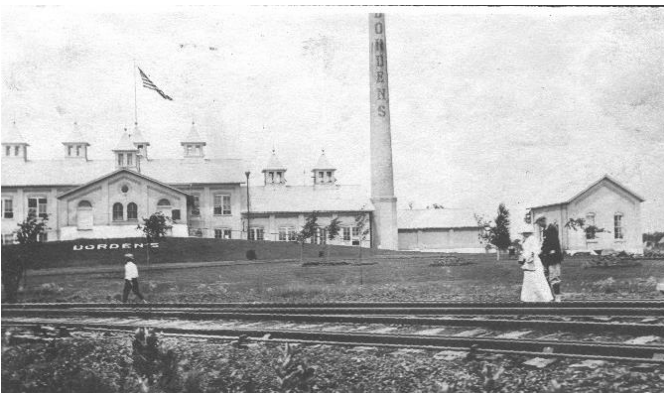


# Illinois Statehood Bicentennial 1818-2018

## The Huntley Link

### 200 Years of Huntley Firsts, Facts and Oddities



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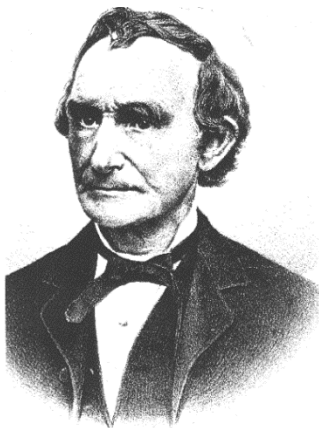
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# Huntley Highlights

## 1818-2018

### 1818 – 1850

- 1818** – Native American and early land claims by Spanish, English, French
- 1832** – Native Americans left the area after the Black Hawk War
- 1836** – State forms counties, McHenry
- 1838** -First families arrive: Holdridge, Stowell, Whittemore, Grinnell, Mullens
- 1838** – Stagecoach Stop, Whittemore house, Marengo Rd.
- 1838** – Stowell/Deicke barn
- 1839** – First religious services
- 1839** – First cemetery
- 1842** – First School on West Coral Street
- 1843** - Gannon log cabin built
- 1846** – T.S. Huntley arrives
- 1849** – County forms townships, Grafton named by Whittemore for his N.H. home



Thomas Stillwell Huntley  
1807 - 1894

### 1850 – 1875

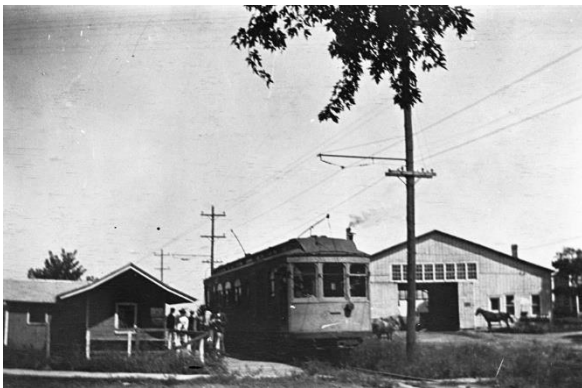
- 1850** – T.S. Huntley elected first Township Supervisor
- 1850** – Donahue farm (now Walmart)
- 1851** – Galena and Chicago Union Railroad line and station
- 1851** – T.S.Huntley lays out village as Huntley Station
- 1851** - First store
- 1851** – First Post Office
- 1852** – First doctor
- 1852** – Congregational Church organized
- 1852** – T.S. Huntley donates land for cemetery
- 1852** – T.S. Huntley’s youngest son, William, dies at age 14
- 1856** – T.S. Huntley home built
- c.1859** – Huntley Brass Band and Town Square Bandstand
- 1860** – Wood frame school built on Main east of Church Street
- Mid 1860’s-1930’s** – Huntley is the largest fresh milk shipping point in the Midwest
- 1861** – Huntley Station supports the Union
- 1863** – Telegraph service
- 1864** – G&CU Railroad merges with Chicago & Northwestern system
- 1864** – Congregational Church built
- 1866** - First cheese/creamery factory, north of town
- 1870** – Catholic Church organized
- 1871** – Lutheran Church organized
- 1872** – Village incorporates, John Cummings named First President
- 1872** – First ordinances
- 1873** - Eliza Huntley, wife of T.S. Huntley, dies
- 1873** – First Saint Mary Church, Dean Street
- 1874** – Lutheran Church built
- 1875** – Huntley School on Main Street

