

# Edgar County Genealogical Society

## Membership Renewal Time!

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*Special points of interest:*

**Membership Renewal**

**Annual Meeting**

**Bible Records**

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It is once again time to renew your membership with the Edgar County Genealogical Society. If you receive your newsletter by mail, please check the mailing label to see if your membership is expiring. If "2015" is listed, it's time to renew. If there is another year listed, your membership will expire June 30 of that year. If there is an "L" you are a Life member.

If you receive your newsletter electronically, you will receive an email if we do not get your renewal.

If you would like to continue to be a part of this society, please complete the form on the back cover of this issue and return it to the address listed.

Just what are the benefits of membership?

\*Each membership receives one volume (four issues), either electronic or paper, of the Quarterly annually.

\*The Society presents four programs yearly, including the Annual Business Meeting in June.

\*Each member is entitled to have at least one query published annually in the Quarterly, more if space allows.

To continue your membership, just send in the form on the back cover along with your membership fees, \$20.00 annually or \$150.00 for a lifetime membership, and you won't miss a single issue of our quarterly! *Please update any information such as address, surnames or email also at this time.*



Annual Meeting

Monday, June 1st!

Everyone is welcome to attend

Refreshments following meeting

## 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, 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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*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 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.*

## Read all about it!

The Beacon News recently made a very generous gift to the Paris Public Library! Microfilm of the "Missing Years" of Paris Beacon News from 1955-1987 is now available to search at the Public Library. Due to the high cost to purchase 1 year of film, the Edgar County Genealogy Library and the Public Library have been slowly adding to the collection, with ECGS going from oldest years to newer and the Public Library from current back. It would have taken many, many years for both the meet in the middle for a full collection of newspapers. Thanks to the Beacon News, that dream is now a reality.

Thank you Paris Beacon!



# Edgar County Genealogy Library

## Edgar County Genealogy Library News

The Genealogy Library might be small, but we do have a lot of information that you will not find anywhere else. Some of our databases are: *The Chrisman Courier* database with over 100K entries, Master index to about 60 scrap-books; the 172 Cemeteries containing over 55,300 people; and of course the local newspaper on micro-film from 1849 – 1954 (however some issues are missing during the Civil War time frame); Edgar County History Books; 8 volume of Marriages 1823-1914; Censuses, and 12 shelves of family histories. Patrons have visited from Joplin and St. Louis MO.; Lebanon and Indianapolis, IN.; Battle Lake, MI., as well as many from around the Paris area.

We have great news - the newspapers 1955 – 1987 (the black hole, as we referred to them) are no longer missing! Those years of newspapers have been donated to the Paris Public Library, since they are open more hours than the Genealogy Library. Paris Public Library has the same micro-reading machine as we have.

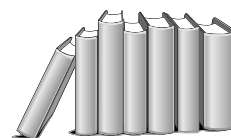
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Consist of:

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| <b>The Prairie Beacon</b>                        | Nov 30, 1849 – Aug 17, 1860                                    | (weekly)           |
| <b>The Paris Daily Beacon &amp; Valley Blade</b> | July 12, 1872 – June 27, 1873                                  |                    |
| <b>The Paris Daily Beacon</b>                    | January 5, 1882 – December 25, 1885                            |                    |
|  | January 1, 1886 – December 30, 1887                            |                    |
|  | March 12, 1888 – April 6, 1889                                 |                    |
|  | April 8, 1889 – April 5, 1934                                  |                    |
| <b>The Paris Beacon-News</b>                     | April 6, 1934 – December 1954                                  |                    |
|  | January – March 2005   |                    |
| <b>The Hume Record</b>                           | April 2, 1892 – May 25, 1895 &<br>June 8, 1895 – 13 March 1925 |                    |
| <b>The Chrisman Courier</b> (Weekly)             | January 16, 1894 – February 20, 1969                           |                    |
| Twenty four rolls of microfilm                   | <b>Please note: not complete</b>                               |                    |
| <b>The Kansas Journal</b>                        | Jan 1893 – September 7, 1899                                   | five rolls of film |
| <b>The Kansas News</b>                           | - two hard bound books (weekly)                                |                    |
|  | October 17, 1873 – October 9, 1874                             |                    |
|  | October 16, 1874 – October 8, 1875                             |                    |
| <b>The Brocton-Hume Record-Review</b>            | (hard copy in book) for 1977 & 1978                            |                    |



