

# Edgar County Genealogical Society

## Saturdays are back!

The Edgar County Genealogy Library  
will now be open the  
1st & 3rd Saturdays of each month  
(weather permitting)  
from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Norm Carroll will be the librarian

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**"One-on-One" individual counseling**  
is now offered to the public by the ECGL librarians.

Need help breaking down a brick wall?  
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Call 217-463-4209 for an appointment.  
Requests are also accepted by email at [ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org](mailto:ecgl@edgarcountygenealogy.org).

## WANTED

Did you attend a one-room schoolhouse in Edgar County?  
Did your parents or grandparents attend and you have stories from them?  
Do you have information or pictures you would like share?  
*Start going through your boxes and more information will be coming soon!*

## Coming Events

**All events in the Historical Annex at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted**  
**Meetings are open to everyone interested in family history.**

### Monday, March 2, 2015

Donna Brimmer, Grandview township resident, will give a presentation about the Gale Cemetery which is located south of Grandview on the Brimmer property.

### Monday, June 1st, 2015

Annual Meeting with election of officers and presentation of the Edythe Stephens Family History Award.

Check our Facebook page anytime for the latest updates!

## Society Information

### Society Officers 2013-14

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### Membership:

**Individual \$20 annually**

**Single Life \$150**

Annual Year: July 1 - June 30

Newsletter published:

August, November,

February & May

Each membership receives one volume (four issues) of the Newsletter 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 Newsletter, 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 Newsletter, 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 Newsletter. Replacement cost is \$3 per issue if you joined after July 2014, you will have to pay \$1.50 extra to receive the past Newsletters. If you joined after October 2014, you will need to add \$2.00 extra. And if you joined after January 2015, you will need to add \$2.75 extra to your annual dues. **All past Newsletters must be mailed separately.**

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Founded in 1984

*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 Newsletter issue.*

*After publication all charts will be placed 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.*

## "Our Year of Discoveries"

The quarterly meeting of the Edgar County Genealogical Society was held on Monday, December 1st. Following a short business meeting, Jenny Barkley invited everyone to share a discovery they made during the last year in their research.

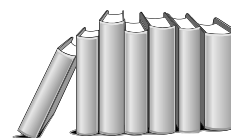
Jenny shared she learned the importance of researching siblings, aunts, uncles, and any extended family for important clues that can lead back to your direct lineage.

Others shared the importance of visiting cemeteries and digging up and cleaning those stones. You can find valuable and well preserved information by closely examining the stones. It is also a time to share with your parents, or extended family by taking them along and listening to their stories.

Another discovery was the importance of census records. Each year of census records contains important and different information. Examine each year closely and, as Jenny shared, search for other relatives. They can be clues to your family. Be sure to check the surrounding neighbors. They could be relatives or maybe they married into your family.

Visiting other libraries or depositories is a great source of information. My discovery was a visit to Johnson County, IN and finding the will and many other papers relating to my 4th great-grandfather!

# Edgar County Genealogy Library



Dear Patrons and Members,

Winter is here! For everyone's safety we chose to keep the Library closed during the 7th, 8th and 9th of January because of the frigid, raging weather. So be sure to check our Website or Facebook (see addresses in your Newsletter) before making your trip to use our facilities.

We are delighted to have Norm Carroll (& wife Joan) back as Librarian on the first and third Saturdays of each month, 9am to 1pm. So if you haven't been able to come in during our weekday hours, now is the time to schedule a weekend visit.

How many new members of your family did you meet, or learn about during the Holidays? Now is the time to get those names, dates, origins and locations recorded for future generations. The genealogy of that new bride, or groom along with that of their spouse would make a great anniversary gift in the coming year.

Don't know how to begin compiling such a project? Let one of our volunteer librarians get you started. Call 217-463-4209 during regular hours to make an appointment for "one-on-one" help in our Library. Begin with yourself and bring along data for your parents, grandparents, siblings, etc. (Please give us a week's notice so volunteers can schedule their dates. We have charts and forms available.)

