

Edgar County Genealogical Society

Bylaws change

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During the October 8th meeting of the Edgar County Genealogical Society, it was voted to make a change to the bylaws. Beginning in 2014, the meeting of the ECGS will be held quarterly in March, June, September and December. The date of the meetings will also be chang-

ing to Monday. This change will begin with the March 2014 meeting. It will be Monday, March 3, 2014.

Also, the officers of the ECGS will be meeting to do a review of the bylaws to see if other changes need to be made.

DNA program

Linda **Barrett**, volunteer librarian and ECGS member gave a program on Oct 8, 2013 about the DNA research she has done. There are several companies that do DNA analysis; 23 & Me; Family Tree DNA and Ancestry to name a few.

Some can give you health probabilities, such as risk of certain diseases. Other companies can give maternal and paternal results, migration patterns, the different regions of the world your ancestors originated from.

If you are a member of Ancestry and use their DNA analysis, you will get matches of other Ancestry members that share a common ancestor. You can then view their trees or contact that member directly. If you get a match from a distant cousin, they may have done research lines you have not and can lead to many more avenues of research and discovery.

DNA research can prove more of who you aren't that who you are.

LIBRARY NOTICE: Effective immediately

The Edgar County Genealogical Library will not be open the 1st Saturday of the month.

If you wish to schedule research time outside of our normal hours, please call ahead so arrangements can be made for a librarian to be available.

Coming Events

All events in the Historical Annex at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted

Tuesday, December 10th

Jenny **Barkley** will present a program about her recent research trip to the state of New York.

Refreshments will also be served - bring your favorite Christmas treat to share!

Monday, March 3th, 2014

Society Information

Society Officers 2013-14

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Membership:

Individual \$20 annually

Single Life \$150

Annual Year: July 1 - June 30

Quarterly published:

August, November,

February & May

Each membership receives one volume (four issues) of the Quarterly annually.

Fees received after March 1st will be applied to the coming year, unless you state otherwise on membership application.

Meetings:

The Society presents four programs yearly, including the Annual Business Meeting in June. Those are announced in the Quarterly, the Paris, IL Beacon News, on our website and Facebook pages.

Queries:

Each member is entitled to at least one query published annually in the Quarterly, more as space permits.

Non-Members are charged \$2 per query.

Please limit each query to 10 typed lines, including your name and address. A query should provide at least 3 items: name(s), date(s) and location(s).

Address Changes:

If your address is changing for any reason (moving or 911 address change) ECGS must be notified. We ARE NOT responsible for lost copies of the Quarterly. Replacement cost is \$3 per issue if you joined after July 2013, you will have to pay \$1.50 extra to receive the past Quarterlies. If you joined after October 2013, you will need to add \$2.00 extra. And if you joined after January 2014, you will need to add \$2.75 extra to your annual dues. **All past Quarterlies must be mailed separately.**

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*The Society welcomes **Ancestor Charts** from ECGS members for publication. Charts must be typed or clearly printed on 8 1/2" X 11" paper. A letter, signed and dated by the submitter must be included with the charts, giving permission to ECGS to publish the charts in the next available Quarterly issue.*

After publication all charts will be places in the files of the Genealogy Library for reference by other family researchers. Please be sure to include your name, address (snail and email) and current date on each chart.

*Merry Christmas
and Happy New Year*

*from the volunteers at
The Edgar County Genealogical Society
and The Edgar County Genealogy Library*

Remember the Library will be closed during the Christmas holiday, so please call before coming in late December.

Also, if you are planning a trip during the winter, the Library closes during inclement weather. Please call to verify someone will be in the Library before making the trip!
We want to keep our patrons and volunteers safe!

Edgar County Genealogy Library

Hello All,

Attention, the Edgar County Genealogy Library is closed on Saturdays until further notice. Sorry if this is a problem, but we are running short on volunteers. We can only stretch so far and right now with volunteers off for vacation or health issues, we just cannot be open on Saturdays.

This area of the state is getting ready for the farm harvest and cooler weather, this will sure be a relief from the hot dry August. If you are going out in the county, please remember that the roads are narrow and the farm equipment is a lot bigger than a normal auto. Also be very careful parking in the tall grass as it is very dry and can catch on fire.

Update on the Edgar Co Cemetery database, it has gone over 55,000 entries with the additions from the local obituaries. Any time an obituary is found and it states the person is buried in a certain cemetery and that person's name is not listed in the database, it is added, with a note that this information is coming from an obit. If they are not buried here, you will need to check further.