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# Morton Family Bible Records

The Holy Bible  
Philadelphia  
William W. Harding, 1867

## Births

William **Morton** was born Nov-11th, 1855

Rufus **Morton** was born April 11th, 1859

Mary **Morton** was born January 26th, 1861

Ellen **Morton** was born Aug 20th, 1869

Benj **Morton** was born Aug. 31, 1825

Jane **Stewart** was born Jan. 6, 1835

[ ] **Rhoads** was born October 15, [ ]

Stewart **Rhoads** was born Aug. 31, 1902

## Marriages

William **Morton** was married October 24th, 1878 to Jennie **Brown**

Mary **Morton** was married to George **Hunter**, December 31, 1884

William **Morton** was married to Sarah **Varnalsdall**, June 12, 1887

Rufus **Morton** was married to Rosa **Wheeler** Jan. 22, 1890

Benjamin **Morton** and Jane **Stewart** were married January 7, 1835

Ella **Morton** and Benj **Rhoads** were married April 3, 1898

## Deaths

George **Hunter** died September 22, 1886

Jennie **Morton** died Dec. 8, 1887

Benj **Morton** died July 17, 1890

Rufus **Morton** died July 17, 1890

Jane **Morton** died January 7, 1897

William **Morton** died July 26, 1930

Ella Morton **Rhoads** died Dec. 21, 1955

Benjamin Tolbert **Rhoads** died Feb. 9, 1952 Born Sept. 10, 1858

Stewart **Rhoads** died Sept. 5, 1951

# Hinds Family Bible Records

The New Testament  
New York  
American Bible Society, 1881

## Births

Henry Allen **Hinds** was born October -14-1860

Sallie M. **Fisher** was born August-17-1859

Mary Anna **Hinds** was born Nov.-3-1884

Mabel Lorena **Hinds** was born July-28-1887

## *Grandchildren*

Edwin Eugene **Wilson** was born Dec.-28-1912

Alan Russel **Wilson** was born June 6th-1916

Betty Anna **Wilson** born Nov.-24th-1924

Morris Leslie **Wilson** born Oct. 13-1929

Janice Ann **Hallford** born July-17-1960

## *More births*

William Edwin **Hallford** born Dec. 30-1952

Janice A **Hallford** born July-13-[]

Timothy Lee **Hallford** born Jan. 16-1962

Jeanie **Wilson** born Nov.16-1948

Jacquelyn Sue **Wilson** born Mar. 24-1950

## Marriages

Henry Allen **Hinds** Sallie M. **Fisher** were married Dec. 17-1882

Samuel E. **Wilson** Mabel Lorena **Hinds** were married October-11-1911

Edwin Eugene **Wilson** Margurite **Sosby** married July-20-1947

Otis W. **Hallford** Elizabeth Ann **Wilson** married Dec. 10-1949

Morris Leslie **Wilson** Eleanor Jean **Zeimer** married July-31-1955

## Deaths

Alan Russel **Wilson** died Nov-8-1922

Mabel H **Wilson** died Oct. 25-1929

Henry Allen **Hinds** died Feb. 3-1942

Sallie Fisher **Hinds** died May 23-1950

Samuel Edwin **Wilson** died March 15, 1961

## 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 News, Thursday, March 27, 1919

Fred L. **Adams**, 59 years old, proprietor of the Star Bakery for twenty years, died at 10:05 o'clock Thursday morning at the family home in East Madison street. He had been in ill health for four years but suffered a complete nervous breakdown two months ago. Two weeks ago he went to Rochester, Minn. and received treatment at the Mayo Brothers' sanitarium, and later went to a Chicago sanitarium. He was brought home last Saturday evening and his condition since has been extremely critical.

Mr. **Adams** was born at Ogdensburg, N. Y. and came to Paris 25 years ago from Carthage, N. J. He opened the Star Bakery of the west side of the square and for 20 years continued this business with much success. After disposing of his bakery five years ago he was interested in city real estate.

The deceased was married in 1904 to Alice **Seibert** of Columbus, O. He is survived by two children, Charlotte and John, also his father, John Q. **Adams** and a sister, Mrs. J. B **Wheater** of Ogdensburg, N. Y., and a brother, George **Adams** of Lebanon, Ind. His father is 94 years old.

