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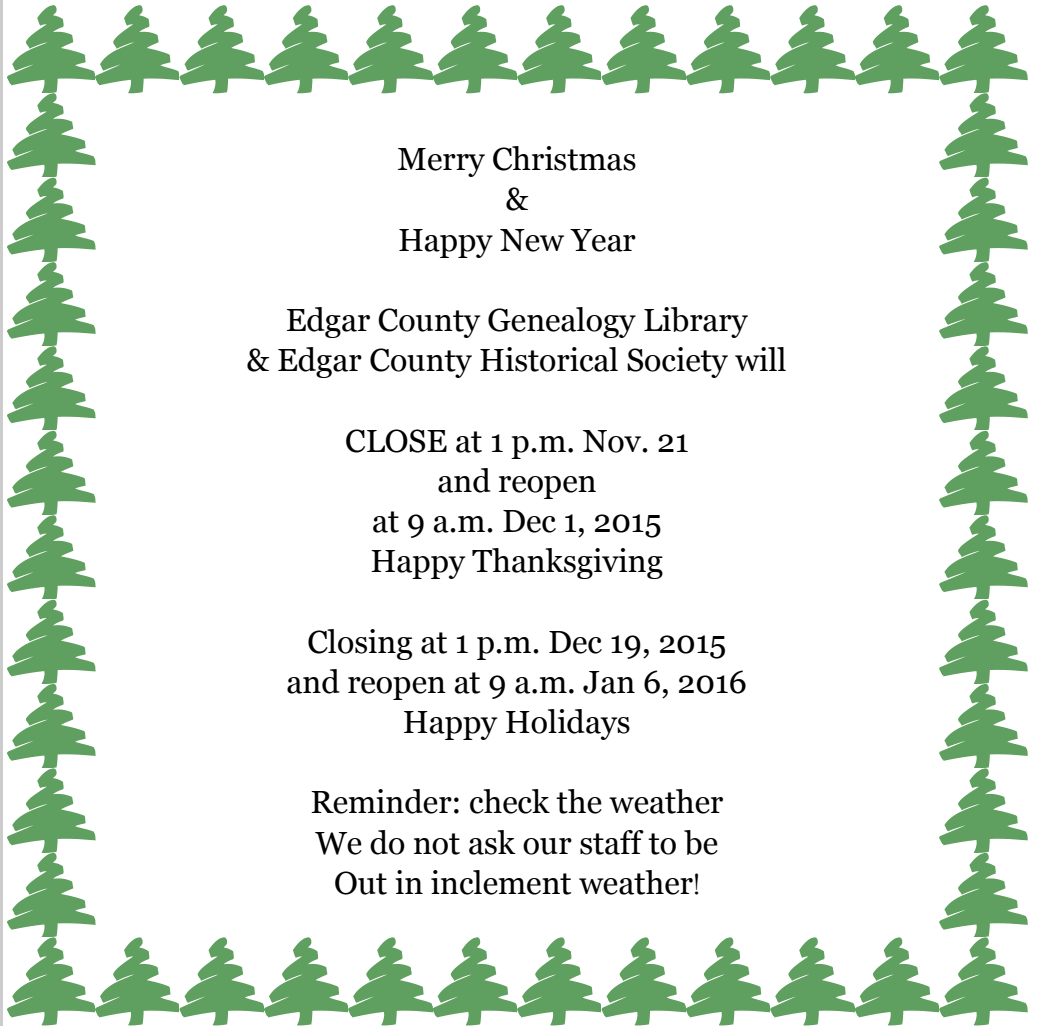
Gone but not forgotten

Edgar County School - who knew there were so many!

Divorce runs rampant in Edgar County

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Merry Christmas
&
Happy New Year

Edgar County Genealogy Library
& Edgar County Historical Society will

CLOSE at 1 p.m. Nov. 21
and reopen
at 9 a.m. Dec 1, 2015
Happy Thanksgiving

Closing at 1 p.m. Dec 19, 2015
and reopen at 9 a.m. Jan 6, 2016
Happy Holidays

Reminder: check the weather
We do not ask our staff to be
Out in inclement weather!

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, December 7th, 2015

“Best thing this year” - we invite everyone to come and share the best genealogical thing that happened to them this year. Bring your favorite holiday treat to share following the meeting.

Check our Facebook page anytime for the latest updates!

Society Information

Society Officers 2015-16

President

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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 2015, you will have to pay \$1.50 extra to receive the past Newsletters. If you joined after October 2015, you will need to add \$2.00 extra. And if you joined after January 2016, 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 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.

