

Edgar County Genealogical Society

Happy New Year -- 2019

Are you mining all of the information from the US federal census? The census lists where a person lived in the year of the census. The 1850 census and those there after list all the members of the household—age, sex, color, birthplace, and whether the person was deaf-mute, blind, insane or idiotic. Veterans were reported on 1840, 1910, 1930, and 1940. Relationships can be listed on the census 1880 and thereafter. Occupations of persons over fifteen were listed on the 1850 census and thereafter. The type of industry was listed on the 1920 federal census and thereafter.

Some other questions and the years ask are:

Is the person a pauper or convict—1860

Can the person read, write, or speak English---1850 up to 1930

How many children were born to a woman—1900, 1910

How many of the children born are now alive---1900, 1910

Is the father or mother of the person foreign born—1870, 1880

If person is foreign born, year of immigration, years in US---1900

Is there a radio in the house---1930

Is the person crippled, maimed, bedridden, or otherwise disabled—1880

Some unemployment data was collected---1880, 1910, 1930, 1940

Donate to restore a Revolutionary War monument

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Remember to call during inclement weather -

we don't ask our volunteers to venture out if the weather is bad.

Coming Events

Monday, March 4, 2019 7PM Historical Annex, 408 N. Main St.. Paris. IL

“The Amazing Interurban” by Jeff Koehler

Jeff will show pictures and tell the incredible history that saw numerous innovations in transportation and freight brought about by on-going developments associated with the electric interurban.

Jeff Koehler is a life long resident of Clay County, Indiana. He encourages program attendees to bring any pictures or other information pertaining to the interurban.

Please come and invite family and friends to learn a part of Edgar County History

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Society Information

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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.

Membership:

Individual \$25 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 Prairie Press, 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:

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December ECGS Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Judy **Cash**. The secretary and treasurer reports were given and accepted. The meeting progressed with a discussion of organization tips for genealogical research. Linda **Cary** suggested pocket folders for pictures rather than regular folders. Teresa mentioned that she labels computer pictures of close family with the initials of each person in the picture; therefore a search of the one set of initials brings up pictures of the desired person. Another tip suggested the files should be read and reorganized from time to time because you discover information that you had forgotten that you had in the file. Everyone agreed that a pile of new information should be put up before more is obtained. Another tip was to keep a research notebook rather than loose notes so one can mark off the completed tasks. Dates when known should be documented.

After the discussion, light refreshments and socialization were enjoyed by all. Next meeting will be March 4, 2019.

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From Out Of The Past Information for The Present and Future Genealogist

Thought I would give a short history of the Genealogical Society and the beginning of the Edgar County Genealogy Library

The Genealogical Society was started in June 1984 by Dick Roller, the meetings were held in the Edgar County Bank community room, on the North East corner of the Paris Square. The first officers of the Society were President, Dick **Roller**, Secretary/Treasurer, Philip **Shutt**, Vice-President, Pat **Patton**. At that time two board members were elected to serve for three years: A. Joyce **Brown** and Dona **Littleton**. In June 1985 the by-laws were established, presented and approved with a unanimous vote.

In 1985 a list of sources from private collections of members, were put together, so others might use these valuable collections. Those sharing information were Edythe **Stephens**, Pat **Patton**, A Joyce **Brown**. The materials listed include a variety of US and German references in addition to local Illinois counties of Edgar, Coles, Clark & Douglas. Other collections continued to come in, part of this collection was placed in the Paris Public Library, and were later moved to the Genealogy Library

The Genealogical Society volunteers started working with the Edgar County Marriages, a joint project in 1986 with the Illinois State Archives and Illinois State Genealogical Society to compile an all-name index to Illinois Marriages from 1818 – 1900.

The Library was formed and opened in the Edgar County Historical Society Annex during the Grand Opening of the Annex in November 1988. The founding committee consisted of Virginia **Zimmerly**, John **Gibson**, and A. Joyce **Brown**. The following members of the Genealogical Society: Edythe **Stephens**, John **Gibson**, Lloyd **Lindsey**, and Phyllis **Sutton**, were part of the Executive Library Board.