Perhaps someone in your lineage has already compiled ancestral data. Talk to them and ask to share what you compile in exchange for some of their work. Maybe they have family photos, or letters from long ago you would love to see, or copy. But remember, such research takes a lot of time and expense, so be patient. Take your time getting a feel of how giving a person is before asking for "everything" they have. Be sure to share your own material with them and other relatives. Names, dates in their work don't jibe? Often different generations, or even older siblings call relatives by different names. (My Aunt Margaret was called "Aunt Miggie" by my oldest sister, who is 15 years my senior. She also called Cousin Paul "Pete," which he was nicknamed by his father. But I never knew his father.)

For those of you who have used our resources before, come see what is new in our Library.

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## Safford Bible Records

The New Testament of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ  
translated out the original Greek  
Cincinnati, Hitchcock & Walden, Publishers [no date given]

### Marriages

Mordecai **Safford** and Isabell R. **Beckman** was married Sept. 25, 1856 at Charleston, Ill.  
Clarence V. **Safford** and Jessa Gertrud **Martin** was married at Terre Haute Ind. Dec. 24, 1888.  
Robert B. **Boyd** and Alice M. **Safford** was married at Kansas Ill. Dec. 24, 1889.  
Dr. William **Booth** and Hazel M. **Boyd** were married at [ ], Montana, Sept 9, 1916.  
Mordecai J. **Boyd** and Kathryn \_\_\_\_\_ were married at [ ], Dec 28, 1915.  
Paul V. **Boyd** and Ruth **Hannah** were married at Paris, Illinois March 31, 1929.  
Richard G. **Boyd** and Wanda C. **McDavitt** were married at Spencer, Ind.

### Deaths

Isabelle Rebecca **Beckman Safford** died 1910 age 70 years.  
Mordecai **Safford** died 1912 age 73 years.  
Mary Ann **Patton Boyd** died 1915 age 68 years.  
James H. **Boyd** died May 19, 1905 age 63 years.  
Mary Alice **Safford Boyd** died March 31, 1940 age 70 years.  
Robert Byron **Boyd** died March 28, 1963 age 96 years.  
Paul V. **Boyd** died January 18, 1974 age 81 years.  
Wanda **Boyd** - Jan 28, 1971  
Richard **Boyd** - Oct 15, 1975

### Births

Mordecai **Safford** was born Sept. 11, 1834  
Isabell R. **Beckman** was born Aug. 31, 1838  
Clarence V. **Safford** was born June 27, 1838  
Mary A. **Safford** was born Mar. 22, 1870

### Genealogical Tablets

Mordecai **Safford** was born Sept. 11, 1834 in the state of Vermont.  
Isabell Rebecka **Safford** was born Lancaster Fairfield Co. Ohio, Aug. 31, 1838.  
Clarence Victor **Safford** was born at Paris Ill. June 27, 1858.  
Mary Alice **Safford** was born at Kansas Ill. Mar. 22, 1870.  
Rebecka Gaston **Safford** was born Apr. 22, 1890 at St. Louis Mo.  
Mary Ausburne **Safford** was born Jan. 26, 1893. At St. Louis Mo.  
Ruth **Safford** was born April 26, 1896. At St. Louis Mo.  
Hazel Marie **Boyd** was born Sept 27, 1890. at Paris Ill.  
Paul V Boyd **was** born February 17, 1892. at Muncie Ind.  
Mordecai James **Boyd** was born July 10, 1894. At Kansas, Ill.  
Richard Gerald **Boyd** was born in Paris, Ill June 19, 1907.  
Robert Byron **Boyd** was born in Paris, Ill. Oct 10, 1867.

# Russell Bible Records

The Holy Bible containing the  
Old and New Testaments  
Jennings & Pye,  
Cincinnati, Chicago, Kansas City  
copyright 1895

## Marriages

James McGrady **McLean** and Rebecca D **Marney** was married in Lawrence county Illinois May 19th AD 1823  
Abraham **Russell** and Hannah **Stewart** was married at Mt. Carmel Illinois on the 31st day of December AD 1822  
Edwin Stewart **Russell** and Virginia Club **McLean** was married in Lawrence Co Illinois on the 11th day of Nov AD 1856  
Bernard N. **Hodge** and Elizabeth Darling **Russell** were married in Paris Ill. Sep. 26-1888