## 1876 – 1899

- 1876** – T.S. Huntley, 69, marries Emma Brinkerhoff, 34
- 1876** – First milk processing in town along railway.
- 1878** – Thomas Stillwell Huntley Jr. is born
- 1878** – Saint Mary's Cemetery
- 1880's** – Oakland Park
- 1880** -Young Theodore Roosevelt hunts in Huntley
- 1880** – Population is 505
- 1882** – T.S. Huntley's second wife, Emma, dies
- 1883** – Cornell Brothers' milk factory
- 1892** – Daniel Duff, Seminole War veteran, dies
- 1894** – T.S.Huntley dies at 87
- 1897** – Frank Latimer patented a velocipede
- 1897** – Telephone Service
- 1898** – Mary Bartholomew serves in the Spanish American War

## 1900 – 1919

- 1900** – Population 606
- 1901** – State Bank of Huntley
- 1905-1930** – Elgin-Belvidere Electric Interurban Trolley
- 1905-1906** – Water system
- 1906** – Sunday baseball ban protest march
- 1907** – Cornell bought Keating property to build new plant (Catty's) after fire
- 1908** – Borden's milk factory on Vine Street (now Union Special)
- 1909** -Addition to 1875 School on Main Street
- 1910** – Second bandstand/gazebo
- 1910** – Population 773
- 1911** – Enos Conley Feed Store
- 1911** – Mackeben Berry Farm on West Main
- 1913** – Electricity from Victor Mey Milk Plant supplies town
- c.1914** – Natural gas lines
- 1916** – Pabst building, Main and Church
- 1917** – First brick street, Woodstock Street
- 1918** – Spanish Influenza hits area
- 1918** – Margaret Donahue joins Chicago National League Ball Club staff (now the Chicago Cubs)