Mr. **Adams** was an active member of the Elks lodge. He was a man highly esteemed by the entire community, having a smile and a good word for everyone he would meet.

Mr. and Mrs. Al **Hopper** of Hume, Ill., received a message from the war department this week announcing the death of their nephew, Leroy **Ewell**. The young man was killed in action on October 16.

Mr. **Ewell** was 17 years old, and enlisted in Indianapolis more than a year ago. He was a member of the Sixth field artillery.

He was born at Hume and was the son of John **Ewell**, whose whereabouts are unknown. He had made his home since a small child with his grandmother, Mrs. Charity **Ewell**, and after her death several years ago had lived with Mr. and Mrs. **Hopper** and with relatives in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Minerva **Walters**, 36 years old, a former resident of Paris, died Wednesday morning at St. Anthony's hospital in Terre Haute. The body was removed yesterday afternoon to the family home, 54 South Tenth and One-half street.

Minerva **Dawson**, daughter of the late Thomas and Jane **Dawson**, was born at Nevins, Ill., and had spent most of her life in Paris. She was married about 15 years ago to Milton Walters, who survives together with three children, Frances, Lillie and Max.

Mrs. **Walters** is also survived by four sisters and one brother: Mrs. Nettie **Brenneman**, Mrs. Ira **Brown** of Paris, Mrs. Minnie **Bonesteel** of Danville of Danville, Mrs. Mahala **Ketner** and Frank **Dawson** of Terre Haute.

Miss Letitia **McKee**, formerly of Paris, is dangerously ill at the American hospital in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. **Metcalfe** of North street are the parents of a son, born Saturday night. Names Daniel Howe, Mrs. **Metcalfe** was formerly Miss Josephine **Burns**.

Paris Daily News, Thursday, March 27, 1919 (con't)

The funeral of Mrs. John T. **Wiley** will be held at the family residence two miles south of Kansas, Ill., at 10 o'clock Friday morning, the Rev. Mr. **Fonger**, pastor of the Kansas Christian church officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery.

Mrs. **Wiley** died at 2 o'clock Wednesday morning of heart trouble, having been a sufferer of this disease for several years.

The deceased was formerly Anna **Shy**, daughter of Samuel **Shy**, and was born 74 years ago at Lexington, Ky. She came to Edgar county as a small child. In 1864 she was united in marriage to John T. **Wiley**. He passed away six year ago.

She is survived by one daughter, Lulu, at home, and four sons, Allen O., New York, Paul of Evansville, Ind., Walker of Kansas, Ill., and Shy **Wiley** of Clinton, Ind.

There are also three brothers and one sister, Edward **Shy**, Woodward, Okla., John **Shy**, Mishawaka, Ind., Grant **Shy**, California, and Mrs. Laura **Lair**, Paris, Ky. Mrs. **Wiley** leaves seven grandchildren, four of whom make their home with her.

Paris Republican, Friday, November 8, 1889

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. **Culbertson** returned from Austin, Texas yesterday.

Mr. Henry **Bull** died at his home in Kansas, Ill. last Monday at the advanced age of 80 years.

Clarence **Swango** and Miss Laura **Fleming** were married at the Christian Church parsonage yesterday, by Elder H. M. **Brooks**.

John S. **Smith** and Miss Mattie **McKee** were married by Elder H. M **Brooks**, at the residence of the bride's parents on West Court street last night.

Harrison **Pinkston** and Mrs. Lucy **Grant** were married by Rev. S. R. **Cottrell** at the residence of Troy **Porter**, South Main street, last Thursday evening. The bride is a sister of Mrs. **Porter**.

The Paris Gazette, Wednesday, November 30, 1881

*Nuptials of Mr. George H. **Augustus** and Miss Ora Beatrice **Redmon***

The particular Society event of the past week was the marriage of the above-names parties, at the Christian Church in this city, Thursday evening, Nov. 24, at 7 1/2 o'clock p.m. and the reception to the contracting parties at the residence of the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. **Augustus**, on East Madison street.

Perry **Huston**, of the St. George Hotel, Evansville, Ind., is visiting parents and friends in this city.

Dr. C. S. **Laughlin** and wife left yesterday for Savanah, to be gone a week, and will take in the Atlanta Cotton Exposition.