## Births

Abraham **Russell** was born on Nantucket Island Massatuets on the 29th day of August 1798  
Hannah **Stewart** was born in New Jersey on the 1st day of January 1804  
Edwin Stewart **Russell** was born in Mt. Carmel Illinois April 14th AD 1828  
Virginia Club **McLean** was born in Lawrence County Ills Sept 5th 1834  
Ida Rebecca **Russell** born February 18th 1858  
Nora **Russell** born April 13th AD 1860  
Lizzie Darling **Russell** born March 5th 1862

## Deaths

Hannah **Russell** died March 30th 1843  
Abraham **Russell** deceased Sept 20th 1869  
James M. **McLean** deceased Dec 11th 1860  
Rebecca D. **McLean** deceased Nov 25th 1874  
Virginia C **Russell** deceased July 12th 1880  
Ida R Lescher daughter of E S & V C **Russell** departed this life at Hot Springs Ark March 12th 1891  
Edwin Stewart **Russell** died Apr.10th 1910 in Paris Ill buried in Mr. Carmel Ill.

The file of the **Russell** family at the Edgar County Genealogy Library contains much more information that is provided here. If this is a family you are researching, please contact the library for more information.

## Editors Note

Every effort is made to provide accurate information as it is listed in the Bible records. All abbreviations, misspellings, etc. are printed as they are in the records themselves. Many of the records are fading and are very hard to read and the handwriting of the period can be a challenge also. All records printed in the newsletter are always on file at the Edgar County Genealogy Library, and you are encouraged to examine the records in person. Many of the files contain much more information than is in the newsletter, so if you are interested in any of the family information, you are encouraged to visit or contact the Library for additional information. *Any differences from the records themselves and the printed information is an error on the editors part and is no way intentional.*

## Gleanings from local newspapers

*Paris Daily Beacon-News, Monday, Jan. 12, 1970*

The death of Mrs. Mary **Morris Fidler**, 82, native of Edgar County, resident of R. R. 5, Paris, occurred Sunday in General Hospital, Tucson, Ariz. She was born in April, 1887, the daughter of Bennett and Sarah **Perisho Morris**. Her husband, George **Fidler**, preceded her in death. Surviving are a nephew, Forrest **Morris**, and a niece, Mrs. J. Willard **Kelley**, both of Paris. Also preceding her in death were two children, two brothers and two sisters.

Mrs. **Fidler** and her husband operated the former Pine Lodge Inn west of Paris for a number of years.

Funeral rites will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Blume-Stewart Funeral Home, and burial will be at Grandview Cemetery. Visitation after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Willis P. **Hawkins**, 71, died at his home on R. R. 1, Kansas. He was born April 17, 1898, the son of David and Sarah **Roberts Hawkins**. On Aug. 30, 1925, he was married to Joy **Honnold**, who survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Nelson of Grandview, David and Herbert of Kansas; three daughters, Mrs. Louise **Eckel** of Decatur, Mrs. Donna **Payne** of Arlington Heights, Ill., and Miss Boneva **Hawkins** at home; three brothers, Paul of Stoutsville, Mo., Sherman and George of Kansas; two sisters, Mrs. Grace **Wright** of Kansas and Mrs. Mabel **Young** of Smyrna, Tenn.; and 17 grandchildren. Preceding him in death were two brothers and one sister.

Mr. **Hawkins** was a member of the United Methodist Church at Kansas, the Farm Bureau and NFO and ATA, farm organizations.

Funeral services are pending at Sutton and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. Margaret F. **Colwell** died at her home in Detroit, Mich., at 10:15 p.m. Friday. She was 69, and a native of Edgar County. The body has been taken to the Sutton and Son Funeral Home.

Mrs. **Colwell** was born Oct. 30, 1900, in Redmon, the daughter of Hugh and Ida **Chesrown Ferguson** and was married in Edgar County in 1917 to Bennett **Colwell** who preceded in death in 1951. She is survived by a daughter, Anna Louise **Colwell** of Detroit, a nephew Lee **Brinkerhoff** of Redmon and a niece Mrs. Kathryn **Jump** of Winter Park, Fla. She was a member of the Redmon United Methodist Church.

Funeral services will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Sutton and Son Funeral Home with Rev. Charles **Hanson** officiating. Friends may call from 7 to 9 p.m. today. Burial will be in Edgar Cemetery.