One Stop Shopping

Christmas is almost here! Have you started your shopping yet? Don't know what to get your favorite genealogist? The Edgar County Genealogical Society has just what you need.

There are marriage books from 1823-1914; Cook Funeral Home records from 1892-1928; Paris, IL Illustrated & Descriptive 1908 and many, many more. Check out our webpage at www.edgarcountygenealogy.org for all of your shopping needs!

Gone, but not forgotten

Longtime volunteer librarian Fred **Delap** passed away on August 11. Fred was our resident military records expert, compiling ten military databases for the Illinois State Archives. He was a member of the Edgar County Genealogical and Historical Societies and served as on the Edgar County Genealogy Library board. Our sympathies to his family. He will be missed.

Edgar County Genealogy Library

Edgar County Genealogy Library News

Sorry to report that Fred **Delap** passed away on August 11, 2015 and was laid to rest with his parents in Harmony Cemetery on August 15. He had a military funeral. He will be missed.

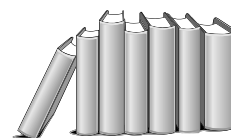
The Library is looking for volunteers, who might like to come in and help out. You might say you do not know enough, but you will find out you know more than you think. We have a good time helping the patrons and the other Library volunteers are just a telephone call away, and willing to help. Monica Brunelle has volunteered to come in and learn the Library and help us out, Welcome Aboard. We are still working on the half day that she will be working, but it will not be until she feels ready to try it on her own.

The library shelves continue to fill up with each new book we add, some material have been moved and some have been removed from three ring notebooks to pressed-board binder, which take up less space. So if you come in to work, just ask we will help you find the book / material you need.

**Reminder the Edgar County Genealogy Library will be CLOSED:
Nov 25 – Dec 5, 2016 Happy Thanksgiving
Dec 23, 2015 – Jan 5, 2016 Happy Holidays**

**Planning a visit, check the weather report, we do not ask our volunteers to get out in inclement weather. You can also call ahead.
Telephone # (217) 463-4209.**

Linda Cary – Director ECGL



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Hours:
Wednesday,
Thursday & Friday
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

1st & 3rd Saturdays
9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Closed all holidays

Call for appointments during off hours or during inclement weather

Librarians:

Linda Cary

Norm Carroll

Linda Barrett

Jenny Barkley

Phyllis Sutton

Judy Cash

Monica Brunelle

1890 School Districts

The following information is courtesy of Linda Cary, who received it from Shirley Eldredge, Edgar County County Clerk, March 24,1987.

Young America Township

7 - Galway
8 - Hildreth
9 - Pattison
10 - Palmero
11 - Mapel Grove
12 - Baum
13 - Dodd
14 - Kendall
26 - Watson
27 - Metcalf
28 - Hume
29 - Gilkey
138 - McCaun

Ross Township

4 - Woodyard
5 - Ross
6 - Dickson
15 - Maple Grove
16 - Boone
17 - Mitchell
24 - Chrisman
25 - Cherry Point

Prairie Township

1 - Quaker Hill
2 - Scott
3 - Prairie Union
18 - Legate
20 - Manley
21 - Victor
23 - Scotland

Brouillett Creek Township

22 - Excelsior
37 - Mt. Carmel
38 - Watertown
39 - Legg
40 - Kidley
41 - Logan
63 - Jones
64 - Pan Handle
65 - Sugar Grove

Edgar Township

35 - Rodgers
36 - Manning
43 - Bloomfield
44 - Edgar
42 - Scott
45 - Mark
58 - Willow Grove
59 - Horace
60 - Larkin
61 - Pleasant Hill
63 - Banner
69 - Steam Point
70 - Pine Grove
71 - Blue Mound

Embarras Township

49 - Dole
51 - Sandridge
52 - Brocton
53 - Hanners
54 - Merkle
75 - Baltimore
76 - Catfish
78 - Independent
79 - McCollum
154 - Isabel

Shiloh Township

31 - Wyatt
32 - Melwood
33 - Vansickle
34 - Sliver Grove
46 - Gossett
47 - Garland
48 - Bentwood
55 - Golden Rule
56 - Patrick
57 - Shiloh
30- Bane
50 - Payne
137 - Kirkpatrick

Buck Township

72 - Stewart
73 - Pilot Grove
74 - Barnett
80 - Redmon
81 - Waller
82 - Buckler
83 - Walnut Grove
98 - Barnhill
99 - Cross Roads

