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New Year's Resolutions

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Special points of interest:

Edgar County Cemetery Database Update

Osborn Bible Records

Civil War veteran brothers pass away

News from our men in uniform

Beall family information

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It's that time of year when everyone is making New Year's resolutions? Did you make any this year? How many are you still doing? If you are like most people, they last a couple of weeks, then they are gone.

Well this is the best time of year to make your Genealogy new year resolutions. It is cold outside and maybe it is snowing where you are. Take some time to sit down and decide what you would like to accomplish this year with your genealogy research.

Maybe you need to just stop and organize everything you already have. Somewhere in all those notes may just be the one piece of information you need to go to the next step in research. There are many different ways to organize your information and no one way is right for everyone. Think about how you do your research and carefully plan how you want everything organized. One of the easiest ways is to get the information into a computer program. Scan those documents and slips of paper with notes on them and you will be able to access them quickly and conveniently.

Is there a specific family line you want to focus on this year? If so, get all your information together and see what you are missing. I made my own spreadsheet to keep track of information I have. It includes checkboxes for birth, death and marriage certificates, all of the census years, pictures- both individual and family, and burial information. All I have to do is put a checkmark or X in the box if I have that piece of information. Then when I am searching, I only need that one piece of paper with me to know what I have and what I need to search for.

Whatever you are searching for, just develop a system and use it. You won't spent time doing double research and you will accomplish so much more!

Above all, be sure to have a good backup program in place. You certainly don't want to have a computer malfunction and loose all of the precious research and pictures you have spent years acquiring.

Have a great 2016 and "Happy Researching"!

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 7th, 2016

Funeral Home Records - presented by Templeton Funeral Home

Monday, June 6th, 2016

Annual meeting and presentation of the Edythe Stephens Family History Award

Check our Facebook page anytime for the latest updates!

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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.

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2015 Discoveries

The December meeting of the ECGS was held on the 7th with everyone participating in the program. Everyone shared their 2015 discoveries ranging from the small to unbelievable! The program was followed by refreshments and a time of visiting.

Monica had been told her g-g-grandmother was a full blooded Indian, but a DNA test showed no Indian DNA.

Jenny was searching the Vermillion County, Indiana library in Clinton and just before they locked the doors, she found her grandmothers family line - on the last shelf in the last book!

Fenton & Judy are writing a book using Legacy and found g-grandfathers on both sides were in the Union Army in the Civil War and both are buried in the same town in Kentucky. Maybe it was fate Fenton & Judy found each other!

Linda located her g-g-grandfathers burial location in Missouri, now if she can just get Clark to take her there to see it.

Teresa found that working at the public library, she runs into fellow researchers on her family line. She now has 92 pages of Civil War pension applications on a g-g-grandfather. You never know who you will run into while researching.

Debbie located and contacted by phone her grandfathers niece while tracking down family for a reunion. She is 94 years old living in Florida. Oh, the stories she told about Debbie's grandfather!

Do you have a discovery you would like to share? Send us an email and we will get it in the next newsletter.

Edgar County Genealogy Library



Well we made it thru the Christmas and New Year Celebrations, without any major snow-storms. The weather here has not been too bad as yet, but as I set here writing this note, the outside temperature is only about 15 degrees. We have had rain but we are still behind on the yearly total of rain, and at least it is not freezing.

Our first day back at the Library was busy, but that makes the time go faster, and there is always something to do, to get caught up. Have to do the normal business for the Library besides helping the patrons. We had 6 patrons two local people working on articles for the newspapers, a couple from Bloomington, Indiana area and two gentlemen from Effingham, IL. in on Wednesday January 6.

The 2015 Newspaper article of interest (Deaths, Births, Announcements) have been placed in book form and indexed. Index will be added to the master index. Library was presented with two other scrapbook kept by Sara Stephens Law, a member of the Paris High School graduating class of 1950, they have been assigned MS 1 and MS 2, (large scrapbooks with over 400 pages). These have been indexed and a wealth of information, containing over 6,000 entries.