The collection was started with donations made by Edgar County residents: Dick **Roller**, Edythe **Stephens**, Frances and Lloyd **Lindsey**, Art **Hand**, Philip **Shutt**, and Grace **Meier**.

In the month of Oct./Nov. 2018 we started our 30th year of the Edgar County Genealogy Library, at 408 North Main St. Paris; it does not seem possible that it has been that long.

Linda **Cary**, Director



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REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIERS MONUMENT

Written by Patti **McHenry**

Have you ever wondered about the large boulder with bronze tablets attached located on the southeast corner of the Paris courthouse lawn? On a recent walk around the square, I noticed this historically significant marker is deteriorating. Since the marker was placed nearly 100 years ago, time and the elements have taken a toll. Unless this piece of Edgar County history is restored, it may be lost.

This historical marker was dedicated to honor the 23 Revolutionary War soldiers buried in Edgar County. Names of the patriots are listed on the bronze tablet dated 1921 and secured to the large boulder. A second bronze tablet was added in November of 1974 listing the names of seven additional soldiers.

Elijah AUSTIN	William GANNON SR	William MEANS
Hugh BARR	Ferrel HESTER	Asa MOORE
James BENSON	William HURST	Stephen OGDEN
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The marker was erected by the Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter of the Daughters of the Revolution (DAR). The DAR mission promotes historic preservation, education and patriotism. Although the Madam Rachel Edgar DAR Chapter is now inactive, a number of Paris area residents are members of the Walter-Burdick DAR chapter in Clark County.

The Honorable Oscar E. **Carlstrom** from Mattoon spoke at the dedication ceremony of his historic marker in 1922 with words, which continue to provide meaning nearly 100 years later. "Few realize what it cost, this freedom we enjoy. It is hard to understand what it meant to those who crossed the sea to establish this government and what it cost to preserve it." According to the news article covering the dedication, the Honorable **Carlstrom** was told there were more soldiers buried in Edgar County than any other County in the State of Illinois.

Perhaps you are a descendant of one of these soldiers as I am or are interested in preserving the history of Edgar County. The estimate to have the stone professionally cleaned and the bronze tablets restored and protected for future generations is \$1,500.

DONATIONS ARE WELCOME AND MAY BE MADE IN CARE OF THE *EDGAR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY*, 408 N. MAIN STREET, PARIS, IL 61944. Any questions regarding this project for about the DAR can be directed to Patti **McHenry** at 217-466-5620 Be sure to note the donation is for the monument.

From *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris IL, Tuesday, April 16, 1929, page 3

MEASLES LEADS IN CONTAGIOUS DISEASE

Springfield, Ill, Measles again led all other diseases in case reports of last week to the State Department of Public Health, according to the bulletin issued here today by Dr. Andy **Hall**, state director of health. There were 1,922 cases of the disease quarantined during the week, the report disclosed. There were 183 cases of diphtheria reported and 128 cases of influenza.

The detailed summary follows: Diphtheria, 183; scarlet fever, 401; typhoid fever, 9; small pox, 75 pneumonia, 429, influenza, 128; whooping cough 155; tuberculosis, 311; mumps, 183; chicken pox, 130; and measles, 1,922.

Note: Carolyn Vicars (29 Apr 1942 - 1 Jun 1950) died of measles complications in Edgar County.

JOHN RAY FAMILY

John **Ray** (1765-18320) came to Indiana after the War of 1812 and was in Illinois by 1818. His oldest son, William, fought in the War of 1812, was captured, and was held prisoner in Quebec for a year. William remained in Vigo County the rest of his life. John's wife was Catherine **Beard** (1768-1822) and she is buried in the New Hope Cemetery on Darwin Road in Vigo County, Indiana. John is buried in Wilson Cemetery, Elbridge Township, Edgar County, Illinois. John and Catherine raised 13 children listed here:

William (Billy)(1788-1862) He was born in Blount County, TN. He lived and died in Vigo County, IN. He married and had several children. ***He has direct descendants living in Edgar County today.***

James M. (1789-?) He platted out Elbridge, IL in 1835. He may have moved to Iowa.