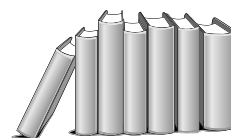
The Genealogy Library has over 50 scrapbook of newspaper clipping on the shelves, which contain not only obituaries, but also birth, marriages, anniversary, reunions, and military, so you might want to check them out.

The Library volunteers try to answer all questions both genealogical and historical, we do not have access to all the records that are stored in the Historical Society collection, but if you need them, please try to let us know ahead of time and hopefully they can be made available for use. Some of the questions we have been receiving lately, concern information that you/patrons have gotten off the internet, you really need to check these sources out as not all info found on internet is correct.

Reminder if you are planning to visit this winter, please know that we do not ask our volunteers to get out and open if the weather is inclement. Please call first, telephone number is listed above.

Happy Fall you all!

Linda Cary



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Early Paris Reminiscences Recollections of Frances O. Davis

The following article appeared in the *Paris Daily Beacon* on Thursday, March 27, 1930 by Floyd M. **Davis**.

My father, Jonathan **Young**, moved with his family to Paris, from Cincinnati, Ohio, in the fall of 1839. We came overland with two wagons, a family carriage and a cart. We were not heavily loaded as my father had shipped the greater portion of our effects by steamer to come to Terre Haute, down to Ohio to Vincennes and up the Wabash to Terre Haute. We were well equipped to start life in a new country. My father even had a portable house built and stored on the boat. I want to say right here that we never had any use of that house. It was finally set up, I believe, on section four two miles west of Paris and that was hardly accomplished with a playful prairie zephyr came along and demolished it.

There were six of us - father, mother, my two brothers Jonathan and Steven, my sister Ellen, who married Hiram **Sandford**, and myself. My oldest sister, Louisa, had married Dr. Ezra **Reed** and remained in Cincinnati as did my sister, Sarah, who was placed in a boarding school to complete her education. They all came out to Paris the following year. I was just a little over three years old at the time and yet I have a vivid recollection of the trip and the preparations for the start.

My father rented a two story brick house that stood on the west side of the square, on the first lot south of the alley. This house had one room at the front with a hall entrance at its side that led into a larger room in the rear, there were three bedrooms up stairs. A large fire place was a pleasant feature of the front room.

The goods had not arrived at Terre Haute so the boys went to work making a rough table and some stools. Mattresses were made of straw and laid on the floor. These arrangements while supposed to be only temporary had to suffice until spring, when the long looked for goods arrived in Terre Haute. Ellen, 15 years of age, has told me that just at dark of that day mother discovered there was no bread. On the south side of the square, near the center was a frame building with a large "bakery" sign across the walk. Ellen was sent there for some of the staff of life. She rushed into the room which was poorly lighted and called for some bread. A shout of laughter greeted her request and a voice said: "Why, sis, there ain't been no baker here for nigh on tow years." My sister realized by this time she was in a salon and beat a precipitate retreat.

On the next lot south of our house and well to the rear was a single story two room structure. Dr. Paul **Huston** has this for an office. I remember him very well as he made a great pet of me and I was in his office a great deal. He built an office in North Main street the next spring and my father rented the old office which we used as a kitchen until our removal to the farm, west of the city, in the spring of 1841 and we needed is as Dr. **Read**, his wife (my sister Louisa) and daughter Oakalla, sister Sarah and an old servant, Ann **Henry**, came out from Cincinnati. Dr. **Read** could not find a house and lived in this one until his removal to Terre Haute, in 1843, I think. One little incident I recall in connection with this old house was the death of my canary. The elder **Shoaff** lived at that time in a log house on the north side of the square and his son Tom and I were boon companions. In the impressive funeral ceremonies that followed he was grave digger, undertaker and minister. Of course I was chief mourner. (The Tom **Shoaff** referred to was an uncle of the **Shoaff** brothers.)

Father, with Jonathan and Stephen, had come out to Paris in the spring of 1839. They went out to section 4, two miles west of the city and with axes chopped our forty acres of sod corn. The process was simple, just chopping out a liberal chunk of sod, a little stirring of the ground beneath, with the dropping in of a few grains of corn. The residents of the whole community were skeptical of any results and did not hesitate to express themselves. The stock argument seemed to be: "Trees don't grow on the prairie. Therefore, the soil must be weak. You might be about to raise one crop, but that is no sign you can raise another, so what is the use bothering with it?"

