	.....	200	.....	50	.....
P. Becham.....	1,800	.....	100	100	.....	.....	.....
P. Humel.....	1,800	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. Humel.....	2,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	150	.....
L. Stutz.....	3,400	.....	200	200	.....	50	.....
H. Hammy.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Mayer.....	1,700	.....	.....	.....	.....	100	.....
G. Bruegger.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	50	.....
Jas. Moffit.....	1,600	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Klingmueller.....	2,500	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
T. Amer.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. Hall.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
M. Koehler.....	1,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. Granhold.....	1,200	.....	.....	400	.....	200	.....
J. Durand.....	1,700	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. Durand.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. Kersgen.....	1,250	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. Renslaer.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. Wimer.....	1,700	50	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
A. Sohen.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
H. Hasse.....	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Putcher.....	1,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
A. Davis.....	8,000	.....	200	2,000	400	.....	.....
W. Bertschl.....	2,000	150	50	300	300	.....	.....
A. Tensler.....	2,000	1,000	500	1,000	1,500	1,500	.....
W. Jackson.....	1,500	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....
D. Glassner.....	1,300	75	30	500	300	50	.....
A. Aymer.....	1,500	1,000	800	1,000	1,000	2,000	.....
C. August Calan.....	1,700	.....	100	100	100	.....	.....
A. Cambre.....	400	400	.....	350	200	.....	.....
M. Schaeffer.....	3,000	100	25	300	100	.....	.....
F. Von Ax.....	2,000	100	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
C. M. Clough.....	2,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
C. G. Mayer.....	2,000	300	175	1,100	600	300	.....
J. Ebinger.....	2,000	300	.....	300	.....	.....	.....
G. Berg.....	2,500	200	.....	200	.....	.....	.....
G. Harnasky.....	2,500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
J. Keyburg.....	1,000	.....	.....	500	500	.....	.....
P. Bertram.....	1,400	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Many others.....	251,350	3,240	320	3,225	725	2,520	.....
	503,640	19,160	12,255	27,695	8,045	11,180	581,975

The amount of wine made in the fall of 1867 amounted to something over 51,000 gallons—considered a small result—the old vineyards having suffered with mildew.

ELI BAXTER.

P. S.—Notwithstanding the partial failure, through severe winters and mildew for the last three years, our people still believe that the Catawba is one of our best wine grapes; next in line, *for profit*, we place the Concord, the Norton Virginia Seedling, the Clinton and the Delaware. This last mentioned grape does very well with us in what is called “the flats”—black sandy loam. The Iona has only been tried, on a large scale, by the writer. It grows and does well from plants raised from wood grown here. All the costly nursery plants have died out. The same, in a measure, might be said of the Delaware. The Ives Seedling is being raised here, but the little wine that has been made thus far cannot be considered as positive experience, for or against this grape. All we can say is, that it grows well, and appears hardy, chiefly in poor soils. At all events, Dr. Ampelophilus, who has not changed his views about the real merits of the Concord, believes that, as a wine grape, the Ives will be as profitable, and more desirable than the Concord. I agree with him.

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*Report from Ten Counties of number of Grape Vines Planted
up to 1868.*

McLean County.....	80 Acres.
Menard ".....	14 "
Hancock ".....	1,000 "
Sangamon ".....	50 "
St. Clair ".....	125 "
Monroe ".....	100 "
Randolph ".....	25 "
Jackson ".....	350 "
Union ".....	30 "
Peoria ".....	50 "

Total.....1,824 Acres.

There is no doubt of a considerable amount of grapes planted in other counties, but parties to whom the circular from the Secretary was sent, failed to report.