The Genealogy Library had a Kansas High School English Class, consisting of 12 students that visited on Dec 9th, with teacher Ryan **D'Arcy**. The students investigated records of: Kansas, IL. Old School Buildings/Railroads/Churches, Ku Klux Klan, Civil War, Kansas Summer Festival; Ashmore Estates, Kirchner's Building and traditional Farming. The students were also taken on a tour of the Edgar County Historical Society Complex (Arthur House, Agriculture Building and the Eslinger Cabin), They were a great group of students, teacher and bus driver.

While we were closed the microfilm order for the Kansas, IL Weekly Journal came, the time frame covered is Jan 5, 1893 thru Dec 22, 1977. The 21 rolls of film have been processed and place in the file cabinet for patrons/library staff use.

Please note: we will soon have upgraded indexes for the Scrapbooks with 110,000 entries, and Chrisman Courier Weekly Newspaper from 1899-1948, with 99,936 entries on the computers for use.

Reminder if you are writing by either letter or email, Please include full name of person you want searched and a time frame. We have been getting e-mails but no time frame!

The Edgar County Genealogy 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 our newest volunteer is learning the Library, Welcome Aboard. She is working whenever I need her but usually on Thursday mornings. I have been given a couple of other names and telephone numbers, but as yet have not been able to connect with them.

The library shelves continue to fill up with each new book we add, some materials 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 and we will help you find the book / material you need.

Linda Cary - Director ECGL

Edgar County Genealogy Library Cemetery Database Update

The database has 55,467 entries. Please note if an obituary says that the service or burial will be private, only a family member can tell us details of the burial/service. So the Library has added another number to the cemetery database it is #172, which stands for Private, there are 133 listed under this number now. There are another 398 listed under cremation, number assigned to cremations is 168.

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Family record – Marriages

Charles **Osborn** was married to his consort Elizabeth **Cole** Novem 15th 1815.

Joseph C. **Osborn** & Harriet **Hazen** Married Feb 2nd 1846.

George **Osborn** & Lucinda **Simpson** Married Dec 31st 1846

Ann **Osborn** Married to Peter **Wilkinson** April 1838

Sarah **Osborn** Married to Edwin **Hollensbe** Sept 26th 1844

Rachel **Osborn** Married to John E. **Hollensbe** Oct 16, 1845

United in the Holy One Received from Him a last well Done

Yours in the Lord In Heaven John B. **Hayward**

Family Record – Births

Charles **Osborn** Decemr 15th 1793

Elizabeth **Cole** Septemr 26th 1796

Their Children.

Albert sat Sept 7th 1816

Ann mond. Dec 15th 1817

George sat. June 3d 1820

Joseph C. thur Janu. 24th 1822

Rachel C &

Sarah E wed. Dece 13th 1826

Ira tues. March 3d 1829

Albert I. thur Feb 3d 1831

Mary sun. May 18th 1834

John B. sund July 31 1842 [marked out] 1836 written below

[writing/printing changes on this child]

Family Record. Deaths.

Albert October 29th 1816

Ira August 31st 1830

These innocents lie beneath the tomb

Theyre gone to their Eternal Home

We trust the Saveior hold them

Blest

The bosom of Redeeming Rest

Rest In Heaven

Trust in the Lord J.B. **Hayward**

Blue ink

Charles **Osborn** July 12th 1860

Gleanings from local newspapers

Chrisman Courier, Weekly Newspaper - Thursday August 17, 1939

Officiates at Funeral Tuesday

Rev. O.H. **Meyers**, pastor of the Chrisman Methodist Church, officiated at the funeral of Charles A, **Kruse**, 57, Paris, who died early Monday morning after a long illness, due to a paralytic stroke. The body was prepared for burial at the T.J. Owen Funeral Home in Chrisman.

He is survived by his wife, the former Harriet **Stokesberry**, and one son, Karl, of Paris. The deceased was formerly owner of a cigar factory, and at one time was state bee inspector. He was a talented musician, being a member of the St. Louis Symphony orchestra when a resident of that city. He was associated with various orchestras and the Paris band.

Former Justice of Peace Dies Friday

Lewis **Alexander**, 70, former justice of the peace, died Friday at 12:30 o'clock at his home in Chrisman following an illness of several weeks.