Samuel H. (1791-?)

John (1793-?)

Andrew Bogle (1795-1877) He married Jane **Gillepsy**. They had ten children. At least 4 died before adulthood. He lived and died in Edgar County. He is buried in New Providence Cemetery.

Isaac (1797-1855) He married Elizabeth Melissa **Graham**. They had eleven children (one son and four daughters who lived to adulthood). ***He has direct descendants living in Edgar County today.*** He lived the rest of his life and died in Edgar County. He is buried in New Providence Cemetery.

Martin (1798-1849) He settled in Illinois in 1818. He was very active in starting the New Providence Presbyterian Church, southeast of Elbridge in 1829. He moved to Iowa and died there in 1849.

Nancy (1800-1835) She married George **Wait**.

Margaret (1802-?)

George (1803-?)

Rebecca (1805-?)

Lee (1808-?) He moved to Iowa and farmed.

Elizabeth (1810-?) She married Mr. **Crow**.

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, Thursday, Feb. 7, 1946, page 1

FRED SMITH SELLS GENERAL STORE AT SCOTTLAND

Fred A. **Smith**, who has conducted a general store in Scotland for so many years that they can hardly be recalled, has disposed of his business to Frank **Jones** of Chrisman, who will continue to operate it. Mr. **Smith** paid the *COURIER* a visit the first of the week inserting a couple of ads in our columns offering his Chrisman home for sale.

When asked what he intended to do after so many of active business life, Mr. **Smith** replied "just rest."

Ashland 27th Nov. 1850

Dear Sir,

I received your letter dated the 22nd Oct informing me that you and your brother would be ready to make payment of the thousand dollars due upon your note payable Christmas 1850, and that you would pay it accordingly if I would send the note, or would pay it into the Bank at Terre Haute if I preferred it. I am much obliged by this information, and take pleasure in bearing testimony to your accommodating disposition and your punctuality. I shall leave home in a few days for Washington City where I shall remain during the approaching session of Congress until March next. I must therefore request the favor of you to pay the thousand dollars into the Terre Haute Bank, and request the Cashier to send me on to Washington a check for the amount on New York, deducting the usual premium paid on such checks at his Bank. Upon the payment of this thousand dollars, you having paid a thousand dollars last Christmas, you and your brother's note for two thousand dollars due the 25th Dec 1850 will be paid off and discharged. I could send the note itself but for the hazards of the mail. But on the payment of the thousand dollars into the Terre Haute Bank as above mentioned you may consider this letter a receipt in full against it.

Tell Gen **Sandford** and Mr. **Blackburn** that blooded cattle have increased in prices here, and that they might get in this neighborhood a bull and heifer calf for from one hundred to one hundred and twenty dollars a pair. I made a sale a few days ago of all my surplus stock, and sold one cow at sixty and another at seventy dollars. At Present I could not supply them; perhaps I may another year. If they send over at any time when I am at home I shall be happy to aid them in procuring good stock. I shall not forget my promises to you about the calves. I am sorry to tell you that my son John has parted with the sorrel stud horse that you admired, but he has four or five young ones and I think by next Fall will be able to supply you with one that will please you. The price of Jackasses varies from two hundred and fifty to one thousand dollars according to size, pedigree, reputation, ect. I think you can get a very good one for five hundred dollars. I have two young ones now in the hands of a man to have them proved by accustoming them to serve mares. Perhaps I may be able to let you have one of them next Summer or Fall.

With great respect, I am

Mr. John **Hunter**

Your obedient Servant
H. **Clay**

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, Thursday, Jan 31, 1946, page 3

AMERICAN CATTLE ALMOST FREE OF TUBERCULOSIS

American cattle are now almost completely free of tuberculosis, according to a report here today by veterinary authorities. "Twenty-five years ago, bovine tuberculosis caused tremendous financial losses to our farmers and caused the spread of bone forms of tuberculosis to tens of thousands of children," today's report by the American Foundation for Animal Health declares.

