

## MATHIAS AND NANCY JANE NIDEY NEWSPAPER ARTICLE

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#### **FORTUNE HAS SMILED ON A WELL KNOWN OLD COUPLE**

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**MR. AND MRS. MATHIAS NIDEY** are among the best known old people in the neighborhood. **MR. NIDEY** was born in **NEWARK COUNTY, OHIO** and in his early life was a **CANAL BOATMAN**. He came to **ILLINOIS** with his fathers' family in 1861. He served through the **CIVIL WAR ON THE GUNBOAT FLOTILLA** which went down the Mississippi from Cairo. On his return from the war he took up the trade of a **PLASTERER** and until **1872 WHEN HE MARRIED NANCY JANE BAILIFF**. They bought a farm two miles West of **WEST YORK** and have since lived there. **Mrs. Nidey** was born in **CLARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN 1853**. She was the daughter of the Reverend **THOMAS BAILIFF**, one of the pioneer preachers of the state. **MR. AND MRS. NIDEY** have prospered and now own property worth about \$10,000. They have seven children and fourteen grandchildren.

#### **THE OHIO-ERIE CANAL WHICH RAN NEAR NEWARK**

The Ohio-Erie Canal was started in July, 1825, and was completed in 1832. The Canal ran from Cleveland, Ohio, on Lake Erie to Portsmouth, Ohio, on the Ohio River on the South boundary of the State of Ohio. The Canal Ran through Newark in Licking County, Ohio. The canal was built at an estimated cost of 6 million dollars.

#### **THE NATIONAL ROAD**

The National road or Cumberland Road was the first federal road in the United States. A bill was passed to authorize the road in 1806 under President Jefferson. The road was completed from Cumberland, Maryland, to Wheeling, W. Va, in 1818. About 1825 the road was completed from Wheeling, W. Va., to Zanesville, Ohio. The section from Zanesville, Ohio, to Terre Haute, Indiana, was finished about 1838. The road was completed to Vandalia, Illinois, by 1852. Illinois had to finish the road to the Mississippi River at St. Louis. When the Nidey family moved from Ohio to Illinois they used the National Road.