Mr. **Alexander** was a son of Richard and Mary **Alexander** and was born March 7, 1869. On March 15, 1922 he was united in marriage to Cora **Prather**.

Funeral services were held at the Ohio Church, near West Union, Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. O.H. **Meyers**, pastor of the Chrisman Methodist Church officiating, assisted by Rev. J. P. Collier, also of Chrisman. Burial was in the adjoining cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Cora; four brothers, Carson, Chrisman; George and Ed of Paris and James of Detroit; three sisters, Mrs. Dora **Ranney** of South Dakota, Mrs. Dean **Garlin** of Westville, and Mrs. Anna **Shotwell**, West Union; and a step-daughter, Mrs. **Price** of St. Bernice, Ind.

Mrs. A. Cordie **Robison** and daughter, Miss Emma, returned from Urbana Saturday where the latter had attended the U. of I. this summer. They will remain here a few weeks before going to Allerton where Miss **Robison** will teach again this fall.

Fractures Arm in Fall

Mrs. Ida **Coe** fell at the home of her son, Russell O. **Coe**, north of Chrisman, one day last week, fracturing her right arm in two places.

Will reside in Miami

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. **Bail** will make their future home in Miami, Fla., where the former has accepted a position with the Pan American Air Line. Mrs. **Bail** was formerly Susie **Phipps**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry **Phipps** of Chrisman.

A daughter was born at three o'clock Thursday morning, Aug. 19, 1939, at Paris Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Harlan **Swango**, Jr., of that city. She is the first child and weighed nine pounds and one-quarter ounce. Mrs. **Swango** was formerly Miss Dora Ellen **Frazier**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. **Frazier**, former residents of Chrisman.

Chrisman Courier, Weekly Newspaper - Thursday August 17, 1939 (con't)

Obituary-Mrs. Anna Belle **Blanton Dayhuff**, daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth **Blanton**, was born Sept. 24, 1876 near Patricksburg, Ind., and departed this life on Sunday, August 6, 1939. She grew to womanhood in the vicinity where she was born.

She was married to Wallace **Dayhuff** on Dec. 4, 1898. To this union eight children were born. All are living: Mrs. Iva **Stoops** of Scotland; Merrel **Dayhuff**, Dallas Center, Iowa; Emmett **Dayhuff**, Chelan, Wash.; Ralph **Dayhuff**, Metcalf; Mrs. Hazel **Ramsey**, Chrisman; Mrs. Olive **Dugger**, Clinton, Ind.; Gerald **Dayhuff**, Flint, Mich., and Mrs. Lula Pearle **Ellis**, Indianapolis, Ind. And thirteen grandchildren

She is also survived by one brother, Thomas **Blanton** of Detroit, Mich.; one half-brother, David **Blanton**; and three half-sisters, Mrs. Maggie **Wolf**, Mrs. Lucy **Ducker**, and Mrs. Ethel **Rhodes**; and by a host of friends and neighbors.

Funeral services were conducted from the Christian Church in Metcalf at 2:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon, Rev. Mr. **Weldon**, local pastor in charge.

Obit lists singers & songs, flower girls, pallbearers and lists out of town guests. Includes poem.

Paris, IL. Daily Beacon News - Friday April 17, 1931 page 3 col. 8 -

Service Today for Mrs. Cora Sinclair Martinsville, Ill. April 17 - Funeral service for Mrs. Cora **Sinclair** were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the Martinsville church with the Rev. A. L. **Honn** officiating. He was assisted in the service by Rev. J. A. **Stout**. Burial was in the Ridgelawn cemetery. Mrs. **Sinclair** died Wednesday evening at her home north of Martinsville following an illness of three weeks with bronchial pneumonia and asthma of the heart.

She is survived by her husband, Ben **Sinclair**, and one daughter, Mrs. Kathryn **Huckaba**.

The Paris Daily Beacon, January 11, 1915

Robert **Dawson** a veteran of the civil war and well known citizen, died at 10:30 o'clock Sunday evening at his home on North Austin street, his demise being attributed to a complication of diseases. He had been ill for about eleven days but appeared to be no worse than usual on Sunday. He suffered a sudden relapse during the evening, however, and died at the hour mentioned above.