Funeral rites for Mrs. Lillian **Hesler**, 71, who died at 8 a.m. today at Paris Hospital, will be Wednesday at the Bishop-Hiles Funeral Home in Greenup, Ill.

She was born in Mattoon in 1898, the daughter of George and Minnie **Gaddis** and was married to Frank **Hesler** who died in 1934. Greater part of her life was spent in the Greenup area. For over a year she had resided with her daughter, Mrs. William **Graham**, 1302 South Main Street, Paris.

Mrs. **Hesler** leaves six children: W. C. **Hesler** of Decatur, Kenneth **Hesler** of Charleston, Frank **Hesler** of California, Bill **Hesler** of Greenup, Mrs. Wanda **Gentry** of Toledo, Ill., and Mrs. Rosemary **Graham** of Paris. Also living are one brother, Roscoe V. Gaddis of Maine, two sisters, Mrs. Irene **Sacco** of Decatur and Mrs. Dorothy **Jacoway** of Denver, Colo., 15 grandchildren. A brother, Raymond **Gaddis** of Denver is deceased.

Paris Daily Beacon-News, Monday, Jan. 12, 1970 (Con't)

Clarence (Moddock) **Thompson**, 86, former deputy sheriff and city commissioner, died early Sunday morning at his home, 225 Chestnut.

The funeral will be held at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Blume-Stewart Funeral Home, and interment will be at Edgar Cemetery. Visitation at the funeral home will be after 2 p.m. Tuesday.

Born in Paris, May 17, 1883, he was the son of William and Mary **Weger Thompson**. He served as deputy under Sheriff Allen **Bell** and was city commissioner for eight years under Mary W. H. **Hoff** and Mayor Martin **Rit-tenhouse**.

In 1900 he was married to Emma **Berickson** who died in 1960. In 1950 they observed their golden wedding anniversary. She had a long telephone company career in Paris. During her 38 years with the Bell and Kinloch companies, she filled every office from operator to supervisor. Nearest survivors are nieces and nephews.

Mr. Thompson was a member of First United Methodist Church.

Orval A. **Wilson**, 42, of 1318 NW 8th Ave., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., passed away Sunday at 11:40 a.m. in Broward Hospital, Ft. Lauderdale, of a heart attack.

He is survived by his wife, the former Betty Lou **Harper**, one son, Greg, and a daughter, Diana, both at home, and a son, Steve, with the Army stationed at Annandale, Va., and one grandson, Jeff.

Also surviving are his father, Earl **Wilson**, of Paris, one sister, Mrs. Catherine **Furry**, of Paris, and two brothers, Bill of Vermillion, and Earl A. of Westville.

While residing in Paris and Mattoon, Mr. **Wilson** was an employee of the C.I.P.S. company.

Funeral services are pending at the Kraeer Funeral Home, 4061 N. Federal Highway, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with burial in Ft. Lauderdale.

Fred W. **Hurst**, 78, retired railroad employee, died of a heart attack this morning at the family residence, 309 East Edgar Street. Funeral services will be announced from the Blume-Stewart Funeral Home.

Mr. **Hurst** is survived by his wife, the former Asenith **Chandler**, whom he married in 1958; three daughters, Mrs. Frances **Slaughter** of Tampa, Fla., Mrs. Betty **Rigdon** of Paris, and Mrs. Mary **Skinner** of Indianapolis; a stepson, Louis, of Buckley, Ill.; four grandchildren; five step grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren.

He was born Sept. 23, 1891, at Brocton, the son of William and Mary **Burtner Hurst**.

Mrs. Clarence **Cook** and Mrs. Walter **Stigler** have been notified of the death of their aunt, Mrs. Gary **Fields**, 73, which occurred Sunday night at Union Hospital, Terre Haute. She had been ill for several weeks. Mrs. Fields is a former resident of Paris. She is survived by a son and several nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements will be at 1 p.m. (EST) Thursday at the DeBaun Funeral Home at Terre Haute. Burial will be at Edgar Cemetery.

Paris Daily Beacon, Saturday, July 3, 1901

Capt. E. B. **Martindale** will spent the 4th with his family.

Pryor **Runyan** of Edgar was here today calling on friends.

Oscar **Huffman** of Vermillion was here today on business.

Samuel **Rogers** of Kansas was a business caller here today.