Paris Township

84 - Maple Grove
85 - Sugar Creek Point
86 - Buckeye
87 - Kimble
94 - Sulphur Springs
96 - Plum Grove
97 - North Union
111 - Turner

1890 School Districts (con't)

Symmes Township

109 - Asher
110 - New Hope
118 - McCord
119 - Ft. Sumpter
128 - South Union
129 - Providence
130 - Walls
131 - Rhoads
144 - Jefferson
145 - Oliver

Hunter Township

66 - Clays Prairie
67 - Forest
68 - Baldwinville
88 - Morehouse
89 - North Arm
91 - Hunter

Stratton Township

90 - Oak Grove
92 - Hodgins
93 - Lanes Branch
112 - Camp Chapel
113 - Kentuck
114 - Superior
116 - Vermilion

Elbridge Township

115 - Grand Center
117 - Pleasant Grove
132 - Nevins
133 - Stipp
134 - Success
139 - Grand Success
140 - New Providence
141 - Patton
142 - Elbridge
143 - Salem

Grandview Township

100 - Dudley
106 - Grandview
107 - Brinkerhoff
108 - Conlogue
120 - Buchanan
125 - Fairview
126 - New Goshen
127 - Belle Ridge

Kansas Township

101 - Hickory Grove
102 - Harmony
104 - Kansas
105 - Simpson
121 - Walnut Grove
122 - Willow Grove
123 - Inclose
124 - Pleasant Hill

Gleanings from local newspapers

Paris Daily Beacon, Jan 1892

Among the many deaths that have brought sadness into this community during the past few weeks, there is not one that has been occasion for more universal regret, than that of Elder G. M. **Rude**, which occurred shortly after midnight last night at his home in the western part of the city. The deceased was a native of New York, being born at Saratoga, Nov. 3rd, 1808, having therefore passed his eighty-third mile stone. At the age of twenty-eight, he entered the ministry, of the Christian denomination and his life thence forth was one of unswerving devotion of this chosen vocation. For eighteen years, he held a continuous charge at Harrison, Ohio, and thence removed to Indianapolis, where he engaged in evangelistic work. From that time forward, he preached the gospel "in season and out of season", working wherever his services were most needed, until failing health disabled him fro further activity in the pursuit of his profession. He removed to this city with his family in 1855 and has resided here ever since. He was married in 1832 to Miss Margaret **Gould**, of Dearborn county, Ind., who survives him. Of the eight children born of this union, five are still living, viz: W. B. **Rude** and Mrs. Jennie **Snyder** of Arcola; Mrs. Lida **Leitch**, Miss Emma **Rude** and F. M. **Rude**, of this city, all of whom have grown to manhood and womanhood, reflecting honor upon their parentage, and universally respected in the communities wherein they reside.

Mr. **Rude** was a Christian in all that the name implies. His devotion to the Master's cause was manifested not only in his active and fruitful ministerial labors, but in countless deeds of kindness which brought happiness into the lives of all around him. No appeal for sympathy or assistance was ever made to him in vain. He was charitable and just in all his dealings exemplifying in his own life the way in which he would guide the footsteps of others. He has been quite feeble for the past year and an attack of la grippe served to extinguish forever the lamp of life, which already burned with a dim uncertain light.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence Wednesday, Jan. 20th at 10 o'clock a.m. Elder H. M. **Brooks** officiating.

Ephriam & Elizabeth Jane Richeson

Edgar County Court House Book 2 page 176:

Ephriam Richeson, male, white, occupation farmer, age 74y2m23d – death date 1 August 1909 – married, birthplace Ohio, undertaker, H. **Sudduth** of Oakland, IL.

Edgar County Court House Book 3 page 385

Elizabeth Jane Richeson – female, white, widow, birthplace Ohio, b 1 Oct 1837 died 26 Aug 1914 at 1 p.m. – age 76y 10m 25d, housewife, undertaker, H. **Sudduth** of Oakland, IL. – Resident of Illinois for 40y, father Wm. **Bell** b. OH, mother Nancy **Thompson**, b OH, informant John **Richeson** of Isabel, IL. Buried 28 Aug 1914 in Embarrass Cemetery.

The Paris Daily Beacon Tuesday 3 August 1909 on page 2

Mrs. Richeson Overcome Redmon, Ill. – August 3 – Mrs. Ethrall **Richardson** was so overcome with grief, attendant upon the death of husband, Sunday, that she suffered a severe nervous collapse today, and her condition is considered serious. Mrs. **Richardson** has not been very strong for years.