Our folks confounded these skeptics when they gathered a good crop of corn from this planting soon after our arrival in the fall. I still have one of the axes my brothers used.

Although only four years of age I went to school the second year we were in Paris, the school house was a one room building located almost directly west of Dr. **Buchanan's** residence on north Central Ave. Jacob **Harding**, published of the Beacon at that time, lived in a house close by, both houses were moved or torn down long ago. The **Sidenstricker** residence, still standing and facing on the east and west alley was south of the school house. A young man taught this school, I believe his name was Knox.

My father bought a small farm of forty acres on what is now the outskirts of the city, what is not the Frank **Bristow** place on the old Springfield road. It had a well build story and a half frame house, with dormer windows in the roof.

Sister Sarah married Col. Wash **Alexander** in the spring of 1841, the wedding taking place in the brick house. After that we moved to the house of the prairie, Col. **Alexander** moved into the rooms over the Alexander store at the southeast corner of the square, and Dr. **Read** rented a small house on north Main street, joust across the street from the present Beacon quarters.

We had hardly got settled when Senator **Douglas** appointed brother Jonathan a midshipman in the navy. He was only fourteen and very small for his age, but had always been crazy over the navy and went away with a light heart. Father drove him to Indianapolis and he made the balance of the trip to Philadelphia by himself, reporting for duty on board the U. S. Ship Mississippi. It was over three years before we saw him again.

This is the end of this article in this issue.

The following information was received by the editor, but there is no date or reference as to where it came from.

By Dr. Floyd M. **Davis** - "I asked Circuit Clerk James **Marley** if he could tell me from the records when Lincoln last appeared in court here. He told me that everything in the records with which **Lincoln** had had any connection had disappeared. He said that one time men made the rounds of the circuit on which **Lincoln** had practiced and, gaining access to the public records, under some pretext, had deliberately cut out and stolen these priceless mememtoes [sic] of our martyred president. They found a ready made sale for these relics at a good financial profit to themselves.

Amos **Williams**, the first school teacher in Paris and for many years prominently identifies with it's history, died at Danville, Ill., Nov. 15, 1857, aged 62 years.

Paris celebrated July 4, 1860, in an extremely patriotic manner. Sunday Schools from as far west as Pana sent delegates. Thirteen carloads came in from the west. Hundreds of other drove. It is estimated that there were no less than 2,000 children in the parade that marched out the to fairgrounds, where the exercises took place. Just think of it! 2,000 and Paris a little village at the time. We would like to know what those exercises were and who took part, but the editor of the paper at the time naively said "Everybody was there, so what's the use wasting space on something everyone knows about."

Mary Stoneburner's Genealogy

The following data was taken from information donated by Mary E **Stoneburner** or Paris, November 28, 2012. It is from a letter written by Mary **Stoneburner** April 11, 1894, while a resident of Grandview, IL. Any missing data was torn or so blurred it could not be made out, according the letter written by Mary in 1894.

Births

George Henry **Stoneburner** - Aug. 20, 1838
Rebecca Jane **Stoneburner** - Dec. 8, 1843
William Marion **Stoneburner** - Sept. 23, 1840
William **Stoneburner** - April 8, 1815
Jacob **Stoneburner** - Dec. 10, 1816
Henry **Stoneburner** - Dec. 13, 1820
James F. **Stoneburner** - Mar. 17, 1823
Mary Francis **Stoneburner** - 11 []
Martha Ann **Stoneburner** - July 16, 1832
Richard **Stoneburner** - Nov. []
Samuel L. **Stoneburner** - Ju[]
John F. **Stoneburner** - Oct 3, 1845
Caroline Frances **Stoneburner** - April 25, 1847

Jacob **Stoneburner** B: Dec. 10, 1816 (1818) D: April 20, 1875
Nancy **Stoneburner** B: Nov 23, 1822 D: Jan 6, 1894 Married Dec. 9, 1838
Mary E **Stoneburner** B: Jun 4, 1843 D: Dec. 31, 1846
Emily **Stoneburner** B: Dec 16, 1845
Lovel W. **Stoneburner** B: Nov. 1, 1848 D: Aug. 14, 1855
Evaline L. **Stoneburner** B: Jan 4, 1851
Albert R. **Stoneburner** B: Dec 14, 1853 D: Aug 20, 1870
Richard O. **Stoneburner** B: July 19, 1857
Prosper L. **Stoneburner** B: Feb. 19, 1860