"In contrast with this, a recent check at three important cattle markets showed that only one animal in 7,300 was condemned by veterinary inspectors because of this disease. In these same three markets twenty-five years ago condemnations for tuberculosis averaged one animal in every 80.

The 25-year fight against this disease, led by veterinarians, government authorities, and farm groups, has paid tremendous dividends, both financially and in saving the lives of countless children who might have otherwise died of the disease."

From *Paris Daily Beacon-News*, Paris, Illinois, February 19, 1937

Death Claims 'Aunt Betty' Driskell;
One of Last Who Heard Lincoln

Occupied Only Two Homes During Busy Life of 97 Years

Miss Elizabeth Ann **Driskell**, resident of Edgar County her entire 97 years, died at 9:40 o'clock this morning at her home, 402 East Wood Street. For two weeks she had been bedfast. Her death was attributed to general debility.

Miss **Driskell** was born in the North Arm vicinity on March 1840, a daughter of Joseph M and Judith **Mayo Driskell**, who came to Edgar County from Kentucky in 1828. Her life had been spent in just two homes—the one in which she was born and at 402 East Wood Street, where she moved in 1876. Several of her uncles, including Colonel Jonathan **Mayo** and John **Stratton** were among the first settlers of Edgar County.

Miss **Driskell** retained a remarkable memory for historical data up to the time of her recent illness. She read the *Beacon-News* each day and kept well informed as to current events, especially the political situation. Friends and relatives have heard her reminisce many times the happenings of the early days and recall her telling of hearing from her window the speeches made by Abraham **Lincoln** in the Mayo school yard, before he was elected president. She was one of the few residents in Illinois left who heard the Lincoln-Douglas debates.

Miss **Driskell** is survived by the following relatives: Mrs. E. B. **Driskell**, sister-in-law, of Chrisman, widow of her brother, E. B. **Driskell**; and the following nieces and nephews, George H. **Driskell**, Clara, Charlotte and Nellie **Driskell**, all of Tacoma, Wash., children of her eldest brother, John; Clayton and Walter **Mitchell** of Chicago, Frank **Mitchell** of New York and Mrs. Horace **Smith**, Springdale, Ark., children of Mrs. George **Mitchell**, sister of the deceased, Mrs. D. E. **Cole**, Terre Haute, Mrs. Howard **Rupert**, Seattle, Wash., Mrs. H. A. **Linebarger**, Chrisman, Ill., Mrs. Roy H. **Fisher**, Paris, and Mrs. George W. **Henry**, Piqua, O., children of E. B. **Driskell**. A brother, George W. **Driskell** was killed at the Battle of Liberty Gap during the Civil War. Driskell Post G. A. R. of Paris was named in his honor.

Funeral services will be held from the residence at 10 o'clock Monday morning with internment at Edgar Cemetery. The body will remain at the home where friends may call. Miss **Driskell** became a member of the North Arm M. E. church in childhood.

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, Thursday, Feb 7, 1946, page 2

FIFTY YEARS AGO

February 7, 1896

Last summer a census was taken in order to incorporate the town, but the number failed to come up to the thousand mark so Chrisman remains a village. Since then, however, things have changed materially and present indications are that the required number will be reached 'ere the flowers bloom again. Mr. and Mrs. Caleb **Stanfield**, south of town, recently were blessed with a pair of twins, a boy and a girl; Geo. **Moss** and wife were presented with a beautiful little daughter; last but not least, W. T. **Watson** became a papa of a fine big boy on Friday night.

VETS ENJOY REUNION

Michael **Offill** of Dwight is visiting Charles **Hugg** at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe **Hugg**, Route 3. "Mike" brought with him a brand new Martin guitar so the two ex-servicemen are enjoying a second meeting very much. Their first meeting was in a hospital in Africa.