Mr. **Dawson** was born at Indianapolis, Ind., June 4, 1833, being 81 years at the time of his death. From Indianapolis he moved to Ohio and then to several other states finally locating in Paris. He has resided here for the past 10 years.

Mr. Dawson's first marriage was to Mary Ann **O'Harrow**, who died in 1890. To this union were born ten children, only one of whom, Edward Dawson, of Paris survives. His second marriage was to Nelle **Pierson**, who died in the year 1898. No children were born to this union. The third marriage was about 14 years ago to Sarah Elizabeth **King**, who survives. To this union were born three children, two of whom, Grant and Asbury survive. Aside from his wife and children, Mr. **Dawson** is survived by three brothers, viz.; Thomas and Alex of Paris, Joseph, of Indianapolis.

At the beginning of the Civil War Mr. **Dawson** joined the 36th, Indiana Volunteers. he received a disability discharge and later joined an Ohio regiment with which he served throughout the remainder of the war. He was a member of Driskell Post, No. 209, G. A. R. of this city.

Funeral services will be conducted from the late residence on North Austin street at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, being under the auspices of Driskell Post. Burial will be in Edgar Cemetery.

The Paris Daily Beacon, Tuesday, May 18, 1915

Thomas **Daswon**, (brother to previously mentioned Robert Dawson) a veteran of the Civil War and a well known citizen of this city, died at the home [of] his daughter, Mrs. Mahalia **Ketner**, 54 South Tenth and One-Half Street, Terre Haute, Ind., at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon his demise being due to a general debility.

Mr. **Dawson** came here from Indiana and has been a resident of Paris for many years. He served in the Civil War with the 15th Indiana Battery and was in many severe engagements.

His wife died about two years ago and he is survived by one son and six daughters. he was aged 73 years at the time of his death.

The remains will arrive in Paris Wednesday morning and funeral services will be held at the Methodist Protestant church at 10 o'clock A.M. Rev. **Thompson** will officiate and the services will be under the auspices of the G. A. R. of which he was a member. Burial will be in Edgar Cemetery.

Kansas Journal Thursday Dec 6, 1945 page 1

Discharges From U.S. Service

Russell **Guyer** was given an honorable discharge from the U. S. Navy Saturday at Great Lakes. He and his wife, who has been in Chicago, expected to return to Kansas Thursday.

Jack **Wilhoit**, son of R. E. **Wilhoit**, who has been in the Presidio of San Francisco, Calif, has recently been honorably discharged from the U. S. Army. He will not return home at once.

S/Sgt. Lyle Dolton Lyle **Dolton** and his wife, T/5 Betty Dolton of Camp Atterbury, Ind., are in Kansas for a visit with Mrs. T. E. **Ogle**. S/Sgt. Lyle **Dolton** received his honorable discharge from Fort Sheridan Tuesday. He served with the U.S. Army in Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe and Normandy. He was entitled to wear one service stripe. 3 overseas service bars, American campaign medal, European – African – Middle Eastern theater ribbon with five bronze battle stars, Good Conduct medal and Meritorious award for World War II Victory. His wife has applied for discharge from the WACs and expects to be out in a few days.

News of Our Men and Women in Uniform

Pvt. Sherman **Pinnell** of Camp Wolters, Tex., is at home on a furlough.

Pfc. Dale **Wright** has arrived in Oakland, Calif., from overseas. He is confined to a Naval hospital there.

Lt. Dale C. **Wright** called his father, T.S. **Wright**, from Fort Patrick Henry, N.J., Tuesday afternoon after he had landed there about noon from Manila. He will go to Fort Sheridan Separation center, he expects to be home next week.

Lt. John **Berry** talked to his parents Mr. and Mrs. O.O. **Berry**, Sunday night from Memphis, Tenn. He was enroute to a hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. He went via train from New York to Memphis and expected to fly from there to Hot Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank **Melvin** received a telegram Monday from their son, Sgt. Roy **Melvin**, advising them that he had arrived on the West Coast from the Southwest Pacific, where he had been located.