Deaths (This is on the same page of your Father's children's births)

Rosa **Stoneburner** D: Jan. 28, 1838
Richard **Stoneburner** D: Jan. 31, 1838
Rebeca [sic] **Stoneburner** D: Oct 21, 1847
William **Stoneburner** D: Oct. 16, 1847
Jacob **Stoneburner** Jun. (Jr.) Killed at battle of Shilo April 6, 1862
Jacob **Stoneburner** sen. (Sr.) D: Oct 3, 1848

Gleanings from local newspapers

Paris Daily Beacon, Friday June 6, 1913

Kansas, June 6 - John **Ault**, an aged resident of Kansas Township and a veteran of the Civil War, died at his home near here at 3:30 o'clock this morning of old age and general debility. He had been ailing for some time, but did not become critically ill until about one week ago.

Mr. **Ault** was born in the state of Virginia, April 25, 1825, and was aged 88 years at the time of his death. He moved to Ohio when a young man and came to Illinois about fifty years ago. He was a farmer by occupation and a highly esteemed citizen.

He was married in Ohio to Miss Duannah **Hanks**, who died about 33 years ago. To this unions were born three children, all of whom survive, viz: Rev. M. F. **Ault**, of Hume, Ill., O. H. Ault of **Decatur**, Ill. and Mrs. A. K. **Spragg** of Kansas. Aside from his sons and daughter, Mr. Ault is survived by two sisters, Miss Kate **Ault**, of Somora, O., and Mrs. Salina **Roller**, of Iowa.

Mr. **Ault** enlisted in the Civil War with the 59th Illinois Volunteer (unreadable). He was a member of the local Grand Army Post.

The funeral will take place from the Harmony M. E. church at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Burial will be in Harmony cemetery.

Paris Daily Beacon, June (28?), 1949

William James **Frazier**, 73, died at 7 a.m. Tuesday at his home four miles northeast of Vermilion, following an extended illness. He was born at Rosedale, Ind., on February 8, 1876, the son of James and Sarah **Throneburg Frazier**. The greater part of his live was spent in the Vermilion community.

His mother died when he was eight years old and he was then reared in the home of A. J. and Sarah **Foltz**. Surviving are his wife, formerly Maude **Kauffman**; three children, Harry C. of Costa Mesa, Calif.; Harvey, of Long Beach, Calif.; and Mrs. Max **Huffman** of Paris; 10 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The body will be removed late this afternoon from the Cook and Ward funeral home to the residence where the rites will be conducted at two o'clock Thursday afternoon. Interment will be at the Vermilion cemetery.

Paris Daily Beacon, Oct (26?), 1965

The death of Mrs. Maude **Kauffman Frazier**, 85, of R. R. 3 occurred Tuesday afternoon at Paris Hospital after an extended illness.

She was born at Vermilion, the daughter of Addison and Sarah Jane **Kauffman**.

Surviving are two children, Mrs. Reba **Huffman** of Paris and Harvey of Long Beach, Calif.; a sister, Mrs. Lissie **Sears** of Paris; and 10 grandchildren. A son preceded her in death. Mrs. **Frazier** was a member of Vermilion Methodist Church.

Rev. Charles **La Mont** will officiate at the funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at the Ward-Sutton Funeral Home. Burial will be at Vermilion Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 3 p.m. Thursday.

Funeral services for Miss Rachel **Sullivan**, 86, Paris, who died Friday, were held at the Ward-Sutton Funeral Home, with Rev. Lewis Dee **Hopper** officiating. Burial was at the Edgar Cemetery.

Pallbearers were John **Stanley**, Charles **Johnson**, Walter **Kimble**, Clarence **Burgett**, Ray **Foley** and Harvey **Morris**.

Paris Daily Beacon, Monday, June 30, 1924

Real Estate Warranty Deeds

Francis M. **Kincaid** and Sarah L., his wife, of Newman, Ill., to Lloyd **Kincaid**. 80 acres 15-16-14. Dated June 28, 1924.

Francis M. **Kincaid** and Sarah L., his wife, of Newman, Ill., to Irvin **Kincaid**. 80 acres 15-16-14. Dated June 28, 1924.