Ethraill Richardson Dies Redmon, Ill. August 3 – Ethraill **Richardson** died at his home here of inflammation of the bowels, caused from a stroke of paralysis, sustained about two years ago. The deceased is survived by his widow and eight children. The funeral took place this morning at 10 o'clock from the family residence. Rev. **Hefner** of Humbolt officiating. Burial was made in the Embarrass Cemetery. [The above obituary has been copied just as it was printed.]

The Paris Daily Beacon Thursday 27 August 1914 – Front Page

Mrs. Richardson Dies at Redmon, Ill. – Widow of the late Ephriam Richardson Passes Away
Mrs. **Richardson** Dies – Redmon, 27 August – Mrs. Elizabeth **Richardson**, widow of the late Ephraim **Richardson**, died at her home here on Wednesday, age 77 years. She was born in Guernsey County, Ohio, and came to Edgar County forty years ago. She was the mother of nine children, eight of whom survive, viz. Mrs. James **Chesrown** Jr. of Redmon; Mrs. Bertha **Brill** of St. Louis; Mrs. John **Ryan** of Hume; John of Isabell and Samuel **Richardson** of Kansas; Lewis **Richardson** of Cambridge, Oh; Elmer of Borton; and Ellsworth who lived at home.

The funeral will be conducted from the Embarrass Church at 10:30 o'clock Friday morning, Rev. W. D. **Russell**, of Bluff Springs, Ill. Officiating. Burial will be in the adjoining Cemetery.

Gleanings from local newspapers

The Kansas Journal Thursday September 10, 1896

Probate Court.

The following is a record of the hearing and reports transacted in probate court during the past week.

C.C. **Clinton** as assignee was presented also the bond in the sum of \$5,000 by the assignee and an inventory of indebtedness, assets, etc., all of which were approved by the court.

Jas **Guyman**, administrator of the estate of John **Guyman** deceased, filed his bond for \$1,200 with Isaac **Trogon** and Jas E **Fuqua** as sureties, which was approved. The appraisement bill showed personal property to the value of \$220.20.

Jas E **Fuqua**, T R **Hunter** and Isaac **Trogon**, appraisers presented a report of appraisement in the estate of Nancy J **Rhoden** deceased, which was approved by the court.

John M **Noble** and I N **Cooley**, commissioners of the Brocton drainage district, filed their annual report of receipts and expenditures which was by the court examined and approved. Thursday Sept 24th, was fixed on as the day for hearing objections, should any be made to the report.

Andrew B **Ray** was appointed administrator of the estate of his sister, Laura **Ray** deceased. His bond was for \$3,000 with H **Van Sellar** and Hiram **Lycan** as sureties. The day of adjustment was set for first Monday in November. Appraisers: Geo **Ulrich**, Thos R **Hanks**, and Harry **Crowther**.

Susan C **Tinsley** was permitted to withdraw her claim of \$300 against the firm of **Ratts & Griffith** in the estate of Andrew J **Ratts**.

Abner B **Henry**, administrator of the estate of Wm B **Henry** deceased, made proof of publication for adjustment of claims as provided by law. The report was approved.

Wm A **Tweedy** filed his report of the sale of real property ordered in the estate of Ruth T **Ogburn**, deceased.

John and Robert **Hunter**, administrators of the estate of Wm **Hunter** deceased, filed proof of publication of final settlement and discharge which was approved.

Samuel **Redden**, executor of the last will and testament of the estate of Harvey **Redden** deceased, showed that the notice for the adjustment of claims against the estate had been erroneous and the first Monday in November was the time fixed for adjustment.

C C **Clinton**, assignee of W S **Pinnell**, filed his inventory of the estate which showed \$1,800 subject to \$1,000 mortgage and homestead rights; personal property, notes and accounts to the amount of \$3,366.91. Schedule of liabilities showed indebtedness to the amount of \$5,372.14, all of which was approved and the assignee was instructed to give at once the necessary notices required by law to the debtors and creditors of the insolvent and report.

Alfred **Devore** appeared in person and filed his petition praying that he be restored the possession of his real and personal estate and for the removal of his conservator, W H **Clinton**, the petition alleging complete information. Summons was directed to issue as required by law to the conservator, directed him to appear court and show cause why the prayer of the petition should not be granted. The hearing will be before a jury on Monday, Oct 5th, at 10 o'clock a m.

Last Day of Service – Circuit Court Convenes Sept. 14th - Light Docket but Large Divorce Calendar.

