

History of McHenry County, Illinois: Together with sketches of its cities, villages and towns Educational, Religious, Civil, Military, and Political History, Portraits of Prominent Persons, and Biographies of Representative Citizens. Also a Condensed History of Illinois, Embodying Accounts of Pre-Historic Races, Aborigines, Winnebago and Black Hawk Wars, And A Brief Review Of Its Civil And Political History. Illustrated. Chicago: Inter-State Publishing Co. 1885.



**Rev. John Manning Linn** was born in Perry County, Central Pennsylvania, February 26, 1842. From the date of his birth he was consecrated to the ministry by his parents if the Lord would spare his life. Of this fact he was not made aware until after he was ordained as a minister, but it shaped the course of his parents who devoted their energies to giving him the advantages of the best schools. His academy life was spent in Tuscarora and Airy View Academies and his college course was taken at Jefferson College, where he graduated with the highest honors in 1863. He immediately went to Harrisburg and enlisted as a private soldier and served for eight months, most of that time in the Signal Corps of the Army of the Potomac. From the army he took a position as a teacher in the Agricultural College of Pennsylvania, until the seminary at Princeton, New Jersey, opened, when he entered upon his theological course of study. At the end of three years he was appointed teacher of Hebrew in the institution. In 1868 he came West and has served as pastor in the following churches in the Presbytery of Freeport besides doing missionary work in others, vis., in Cedarville, Dakota, Lena, Winnebago and Harvard. He has served for years as Chairman of the Home Mission Committee and State Clerk of the Presbytery. He married, Nov. 9, 1871, **Miss Mary C. Addams**, eldest daughter of **Hon. John H. Addams**, one of the leading citizens of the State. She has shared with him all the cares of home and parish as an admirable helpmeet. They have been blessed with four children, all living—**John Addams**, **James Weber**, **Esther Margaret** and **Stanley Ross**. **Mr. Linn** has preached for the Harvard Presbyterian Church for three years and six months. He lives in his own home in the central part of the village. His father, **John Ross Linn** lives in Rockford. His sister, **Mrs. Mary E. Bull**, lives in Middle Creek, Winnebago County, and his brother, **James C. Linn**, lives in Chicago. Both are married and have families. **Mr. Linn's** mother, **Margaret Isabella (McKee) Linn**, was the bright star of his youth and lived to see him well established in life when she passed to her reward, Feb. 24, 1876, aged sixty-eight years. Both his parents came from a long line of excellent people who lived for generations in Eastern Pennsylvania. Many of the family are still among the best citizens of the old Commonwealth.

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