Edward E. **Howard** and Cornelia, his wife, to Wm. **Cunningham** of Nevins, lots 51 and 52 in the town of Nevins. Dated June 26, 1924.

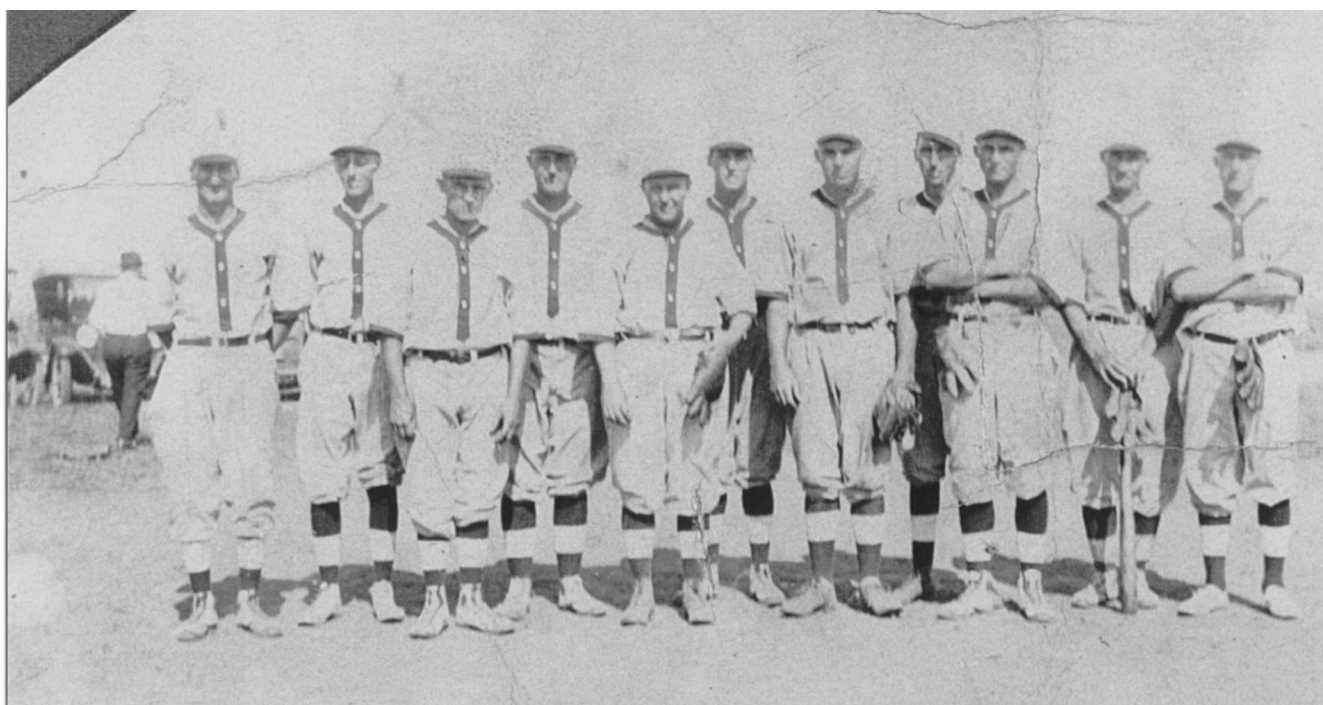
Delbert Whetstone and Lida E., his wife, to O. B. **Riley**, 40 acres 11-16-11. Dated March 8, 1924.

Rosella **Taylor** (Widow) et al to Charles Bruce **Ring** and June Harris **Ring**, his wife, lot 9, Wm. B. **Vance's** 1st addition to Paris. Dated June 17, 1924.

Jennie M. **Roller** and Wm. J., her husband, to Scott **Burgett** 164.92 acres 10-15-14. Dated July 23, 1923. This deed made to correct former deed.

Notice - I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my husband Glenn **Whitesell** -Mrs. Eva **Whitesell**.

1923-24 Harmony Church Baseball Team



Left to right: Elwin **Goble**, Leslie **York**, John M. **McDavitt**, Joe **Fell**, Cora (Mug) **Laughead**, Robert **Perkinson**, Burnett **Colwell**, W. C. (Clyde) **McConnaha**, Ed **Mattingly**, John **Rockwell** and Elby **Richeson**.

The above picture and information was furnished by Virginia **Kranz** of Stockton, Calif. Thank you Virginia for sharing this great photo.

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Member Information

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