Yesterday was the last day of service before the September term of the Edgar county circuit court which convenes the 14th inst. Bailiffs were busy serving summonses all over the county and their labors did not end until midnight. The calendar is a light one and the cases are not of great importance as a rule. The divorce calendar proves an exception and is out of proportion to the cases under other departments. The tale of marital woe and domestic infidelity is graphically recited in the various bills which have been draughted and placed on file by the attorneys for the complainants. There are twenty-five petitions for divorce and a summary of those desiring legal separation, together with the charges against defendants, is here given as follows:

Deliena **Johnson** wants a divorce from Lester L. **Johnson**. The couple were wedded in Bloomington, Sept. 5, 1887. According to the bill Lester deserted his wife and lived with Rosa **Deshon** in January 1894. There is one child of seven years. The complainant asks a complete divorce, her maiden name, Dellena **Johnson** and the care and custody of her child.

Pearl **Hepner** asks a divorce from Marcus **Hepner**. The complainant charges drunkenness on the part of her husband and his failure to provide.

Ola **Mouser** is another who wishes a divorce from Zenas A. **Mouser**. The couple were married October 9, 1890. There is one child, Myrtle **Mouser**, age four years. The reason for the divorce is desertion on the part of the defendant.

James W. **Sutherland** vs. Kit, alias Anna L. **Sutherland**, is another case. The pair were wedded March 19, 1872. It is claimed that Anna deserted her husband sixteen years ago.

Mamie **Lowdenslager** vs. Oliver A. **Lowdenslager**, is one more case. The couple were married Jan. 28th, 1892. They had been married for only about three months, when the wife deserted. There is one child, age 3 years, which the husband wishes to have, claiming that the mother is not a suitable person to care for the daughter.

Benjamin F. **Lamb** wishes to be legally disjoined from the fulfillment of his marriage vows to Luella **Lamb**. The recitation in the bill is quite interesting. The complainant charges that he wedded Luella when he was only twenty-one years old while she claimed to be only 28 years old, but afterward admitted to being 33 years of age at the time of their marriage. The bill states that Luella was exceedingly chife to her young husband, would call him a boy and chastise him. There are two children.

Melissa **Taylor** vs. Oliver **Taylor** were wedded May 4th, 1873. There are seven children, the eldest daughter being married. The complainant charges that her husband deserted her over two years ago, since which time he has failed to provide for his family.

Wm. T. **Holt** vs. Emma L. **Holt** is another case of divorce. The complainant claims that the marriage was Feb. 28, 1889, but that his wife deserted his care and love on June 11, '94.

Rachel **Parkhurst** would be divorced from Jerome **Parkhurst**. The couple were married Oct 1st, 1880, in Jasper county. There are two children and the alleged grounds for divorce are attributed to drunkenness and cruelty on the part of the defendant.

Hattie **Baber** asks for a divorce from Frederick **Baber**. They were wedded in April 1895. The charge is repeated cruelty.

Alice **Sutton** sues for a divorce from George L. **Sutton**, the charge being desertion.

Rosetta **Harrier** vs. William **Harrier** is another case of divorce filed. The charge is drunkenness and cruelty.

Mary **Lambert** wishes a divorce from Earnest **Lambert**. The couple were married April 27, 1881, in Cincinnati and seven children have been born to them. The charge is extreme cruelty on the part of the defendant. The complainant asks for the care and custody of the children and means to sustain them.

James **Medough** wishes a divorce from Nancy J. **Medough**. The charge is adultery.

Other cases of divorce are:

Owen **Rowe** vs Ida **Rowe**;

Harry **Jacobs** vs. Vida **Jacobs**;

Elmer **Tiffin** vs Kate **Tiffin**;

Jemina **Whalen** vs C. C. **Whalen**.

Mamie **Draper** has filed suit against Harry L. **Draper** for separate maintenance.

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Publications for Sale

Cook Funeral Home

(three books in one volume)

Vol. I Jul 1892-Mar 1897

Vol. II Mar 1897-Dec 1902

Vol. III Oct 1918-Dec 1928

\$19 postage paid

Edgar County, IL Marriages:

Vol. I 1823 - 1859 \$29ppd

Vol. II 1860 - 1877 \$24ppd

Vol. III 1878 - 1886 \$26ppd

Vol. IV 1887 - 1893 \$26ppd

Vol. V 1894 - 1900 \$26ppd

Vol. VI 1901 - 1906 \$28ppd

Vol. VII 1907 - 1910 \$30ppd

Vol. VIII 1911 - 1914 \$28ppd

Paris, IL Illustrated & Descriptive 1908

44 pages

138 photos

\$22.50 postage paid

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