Paris Daily Beacon News, Monday, March 11, 1940

Rev. Charles E. **Jackson**, Jr. of Danville, officiated at the rites for John **Chrisman**, held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the Cook & Wright funeral home. The minister read the poem, "The Day is Done."

Pall bearers were Roscoe **Jones**, Doc **Marcus**, Cornelius **Ashley**, Thornton **Bishop**, Charles **Irish** and John **Blair**. Interment was at Edgar Cemetery.

One of twin boys born early Saturday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Dean **Bishop**, residing west of Oliver, died at birth at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, and was buried this afternoon at Pleasant Hill cemetery, southeast of Kansas.

Surviving are the twin brother, the parents and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack **Griffin** of Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. Lee **Bishop** of Livingston.

Funeral services for Mrs. Fannie **Hollis**, 82, former resident of Brocton, were held this morning at Springfield. The body was brought here for burial at Embarrass cemetery. She died on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lillian **Grimm**, Springfield.

A son, Eugene, is a resident of Indianapolis. Mrs. Hollis had been ill since fracturing her hip on January 8.

As a result of injuries received from a fall a year ago, Laura Mae **Dibble**, 74, formerly of Edgar county, died on Saturday at St. Elizabeth's hospital, Danville. The body is at Barr's funeral home in Newman.

The deceased formerly taught school in Edgar county.

The Kansas Journal, Thursday December 6, 1945 page 1 column 3

Charles N. **Fitzpatrick**, 63, Passed Away Saturday After Paralytic Stroke

Charles Nathan **Fitzpatrick** passed away at his home in this city Saturday evening after suffering a stroke of paralysis early Friday morning, from which he never rallied.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon in the Christian church in charge of Rev. Myrtle **Storm**, who was assisted by Rev. R. N. **Montague**, of Moweaque.

Mrs. Sherman **Pinnell** and Mrs. Zeno **Lauher** sang "In the Garden," and "Ivory Palaces," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. George **Kirchner**.

Bearers were Frank **Sexton**, Eugene **Bradford**, Henry **Bradford**, Carlin **Simpson**, Russell **Fitzpatrick**, and Leland **Fitzpatrick**.

Interment was made in Fairview cemetery.

Mr. **Fitzpatrick** was a son of William J. and Amanda **Deahl Fitzpatrick** and was born Oct 9, 1882, being 62 years of age. On Aug 19, 1908 he was married to Flora **Sells**. Eight children were to them, seven of whom survive: Mrs. Thelma **Snowden**, Gary; Mrs. Barbara **Montague**, Mattoon; Ernie **Fitzpatrick**, Gary; Jack **Fitzpatrick**, Burbanks, Calif.; Mrs. Harriet **Parker**, Oakland; Charles **Fitzpatrick**, overseas with the U.S. Army, and Ida Mae, at home. Billy passed away in 1932 at the age of 16 years. Also surviving are one brother, Harry **Fitzpatrick**, of this city and eight grandchildren. A Brother, W. U. **Fitzpatrick**, is deceased and two sisters, Maude **Moody** and Dimple **Fitzpatrick**. His wife preceded him in death May 2, 1942.

He was a member of the Kansas Christian church.

Beall Family Information – compiler unknown

Charles E. **Beall** was born in Greenville, Ohio on Nov. 13, 1843, the son of Parker William and Mary Catherine **Shorb Beall**.

On April 3, 1874 he married Catherine **McCarthy** who was born in Paris, Illinois on June 6, 1854.

To their union were born the following children:

Rose, Mary, Veronica, Bernard, Zita, Ruth, Leo, Charles, Joe, John and Leona.

Charles was a charter member of the Paris Knights of Columbus # 680 and an active member of St. Mary's Church. As an occupation Charles was a well-known stone and brick contractor. Some of his works include the following buildings still in use in Paris: Vance School, the former U.S. Post Office on Wood Street, St. Mary's Church, St. Mary's School, the adjoining rectory and convent, St. Alyosius Church and the old Mayo School that was destroyed by fire.

Charles died on Feb. 27, 1921 and Catherine on November 6, 1930.

Their home on West Blackburn Street, built in 1874 is still occupied by Misses Rose, Zita and Ruth **Beall**.

The spelling on some words was not changed, typed just as it was written.

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