Byron **Few**, of Bloomington, Ill., was in the city last week. He came to attend the funeral of Mrs. John D. **Wallace** of whom he was a relative.

Mrs. Walter F. **Collady** and child, of Decatur, are visiting Mrs. C's mother, Mrs. James **Shoaff**.

H. C. **Fancher** has resigned the agency of the Singer sewing machine company in this city.

*The Paris Gazette, Wednesday, November 30, 1881 (Con't)*

*Died in this city Thursday, Nov. 24, 1881, of paralysis. Mrs. Sarah **Vance**, widow of the late William B. **Vance**, aged 71 years, 8 months and 17 days.*

Mrs. **Vance** was the third wife of Wm. B. **Vance**, who died in this city, Sept. 17, 1875 at the age of 79 years and 45 days. Mrs. **Vance** was the mother of Joseph W., Wm. K and Wesley **Vance**. She was married to W. B. **Vance** in 1842, after which marriage she united with the Presbyterian Church, having previously been a member of the Methodist Church. She was a faithful and devoted Christian mother, beloved by all who knew her. A week or two before he death she was suddenly stricken with paralysis, depriving her of her speech, and rendering her entirely helpless. But she has passed beyond the shore of that Beautiful River into the light of perfect day.

*Died in Terre Haute, Monday, Nov. 21st, Lucius **Booth**, aged - years.*

The friends of Lucius **Booth** were surprised as well as pained, to learn of his death, which occurred in Terre Haute, on Monday of last week, Nov. 21st. He had many friends in this city. He was the brother of the late Walter **Booth**, of this city, and of Senator **Booth** of California. He was the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Beebe **Booth** who survives him and his brother Walter. Residing with his aged parents, he was a tender and loving son, watching over them in their advanced years, little expecting that he would be taken away before they had finished their days on earth. It had been a half century, before death had broken the home of these aged parents, when the Reaper came, a few months ago and gathered their oldest son, Walter, to his last home - now followed by the youngest, Lucius, whose remains were brought to this city and laid away in Edgar Cemetery last Wednesday afternoon.

*Died, in this city Monday, Nov. 28th, 1881, of paralysis, David A. **Woodbridge**, aged 72 years, 2 months and 26 days.*

Mr. **Woodbridge** was born in New London Co., Conn., Sept. 2, 1809. During his early life he learned the trade of a shoemaker, and at the age of 21, started into life for himself and removed to Columbus, Ohio, where he engaged in the mercantile life. He was married to Miss Carrie J. **Doane**, of Lancaster, O., July 16, 1839. She died August 24, 1840, leaving one child, Carrie (deceased). After the death of his wife and child he traveled considerably, finally settling in this city and engaged in the mercantile business with **Dodd & Co.**, continuing with them two years, when he engaged as clerk with Walter **Booth**, and became a partner after six year's service. In 1869, he sold out to Mr. **Booth**, and embarked, with W. H **Geohegan**, in the planning mill and lumber business, in which he continued until 1874, since which time he has been out of business. He married for his second wife, Mrs. Mary K. **Woodbridge**, of this city, in April 1869. While sitting in the chair last Saturday shaving himself, he fell over, from the effects of a paralytic stroke, lingering until Monday forenoon when he passed peacefully away to the land beyond.

Wm. Osborn **Gilkey**, of Ross Township died at the residence of Jonathan **Gaines**, in said township last Saturday. He was a native of Kentucky, being born six miles south of Mt. Sterling, the county seat of Montgomery county. His remains were taken to his old home for burial where he had, sometime ago bought a lot in the Cemetery and purchased a monument for himself. The writer of this has known him since his early boyhood, and can attest to his many social virtues. He was a bachelor, well known for many years in this county as a most excellent and estimable citizen.



Marriage license was taken out at the county clerk's office today by a strangely assorted couple. They were John **Mulverhill**, a bearded and bronzed man of 51, and Emma G. **Martin**, a timid, bashful county girl of fifteen. Both parties hailed from Kansas and were accompanied by the father of the bride, who gave his consent that the license could be issued.

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Vol. III 1878 - 1886 \$26ppd

Vol. IV 1887 - 1893 \$26ppd

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Vol. VI 1901 - 1906 \$28ppd

Vol. VII 1907 - 1910 \$30ppd

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44 pages

138 photos

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