Elgin-Belvidere Electric Interurban Trolley  
1905-1930

## 1920 – 1940

**c. 1920's** – Boy Scout cabin

**1920** – Huntley American Legion established

**1920** – One room schools consolidation

**1920** – Busing for rural students begins

**1922** – John Weltzein Farm Equipment

**1922** – American Legion Auxiliary forms

**1924** – High School built on Main Street

**1924** – KKK burned cross at Saint Mary Church

**1925** – First Parent-Teacher Association

**1926** – Buildings on east side of square torn down

**1930** – Elgin-Belvidere Interurban trolley ceases operation

**1931** – Second Saint Mary Church Woodstock Street

**1932** – World renowned Ferris Gladiolus draws visitors to Huntley

**1934** – Huntley Brewery (Catty's)

**1934** – First Boy Scout Troop charter

**1936** – Route 47 through to the north

**1936** – Blizzard of '36

**1939** – Countryside farms receive electricity

**1939** – Village Hall on Coral and Church Street

**1939** – Dial telephone replaces operators

**1939** – William Fencil Gasket Company opens in brewery (Catty's)



Huntley Dairy Mart opened 1955

## 1941 – 1960

**1941 - 1945** - WWII Gold Star Soldiers killed in action

**1942** – Fencil Fuse Plant

**1945** - Marlowe Feed and Hatchery moved to Route 47

**1945** – First Girl Scout Troop

**1946** – Dean's Foods plant

**1946** - Catty's formerly Cornell, Jelke and Fencil Gasket

**1947** – Huntley Lions Club

**1948** – Union Special Machine Company

**1950** – Population 830

**1950** – Modern sewage disposal system

**1950** - Last passenger train

**1955** – Huntley Dairy Mart

**1955** – Huntley Consolidated School on Lincoln Street

**1956** – First housing development, Bakley's on North Church

**1956** - Bowl Hi Lanes

**1957** – New Post Office on Woodstock Street

**1957** - Fire Protection District formation vote passes

**1960** – Huntley Farmside newspaper

**1960** – New Fire Station on Coral Street

## 1961 – 1979

- 1961**– Dutch Elm Disease decimates elm trees in town
- 1961** – Oliver Statler wrote, Japanese Inn
- 1965** – Huntley Park District founded
- Mid-late 1960's – Train depot closes
- 1966** – Deicke Park dedication
- 1967** – Huntley High School on Mill Street
- 1970** – Fireworks Plant explosion
- 1972** – Interstate I-90 and Route 47 interchange east bound
- 1972** – Pinecrest Golf Course opens
- 1973** - Penguin Snowmobile Club
- 1974** – Huntley Supermarket North Route 47
- 1976** – Fire District Ambulance service vote passes
- 1979** – New gym roof at High School on Mill Street collapses due to heavy snows

## 1980 – 2000

- 1980** – Population 1,646
- 1982** – Turkey Testicle Festival
- 1984** – First paid full time fire chief
- 1986** – Park District Town Picnic at Deicke Park
- 1985** – Coin flip to break mayor vote tie, James Dhamer wins
- 1987** – Huntley Chamber of Commerce forms
- 1989** - Residents vote to create library district
- 1990** – First two full-time firefighters
- 1990** – Population 2,453
- 1992** – First library on Algonquin Rd.
- 1994** – The 1910 gazebo replaced
- 1994** - Prime Outlet opens
- 1996** – Park District starts Village wide bike path
- 1997** – Huntley High School and Middle School constructed on Harmony Road
- 1998** – Groundbreaking for Del Webb's Sun City
- 1999** – Park District buys Sun Valley Farm/Deicke/ Stowell
- 1999** – New Huntley Area Public Library
- 1999** – First Sun City residents



Huntley Area Public Library opened 1999

## 2000 – 2010

- 2000** – Population 5,730
- 2000** – Leggee School on Harmony Rd and Chesak School on Reed Rd.
- 2000** – Park District Purchases South School
- 2001** – Fire Stations on Reed Rd. and Regency opens
- 2001** – Saint Mary Church on Huntley/Dundee Road opens
- 2001** – First female firefighter
- 2002** – Martin Elementary School on Reed Rd. opens
- 2002** – Stingray Bay pool opens
- 2002** – Weather alert service
- 2002** – School mascot changes to Red Raiders
- 2002** – Jewel/Osco South Route 47
- 2003** – Park District buys Pinecrest
- 2005** – Population 15,982
- 2005** – Marlowe Middle School on Reed Road Campus and Heineman Middle School, Conley Elementary and Mackeben Elementary on Square Barn Road Campus open
- 2005** – Cosman Cultural REC Center opens
- 2006** – First Huntley Fall Fest
- 2006** – New Village Hall on East Main
- 2007** – Huntley Historical Society initiated
- 2009** – Walmart

## 2011 – Current

- 2011** – Huntley Fire Station #4 on Algonquin Rd.
- 2011** – Marlowe Feed and Hatchery razed
- 2013** – Opened four-way interchange at I-90 and Route 47
- 2014** – Last grain mill razed, Sawyer Kelley
- 2015** – Downtown Revitalization
- 2016** – Centegra Hospital
- 2016** – Veterans Memorial in Town Square
- 2017** - 1875 School on Main Street razed
- 2017** – Prime Outlet closes
- 2018** – Population 26,986
- 2018** – Prime Outlet Mall razed



Marlowe Feed & Hatchery  
1945 – 2011 at this location

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