DISCHARGED FROM SERVICE

Among the ex-servicemen returning to their homes in and near Chrisman within the past two weeks are N. Robert **Glick**, CM2/c of the Seabees, who arrived in San Diego, Calif., aboard the USS Montauk from Okinawa, has arrived home after being discharged from Great Lakes.

James **Coe** returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank K. **Coe**, Tuesday night from Atlanta, Ga., where he had been stationed for the last four months. Jim served with an ordnance company in England several months, returning to the United States last August.

Russell H. **Daily**, bookkeeper at the State Bank of Chrisman before induction, was discharged and returned home Monday night. Although in service for some time, Russell had never been ordered overseas. He served in the finance department and later in the Separation Center at Jefferson Barracks, Mo.

Dan **VanBuskirk** was discharged at Camp Grant on Dec. 28, after serving in the European Theatre. He had been in service 32 months and had been overseas since Feb. 23, 1944. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan **VanBuskirk**, reside in Scotland.

Charles O. **Simpson**, a technician fourth grade, was honorably discharged from Camp Grant on Dec. 27. He was a veteran of the Pacific Theatre, serving from June 1943 until his return to the States on Dec. 21. He resides on rural route 3.

From *The Chrisman Weekly Courier*, Chrisman, IL, Feb 14, 1946, page 1

METCALF GROCER, FARMER EXPIRE; RITES HELD TUESDAY

Funeral services for Charles E. **Lichtenwalter**, 71, grocer of Metcalf eight years, were held Tuesday morning at the family residence. Burial was at St. Elmo. His death occurred Saturday night after several months illness.

The deceased was born at Brownstown, IL, April 27, 1874, son of John and American **Pilcher Lichtenwalter**. On Feb 16, 1898 he was married to Cora **Bocock**, who survives together with two daughter Mrs. Seibert **Shirar**, Paris, and Mrs. Robert **Wisnoski**, Houston, Tex.; also three brothers.

For the past 36 years Mr. **Lichtenwalter** had been in the grocery business, moving from Sidell to Metcalf eight years ago.

Rites were held at Morrison's chapel, Paris, Tuesday afternoon for Charles O. **Knight**, 46, of Metcalf, whose death occurred Sunday afternoon at Union Hospital, Terre Haute. Burial was at Embarrass Cemetery.

Surviving are the widow, formerly Alice **Emerick**; one son, Perle, at home; one sister, Mrs. Gertrude **Stokes** of Humerick; and five brothers, Francis of West Terre Haute, James of Paris, Ora and Ernest of Oakland; and Henry of Iowa.

From the *The Paris Daily Beacon*, Paris Illinois, Wednesday March 28, 1923, page 7

GOOD OLD DAYS WHEN VOTE WAS SOLD AT AUCTION

At the circuit clerk's office Tuesday afternoon, James **Marley** and Charlie **Hunter** passed an pleasant hour re-counting memories of old times in Elbridge township, especially dealing in events when an election was on and the two parties so evenly divided that a single vote sometimes turned the scale.

The politicians of the late 70's and early 80's were hard headed and hard fisted men who, when a vote was needed, went out, brought it on the open market and nobody made any fuss about it and there are some folks who still refer to them as the good old days.

Clerk Marley recalls a case, which shows how business was conducted. A close township election was on and the result was supposed to be so close that a single vote one way or the other, might turn the trick.

A man named **Block**, a new comer in the neighborhood, announced that he was ready to vote for a consideration.. To be fair and above board, it was decided to put the man up at auction. Stephen **Maddox** represented the Republicans and Andrew **Morton** the Democrats. The bidding was spirited and advanced slowly until it had reached \$29.50. Then Mr. **Morton** put in a bid of \$30 and glared at his opponent as if saying "Beat that if you can."

Mr. **Maddox** evidently decided he had reached the limit for he stepped down and **Morton** carried off the prize. He voted as his purchaser directed and left the polls after receiving his money.

The occurrence marked a turning point in the political morals in the township. The next day **Block** received an ultimatum ordering him to leave the community and remain away. He obeyed and the incident was closed.

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