Mrs. Manual **Staley** of Vermillion was a shopper here today.

Clyde **Williams** of Ridgefarm was here today calling on friends and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Root **Sanders** of Vermillion were here today calling on relatives and shopping.

Mrs. Zack **Lymon** departed today for a short visit with her aunt, Mrs. Alex **Ray**, of Vermillion.

Looking back in files of Beacon-News Saturday, November 16, 1962

Sixty years ago 1908

Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Hopkins** entertained friends in celebration of their 25th wedding anniversary.

Nettie Motts, 18, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth **Mopps**, died from typhoid fever.

A big oil strike is reported on the Curtis **Pinnell** farm near Kansas.

Mrs. Blanche **Link** entertained at a taffy pull, her guests included Mary **Swisher**, Margaret **Long**, Ethel **Stewart**, Clara **Driskell** and Myrtle **Bell**.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. **Reeves**, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. **Morton**, Miss Louise **Hagen** and Tom **Gibbons** left for Seattle, Wash., to reside.

William **Myers**, 70, was found dead at his home at Hume.

Fred **Moffett** of Des Moines is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce **Moffitt**.

A marriage license was issued to E. B. **Brown**, Terre Haute and Nellie **Thomas**, Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. **Purcell** were given a surprise on their 30th wedding anniversary.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred **Boyd** died at the home on Alexander Street.

The wedding of Orville **Johnson** and Miss Emma Estelle **McAnnally** took place at the home of Rev. A. S. **Flanagan**.

Twenty years ago 1902

Mr. and Mrs. Herman **Mullins** are the parents of a son.

Former Sheriff W. A. **Summers** died at his home on West Madison Street. He leaves his wife and an adopted son, Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe **Lewis** were given a surprise in honor of their 14th wedding anniversary.

James **Howard**, 76, died at his home at Nevins.

Marriage licenses were issued to W. H. **Gosnell** and Effie **Welch** and Marion **Johns** and Rose **Vandeventer** of Paris.

Forty-Six years ago 1922

Mrs. Charles **Hoskins** underwent an operation for the removal of gallstones.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph **Griffin** are the parents of a daughter.

Samuel **Morton** died at his home in Elbridge Township.

Miss Vivian **Jenks** went to Jonestown, Miss., where she will be supervisor of music in the city schools.

Miss Jeanette **McConchie** is ill with scarlet fever.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Claude **Wilkins**.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry **Reed** are the parents of a son.

Announcement is made of the wedding of Miss Reesa **Whalen**, former resident to Edward **Murray** of Tulsa, Okla.

Paris Daily Beacon, December 22, 1941

Mrs. William H **Colwell** of Redmon received a letter today from her sister, Mrs. Edward **Levings**, written after her arrival at Cristobal, Panama Canal Zone, last Monday. She stated that the trip had been delightful and uneventful. War regulations at Cristobal state that no boat can enter the harbor until 6 a.m. nor leave after 6 p.m. Mrs. **Levings** plans to be in Lima, Peru, with her daughter, Mrs. Katherine **Oken** by Christmas Day.



Mr. and Mrs. Clarence **Clark** received word by telegram at seven o'clock Saturday night from Washington D. Co. of the death of their son, George Francis **Clark**, 20, on the U. S. S. Arizona, when that ship was sunk by the Japanese Sunday, Dec. 7th at Pearl Harbor in the surprise attack which opened the war between the United States, Japan and other Axis powers.

The death of Mr. **Clark** marks Paris' first casualty in the second World War. His parents had feared for this safety since the attack on Pearl Harbor, but absence of word from the Navy Department for almost two weeks had led them to believe that he might have escaped from the ship.

**Clark** was born in Paris March 31, 1921. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers and one sister at home, Bobbie, Donnie and Beverly; and four brothers and sisters in California, Raymond at Huntington Park, Jack in Long Beach, Mrs. Mary **Glithero** and Miss Martha **Clark**, both of Calexico, Calif.

Young **Clark** has not been in Paris since his transfer from Great Lakes to the California station.

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Vol. VI 1901 - 1906 \$28ppd

Vol. VII 1907 - 1910 \$30ppd

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### Paris, IL Illustrated & Descriptive 1908

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138 photos

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